

Survey of Students Leaving the University of Maryland During the Semester R.S17

The University of Maryland would like your help in obtaining the best possible information about your experience at UMD and about the issues behind your decision to depart during the semester. Your thoughtful responses on this survey are very important and very much appreciated. In accordance with UMD policy, your responses are treated as confidential. Your student ID may be used to link responses from this survey to information maintained by the University. This might include but not be limited to race, gender, academic major, and subsequent enrollment status. Grouped data may be used for a variety of research and institutional purposes, such as developing internal and external reports, and improving the quality of programs, services, and education at UMD. If we write a report or article about this research project, your identity will be protected to the maximum extent possible in that we merge your data with that provided by other students, and no individual identities will ever be included. Thank you for your time.

Student UID: _____

Today's Date: Mo. ____ Day ____ Year ____

Where were you living this semester?

- University housing (including Greek housing, Commons, Courtyards)
 Family home
 Other off campus housing

Class level at the beginning of the semester

- Freshman Grad student
 Sophomore Other: _____
 Junior
 Senior

1. With which of the following people have you spoken about your decision to withdraw/take a leave of absence?

(Please check all that apply)

- Someone at the Registrar's office
 My academic college advisor
 A faculty member
 A Financial Aid counselor
 A Resident Life staff person
 A counselor at the Counseling Center
 An academic coach at the Learning Assistance Service
 A Disability Service counselor
 A Chaplain
 A Health Center psychiatrist or therapist
 A Career Center staff person
 An International Student & Scholar Services advisor

2. At the time you first entered UMD, did you have a first choice of major?

- No *If NO, please skip to Question 3.*
 Yes

Were you able to enroll in this major?

- No Yes

Why did you want this major? (check all that apply)

- I was interested in the subject.
 I thought it would lead to a good job.
 I thought this major will give me what I want for my life.
 I thought I could get good grades in this major.
 My guidance counselor suggested this major to me.
 I followed the results of career/interest inventories I completed.
 My family wanted me to choose this major.
 My friends are also in this major.
 I am not sure/don't know.
 Other (please specify): _____

3. Did issues regarding your major contribute to your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence?

- No
 Yes

4. Was your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence from UMD at least in part influenced by the grades you were anticipating or receiving?

- No
 Yes

Were there circumstances beyond your control that you felt were largely responsible for this?

- No Yes

5. Have you successfully fulfilled UMD's math requirement for graduation?

- Yes
 No

Did your experience with trying to fulfill the math requirement contribute to your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence from UMD?

- No Yes

6. Were you employed this semester?

- No
 Yes, ON campus
 Yes, OFF campus

On average, how many hours per week total did you work? _____

7. What percent of your education costs are you personally paying for, through work, savings, or loans?

- None
 1-25%
 26-50%
 51-75%
 76% or more

8. Did financial concerns contribute to your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence?

- No
 Yes

Did you discuss your concerns with a financial aid counselor? No Yes

9. Are you the first in your immediate family to pursue a four year college degree?

- No
 Yes

10. Does your family do things to support your attendance and success in college?

- No
 Yes

11. Are family expectations a source of pressure for you?

- No
 Yes

12. To what extent did family obligations interfere with your being a college student?

- Not at all
 Rarely
 Occasionally
 Frequently

13. Was there a family crisis or personal emergency that contributed to your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence from UMD?

- No
 Yes Did you discuss your concerns with a faculty or staff person? No Yes

14. Before deciding to leave UMD, was there a faculty or staff person with whom you could "really talk"?

- Yes
 No Did the absence of someone you felt you could talk with contribute to your decision to leave UMD? No Yes

15. Were you able to become as socially involved on campus as you wanted?

- Yes
 No What got in the way of your doing so?
(Please check all that apply)
 Family obligations
 Off campus employment
 Preferred to use the internet /social media
 Preferred friends/activities off campus
 Felt isolated from or unconnected with others on campus
 Stress, anxiety, or depression
 Health issues
 Other (please specify): _____

16. Which of the following common barriers to academic success, if any, were true for you during the time leading up to your departure from UMD: (Please check all that apply)

- I was not interested in my course work.
 I had poor time management skills.
 My work and class schedules didn't mesh well.
 I had poor study habits.
 I routinely missed class.
 I was ill.
 I felt a lot of stress, anxiety, or depression.
 I felt I lacked clear career goals.
 I was reluctant to speak in class.
 I felt burnt out.

