

2017 Graduate and Professional Student Survey

ACADEMIC PROGRESS

To what extent have the following factors affected your academic progress during the past year (i.e., previous 12 months)?

	Significantly slowed	Somewhat slowed	No impact	Somewhat improved	Significantly improved	Not applicable	Total
Work commitments/responsibilities	13.0%	34.6%	22.4%	9.8%	4.5%	15.7%	100.0%
	350	930	602	264	121	421	2688
Availability of faculty	5.5%	18.9%	38.5%	20.7%	11.2%	5.2%	100.0%
	147	505	1030	555	301	139	2677
Graduate program/professional school structure or requirements	7.4%	25.5%	39.2%	17.6%	6.4%	3.9%	100.0%
	198	679	1043	470	170	104	2664
Other graduate/professional commitments that are not program requirements (e.g., conferences, conference proposal review, publications, etc.)	3.1%	18.9%	42.3%	15.9%	5.2%	14.6%	100.0%
	82	505	1130	426	138	391	2672
Courses scheduling/availability	6.7%	22.2%	44.9%	11.4%	4.4%	10.3%	100.0%
	180	592	1198	305	117	276	2668
Personal relationships (e.g., spouse, significant other, parents)	7.5%	24.4%	33.2%	18.3%	11.5%	5.0%	100.0%
	200	653	888	490	308	134	2673
Family obligations/responsibilities	7.7%	26.5%	47.1%	9.0%	2.8%	7.0%	100.0%
	205	709	1261	240	76	187	2678
Financial commitments/concerns	12.3%	28.7%	45.7%	5.8%	2.6%	4.8%	100.0%
	329	766	1221	155	70	129	2670
Housing situation	8.0%	18.8%	55.6%	8.2%	4.4%	5.0%	100.0%
	214	504	1489	221	119	133	2680
Commuting/transportation	10.8%	26.6%	45.2%	8.7%	3.7%	5.1%	100.0%
	287	706	1202	230	97	135	2657
Feeling depressed, stressed, or upset	15.8%	38.7%	31.8%	4.1%	1.1%	8.6%	100.0%
	423	1034	851	109	29	229	2675
Disability or chronic illness	4.9%	8.3%	48.6%	2.4%	1.0%	34.7%	100.0%
	132	222	1297	65	26	927	2669

Which of the following statements best reflects how you feel about your academic progress in your graduate/professional program up to this point in time?

I feel...

Significantly behind schedule	Slightly behind schedule	On schedule	Slightly ahead of schedule	Significantly ahead of schedule	Total
10.4%	36.7%	44.6%	6.7%	1.6%	100.0%
278	983	1195	180	44	2680

Compared to when you started your program, how would you characterize your current perception of how long it will take you to complete?

Much longer than I thought	Slightly longer than I thought	About the same	Slightly less than I thought	Much less than I thought	Total
9.0%	23.8%	62.1%	4.1%	1.0%	100.0%
243	639	1671	109	28	2690

How concerned are you about your current academic progress?

Very concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Very unconcerned	Total
10.4%	36.4%	41.6%	11.6%	100.0%
279	979	1118	312	2688

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement:

I have seriously considered leaving my graduate/professional program before completing the degree.

Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Total
40.5%	30.3%	17.9%	11.3%	100.0%
1091	816	481	305	2693