

**MACALESTER COLLEGE
OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH
2010 ALUMNI SURVEY - CLASSES OF 2004/2005**

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Survey Response Rate: 36%

A. Evaluation of your Undergraduate Education
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1. The list below contains some abilities and types of knowledge that may be developed in a bachelor's degree program. Please indicate 1) how important each is in your personal and professional life, and 2) the extent to which each was enhanced by your undergraduate experiences.

	"Greatly" Important in Current Activities	"Greatly" Enhanced by Undergrad Experience
<u>Critical Thinking</u>		
Acquire new skills and knowledge	83.7%	73.1%
Think analytically and logically	92.2	76.2
Formulate creative/original ideas	74.6	54.0
Academic ability	55.7	71.6
<u>Skills/Learning</u>		
Write effectively	78.8	70.1
Use quantitative tools	38.6	28.6
Appreciate arts, literature, music, drama	30.7	40.8
Gain in-depth knowledge of a field	61.3	46.6
Read or speak a foreign language	23.5	29.4
<u>Social/Moral Awareness</u>		
Develop an awareness of social problems	66.1	71.7
Place current problems in perspective	72.3	61.1
Understand moral/ethical issues	63.8	53.3
<u>Self Development</u>		
Understand myself	61.2	50.5
Function independently, without supervision	83.0	53.3
Develop self-esteem	57.5	42.5
Establish a course of action to accomplish goals	73.9	39.2
Intellectual self-confidence	73.5	52.6
Develop desire for continued learning	74.8	69.8
<u>Relationship Skills</u>		
Lead and supervise tasks and groups of people	45.9	25.1
Relate well to different races, nations, religions	66.4	61.3
Function effectively as a member of a team	66.8	36.0
Communicate well orally	83.1	47.9
Understand others	75.1	54.8
<u>Understanding Science and Technology</u>		
Understand the process of science	30.9	26.8
Use technology	47.1	19.4

2. Using the perspective gained since you graduated, how satisfied are you with each of the following services or aspects of your college?

"Very Satisfied"

Academic Experiences

Academic advising	39.4%
Contact with faculty	62.4
Quality of teaching	75.4
Courses in major field	59.0
Courses outside your major	47.0
Independent study/research.....	55.8

Campus Services and Facilities

Career services	9.5
Financial services.....	31.3
Library resources	48.4
Recreation/athletics.....	23.4
Residential life.....	26.1

Campus Climate

Student voice in policies.....	24.7
Campus safety	44.8
Sense of belonging	58.5
Ethnic/racial diversity	43.0
Social life on campus	47.9

3. To what extent did your undergraduate experience fulfill your original expectations in the following areas?

"Greatly"
Fulfilled Expectations

Expectations

Enhance your intellectual growth	82.9 %
Acquire in-depth knowledge in a particular field	47.2
Develop competency in career relevant skills.....	24.8
Foster your personal growth	69.6
Promote your ability to form relationships.....	50.4

4. Overall, how satisfied have you been with your undergraduate education?

	2000 Alumni	2004/2005 Alumni
Very dissatisfied	0.5%	1.4%
Generally dissatisfied	1.6	2.5
Generally satisfied.....	24.5	24.9
Very satisfied.....	73.4	71.2

5. Would you encourage a high school senior who is like you were as a high school senior (similar background, interests, and temperament) to attend your undergraduate institution?

Definitely not	1.1%
Probably not	2.1
Maybe.....	4.9
Probably would.....	12.6
Definitely would	79.3

B. College Impact

6. Please evaluate each of the following activities for your level of involvement while an undergraduate. For those activities in which you were involved, please evaluate the contribution of each activity to your personal or professional life after graduation.

