

International Student Exit Survey Report

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Introduction

During the 2012-2013 academic year, 120 departing international students completed an exit survey explaining their experience at OSU and post-OSU plans. Of those responding, 80% of the students had completed their program of study while at Oregon State University. Below is a summary of the results from the survey.

Chart 1. Student Respondents by Program

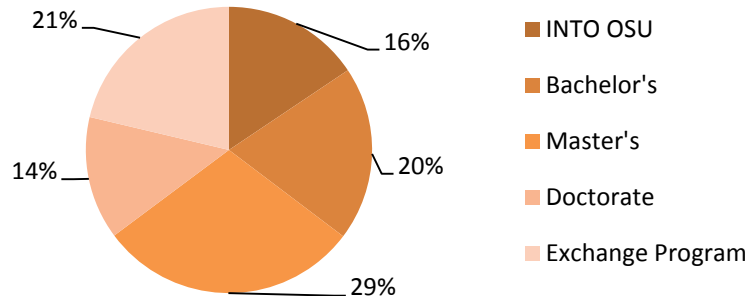
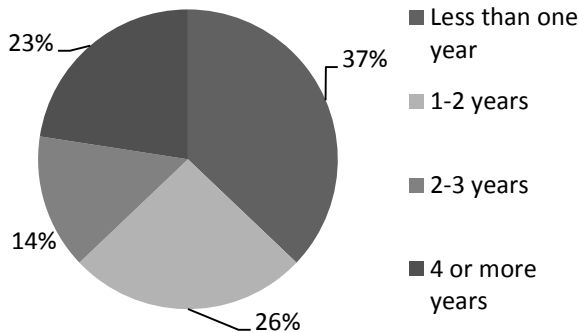


Chart 2. Length of Study at OSU



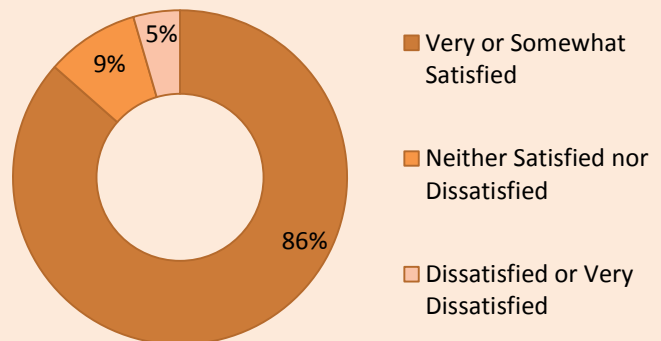
Student Satisfaction

Based on the survey responses, International students are satisfied with their experience at Oregon State University. As shown in Chart 3 below, over 86% of responding students are either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with their experience at OSU. This satisfaction is echoed in that over 94% of respondents would recommend Oregon State University to another student.

Post-Oregon State University Plans

International students have a variety of post-OSU plans. As shown in Table 1 on the following page, the majority of responding international students will continue their studies after attending OSU. Of the 41 students who will continue their studies, 66% have gained admission to an academic program prior to leaving OSU. Of the 27 students who have gained admission to a program, three students indicated they will continue their education at Oregon State University.

Chart 3. Overall Experience at OSU and View of Services



Post-Oregon State University Plans Continued...

In addition, a third of responding international students will seek employment in the U.S. after leaving OSU. Of these students, over 67% have secured a position prior to taking the exit survey.

Table 1. What Are Your Plans after Graduation From OSU?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A) Further Studies	46.1%	41
B) Work in the US	32.6%	29
C) Other	21.3%	19
<i>Number of students who answered question</i>		89
<i>skipped question</i>		34

- Sample of Reported Employers:**
- BBVA Compass
 - Oregon State University
 - Qualcomm Inc.
 - Intel
 - MathWorks
 - McAfee
 - Tektronix

Overall Experience at OSU

As part of the survey, students wrote responses to open ended questions on what they liked best about their time at OSU, how services can be improved, and impressions of their overall experience. Approximately 41% of surveyed students responded to the open ended questions. Below are themes from the students' responses.

<p><i>Please list some of the most positive experiences associated with attending OSU or INTO OSU.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged in many activities on campus • Excited to share cultural experiences • Pleased with the quality of professors and staff • Participated in positive social experiences • Impressed with on-campus facilities and the Dixon Recreation Center • Engaged in multiple opportunities for skill development <p><i>Please list if there was anything specific at OSU or INTO OSU that did not meet your expectations.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High cost of living and programs • Poor quality of instruction • Not enough social and academic opportunities for international students 	<p><i>Please list any challenges you have had while studying at OSU or INTO OSU.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjusting to course rigor at OSU • Managing academic and social culture shock • Being unable to connect with American students • High cost of attendance (living costs, tuition and health insurance) • Lack of on-campus support and information <p><i>Do you have any comments or suggestions for improved international student services at OSU and INTO OSU?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make orientation more comprehensive • Provide on-going culture sharing and cultural adjustment seminars • Create more opportunities for social integration with American and other international students
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