

Appalachian State University
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		Count	Column %
When do you plan to graduate?	Spring 2020 (May)	983	64.7%
	Summer 2020	198	13.0%
	Fall 2019 (December)	339	22.3%
Please indicate the extent to which you agree that academic advising during your academic career at Appalachian enabled you to successfully progress toward graduation.	Strongly disagree	51	3.4%
	Disagree	134	8.8%
	Neither agree nor disagree	177	11.6%
	Agree	628	41.3%
	Strongly agree	530	34.9%
Based on your last two years on this campus, is your assigned academic advisor the person from whom you received the most advising assistance?	Yes	952	62.6%
	No	484	31.8%
	Do not know	84	5.5%
Based on your last two years on this campus, please indicate the extent to which you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the advising/mentoring you have received through your college, school, or department in each of the following.		Count	Column %
Time spent advising/mentoring me	Not applicable	9	0.6%
	Very dissatisfied	53	3.5%
	Dissatisfied	98	6.5%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	205	13.7%
	Satisfied	650	43.3%
	Very satisfied	485	32.3%
Understanding degree requirements and course sequencing	Not applicable	4	0.3%
	Very dissatisfied	44	2.9%
	Dissatisfied	83	5.5%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	148	9.9%
	Satisfied	629	41.9%
	Very satisfied	592	39.5%
Being aware of and understanding relevant campus policies and procedures	Not applicable	15	1.0%
	Very dissatisfied	27	1.8%
	Dissatisfied	74	4.9%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	261	17.4%
	Satisfied	673	44.9%
	Very satisfied	450	30.0%
Thinking about post-graduate educational options (e.g., graduate school)	Not applicable	46	3.1%
	Very dissatisfied	61	4.1%
	Dissatisfied	142	9.5%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	350	23.3%
	Satisfied	499	33.3%
	Very satisfied	402	26.8%
Thinking about post-graduate employment options	Not applicable	41	2.7%
	Very dissatisfied	87	5.8%
	Dissatisfied	194	12.9%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	345	23.0%
	Satisfied	467	31.1%
	Very satisfied	366	24.4%
Thinking about co-ops, internships, and other career-related employment to gain work-related experience during my time at Appalachian	Not applicable	50	3.3%
	Very dissatisfied	65	4.3%
	Dissatisfied	181	12.1%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	318	21.2%
	Satisfied	515	34.3%
	Very satisfied	371	24.7%

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Encouraging me to be involved on campus	Not applicable	63	4.2%
	Very dissatisfied	67	4.5%
	Dissatisfied	155	10.3%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	425	28.3%
	Satisfied	471	31.4%
	Very satisfied	319	21.3%
Overall advising (in the last two years)	Not applicable	4	0.3%
	Very dissatisfied	69	4.6%
	Dissatisfied	117	7.8%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	204	13.6%
	Satisfied	576	38.4%
	Very satisfied	530	35.3%
Based on your last two years on this campus, indicate which is most accurate: I met with someone in my college, school, or department for advising:	Never	49	3.3%
	Usually once a year	224	15.0%
	Usually once a semester	908	60.7%
	Usually more than once a semester	314	21.0%
The general education program at Appalachian prepared me to:		Count	Column %
Communicate effectively	Don't know/not applicable	69	4.6%
	Strongly disagree	58	3.9%
	Disagree	130	8.7%
	Neither agree nor disagree	233	15.6%
	Agree	616	41.2%
	Strongly agree	388	26.0%
Think critically and creatively	Don't know/not applicable	66	4.4%
	Strongly disagree	52	3.5%
	Disagree	107	7.2%
	Neither agree nor disagree	175	11.7%
	Agree	661	44.2%
	Strongly agree	433	29.0%
Understand aspects of the diverse world	Don't know/not applicable	63	4.2%
	Strongly disagree	54	3.6%
	Disagree	99	6.6%
	Neither agree nor disagree	178	11.9%
	Agree	626	41.9%
	Strongly agree	474	31.7%
Understand the responsibilities of community membership	Don't know/not applicable	64	4.3%
	Strongly disagree	65	4.4%
	Disagree	132	8.8%
	Neither agree nor disagree	254	17.0%
	Agree	586	39.2%
	Strongly agree	393	26.3%

