

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduation Questionnaire Summary
 1996 - 1998

		<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
1.	Current Status:			
	Undergraduate Student	85%	81%	80%
	Graduate Student	15	19	20
2.	Undergraduate Students Only:			
	While pursuing this degree, did you:			
	Originally enroll (and remain) at DSU	43%	37%	42%
	Transfer from a 2-year institution	41	44	44
	Transfer from a 4-year institution	16	19	14
3.	Graduate Students Only:			
	Undergraduate degree received from:			
	Delta State	68%	63%	70%
	Other institution	32	37	30
4.	Number of semesters you have lived in a DSU dormitory:			
	None	40%	42%	39%
	One	4	4	5
	Two	8	11	10
	Three	8	8	9
	Four or more	40	34	37
5.	Are you an active member of a DSU fraternity or sorority?			
	Yes	23%	18%	21%
	No	77	82	79
6.	How many other students in your major area do you know on a first name basis?			
	None	0%	0%	1%
	1 - 10	23	28	23
	11 - 20	28	27	30
	21+	49	44	46
7.	How many teachers in your major area do you know well enough to ask for a letter of recommendation?			
	None	2%	1%	1%
	1 - 4	57	55	60
	5 - 8	31	34	29
	9+	10	10	10

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8. Please estimate your cumulative GPA (including only DSU courses) at the time you completed this degree:			
3.5 or better	24%	27%	31%
3.00 - 3.49	38	37	37
2.50 - 2.99	28	26	25
2.00 - 2.49	10	10	7
1.99 or less	0	0	0
9. Number of years in attendance at DSU:			
one	3%	4%	1%
two	23	26	25
three	25	26	23
four	30	25	29
five or more	19	20	22
10. Average number of hours per week you were employed (on or off campus) during the past year:			
none	24%	26%	25%
1 - 10	18	16	17
11 - 20	22	20	23
21+	36	38	35
11. What are your immediate employment plans?			
I plan to continue working in the same job or in a job I recently obtained.	40%	45%	42%
I am currently looking for a job.	40	32	38
I do not plan to work outside the home.	1	1	0
I plan to continue my education before working.	15	18	15
I have not yet formulated my employment plans.	4	5	4
12. If you indicated in #11 that you currently have or will be starting a new job, to what extent is it related to your major area of study at DSU?			
Directly related	64%	68%	72%
Somewhat related	23	17	16
Not related	13	15	12
13. Do you currently have plans for additional education?			
No, not at this time.	29%	29%	31%
Yes, I plan to re-enroll at this institution.	24	26	25
Yes, I plan to re-enroll at another institution.	28	30	30
I am currently undecided about additional education.	19	15	14

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14. If you indicated in #13 that you plan to continue your education, what is the highest degree that you plan to earn?			
Master's degree	65%	56%	60%
Specialist's degree (e.g. Ed.S.)	8	12	7
Professional degree (e.g. medicine, law, theology)	8	8	7
Doctoral degree (e.g. Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A.)	19	24	26

15. Here we would like to ask you a few questions about general University programs and services. Please indicate how frequently you have used each service and indicate the quality of service you received.

<u>How often have you used this service?</u>			<u>How would you rate the quality of service you received?</u>			
(1) FREQUENTLY	(2) OCCASIONALLY		(1) EXCELLENT	(2) GOOD		
(3) SELDOM	(4) NEVER		(3) FAIR	(4) POOR		
<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>		<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
1.6.....	1.6.....	1.7.....	Roberts Library.....	1.9.....	2.0.....	2.0
3.0.....	3.1.....	3.0.....	Placement Service.....	2.1.....	2.2.....	2.1
3.8.....	3.4.....	3.3.....	Counseling Center.....	2.1.....	2.1.....	2.0
3.1.....	3.2.....	2.9.....	Instructional Resources Center.....	2.1.....	1.9.....	1.9
3.0.....	3.0.....	2.8.....	Laundry.....	2.3.....	2.1.....	2.0
2.8.....	2.7.....	2.7.....	Health Services.....	1.9.....	1.8.....	1.9
3.1.....	3.1.....	3.0.....	Intramural Activities.....	2.2.....	2.1.....	2.1
3.3.....	3.3.....	3.2.....	Intercollegiate Athletics.....	2.0.....	2.1.....	2.0
3.3.....	3.2.....	3.3.....	Campus Plays.....	2.0.....	2.0.....	2.0
3.3.....	3.3.....	3.2.....	Student Government Association.....	2.0.....	2.0.....	2.1
2.1.....	2.0.....	1.9.....	Computer Labs.....	1.9.....	2.1.....	2.0
2.4.....	2.4.....	2.4.....	Residence Halls.....	2.1.....	2.2.....	2.2
3.5.....	3.4.....	3.3.....	Married Student Apartments.....	2.3.....	2.2.....	2.1
2.5.....	2.4.....	2.4.....	Food Services.....	2.6.....	2.6.....	2.5
2.8.....	2.8.....	2.8.....	Campus Police.....	2.4.....	2.3.....	2.3
1.7.....	1.7.....	1.7.....	Bookstore.....	2.0.....	2.1.....	2.4
2.3.....	2.3.....	2.1.....	Post Office.....	1.8.....	1.9.....	1.8
2.1.....	2.2.....	2.2.....	Business Office.....	1.9.....	2.0.....	2.0

How clear are the procedures for each service? How would you rate the quality of service you received?

