

Survey of Students Leaving the University of Maryland During the Semester R. Summer 2019

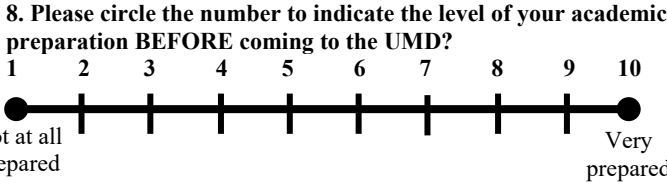
The University of Maryland would like your help in obtaining the best possible information about your experience at UMD and about the issues behind your decision to depart during the semester. Your thoughtful responses on this survey are very important and very much appreciated. In accordance with UMD 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. Your participation in this research is completely voluntary, and you may choose to skip any of the questions in this survey. Please note that your information may be shared with representatives of the University of Maryland, College Park or governmental authorities if you or someone else is in danger or if we are required to do so by law. For campus resources, see https://counseling.umd.edu/resourcedirectory/. 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
[] I did not have consistent housing this semester
[] Other, please specify: _____
2. In the past 12 months, have you ever been homeless (e.g., staying at a shelter, temporarily staying with a friend or relative, sleeping outdoors or in a space not meant for human habitation like a car)? [] No [] Yes
3. How likely are you to be homeless in the next 12 months?
[] No chance [] Very little chance [] Some chance [] Very good chance

- 4. 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 advisor
[] Faculty member(s)
[] Financial Aid counselor(s)
[] Resident Life staff
[] Counseling Center counselor(s) or psychologist(s)
[] Health Center psychiatrist(s) or therapist(s)
[] Disability Service counselor(s)
[] Career Center staff
[] Chaplain(s)
[] International Student & Scholar Services advisor(s)
[] Family member(s) or friend(s)
[] Off-campus therapist(s), psychologist(s), or psychiatrist(s)
[] Off-campus physician(s) or doctor(s)
[] Other, please specify: _____
[] Not applicable, I did not speak to anyone

- 5. Before deciding to leave UMD, was there a faculty or staff person with whom you could "really talk" or felt connected to? [] No [] Yes
6. Do you have friends, on or off campus, whom you rely on for support and companionship? [] No [] Yes
7. At the time you first entered UMD, did you have a first choice of major? [] No [] Yes



- 9. Are you the first in your immediate family to pursue a four-year college degree? [] No [] Yes
10. 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 concerns
[] Financial obligations or concerns
[] Long commute
[] On or off campus employment
[] Preferred using 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

- 11. 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.
[] The absence of a faculty or staff person whom I could "really talk" or felt connected to.
[] 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.
[] Poor institutional fit
[] Other, please specify: _____
[] Not applicable

- 12. Did you receive financial aid this semester? [] No [] Yes, Was the aid adequate? [] No [] Yes [] Not sure

- 13. 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

- 14. 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)

- 15. 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

- 16. In general would you say that your health is... [] Excellent [] Very Good [] Good [] Fair [] Poor

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

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

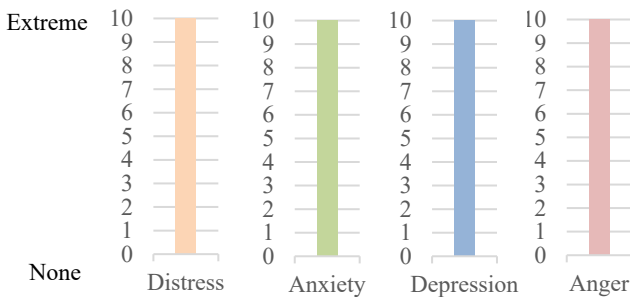
19. In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?
 [] Don't know [] No [] Yes, **How often did this happen?**
 [] Almost every month
 [] Some months but not every month
 [] Only 1 or 2 months
 [] Don't know

20. In the last 12 months, the food that I/we bought just didn't last, and I/we didn't have money to get more.
 [] Never true [] Sometimes true [] Often true

21. In the last 12 months, I/we couldn't afford to eat balanced meals. [] Never true [] Sometimes true [] Often true

22. Have you experienced any of the following in the past 12 months because you couldn't afford enough food? (check all that apply)
 [] Falling asleep or not being able to concentrate in class
 [] Failing an assignment or exam
 [] Missing class
 [] Failing or withdrawing from a class
 [] Planning to withdraw from school
 [] Feeling down or depressed
 [] Developing an unhealthy relationship with food
 [] Developing health problems
 [] Avoiding dining out with friends
 [] Other (please specify): _____
 [] Not applicable

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



24. Please rate how certain you are that you can do the things discussed below.

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
 Cannot do at all Moderately can do Highly certain can do

- _____ Keep tough problems from getting you down
- _____ Bounce back after you tried your best and failed
- _____ Get yourself to keep trying when things are going really badly
- _____ Keep up your spirits when you suffer hardships
- _____ Get rid of self-doubts after you have had tough setbacks
- _____ Keep from being easily rattled
- _____ Overcome discouragement when nothing you try seems to work

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. What is(are) the reason(s) behind your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence? (Check All That Apply)

- [] 1. Mental health concerns (e.g., stress, burnout, anxiety, or depression)
- [] 2. Physical health concerns
- [] 3. Family obligations or concerns
- [] 4. Financial obligations or concerns
- [] 5. Lack of social connections on campus
- [] 6. Struggles with commute or UMD's distance from my home (far from home, homesickness, too close to home, etc.)
- [] 7. Issues regarding my major (e.g., didn't get into the major I wanted, or not interested in my course work)
- [] 8. Not ready for college
- [] 9. Grades received or anticipated
- [] 10. Inadequate study skills or habits
- [] 11. Problems with time management & scheduling (e.g., routinely missed class, work & class scheduling conflicts)
- [] 12. Unsure about my major or career plan
- [] 13. Pursuit of another opportunity (e.g., change in career goals/plan, or plan to attend a different school)
- [] 14. Military obligations or enlistment
- [] 15. Factors related to the institution (please refer to Question #11)
- [] 16. Other (Please clarify): _____

27. Of the reason(s) you selected above (Q#26), which one is the **PRIMARY** reason behind your decision to withdraw/take a Leave of Absence? Please write down the corresponding number: _____

28. Do you intend to complete your undergraduate degree?

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

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