

Graduating Senior Survey fa21

Jacksonville State University

This survey is part of an ongoing process to help improve the quality of education at JSU. The information you provide will assist the faculty, staff, and administration to learn more about the effectiveness of our programs and the needs of our students. As a graduating senior, you are knowledgeable about many areas of the University. We are asking you to help us identify areas where you feel we are doing a good job and areas where we need to improve.

Your participation in this is important to us. Please take the time to answer completely and accurately.

The information you provide will be held in confidence and used solely for research and planning purposes. No reports will identify you as an individual.

1. How would you rate the quality of your major overall and in each of the following areas:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't know
a. Overall quality					
b. Instruction in 300-400 level courses in my major					
c. Practical experiences (practica, labs, internships, clinicals, etc.) in my major					
d. Students in my major					
e. Major courses as preparation for employment after graduation					
f. Major courses as preparation for graduate or professional school					
g. Academic advising in my major					
h. Career advising in my major					
i. Classroom facilities in my major department					
j. Professionalism of faculty & staff in my major					

2. How adequate were each of the following for courses in your major:

	Inadequate	Adequate	More than adequate	Not applicable
a. Computer labs/facilities				
b. Laboratory (other than computers)/studio facilities				
c. Library books and materials				

3. How often did you do each of the following in your major:

	Never	Seldom	Occasionally	Frequently
a. Conducted or assisted in a research/creative (e.g. performance, creating art) project				
b. Applied concepts learned in my major to solve actual problems				
c. Expressed ideas in writing in courses in my major				
d. Expressed ideas orally in courses in my major				
e. How often did a faculty member in your major express special interest in your progress?				

4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your major:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
a. Grading procedures in my major courses were fair					
b. Requirements in my major were explained clearly					
c. My advisor was willing to help me					
d. Program faculty were professionally competent					
e. Program faculty were effective teachers					
f. At least one professor worked closely with me					
g. Faculty in my major were accessible outside of class					
h. Faculty in my major were approachable					
i. The fundamental theories in my field were taught					
j. The current research methods in my field were taught					
k. Sufficient practical training in my field was provided					
l. Courses in my major were intellectually stimulating					

5. For each of the goals listed, indicate in the "Preparation" column how well you think you were prepared by your experiences at JSU, and how important the goal is to you in the "Importance" column, using the drop-down menu.

	Preparation	Importance
	Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent	Not important, limited importance, Important, Very important, No opinion
a. Writing effectively		
b. Speaking effectively		
c. Listening effectively		
d. Reading comprehension		
e. Making formal presentations		
f. Knowing how to access the information needed in one's professional position		
g. Using computers to search for and retrieve information		
h. Basic computer skills (word-processing, spreadsheets, etc.)		
i. Technical computer skills (programming, etc.)		
j. Understanding and using mathematics		
k. Understanding and using statistics		
l. Analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating information		
m. Defining and solving problems		
n. Thinking objectively about beliefs, attitudes, and values		
o. Having tolerance for different points of view		
p. Understanding the present as it relates to historical events and processes		
q. Understanding international issues		
r. Understanding interaction of people and their environment		
s. Understanding another culture and language		
t. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods		
u. Understanding and appreciating art, music, literature, and theater		
v. Knowledge of the principles of good mental and physical health		
w. Resolving interpersonal conflict		
x. Working cooperatively and as a team member		
y. Working with people from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds		

	Preparation	Importance
	Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent	Not important, limited importance, Important, Very important, No opinion
z. Understanding and exercising one's rights, responsibilities, and privileges as a citizen		
za. Specialized occupational skills and knowledge		
zb. Recognizing and acting upon ethical principles		
zc. Conducting work activities in an ethical manner		
zd. Making and exercising a lifelong commitment to learning		

6. How satisfied are you with the following areas of the University:

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied	N/A
a. Testing/grading system						
b. Course content in your major						
c. General registration procedures						
d. Variety of courses offered						
e. Availability of needed courses						
f. Out-of-class availability of your instructors						
g. Class size						
h. Availability of computers						
i. Student voice in University policy						
j. Student Government Association						
k. Rules governing student conduct						
l. Campus cultural programs						
m. Opportunities for involvement in campus activities						
n. Concern for you as an individual						
o. Racial/ethnic harmony						
p. Attitude of non-teaching staff toward students						
q. Personal security on campus						

7. To what extent do you agree with the statement **"JSU is the friendliest campus in the South."**

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

8. Please tell us why you disagreed.

9. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Non-binary

10. What is your marital status?

- Single (includes separated, divorced, widowed)
- Married

11. What is your student ID number? (This information is used for verification purpose only, since this survey is one of the graduation requirements for certain schools and disciplines.)