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In regard to local and global connections, I feel Appalachian prepared me to...	Count	Column %	
Account for diverse perspectives when interacting with others to solve local or global problems	Strongly disagree	22	1.5%
	Disagree	97	6.5%
	Neither agree nor disagree	223	15.0%
	Agree	670	45.0%
	Strongly agree	476	32.0%
Address complex global problems from interdisciplinary perspectives	Strongly disagree	18	1.2%
	Disagree	118	7.9%
	Neither agree nor disagree	247	16.6%
	Agree	672	45.2%
	Strongly agree	433	29.1%
Address complex local and global issues through the lens of sustainability	Strongly disagree	25	1.7%
	Disagree	127	8.5%
	Neither agree nor disagree	242	16.3%
	Agree	649	43.6%
	Strongly agree	445	29.9%
Analyze the effect of my own cultural biases on my interactions with diverse others	Strongly disagree	25	1.7%
	Disagree	81	5.4%
	Neither agree nor disagree	190	12.8%
	Agree	674	45.3%
	Strongly agree	518	34.8%

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Based on your last two years on this campus, how satisfied are you with each of the following library services?		Count	Column %
Space for individual student work	Don't know/not applicable	53	3.6%
	Very dissatisfied	27	1.8%
	Dissatisfied	132	8.9%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	103	6.9%
	Satisfied	639	43.0%
	Very satisfied	531	35.8%
Space for group work	Don't know/not applicable	53	3.6%
	Very dissatisfied	23	1.5%
	Dissatisfied	107	7.2%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	124	8.4%
	Satisfied	679	45.7%
	Very satisfied	499	33.6%
Training/instruction for using library and information resources	Don't know/not applicable	86	5.8%
	Very dissatisfied	18	1.2%
	Dissatisfied	88	5.9%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	314	21.1%
	Satisfied	597	40.2%
	Very satisfied	382	25.7%
Access to online library resources	Don't know/not applicable	24	1.6%
	Very dissatisfied	7	0.5%
	Dissatisfied	30	2.0%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	119	8.0%
	Satisfied	690	46.5%
	Very satisfied	615	41.4%
Hours of operation	Don't know/not applicable	48	3.2%
	Very dissatisfied	19	1.3%
	Dissatisfied	64	4.3%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	89	6.0%
	Satisfied	613	41.3%
	Very satisfied	652	43.9%
The impact library resources and services had on my learning experience	Don't know/not applicable	40	2.7%
	Very dissatisfied	3	0.2%
	Dissatisfied	19	1.3%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	190	12.8%
	Satisfied	683	46.0%
	Very satisfied	550	37.0%

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How satisfied were you with the overall instruction in your major?	Very dissatisfied	10	0.7%
	Dissatisfied	62	4.2%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	79	5.3%
	Satisfied	641	43.2%
	Very satisfied	693	46.7%
Assuming your next step would be employment or graduate school, how well prepared do you feel?	Very unprepared	33	2.2%
	Unprepared	187	12.6%
	Well prepared	891	60.0%
	Extremely well prepared	374	25.2%
If you were starting your undergraduate education again, how likely is it that you would choose Appalachian?	Very unlikely	47	3.2%
	Unlikely	84	5.7%
	Neither likely nor unlikely	123	8.4%
	Likely	435	29.5%
	Very likely	784	53.2%
Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of the undergraduate education you received at Appalachian?	Very Dissatisfied	16	1.1%
	Dissatisfied	39	2.6%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	99	6.7%
	Satisfied	610	41.4%
	Very satisfied	709	48.1%
Has it taken you longer than four years (i.e., eight consecutive semesters of enrollment) to graduate?	Yes	388	26.4%
	No	1083	73.6%
Which of the following best describes your primary plans after graduation?	Employed full time (on average 30 hours or more per week)	406	27.8%
	Employed part time (on average less than 30 hours per week)	28	1.9%
	Currently seeking, or plan to seek, paid employment.	526	36.0%
	Employed in a postgraduate internship or fellowship	30	2.1%
	Self-employed or starting my own business	18	1.2%
	Serving in the US military	10	0.7%
	Engaged in a volunteer or service program (e.g., Peace Corps, Americorp).	13	0.9%
	Enrolled in a program of continuing education	250	17.1%
	Planning to continue education but not yet enrolled	167	11.4%
	Not seeking employment or continuing education at this time	13	0.9%