	% Involved	"Moderate" or "Extensive" Contribution to Development **
<u>Extracurricular Activities</u>		
Student or campus government	26.1%	36.0%
Intercollegiate athletics	32.6	65.9
Intramural sports	45.9	26.0
Student publications	33.6	25.6
Performing arts/music	53.7	51.8
Political organization or club	58.3	36.6
Community service	80.5	55.6
Religious groups	27.3	45.9
 <u>Academic Activities</u>		
Internships	62.2	80.6
Study abroad	55.8	93.2
Work on faculty research	37.6	68.7
Independent study	70.6	67.6
 <u>Employment Activities</u>		
On-campus employment	80.9	59.4
Off-campus employment	63.9	64.6

** Contribution to Development excludes those whose involvement was "none" and responses of "not relevant"

7. To what extent did your undergraduate experience prepare you for the following activities?

<u>Activity</u>	"Greatly" or "Moderately" Prepared
Post-Baccalaureate education	88.9%
Current career	76.1
Social and civic involvement	78.7
Interpersonal relationships and family living	67.0

C. Continuing Involvement with Alma Mater

8. In the past five years, how frequently have you participated in the following activities sponsored by your undergraduate alma mater?

<u>Activity</u>	"Frequently" or "Occasionally" Participated
Read campus publications	73.9%
Visited the institution's website	57.2
Visited campus for any purpose	39.2
Attended alumni functions on campus	20.3
Attended alumni functions off campus	23.3
Attended alma mater sporting events	8.7
Served as an alumni admissions volunteer	5.1
Participated in a career advisory program	4.0
Participated in an alumni continuing education program	0.8
Participated in an alumni community service program	3.2
Contributed to or solicited for the annual fund	61.6
Maintained contact with other alumni	95.3
Maintained contact with faculty members	52.3
Maintained contact with administrators	11.7

9. To what extent do you identify with your undergraduate alma mater?

Not at all	0.4%
Very little.....	1.8
Somewhat	20.0
Strongly	36.4
Very strongly	41.5

D. Post-Graduation Activities

10. Which of the following best describes your primary activities during the year immediately following your undergraduate degree and currently?

	Immediately after graduation	Currently
Employment full-time.....	53.9%	50.0%
Employment part-time	24.7	15.6
Graduate/professional school full-time.....	14.9	31.5
Graduate/professional school part-time	2.3	5.8
Not employed, seeking employment.....	7.1	4.2
Not employed by choice (homemaker, volunteer, etc.)	7.5	1.9

11. What was your principal occupation immediately after graduation? What is your current occupation? What career would you ultimately like to have?

<u>Occupation:</u>	Year following graduation	Currently	Ultimately
Management	4.1%	9.7%	9.7%
Business and financial	2.6	1.9	2.2
Computer and mathematical	1.5	2.6	1.5
Architecture, engineering	1.1	1.9	2.2
Life, physical and social science	7.0	6.0	6.0
Community and social service	5.2	3.7	2.2
Legal.....	0.0	5.2	8.2
Education, library	13.7	14.2	20.9
Arts, entertainment, sports, media	4.1	4.5	9.7
Healthcare practitioners	0.0	2.6	4.9
Hospitality, tourism, travel	5.2	1.1	0.7
Political, international relations	3.7	4.9	6.7
Non-profit, social activism	17.2	9.3	7.8
Other occupations	33.3	32.5	9.0
Undecided	1.5	0.0	8.2

12. What is your current annual income range before taxes?

No earned income.....	8.8%
Less than \$19,999.....	23.4
\$20,000 to \$39,999	32.1
\$40,000 to \$59,999	22.3
\$60,000 to \$79,999	6.2
\$80,000 to \$99,999	4.0
\$100,000 to \$119,999	1.5
\$more than \$120,000	1.8

13. To what extent have you voluntarily participated in the following organizations since graduating from your alma mater?

