

**University of New Orleans – Spring 2010
 Graduating Student Survey – Responses from Undergraduates**

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University Affiliation (College/Unit)?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Business	83	30%
2	Education	13	5%
3	Engineering	19	7%
4	Liberal Arts	74	27%
5	Sciences	58	21%
6	Interdisciplinary Studies	31	11%
	Total	278	100%

Would you recommend UNO to a friend or relative considering college?


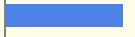



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	245	89%
2	No	30	11%
	Total	275	100%

Are you likely to be involved with UNO as an alumn?

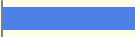





#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	152	56%
2	No	121	44%
	Total	273	100%

In which of the following extracurricular activities did you participate? (Select all that apply)

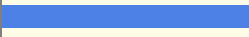



#	Answer	Response	%
1	Student Government	16	11%
2	Sorority or fraternity	23	15%
3	Honors and scholars	46	31%

4	Academic department club/organization		71	48%
5	Campus or community volunteer work		37	25%
6	Music, theatre, film,dance, or literary group		28	19%
7	Intercollegiate or intramural sports		25	17%
8	Other		17	11%

How long did it take for you to complete your baccalaureate degree?

#	Answer	Response	%	
1	4 years or less		77	28%
2	5 years		89	32%
3	6 years		30	11%
4	7 years		30	11%
5	8 years		14	5%
6	More than 8 years		38	14%
	Total	278	100%	

Prior to UNO, what was the last type of school you attended?

#	Answer	Response	%	
1	High School		145	52%
2	Community College		39	14%
3	4-year college or university		92	33%
4	Technical or Vocational College		1	0%
	Total	277	100%	

Highest educational level in your immediate family?

#	Question	No HS diploma	HS Diploma	2- Yr Associate or Certificate	Baccalaureate degree	Masters degree	Doctoral degree	No Response	Responses
1	Father	37	103	30	58	27	13	6	274
2	Mother	26	112	35	60	29	5	4	271
3	Brothers/Sisters	10	78	26	79	30	6	28	257

What is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Employment, Full-Time Paid	155	57%
2	Employment, Part-Time Paid	11	4%
3	Graduate or professional school, Full-Time	66	24%
4	Graduate or professional school, Part-Time	17	6%
5	Additional coursework	4	1%
6	Military service	2	1%
7	Volunteer activity (e.g., Peace Corps)	3	1%
8	Start raising a family	3	1%
9	Other	13	5%
	Total	274	100%

What are your plans for employment after graduation?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	I am not currently employed but am looking for a job	123	45%
2	I plan to stay in my current job	86	31%
3	I have already accepted a job after graduation	29	11%
4	I plan to start my own business	11	4%
5	No plans	25	9%
	Total	274	100%

If you worked and took courses, on average how many hours per week did you work? (Employed either at UNO or elsewhere.)

#	Question	1 to 10 hours	11 to 20 hours	21 to 39 hours	40 hours or more	Responses
1	UNO employment	65	40	11	5	121
2	Other employment off campus	30	55	86	47	218

It is a growing national trend that undergraduates are taking longer to complete their degrees. If it has taken 7 years or more to earn your degree, please share the reasons with us. Choose as many as apply and you can comment in "Other reasons."

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Family Commitments	40	37%
2	Work Schedule	64	60%
3	Illness	14	13%
4	Military Service	8	7%
6	Changed majors requiring more hours	48	45%
5	Other reasons	49	46%

107 undergraduates responded to this question. They also had an option to add additional "Other Reasons."

Other reasons: Eighteen out of 45 of these comments specifically named Hurricane Katrina as a reason it took longer. Other reasons included financial, transfers, dropping out for several years, family commitments, double majors, military service, and course scheduling.

If you could change one thing about UNO, what would it be?

187 undergraduates responded to this question. Their comments are summarized below.

Financial and impact of budget cuts

Technology: Update labs computers, keep computer labs open longer

Administration: Bureaucracy, staff communication and courtesy, improve communication

Physical: Cleaner buildings, better landscaping, closer and more parking

Dining: More dining places, better food choices

Campus Life: Improve campus life, more university-wide social activities and events, job fairs, especially extending beyond 5 p.m. for non-traditional students

Counseling/Advising: Better and more career counseling and job placement, improve advising, night counseling hours, counseling to help students transition through impact of budget cuts

Instruction/course: Smaller classes, update and focus curriculum better; More of the following: sections, time slots, online and off-campus evening classes, practicum hours, challenging courses, and online elective courses

Assorted: Better promotion of UNO, survey those students who drop courses to find out why, doctorate degrees do not make good instructors; Suggested classes: international relations and FA graphics course

What was your best experience at UNO?

There were 176 responses to this question. They are summarized below.

Classmates, fraternities and sororities, student organizations, meeting students and professors from different backgrounds, making friends, social life

Enjoyed entire experience

Great enthusiastic professors engaged with students

Specifically named departments, labs and individual courses

Convenient online classes

Summer and Study Abroad

Volunteering

Ability to commute, to graduate from same school as parents

Campus events: Sucbauf, chorus/chorale, local festivals,

Assorted: Passing hard courses, receiving awards, simply graduating