2021 Graduate Student Survey

Start of Block: Introduction

Welcome to the 2021 WSU Graduate Student Survey

Your feedback is important to the WSU Graduate School! Therefore, we are asking you to complete the 2021 Biennial Graduate Student Survey. In the past, graduate programs have used aggregated survey results and feedback from graduate students to make curricular changes, improve advising and mentoring, provide professional development, and address student climate issues.

Completing the Research Survey

This survey asks about a variety of topics regarding your experience as a graduate student from academics to your own personal wellbeing in a series of closed-ended items. You will have an option to provide an open-ended response at the end. It may take up to 20 minutes to complete. You may choose to complete the survey on a mobile device.

Risks and Benefits

The responses will be used to create de-identified, aggregated results to communicate findings both internally within the university (to improve graduate programs at WSU) and externally (to contribute to the body of knowledge on graduate education). Risks include any discomfort or fatigue you may feel while responding to items. You can close out of the survey at any time if you need to take a break and start back where you left off if using the same device. You can choose not to participate, or you can begin the survey and discontinue it at any time, without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled; it will not impact your status in your graduate program. In appreciation, you will be entered to win one of ten \$50 Safeway grocery gift cards upon completing the survey. Winners of a gift card will be notified no later than March 31, 2021.

Your Participation Is Voluntary; All Information Will Remain Confidential.

This survey is being sent to all currently enrolled WSU graduate students in doctoral and masters degree programs. Your participation is strongly encouraged but completely <u>voluntary</u>. The Graduate School will ensure individual responses cannot be directly connected to your personally identifying information and will remain confidential. All survey results will be reported in aggregate, using combined data from all respondents.

Who to Contact with Questions

If you encounter technical problems while completing this survey, or you have any questions or comments about the survey, please contact **Scott Avery**, Director of Graduate Assessment (**scottavery@wsu.edu**) or **Dr. Tammy Barry**, Associate Dean (**tammy.barry@wsu.edu**). This survey has been certified by the Washington State University Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) as Not Human Subject Research.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above information. By selecting YES below, I consent to participate in this study. (Note: You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this study.) Thanks for your participation!

- o Yes (1)
- o No (0)

Start of Block: Students' Information

2.1 Please verify that your information is correct. The following information has been pre-filled based on your Spring 2021 graduate enrollment and will be used to create de-identified, aggregated results to communicate findings. Your personal information will remain confidential and will not be used to identify individual survey responses.

Primary Degree Program: \$\{e://Field/PrimaryDegreeProgram}\Campus: \$\{e://Field/Campus\}

- My information is correct (1)
- My information is not correct (0)

Display Question 2.2 if 2.1 = 2 (information is not correct)

2.2 Please provide any corrections for your primary degree program and/or campus in the space below.

- 2.3 Are you currently working at a WSU Research and Extension Center?
 - Yes (1)
 - o No (0)

Start of Block: Overall Experience

- 3.1 Please rate your **overall experience** as a graduate student at WSU.
 - Excellent (5)
 - Very good (4)
 - o Good (3)
 - o Fair (2)
 - o Poor (1)
- 3.2 Please rate the academic quality of your program or department.
 - o Excellent (5)
 - Very good (4)
 - o Good (3)
 - o Fair (2)
 - o Poor (1)
- 3.3 Please rate each of the following aspects of your graduate experience at WSU.

	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)	No Experience (999)
Demographic diversity of the student body	0	0	0	0	0	0
Demographic diversity of the faculty	0	0	0	0	0	О
Cultural and performing arts programs	0	0	0	0	0	О
Athletic and recreational activities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student organizations and activities	0	О	0	0	0	О
Student healthcare services	0	О	0	0	0	О
Graduate student housing	0	0	0	0	0	0

Start of Block: Advising

- 4.1 How satisfied are you with the advising and mentorship you receive in your program or department?
 - Very satisfied (5)
 - o Satisfied (4)
 - Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (3)
 - o Dissatisfied (2)
 - Very dissatisfied (1)
- 4.2 Do you have a faculty advisor/major professor?
 - o Yes (1)
 - o No (0)

Display Questions 4.3 through 4.5 if $\overline{4.2} = 1$ (yes)

- 4.3 **How often** do you typically have **substantive contact** with your faculty advisor or major professor about your academic progress and research?
 - Weekly or more often (6)
 - o Twice a month (5)
 - o Monthly (4)
 - o 2-3 times a term (3)
 - Once a term (2)
 - Once a year (1)
 - Never have had a substantive contact (0)

- 4.4 Is this **frequency** about right, not enough contact, or too much contact?
 - Just about the right amount of contact (3)
 - There is too much contact; I do not have enough independence (2)
 - There is not enough contact; I do not receive all the guidance I need (1)
 - I am not sure (0)
 - o Not applicable (999)