17. Which of the following institutional factors, if any, were important in your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence from UMD? (Please check all that apply)

- My academic advising was not helpful.
 The quality of instruction was disappointing.
 The lack of student support was disappointing.
 Faculty didn't know me personally.
 Faculty didn't seem to care about my problems.
 I couldn't get the courses I need.
 I felt this campus was too spread out.
 I wasn't comfortable with the number of students
 I didn't feel as if I belonged here.

18. Do you intend to complete your undergraduate degree?

- No
 Not at the University of Maryland College Park
 Not sure at this point
 Yes, at UMD

19. Use the scale below, write a number beside each statement to indicate HOW OFTEN you felt or thought a certain way during THE LAST MONTH.

- 0 = Never
1 = Almost Never
2 = Sometimes
3 = Fairly Often
4 = Very Often

_____ In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?

_____ In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?

_____ In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?

_____ In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?

20. Use the scale below, write a number beside each statement to indicate how much you disagree or agree with each of the statements.

- 1 = Strongly Disagree
2 = Disagree
3 = Neutral
4 = Agree
5 = Strongly Agree

_____ I tend to bounce back quickly after hard times.

_____ I have a hard time making it through stressful events.

_____ It does not take me long to recover from a stressful event.

_____ It is hard for me to snap back when something bad happens.

_____ I usually come through difficult times with little trouble.

_____ I tend to take a long time to get over set-backs in my life.

21. Try to think of one problem you have encountered in the last six months or so. This should be a problem that was important to you, and that caused you to worry. With this problem in mind, write a number beside each statement to indicate to what extent you coped by...

1 = Not at all
2 = A little
3 = A lot

- ___ Let your feelings out to a friend?
- ___ Rearranged things around you so that your problem had the best chance of being resolved?
- ___ Brainstormed all possible solutions before deciding what to do?
- ___ Tried to distract yourself from the problem?
- ___ Accepted sympathy and understanding from someone?
- ___ Did all you could to keep others from seeing how bad things really were?
- ___ Talked to people about the situation because talking about it helped you to feel better?
- ___ Set some goals for yourself to deal with the situation?
- ___ Weighed your options very carefully?
- ___ Daydreamed about better times?
- ___ Tried different ways to solve the problem until you found one that worked?
- ___ Confided your fears and worries to a friend or relative?
- ___ Spent more time than usual alone?
- ___ Told people about the situation because just talking about it helped you to come up with solutions?
- ___ Thought about what needed to be done to straighten things out?
- ___ Turned your full attention to solving the problem?
- ___ Formed a plan of action in your mind?
- ___ Watched television more than usual?
- ___ Went to someone (friend or professional) in order to help you feel better?
- ___ Stood firm and fought for what you wanted in the situation?

- ___ Avoided being with people in general?
- ___ Buried yourself in a hobby or sports activity to avoid the problem?
- ___ Went to a friend to help you feel better about the problem?
- ___ Went to a friend for advice on how to change the situation?
- ___ Accepted sympathy and understanding from friends who had the same problem?
- ___ Slept more than usual?
- ___ Fantasized about how things could have been different?
- ___ Identified with characters in novels or movies?
- ___ Tried to solve the problem?
- ___ Wished that people would just leave you alone?
- ___ Accepted help from a friend or relative?
- ___ Sought reassurance from those who know you best?
- ___ Tried to carefully plan a course of action rather than acting on impulse?

22. What would you say is the primary reason behind your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence?