

2023–2024 HEDS Undergraduate Alumni Survey

This is a PDF representation of the online version of the survey. It includes all questions and response options, as well as notes (in italics) about how questions will display to survey takers.

Welcome to the Alumni Survey. Thanks for agreeing to participate!

This survey asks about the quality and impact of your educational experiences, including cocurricular activities such as internships, study abroad, and community service. The survey also asks you to evaluate the impact of your undergraduate education on your postgraduate critical thinking, problem solving, and other learning outcomes. Finally, the survey asks about postgraduate employment, college satisfaction, and college debt.

Your survey results will be shared with a handful of people at [Institution Name] who work to help students succeed and improve teaching and learning. Anyone who has access to your responses is legally obligated to keep them confidential.

tedening and learning. Thiryone who has decess to your response	es is legally o	onguica to K	cep them com	aciitiai.		
By clicking "Next," you acknowledge that you have read an survey. Thank you for taking the time to share your though			nformation a	nd agree t	to participate	in the
[Alumni see a "Next" button here.]			\	/		
1. Please indicate which of the following describes your curred ☐ Employed, full time ☐ Employed, part time ☐ Employed, multiple jobs ☐ Graduate or professional school, full time ☐ Graduate or professional school, part time ☐ Military service ☐ Volunteer or national service (Peace Corps, AmeriCorp ☐ Not employed, but seeking employment, admission to go ☐ Not employed, and not seeking employment or admission to go ☐ Not em	os, etc.) graduate scho ion to graduat	ool, or other o	pportunity	eling, volu	unteer, retired,	etc.)
2. Please indicate your plans for each of the following degre	es or certific Do not plan to pursue	ates: Degree received	Currently en or working to		Degree you hop attain in the fu	
Second Bachelor's Degree						
Master's Degree in Arts and Sciences (e.g., MA, MS, MFA)						
Master of Business Administration (MBA)						
Other Master's Degree (e.g., MSW, MSE, MSN, MAT, MPA)						
Law Degree (JD or LLB)						
Medical Degree (e.g., MD, DO, DDS, DVM, PharmD)						
PhD						
Other Doctoral Degree (e.g., EdD, PsyD, DBA)						
Other Certificate:						
Other Degree:						
3. Below are statements about your views of your undergra- extent to which you agree or disagree with each. Most faculty with whom I had contact at this institution we		's interest in	n teaching and Neither	d students	s. Please indica	ate th
	Strongly agree	Agree	agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
Genuinely interested in students.						
Interested in helping students grow in more than just academic areas						
Good at providing prompt and useful feedback.						
Willing to spend time outside of class to discuss issues of interest						

and importance to students.



4. Below are statements about your contact and interactions with faculty during your undergraduate experience at this institution. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each. Neither Strongly agree nor Strongly disagree Disagree agree Agree disagree My nonclassroom interactions with faculty had a positive influence on my personal growth, values, and attitudes. My nonclassroom interactions with faculty had a positive influence on my intellectual growth and interest in ideas. My nonclassroom interactions with faculty had a positive influence on my career goals and aspirations. I developed a close, personal relationship with at least one faculty I was satisfied with the opportunities to meet and interact informally with faculty members. 5. Below are statements about experiences you may have had in your classes as an undergraduate at this institution. About how often did you experience each? Very Often Sometimes Rarely often Never Faculty posed challenging ideas in class. Faculty asked me to show how a particular course concept could be applied to an actual problem or situation. Faculty asked me to point out any fallacies in ideas, principles, or points of view presented in the course. Faculty asked me to argue for or against a particular point of view. Faculty challenged my ideas in class. Students challenged each other's ideas in class. 6. Below are descriptions of the types of exams or assignments you may have had in your undergraduate classes at this institution. About how often did you undertake each? Very often Often Sometimes Rarely Never Wrote essays. П П П П Completed assignments or projects in which I solved problems. Made oral presentations. Used course content to address a problem not presented in the course. Compared or contrasted topics or ideas from a course. Pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of a particular argument or point of view. Argued for or against a particular point of view and defended my П argument. Connected what I learned in multiple courses.



7. How often did you have the following experiences as an undergraduate at this institution? |Very|

	often	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Attended a debate or lecture on a current political/social issue.					
Participated in a diversity or cultural awareness workshop.					
Had discussions about intergroup relations with students differing					
from you in gender, national origin, political views, race, religion,					
sexuality, or values.					
Had serious discussions with other students about different lifestyles	П		П		П
and customs.					
Had serious discussions with faculty or staff whose political, social,	П				П
or religious opinions were different from your own.					
Had serious discussions with students whose political, social, or	П				П
religious opinions were different from your own.					