4.5 Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements. **My faculty advisor or major professor:**

,	Strongly Agree (7)	Agree (6)	Slightly Agree (5)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (4)	Slightly Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Is an asset to my career and professional development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seems genuinely interested in my personal well-being	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Is actively involved in my academic training	О	0	Ο	0	0	0	0
Is open to outside opportunities such as internships, mentoring or training	О	0	0	0	0	0	0
Is a real mentor to me	О	0	0	0	0	0	0
Helps me network with other professionals and experts in my field	О	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discusses my research with me on a regular basis	О	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gives me timely and constructive feedback on my works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clearly states expectations for my academic progress	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Has reasonable expectations for my academic progress	О	0	0	0	0	0	0

Display Question 4.6 if Degree level = Doctoral

4.6 During the last year, have you received advice or assistance from your program or department on each of the following?

	Yes (2)	Have not sought assistance or support (1)	Assistance or support not available (0)	Not Applicable (999)
Course selection	0	0	0	0
Preparing for preliminary or qualifying exams	О	0	0	0
Developing or improving your teaching	О	0	0	0
Developing your dissertation topic	О	0	0	0
Conducting your dissertation research	О	0	0	0
Writing and revising your dissertation	О	0	0	0
Advice on current progress and next steps	О	0	0	0

Display Question 4.7 if Degree level = Masters

4.7 During the last year, have you received advice or assistance from your program or department on each of the following?

Yes (2)	Have not sought assistance or support (1)	Assistance or support not available (0)	Not Applicable (999)
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For EACH item in 4.6 or 4.7 above, if the individual item = 1 (yes), a follow-up question about that item will be asked, ; for example:

4.8 – 4.17 How helpful was the advice or assistance you received about **course selection**?

- o Very helpful (4)
- o Somewhat helpful (3)
- Not very helpful (2)
- o Not at all helpful (1)

Start of Block: Academic and Research Support

5.1 Have you received assistance or support from your program or department on any of the following?

	Yes (2)	Have not sought assistance or support (1)	Assistance or support not available (0)	Not Applicable (999)
Giving effective presentations	0	0	0	0
Achieving discipline standards of academic writing	0	0	0	0
Preparing articles for publication	0	0	0	О
Writing grant or fellowship proposals	0	0	0	0
Conducting collaborative research	0	0	0	0
Teaching/pedagogy in your discipline	0	О	0	О
Training in research or professional ethics in your field	0	О	0	O
Avoiding plagiarism and maintaining standards of academic integrity	0	0	0	0
Planning for academic career	0	0	0	0
Planning for non-academic career	0	О	0	0

For EACH item in 5.1 above, if the individual item = 1 (yes), a follow-up question about that item will be asked, ; for example:

5.2 – 5.11 How helpful was the assistance or support you received on giving effective presentations?

- Very helpful (4)
- Somewhat helpful (3)
- Not very helpful (2)
- o Not at all helpful (1)

Start of Block: Teaching

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- o Yes (1)
- o No (0)

Display Question 6.2 if 6.1 = 1 (yes)

6.2 What **type of teaching activities** are you currently engaged in or have you completed in your degree program? Select all that apply.

	Yes (1)	No (0)
Evaluate and grade assignments for a primary instructor	0	0
Present a guest lecture for a primary instructor	0	0
Lead a discussion section or lab section	0	0
Serve as primary instructor for an undergraduate course	0	0
Serve as primary instructor for an online course	О	О
Other (please specify)	0	0

If discussion/lab item in 6.2 = 1 (yes), this follow-up question will be asked:

6.3 Please rate the quality of resources used to prepare you to lead a discussion section or lab section	6.3 Please rate the qu	ality of resources used to	prepare you to lead a	discussion section or lab section?
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- Excellent (5)
- Very good (4)
- o Adequate (3)
- o Fair (2)
- o Poor (1)
- o Not used (999)

If instructor of undergraduate course in 6.2 = 1 (yes), this follow-up question will be asked:

6.4 Please rate the quality of resources used to prepare you to instruct an undergraduate course?

- o Excellent (5)
- Very good (4)
- o Adequate (3)
- o Fair (2)
- o Poor (1)
- o Not used (999)

If instructor of online course in 6.2 = 1 (yes), this follow-up question will be asked:

6.5 Please rate the quality of resources used to prepare you to instruct an online course?

- o Excellent (5)
- Very good (4)
- o Adequate (3)
- o Fair (2)
- o Poor (1)
- Not used (999)

Display Question 6.6 if 6.1 = 1 (yes)

