

Survey of Students Leaving the University of Maryland During the Semester R. Summer 2018

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 _____

1. Where were you living this semester?

- University housing (including Greek housing, Commons, and Courtyards)
- Family home
- Other off campus housing
- A shelter or other temporary housing
- Other, please specify: _____

2. During the last 12 months were you ever without housing?

- No
- Yes **What did you do? (Check all that apply)**
 - Was able to quickly find another apartment/room
 - Moved in with family or friends on a temporary basis
 - Moved in with family or friends on a long term basis
 - Stayed at a shelter for at least one night
 - Went to shelter but was not provided a place to stay
 - Stayed on the street or other place not meant for sleeping for at least one night
 - Other, please specify: _____

3. With which of the following people have you spoken about your decision to withdraw/take a leave of absence? (Check all that apply)

- My academic college advisor
- A faculty member
- A Financial Aid counselor
- A Resident Life staff person
- A counselor at the Counseling Center
- A Disability Service counselor
- A Chaplain
- A Health Center psychiatrist or therapist
- A Career Center staff person
- An International Student & Scholar Services advisor
- Other, please specify: _____
- Not applicable, I did not speak to anyone

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 the grades you were anticipating or receiving?**
 - No
 - Yes

5. At the time you first entered UMD, did you have a first choice of major? No Yes

6. Did issues regarding your major contribute to your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence? No Yes

7. Are you the first in your immediate family to pursue a four-year college degree? No Yes

8. 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

9. Were you employed this semester?

- No
- Yes, ON campus
- Yes, OFF campus

On average, how many hours per week total did you work? _____ (Please enter one number)

10. Please describe your current financial situation. How often do you have enough money to make ends meet?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Most of the time
- Always

11. 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

12. Was there a family obligation, 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

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

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

14. Do you have friends, on or off campus, who you rely on for support and companionship? Yes No

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? (Check all that apply)**
 - Family obligations or crisis
 - Off campus employment
 - Preferred to use the internet /social media
 - Preferred friends/activities off campus
 - Felt isolated from/unconnected with others on campus
 - Stress, anxiety, or depression
 - Health issues
 - The campus climate made me feel disconnected
 - Other, please specify: _____
 - Not applicable

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: (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.
- Family obligations or crisis.
- Financial concerns.
- Other, please specify: _____
- Not applicable

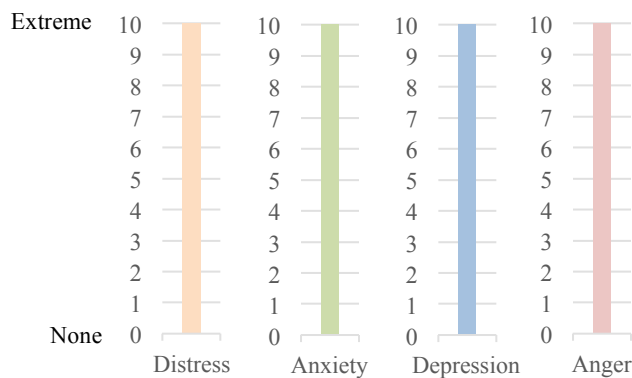
17. Which of the following institutional factors, if any, were important in your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence from UMD? (Check all that apply)

- 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.
- The campus climate made me feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Other, please specify: _____
- Not applicable

18. In general would you say that your health is...

- Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor

19. Please mark the number (0-10) that best describes how much emotional upset you have been experiencing in the past week, including today.



20. In the last 12 months, did you or other adult members in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Don't know
- No
- Yes **How often did this happen?**
 - Almost every month
 - Some months but not every month
 - Only 1 or 2 months
 - Don't know

21. In the last 12 months, the food that I/we bought didn't last, and I/we didn't have money to get more.

- Often true Sometimes true Never true

22. In the last 12 months, I/we couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.

- Often true Sometimes true Never true

23. In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food? Yes No

24. In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food? Yes No

25. Below are some reasons that might have influenced your decision to attend UMD. How important was each reason in your decision to come here? (Mark one answer for each possible reason)

1 = Not important; 2 = Somewhat important; 3 = Very important

- _____ My parents/relatives wanted me to come here.
- _____ My teacher advised me.
- _____ UMD has a very good academic reputation.
- _____ UMD has a good reputation for its social and extracurricular activities.
- _____ I was offered financial assistance.
- _____ The cost of attending UMD.
- _____ High school counselor advised me.
- _____ College counselor advised me.
- _____ I wanted to live near home.
- _____ Not offered aid by first choice.
- _____ Could not afford first choice.
- _____ UMD's graduates gain admission to top graduate/professional schools.
- _____ UMD's graduates get good jobs.
- _____ I was attracted by a religious community at UMD.
- _____ I wanted to go to a school about the size of UMD.
- _____ Rankings in national magazines.
- _____ I was admitted through an Early Action or Early Decision program.
- _____ A visit to this campus.
- _____ UMD's graduates make a difference in the world.

26. 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

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

28. Is there anything the University of Maryland could have provided to you to prevent you from withdrawing?