



**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LEXINGTON CAMPUS
SURVEY OF GRADATE ALUMNI
1997-1998 GRADUATING CLASS**

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TABLE 1
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LEXINGTON CAMPUS
SURVEY OF GRADUATE ALUMNI
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CURRENT STATUS

CURRENT EDUCATION STATUS	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT RESPONDING
Have you enrolled at a college or university since graduating from UK?		
No	378	87.3
Yes, part-time	25	5.8
Yes, full-time	30	6.9
If yes, what is your current degree objective?		
Undergraduate degree	2	4.1
Master's or Education Specialist	12	24.5
Ed.D.	4	8.2
Ph.D.	23	46.9
Professional degree (e.g., medicine, law)	8	16.3
What is your employment status?		
Employed full-time (35 or more hours per week)	368	85.4
Employed part-time (less than 35 hours per week)	42	9.7
Unemployed, currently seeking employment	7	1.6

CURRENT EDUCATION STATUS	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT RESPONDING
Unemployed, NOT seeking employment	14	3.2
If you are employed, to what extent is your current position related to your graduate education?		
It is <i>directly</i> related to my graduate education	316	77.5
It is <i>somewhat</i> related to my graduate education	59	14.5
It is <i>not</i> related to my graduate education	33	8.1
If your current position is NOT related to your graduate education, which statement best describes your situation?		
I found a more desirable position in another field	9	28.1
I was unable to find a position related to my graduate education	9	28.1
I have not seriously looked for a position related to my graduate education	10	31.3
Other	4	12.5
Which of these best describes the environment where you are employed?		
Elementary, middle, or secondary school	50	12.6
Post-secondary technical school or two-year college	4	1.0
Four-year college or university	49	12.4
Research university	38	9.6
Business or industry	76	19.2
Government or non-profit organization	78	19.7
Hospital or health care organization	67	16.9

CURRENT EDUCATION STATUS	NUMBER OF RESPONSES	PERCENT RESPONDING
Self-employed	10	2.5
Other	24	6.1
May we have permission to ask your employer to evaluate the preparation you received at U.K. for your present position?		
No	176	45.2
Yes	213	54.8

TABLE 2
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LEXINGTON CAMPUS
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FINANCIAL AID RECEIVED

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During most semesters at the university, what type of aid did you receive?		
Research or graduate assistantships	87	20.7
Teaching assistantship (without independent teaching section)	43	10.2
Fellowship	28	6.7
Grants or loans	125	29.7
None	135	32.8

TABLE 3
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LEXINGTON CAMPUS
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QUALITY OF GRADUATE EDUCATION

How would you characterize the quality of the following aspects of your graduate education	Number of Responses	Poor (1)	Fair (2)	Good (3)	Excellent (4)	Mean
Instruction in my program	428	1.40	12.15	53.04	33.41	3.18
Preparation to conduct research	406	5.67	23.65	48.28	22.41	2.87
Prepare to teach	413	3.63	16.95	47.70	31.72	3.08
Advising on my thesis/dissertation	272	8.82	13.97	39.71	37.50	3.06
Availability of required courses	424	1.65	17.69	41.51	39.15	3.18
Availability of courses in my specialty area	404	7.67	18.56	37.62	36.14	3.02
Mentoring that assisted my obtaining employment	329	26.44	23.10	27.66	22.80	2.47
Quality of curriculum in providing job related skills and knowledge	418	5.26	21.05	46.17	27.51	2.96
The department was characterized by mutual respect between students and professors	429	5.59	15.85	39.16	39.39	3.12

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The department actively helped me find appropriate employment or pursue further study	324	32.41	26.54	24.38	16.67	2.25
Overall graduate experience	430	1.86	17.67	50.70	29.77	3.08

TABLE 4
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QUALITY OR AVAILABILITY OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES

How satisfied were you with the quality or availability of the following academic support services?	Number of Responses	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied (2)	Satisfied (3)	Very Satisfied (4)	Mean
Availability of computing resources	390	3.59	7.18	64.10	25.13	3.11
Adequacy of library holdings for my program	417	1.44	11.51	60.19	26.86	3.12
Opportunities to interact with faculty	424	2.36	7.31	45.75	44.58	3.33

TABLE 5
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PREPARATION RECEIVED IN PROGRAM

Which of the following best reflects your opinion about the preparation received in your program?	Number of Responses	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Mean
My course work prepared me for my qualifying examinations	378	2.65	3.70	14.02	41.27	38.36	4.09
I am well prepared to teach	338	3.25	7.40	24.26	37.87	27.22	3.78
A faculty member took a special interest in my progress	421	5.23	8.31	16.39	31.59	38.48	3.90
I was informed about my academic progress or problems on a timely basis	422	2.84	4.74	11.14	45.97	35.31	4.06
Financial aid was awarded fairly in my program	296	5.07	9.12	21.96	39.86	23.99	3.69

*Excludes Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry and Law students

TABLE 6
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY LEXINGTON CAMPUS
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DIVERSITY ISSUES

Please assess the extent to which you believe the UK academic/social climate is discriminatory or supportive for each of the student populations	Number of Responses	Very Discriminatory (1)	Discriminatory (2)	Supportive (3)	Very Supportive (4)	Mean
Academic Climate						
Women	357	0.84	3.36	55.18	40.62	3.36
Men	340	0.88	1.76	46.76	50.59	3.47
African Americans	323	2.17	3.10	58.20	36.53	3.29
Other racial minorities	317	1.58	4.10	58.04	36.28	3.29
International students	320	1.88	3.13	57.19	37.81	3.31
Disabled students	306	1.96	7.84	58.82	31.37	3.20
Gay/Lesbian students	283	1.77	8.83	57.60	31.80	3.19
Social Climate						
Women	341	0.29	3.52	59.53	36.66	3.33
Men	327	0.31	1.22	47.71	50.76	3.49
African Americans	315	1.90	11.11	53.65	33.33	3.18

Please assess the extent to which you believe the UK academic/social climate is discriminatory or supportive for each of the student populations	Number of Responses	Very Discriminatory (1)	Discriminatory (2)	Supportive (3)	Very Supportive (4)	Mean
Other racial minorities	309	1.94	10.36	57.28	30.42	3.16
International students	311	3.22	9.65	55.63	31.51	3.15
Disabled students	299	2.68	13.71	56.86	26.76	3.08
Gay/Lesbian students	280	3.57	16.43	53.57	26.43	3.03

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TABLE 7
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COLLEGE WHILE ATTENDING UK

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College of Agriculture	21	4.9
College of Allied Health	40	9.4
College of Arts and Sciences	55	12.9
College of Business and Economics	36	8.5
College of Communications and Information Studies	33	7.7
College of Dentistry	1	0.2
College of Education	72	16.9
College of Engineering	22	5.2
College of Fine Arts	11	2.6
Graduate Medical Sector	10	2.3
College of Human Environmental Sciences	5	1.2
Law	2	0.5
Graduate Lexington Campus	16	3.8

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Medicine	11	2.6
College of Nursing	24	5.6
College of Pharmacy	4	0.9
College of Social Work	63	14.8