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Please choose the top three reasons it took you longer than four years to graduate.		Count	Column %	
Most Important	I changed majors	81	23.8%	
	I took a semester or more off for personal (non-financial) reasons (e.g., medical, family, etc.)	54	15.8%	
	I lost credits when I transferred to Appalachian	46	13.5%	
	Other reasons	37	10.9%	
	I wanted to/was advised to take a lighter course load	22	6.5%	
	I could not get the courses I needed	21	6.2%	
	My participation in a co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching, etc.	21	6.2%	
	Financial reasons	17	5.0%	
	I went part-time for personal (non-financial) reasons (e.g., medical, family, etc.)	15	4.4%	
	The number of hours I spent working for pay	11	3.2%	
	I am graduating with more than one major	10	2.9%	
	My participation in a Study Abroad program	6	1.8%	
	2nd Most Important	I changed majors	55	16.1%
		Other reasons	47	13.8%
I wanted to/was advised to take a lighter course load		43	12.6%	
I could not get the courses I needed		43	12.6%	
I lost credits when I transferred to Appalachian		32	9.4%	
The number of hours I spent working for pay		31	9.1%	
I took a semester or more off for personal (non-financial) reasons (e.g., medical, family, etc.)		26	7.6%	
I went part-time for personal (non-financial) reasons (e.g., medical, family, etc.)		21	6.2%	
Financial reasons		20	5.9%	
My participation in a co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching, etc.		12	3.5%	
My participation in a Study Abroad program		6	1.8%	
I am graduating with more than one major		5	1.5%	

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Please choose the top three reasons it took you longer than four years to graduate.		Count	Column %
3rd Most Important	Other reasons	79	23.2%
	The number of hours I spent working for pay	50	14.7%
	I wanted to/was advised to take a lighter course load	49	14.4%
	I could not get the courses I needed	38	11.1%
	I changed majors	33	9.7%
	My participation in a co-op, internship, practicum, student teaching, etc.	21	6.2%
	I lost credits when I transferred to Appalachian	18	5.3%
	I went part-time for personal (non-financial) reasons (e.g., medical, family, etc.)	16	4.7%
	Financial reasons	14	4.1%
	I took a semester or more off for personal (non-financial) reasons (e.g., medical, family, etc.)	13	3.8%
	My participation in a Study Abroad program	6	1.8%
	I am graduating with more than one major	4	1.2%

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The following Covid-19 questions were only asked to students during the Spring 2020 semester.

Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements.		Count	Column %
Overall, the staff and administration at Appalachian have done a good job protecting students from the health consequences of COVID-19.	Strongly agree	532	45.4%
	Agree	496	42.3%
	Neither agree nor disagree	114	9.7%
	Disagree	23	2.0%
	Strongly disagree	8	0.7%
Overall, staff and administration at Appalachian have shown care and concern for me as they responded to the spread of COVID-19.	Strongly agree	502	42.8%
	Agree	472	40.2%
	Neither agree nor disagree	130	11.1%
	Disagree	56	4.8%
	Strongly disagree	13	1.1%
Overall, faculty at Appalachian have shown care and concern for me as they made changes in their courses in response to COVID-19	Strongly agree	521	44.4%
	Agree	427	36.4%
	Neither agree nor disagree	127	10.8%
	Disagree	77	6.6%
	Strongly disagree	21	1.8%
Please indicate your level of satisfaction with Appalachian about the following:cc		Count	Column %
The support you received from Appalachian to help you transition to taking your classes online	Very satisfied	324	27.6%
	Satisfied	470	40.1%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	241	20.5%
	Dissatisfied	120	10.2%
	Very dissatisfied	18	1.5%
The communication you received from Appalachian about its ongoing responses to COVID-19	Very satisfied	416	35.5%
	Satisfied	507	43.2%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	153	13.0%
	Dissatisfied	82	7.0%
	Very dissatisfied	15	1.3%
The adjustments that were made by faculty in my courses in response to the COVID-19 move to online course delivery	Very satisfied	384	32.7%
	Satisfied	468	39.9%
	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	185	15.8%
	Dissatisfied	107	9.1%
	Very dissatisfied	29	2.5%