8. To what extent did your experience as an undergraduate at this institution contribute to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

personal development in the following areas:	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
Careful reading: Comprehension and analysis of written texts within and across genres.				
Critical thinking: Examination of ideas, evidence, and assumptions before accepting or formulating a conclusion.				
Creative thinking: Developing or combining ideas, images, or expertise in innovative ways.				
Information literacy: Locating, evaluating, and using information effectively and responsibly for a particular purpose.				
Quantitative literacy: Seeking, understanding, and using quantitative information appropriately to solve problems or make arguments.				
Effective writing: Conveying accurate and compelling content in clear, expressive, and audience-appropriate prose.				
Effective speaking: Conveying accurate and compelling content in clear, expressive, and audience-appropriate oral presentations.				
Teamwork: Contributing to a team, facilitating the work of team members, and fostering a constructive team climate.				
Problem solving: Designing, evaluating, and implementing a strategy to answer questions or achieve a goal.				
Civic engagement: Promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and nonpolitical processes.				
Intercultural knowledge and competence: Information, skills, and commitments that support effective and appropriate interactions in a variety of cultural contexts.				
Ethical reasoning: Recognizing ethical issues, examining different ethical perspectives, and considering the ramifications of alternative actions.				
Integrative thinking: The habit of connecting ideas and experiences, and the ability to transfer learning to novel situations.				



	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little
Graduate or professional school				
Current career				
Social and civic involvement				
Interpersonal relationships and family living				
Responsibilities of post-undergraduate life (e.g., managing finances, maintaining health, creating a home)				
Continued learning on my own or outside of a degree program (e.g., learning a new language, professional certification, learning a craft)				
210 appears only to those alumni who reported in Q9 that their undenuch" for continued learning on their own or outside of a degree pro 0. Please describe the continued learning you've experienced on	ogram.	ience prepared	them "Quite	a bit" or "Ve

The activities in Q11 are shown in randomized order.

11. How frequently did you participate in the following activities as an undergraduate at this institution?

	often	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Student or campus government					
Intercollegiate athletics					
Intramural or club sports					
Student publications					
Performing arts/music					
Political organizations or clubs					
Community service					
Sorority/fraternity					
Religious groups					
Internships (paid or unpaid)					
Service organizations (on or off campus)					
Multicultural student groups					
Working with faculty on research					
Study abroad					
On-campus employment					
Off-campus employment					
Independent study					
Other:					



Only activities from Q11 that alumni indicated participating in appear in Q12. These activities are shown in randomized order.

12. To what extent did your experience with each of the following as an undergraduate at this institution contribute to your learning and personal development?

	Very much	Quite a bit	Some	Very little	-
Student or campus government					
Intercollegiate athletics					
Intramural or club sports					
Student publications					
Performing arts/music					
Political organizations or clubs					
Community service					
Sorority/fraternity					
Religious groups					
Internships (paid or unpaid)					
Service organizations (on or off campus)					
Multicultural student groups					
Working with faculty on research					
Study abroad					
On-campus employment					
Off-campus employment					
Independent study					
Other:					
13. How connected do you feel to this institution? ☐ Very strong connection ☐ Some connection ☐ Very little connection ☐ No connection					
14. Overall, how satisfied have you been with your □ Very satisfied □ Satisfied □ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied □ Dissatisfied □ Very dissatisfied	undergraduat	e education at t	his institution	1?	
15. From the perspective you have gained since graexperience at this institution?	aduation, what	do you especial	lly value abou	ıt your undergı	raduate
16. Please use this space to elaborate on any of you experience at this institution.	r responses on	this survey or o	on any aspect	of your underg	graduate