(1) CLEAR	(2) SOMEWHAT CONFUSING	(1) EXCELLENT	(2) GOOD
(3) VERY CONFUSING	(4) DIDN'T USE	(3) FAIR	(4) POOR

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1.4.....	1.4.....	1.5.....	Registration.....	1.9.....	1.9.....	1.9
1.5.....	1.4.....	1.5.....	Drop / Add Procedure.....	1.9.....	1.9.....	1.8
1.3.....	1.3.....	1.4.....	Preregistration.....	1.8.....	1.8.....	1.8

Thinking about your major, please rate the quality of each of the following:

	1 - Excellent	2 - Good	3 - Fair	4 - Poor			
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16. Availability of my advisor.....					1.6	1.5	1.6
17. Willingness of my advisor to help me.....					1.5	1.5	1.5
18. Quality of courses in preparing me for employment and/or graduate school.....					1.6	1.6	1.7
19. Fairness of grading in my courses.....					1.7	1.7	1.7
20. Quality of instruction in courses in my major.....					1.6	1.6	1.7
21. Opportunities for interaction with faculty in my major.....					1.6	1.6	1.6
22. Ample number of library holdings in my major.....					2.0	2.1	2.1
23. Availability of professional activities or clubs in my major.....					2.0	2.0	2.1
24. Quality of courses for providing a good general education.....					1.6	1.6	1.7
25. Practicum or internship experiences in my major.....					1.8	1.6	1.8
26. Laboratory facilities related to my major.....					1.9	1.8	1.9
27. Classroom facilities related to my major.....					1.7	1.8	1.8
28. Quality of career advising in my major.....					1.8	1.8	1.9
29. Opportunities for formal student evaluation of instruction in my major.					1.8	1.7	1.7
30. Professional competence of departmental faculty in my major.....					1.6	1.5	1.6
31. My initial contacts and first impression with the department.....					1.7	1.6	1.7
32. Overall quality of this department.....					1.6	1.5	1.6

For the following aims of general education, please rate how well you believe Delta State meets these aims:

	1 - Excellent	2 - Good	3 - Fair	4 - Poor			
					<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1998</u>
33. Help students communicate effectively.....					1.7	1.7	1.7
34. Develop the ability to lead or guide others.....					1.8	1.8	1.8
35. Teach students to think critically, to solve problems, and to develop patterns of thought.....					1.7	1.7	1.7
36. Help students get along with people of different races and ethnic groups.....					1.8	1.9	1.9
37. Develop an appreciation of different cultures.....					1.8	1.9	1.9
38. Teach students to understand and appreciate the arts.....					1.8	1.9	1.9
39. Assist the student in the capacity to anticipate, handle, or bring about change.....					1.8	1.9	1.9
40. Help students to understand themselves, their society, and the contemporary world.....					1.8	1.8	1.9

For each one of the following goals, rate the extent to which you believe Delta State fulfills the goal:

	1 - Excellent	2 - Good	3 - Fair	4 - Poor			
					1996	1997	1998
41. Improve computer literacy by making computer services available and by facilitating the use of appropriate software throughout the curriculum.	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8			
42. Provide a curriculum that properly prepares students in their chosen fields to complete licensure requirements, enter the work force, and continue advanced study in graduate or professional schools.	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8			
43. A developmental studies program for underprepared students in mathematics, English, reading, and study skills.	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8			
44. Provide sufficient faculty to maintain a student-teacher ratio that ensures opportunities for meaningful intellectual interaction between students and faculty.	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7			
45. Opportunities to communicate with prospective employers or admission personnel from graduate or professional schools.	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8			
46. Residency at time of admission:							
Resident of Mississippi					89%	91%	91%
Non-resident of Mississippi					11	9	9
47. Citizenship:							
U. S.					96%	95%	96%
Other					4	5	4
48. Current Age:							
24 or under					64%	64%	65%
25 - 30					21	19	21
31 - 35					7	7	4
36 or over					8	10	10
49. Sex:							
Male					32%	34%	30%
Female					68	66	70
50. Race:							
White					69%	68%	67%
Black					29	30	31
Other					2	2	2
51. If you could start college again, would you enroll at DSU?							
Definitely Yes					51%	51%	54%
Probably Yes					38	35	31
Probably Not					8	11	9
Definitely Not					3	3	4
TOTAL RESPONDENTS					397	404	417