12. Do you have a disability, as defined by ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)? (Select all that apply)

- No
- Yes, restricted mobility
- Yes, restricted vision
- Yes, restricted speaking
- Yes, restricted hearing
- Other (please specify) _____

13. How would you compare yourself, on the following characteristics, with the average person your age?

	Lowest 10%	Below average	Average	Above average	Highest 10%
a. Academic ability					
b. Artistic ability					
c. Competitiveness					
d. Collaboration					
e. Drive to achieve					
f. Emotional health					
g. Leadership ability					
h. Physical health					
i. Popularity					
j. Public speaking ability					
k. Self-confidence (intellectual)					
l. Self-confidence (social)					
m. Understanding of others					
n. Writing ability					
o. Mathematical ability					
p. Computer ability					

14. Have you borrowed through the Federal Student Loan Programs (Federal Direct Loan) to help finance your education?

- Yes
- No

15. Approximately how much have you borrowed?

- Less than \$5,000
- \$5,000 to \$9,999
- \$10,000 to \$19,999
- \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 or more

16. Which one of the following is most descriptive of your enrollment status during your time at JSU:

- Full-time (12 or more hrs during the Fall/Spring terms)
- Part-time (<12 hrs during the Fall/Spring terms)

17. Which one of the following describes your most recent college residence:

- Dormitory
- Fraternity house
- Off-campus room/apartment

- Living in my own home
- Living with parents/relatives

18. Which of the following best describes what you are or will be doing immediately after graduation? (Select one appropriate choice that best represents your primary activity)

- Employed full-time (works for 30 hours or more per week) in a job that requires a college (bachelor's or graduate) degree
- Employed full-time in a job that doesn't require a college (bachelor's or graduate) degree
- Employed part-time (works less than 30 hours per week) in a job that requires a college (bachelor's or graduate) degree
- Employed part-time in a job that doesn't require a college (bachelor's or graduate) degree
- Enrolled in a graduate program/continuing my education
- Employed and continuing my education
- Not seeking employment, e.g., caring for a home/family, etc.
- Seeking employment
- Self-employed (farm or business owner, etc.)
- Serving in the Armed Forces
- Participating in a volunteer or service program (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Catholic Charities USA, Teach for America, etc.)
- Planning to continue education, but not yet accepted/enrolled
- Other (specify) _____

19a. Since you indicated you are or expect to be employed, or self employed, which category below best defines your primary employment or your business? (Select one)

- an entrepreneur
- temporary/contract work (working for a company/organization)
- freelance
- postgraduate internship or fellowship
- all other work categories

19b. The name of your current or soon to be primary employer, or your business.

19c. When did you or do you expect to start with this employment or your business? Select the date by clicking on the **calendar icon** to the right of the box below.

Starting date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

19d. Since you are or expect to be employed, or self employed, where would this employment be?

Employment - City, State _____

Employment - Country _____

20. Since you indicated that you are enrolled or expect to enroll in graduate school or another program of continuing education, please indicate the degree or certificate you are or expect to be pursuing:

- Associate
- Certificate
- Another Bachelor's Degree
- Master's Degree
- Specialist or other six-year degree
- Doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., DSc., DNP., etc.)
- Professional (MD, JD, DDS, DVM, Th.D., etc.)

20a. Please provide the following information regarding your graduate school or other program of continuing education.

Name of institution: _____

Field/program of study or Major: _____

Location of the institution - City, State: _____

Location of the institution - Country: _____

21. Since you indicated that you are or expect to be serving in the Armed Forces, in which branch will you be serving?

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Coast Guard
- Marine Corps
- Space Force

22. Since you indicated that you are or expect to be participating in a volunteer service program, please provide the following information.

Organization: _____
 Assignment location - City, State _____
 Assignment location - Country: _____
 Your role or title: _____

23. Please provide the following information, if applicable.

Your annual income of your current or soon to be employment, or from your business before tax: _____
 Guaranteed first-year bonus, e.g., sign on, year end: _____

23a. Are you an international student under F1/J1 visa category?

- Yes
- No

24. What is your major? If you have only one major, select "None" for Major 2 and go on to the next question.

Major 1:
 Major 2:

Qs 25 – 30 are major specific questions

Student Self-Efficacy and Self-Efficacy with Technology: (31-33)

31. Which of the following do you have access to? (Check all that apply.)

	Yes
a. A PC	
b. A laptop or notebook computer	
c. Other portable device (i.e., iPad or Smart Phone)	
d. Internet connectivity 24 hours/7 days a week	
e. Limited internet connectivity	

32. In general...

For each statement, select the number that best represents you, with 1= strongly disagree and 5=strongly agree.

	1	2	3	4	5
a. I can always manage to solve difficult problems if I try hard enough.					
b. If someone opposes me, I can find means and ways to get what I want.					
c. It is easy for me to stick to my aims and accomplish my goals.					
d. I am confident that I could deal efficiently with unexpected events.					
e. Thanks to my resourcefulness, I know how to handle unforeseen situations.					
f. I can solve most problems if I invest the necessary effort.					
g. I can remain calm when facing difficulties because I can rely on my coping abilities.					
h. When I am confronted with a problem, I can usually find several solutions.					
i. If I am in trouble, I can usually think of something to do.					

	1	2	3	4	5
j. No matter what comes my way, I'm usually able to handle it.					

33. When it comes to technology...

For each statement, select the number that best represents you, with 1= strongly disagree and 5=strongly agree.

	1	2	3	4	5
a. I can always manage to solve difficult problems if I try hard enough.					
b. It is easy for me to stick to my aims and accomplish my goals.					
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g. When I am confronted with a problem, I can usually find several solutions.					
h. No matter what comes my way, I'm usually able to handle it.					

Your written comments: (34-37)

34. What do you like best about your major? What are its strengths?

35. What do you like least about your major? What are its weaknesses?

36. What do you like best about JSU? What are its strengths?

37. What do you like least about JSU? What are its weaknesses?

38. Please provide below your **personal email** (non-JSU email) address for alumni follow up.

E-mail: _____

This is the end of the survey. To submit the survey, please click the "Submit survey" button below. Depending on the major(s) you selected, you will be redirected to another site where your next step should be.

Thank you for your time and comments.