Q17 only appears to alumni who chose a primary activity of "Graduate or professional school" (either full-time or part-time), "Military service," or "Volunteer or national service" in Q1 or skipped it entirely. 17. Are you currently employed? ☐ Yes ☐ No
18. How many paying jobs have you had since you graduated from this institution? Alumni will select from a drop-down menu that lists: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more.
Q19 only appears to alumni who selected no paying jobs since they graduated in Q18. They will then skip to Q24. 19. In the previous question, you indicated you have not had a paying job since you graduated. Which of the following best describes your situation? □ I have not sought a paying job. □ I have sought a paying job, but I have not yet found one.
Q20 appears to alumni who indicate in Q18 that they have had one or more paying jobs since graduating. It will also appear, with two additional response options, to those who haven't indicated yet if they've had a paying job since graduating. (i.e., They either skipped or chose "Graduate or professional school," "Military service," or "Volunteer or national service" in Q1, then skipped both Q17 and Q18.) 20. At what point did you secure your first paying job after graduating from this institution? While enrolled as an undergraduate. During the first six months after graduation. More than a year after graduation.
These two response options only appear to alumni who have not yet indicated if they have had a paying job since graduation. I have not sought a paying job. I have sought a paying job, but I have not yet found one. Alumni who select "I have not sought a paying job" or "I have sought a paying job, but I have not yet found one" in Q20 skip to Q24.
Q21 appears to alumni who indicate in Q18 that they have had multiple paying jobs since graduation and to those who indicated in Q17 that they are not currently employed and then select one or more paying jobs in Q18. It will also appear to those who haven't indicated yet if they've had a paying job since earning their degree. Response options are shown in randomized order. 21. Please indicate whether each of the following descriptions applied to your FIRST paying job after you graduated from thi institution. (Check all that apply) Was related to my undergraduate major Required me to use skills I gained as an undergraduate Was work I found meaningful Allowed me to continue to grow and learn Paid enough to support my desired lifestyle Paid health insurance benefits Had opportunity for upward mobility Continued until I wished to leave Was in a desirable location Overall, was a satisfying job



Q22 and Q23 appear to alumni who either indicated that they are currently employed or haven't confirmed that they are <u>not</u> currently employed (i.e., They skipped or chose "Graduate or professional school," "Military service," or "Volunteer or national service" in Q1, then skipped Q17.)

22. Wł	nat is your CURRENT primary job? (Choose one)		
Art, D	esign, and Entertainment	Law a	nd Government
	Architect		Diplomat
	Artist		Foreign service
	Entertainer		Government worker
	Gallery worker		International relations
	Graphic designer		Judge
	Interior designer		Lawyer
	Museum curator		Other legal services
	Music/film industry		Politics
	Photographer		Public policy
	Other Art, Design, and Entertainment		Other Law and Government
Comm	unications and Media	Manag	gement, Business, and Financial
	Broadcasting		Accounting
	Editor		Actuary
	Journalist		Advertising
	Media production		Executive
	Public relations		Finance
	Publisher		Human resources
	Writer		Insurance
	Other Communications and Media		Management
Comm	unity and Social Service		Real estate
	Clergy		Recruiting
	Community organizer		Retail services
	Philanthropy or nonprofit worker		Sales
	Social activist		Other Management, Business, and Financial
	Social work	Natura	al Resources
	Other Community and Social Service		Agricultural worker
	tion and Library		Conservationist
	Librarian or archivist		Environmental scientist
	Preschool/elementary/middle school/high		Other Natural Resources
	school/secondary administration	Protec	tion Services
	Preschool/elementary/middle school/high		Law enforcement officer
	school/secondary teacher		Military occupations
	Postsecondary administration/staff		Other Protection Services
	Postsecondary teacher or researcher		e, Technology, and Engineering
	School counselor		Computer programmer/analyst
	Other Education and Library		Engineer
Health	Care		Information systems
	Clinical psychology/psychiatry		Lab technician
	Dentist		Scientific researcher
	Dietician		Other Science, Technology, and Engineering
	Nurse	Servic	e and Recreational
	Nurse Optometrist		e and Recreational Chef
-	Optometrist		Chef
	Optometrist Pharmacist		Chef Food service industry
	Optometrist Pharmacist Physical/occupational/speech therapy		Chef Food service industry Hospitality
	Optometrist Pharmacist Physical/occupational/speech therapy Physician		Chef Food service industry Hospitality Sports and recreation
	Optometrist Pharmacist Physical/occupational/speech therapy Physician Veterinarian		Chef Food service industry Hospitality Sports and recreation Travel/tourism
	Optometrist Pharmacist Physical/occupational/speech therapy Physician Veterinarian	_ _ _ _	Chef Food service industry Hospitality Sports and recreation Travel/tourism



Response options for Q23 are shown in randomized order. 23. Please indicate whether each of the following descriptions applies to your CURRENT job. (Check all that apply) ☐ Relates to my undergraduate major Requires me to use skills I gained as an undergraduate ☐ Is related to my desired career path ☐ Is work I find meaningful ☐ Allows me to continue to grow and learn ☐ Pays enough to support my desired lifestyle ☐ Pays health insurance benefits ☐ Has opportunity for upward mobility ☐ Is likely to continue until I wish to leave ☐ Is in a desirable location □ Overall, is a satisfying job This response option only appears to those who have not yet confirmed whether or not they are currently employed. ☐ I am not currently employed 24. Please indicate how much each of the following statements applies to you. Very true Mostly true Moderately Slightly Not at all of me of me true of me true of me true of me I want to be among the very best in my field. I want my work to have a lasting impact on my field. I aspire to have my contributions at work recognized by my employer. Being outstanding at what I do at my job is important to me. I plan to obtain many promotions in my organization or business. I hope to become a leader in my career field. When I am established in my career, I would like to manage other employees. I want to have responsibility for the future direction of my organization or company. I hope to move up to a leadership position in my organization or business. 25. Please answer the following about yourself: Very true Mostly true Moderately Slightly Not at all of me of me true of me true of me true of me I enjoy having authority over other people. When given the chance, I make a good leader of people. П П I am usually a leader in groups. I enjoy planning things and deciding what other people should П П П П \Box do. I like to give orders and get things going. People notice what I say. \Box When a group I belong to plans an activity, I would rather direct it myself than just help out and have someone else organize it. I value having an important job where people look up to me.