<u>Type of Organization</u>	Participated "Moderately" or "A Lot"
Civic/community	35.2%
Cultural/arts	37.6
Educational service (e.g. PTA)	15.8
Political	23.0
Professional	39.8
Recreational	33.7
Religious.....	12.8
Service (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis).....	10.8
Youth (e.g. little league, scouting).....	17.0

14. What further degree(s) have you received or are you currently working toward or do you hope to attain in the future?

	Degrees Received	Currently Enrolled	Highest Degree Hope to Attain
Second Bachelors	4.5%	1.3%	0.0%
Masters.....	30.2	18.2	20.8
Doctorate.....	1.3	13.0	18.5
Law school	4.9	4.5	2.6
Medical school	0.0	1.3	1.0
Other professional degree.....	1.9	3.6	1.3
No further educational plans	9.4%		

E. Alumni Profile

15. In what year did you complete your undergraduate major?

2003 or earlier	4.9%
2004	42.9
2005	52.4

16. What was the field of study of your undergraduate major? (Select more than one ONLY if you had a double major)

Architecture	0.0%
Arts and music	4.7
Business and management.....	0.0
Communications	4.0
Education	1.8
Engineering	0.0
Humanities	37.8
Life sciences	8.0
Math and computer sciences	5.8
Physical or geosciences.....	8.4
Psychology.....	13.1
Social sciences	29.5
Interdisciplinary	15.6
Other fields.....	14.2

17. How relevant is your undergraduate major field(s) of study to your current career?

Unrelated.....	10.6%
Indirectly related.....	44.9
Directly related	44.5

18. What was the overall grade you received during your undergraduate career?

A	18.5%
A-	46.9
B+	23.6
B	9.1
B-/C+	1.5
C or below	0.4

19. Did you receive any of the following undergraduate awards as a senior?

Latin honors	42.9%
Phi Beta Kappa	17.5
Honors in major	26.9
Other honors	6.2

20. Did you receive financial aid? If YES, indicate all that you received:

YES, received financial aid 77.7%

For those who received financial aid:

- received merit award.....	60.8
- received need based grant	72.2
- received loan.....	74.5
- received work study	80.2

21. At the time you graduated, what was the total amount borrowed to finance your undergraduate education which you were personally responsible for paying?

No loans	33.2%
Less than \$4,999.....	4.5
\$5000 to \$9,999	9.3
\$10,000 to \$14,999	10.4
\$15,000 to \$19,999	13.1
\$20,000 to \$24,999	7.8
\$25,000 to \$29,999	3.4
\$30,000 or more.....	12.7
More than \$0, but unable to estimate amount	5.6

22. To what extent have your undergraduate educational loans cause the following?

<u>For those who used loans:</u>		“Great extent”
Allowed me to go to otherwise unaffordable institution.....	62.1%	
Focused job search on higher paying fields.....	7.4	
Postponed or canceled post-baccalaureate education	7.5	
Made sacrifices in my personal budget because of loan payments	22.4	

23. What is your sex?

	Survey Participants	All 2004/2005 Graduates
Male.....	26.7%	40.8%
Female	73.3	59.2

24. What is your age?

25 or younger	0.4%
26 to 29	98.5
30 or older	1.1

25. What is your citizenship status?

	Survey Participants	All 2004/2005 Graduates
U.S. citizen	90.5%	83.8%
U.S. permanent resident	1.5	0.0
Non-U.S. citizen	8.0	16.2

26. What is your racial/ethnic background? (Select all that apply)

	Survey Participants	All 2004/2005 Graduates
U.S. students of color	7.5%	10.8%

(includes both US and international students)

Asian, Pacific Islander	3.6%
Black, Non-Hispanic	1.3
Hispanic	3.2
Native American	1.0
White, Non-Hispanic	79.5
Other	2.3

27. What is your personal status?

Married or living with partner	48.7%
Widowed	0.0
Separated or divorced	0.4
Single	50.9

28. How many dependent children do you have?

None	97.1%
1 or 2	2.9
More than 2	0.0

29. How old is your oldest child?

0 to 2	96.2%
3 to 5	3.8
6 to 10	0.0
11 to 15	0.0
16 to 20	0.0
20 or older	0.0

30. How old is your youngest child?

0 to 2	94.4%
3 to 5	5.6
6 to 10	0.0
11 to 15	0.0
16 to 20	0.0
20 or older	0.0