П

П

prefer to continue to work.

I like talking to people who are important.

If I had enough money, I would not work.

I want to be an important person in the community.

I really admire people who have fought their way to the top.

Even if I won a great deal of money (lottery, etc.), I would



If une	mployment benefits were really high,	I would still	prefer					
	out how often do you currently e	engage in o	commu	ı nity service o	r volunteer	work for orga	nizations?	
	Weekly				,			
	Monthly							
	Several times a year							
	Once or twice a year							
	Less than once a year							
	the time you graduated, what wa		l amoui	nt that you a	nd/or your fa	mily borrowe	d to finance y	our
	graduate education at this institu							
	No loans			00-\$59,999				
	Less than \$5,000			00-\$69,999				
	\$5,000–\$9,999			00-\$79,999				
	\$10,000–\$14,999			00–\$89,999				
	\$15,000–\$19,999			00–\$99,999				
	\$20,000–\$29,999			000 or more				
	\$30,000–\$39,999		Borrov	wed money, b	out don't knov	v the amount		
	\$40,000–\$49,999							
Alumn	i who selected "No loans" in Q27	skip to Q2	9.					
28 An	proximately what proportion of	vour total	loon or	nount are/w	ara vou parce	nally recnone	ible for nevin	α?
20. Ap	All	your total	ivaii ai	nount are/w	ere you perso	many respons	ible for paying	5 •
	Most							
	About half					\		
	Some, but less than half							
	None							
	Unsure							
Demo	graphic Information							
	next section, we ask questions about e questions to develop a picture of							
20 W	hich of the following best describ	oc vour ni	·imary (area of study	2 (Choose or	1a)		
29. W	Biological Sciences (e.g., Biolog						nevehology)	
	Business and Management (e.g.,						psychology)	
	Communications (e.g., Journalism							
	Education (e.g., Elementary Educ							
	Engineering (e.g., Chemical Engi						ical Engineeri	ng)
	Fine and Performing Arts (e.g., A					cring, wicchair	ileai Engilicein	1g)
	Health Sciences (e.g., Exercise S							
	Humanities (e.g., Classics, English					shy)		
	Physical Sciences, Mathematics,						Sciences Phys	ice)
	Social Sciences (e.g., Anthropolo						sciences, Filys	ics)
						y, sociology)		
	Prefer not to respond							
	Trefer not to respond							
30. W	hat is your gender?							
	Man							
	Woman							
	Nonbinary, please self describe:			_				
	Prefer not to respond							
21 4	a von tuanggan dang							
_	e you transgender?							
	Yes No							
	Prefer not to respond							
	TENNET TO BUILDING							



32. V	hat was your citizenship status during the time you were enrolled as an undergraduate?
	U.S. citizen
	U.S. permanent resident but not a U.S. citizen
	Not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
	Prefer not to respond
22 4	
_	re you Hispanic or Latino/a?
	Prefer not to respond
34 P	lease indicate the race or races with which you identify. (Choose one or more)
J4. I	
_	
_	
_	Trefer not to respond
35. V	That is your current age?
	Younger than 25
	25–34
	35–44
	45–54
	55–64
	65–74
	75–84
	85 or older
	Prefer not to respond
36. V	Thich of the following most accurately describes your current personal annual income before taxes? Please report your
perso	onal income, not your total household income.
	No earned income \$140,000–\$159,999
	Less than \$20,000
	\$20,000-\$39,999
	\$40,000-\$59,999
	\$60,000-\$79,999
	\$80,000–\$99,999
	\$100,000–\$119,999
	\$120,000–\$139,999
37. V	/hat is your current relationship status? (Choose one)
	Living with partner
	Married
	Separated or divorced
	Single
	Widowed
	Other relationship status:
	Prefer not to respond
20 T	ion many dependent children de vou have?
_	ow many dependent children do you have?
	1 TOTAL HOLLO TOSPOHU