6.6 How useful are assessments of your teaching (other than student evaluations) for the following areas?

	Very Useful (4)	Somewhat Useful (3)	Not Very Useful (2)	Not Useful (1)	No Assessment (99)	Not Applicable (999)
Develop course syllabus with rubric and course learning outcomes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refine or develop course curriculum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improve lecturing and public speaking skills	0	0	Ο	0	0	0
Implement effective classroom management strategies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evaluate student work and provide meaningful feedback to students	О	0	0	0	0	0
Quality of feedback from observing faculty on teaching performance	0	0	0	0	0	0

Start of Block: Program Quality

7.1 Please rate each of the following aspects of your program or department.

	Excellent (5)	Very Good (4)	Good (3)	Fair (2)	Poor (1)
Quality of the graduate courses	0	0	0	0	0
Quality of graduate-level teaching by faculty	О	0	Ο	0	0
Relationship between faculty and graduate students	О	0	Ο	0	0
Sense of community with other graduate students	О	0	Ο	0	0
Amount of financial support for graduate students	О	0	Ο	0	0
Quality of academic advising and guidance	О	0	Ο	0	0
Helpfulness of staff members in your program	О	0	Ο	0	0
Opportunity to collaborate across disciplines	О	0	Ο	0	0
Opportunity to work with diverse groups of people	О	0	Ο	0	0

7.2 Please indicate the extent to which your graduate education at WSU is **enhancing these skills**.

	Very Satisfied (5)	Satisfied (4)	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied (3)	Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Not Applicable (999)
Becoming an expert in my field	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mastering the latest research methodologies	О	0	0	0	0	0
Conducting research	О	Ο	0	0	0	Ο
Oral communication skills	О	0	0	0	0	0
Written communication skills	О	О	0	О	О	0

	Very Satisfied (5)	Satisfied (4)	Neither Satisfied nor Dissatisfied (3)	Dissatisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Not Applicable (999)
Teaching in my discipline	О	0	0	0	0	0
Developing a professional identity	О	О	0	0	0	0
Practicing principles of ethical conduct	О	0	0	0	0	0
Working within a team	О	0	0	0	0	0
Managing or leading a team	О	0	0	0	0	0
Working with people from diverse backgrounds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collaborating with other researchers or professionals	О	0	0	0	0	0

Start of Block: Campus Community

8.1 During the **current school year**, how frequently have you:

, , , ,	Most of the Time (5)	Often (4)	Sometimes (3)	Rarely (2)	Almost Never (1)
Had your ideas taken seriously by other graduate students	0	0	0	0	0
Had your ideas taken seriously by the faculty	0	0	0	0	0
Felt free to express personal feelings and beliefs	0	0	0	0	0
Spent time with a group of friends who share your interests and values	0	0	0	0	0
Felt accepted as part of the campus community	0	0	0	0	0
Felt welcome most places on campus	0	0	0	0	0
Felt accepted by the faculty with whom you interact	0	0	0	0	0
Felt accepted by the graduate students with whom you interact	0	0	0	0	0
Felt comfortable expressing opposing views in your program or department	0	0	0	0	0

8.2 Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about your **program climate**.

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Students in my program are treated with respect by faculty	0	0	0	0	0
My peers value my research/scholarship	0	0	0	0	0
I have to work harder than some of my peers to be perceived as a legitimate scholar (REVERSED)	О	0	0	0	0

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
My own relationships and interactions with faculty are positive	О	Ο	Ο	0	0
My program is responsive to student concerns	О	Ο	Ο	0	0
Financial support for students in my program is distributed fairly	О	0	0	0	0
My program's procedures are fair and equitable to all	О	0	0	0	0
Students in my program are collegial	О	0	0	Ο	0
I feel included in informal networks in my program	О	0	0	0	0

8.3 To what extent do you agree or disagree that graduate students are respected at WSU regardless of the following identities?

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Biological sex	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual orientation	0	0	0	0	0
Gender identity or gender expression	0	0	0	0	0
Race or ethnicity	0	0	0	0	0
Citizenship or country of origin	0	0	0	0	0
Religious views	0	0	0	0	0
Political views	0	0	0	0	0
Economic background	0	0	0	0	0
Age	0	0	0	0	0
Marital status	0	0	0	О	0
Disability	О	0	0	Ο	0

Start of Block: Financial Support

9.1 Indicate which of the following is a **source of financial support** for your graduate education this academic year. *Check all that apply.*

- o Fellowship, scholarship (1)
- Teaching assistantship (2)
- Research assistantship (3)
- Traineeship/training assistantship (4)
- o Tuition remission or other discounts (5)
- o Grant (6)
- o Personal savings (7)
- Parent contributions (8)
- o Spouse's, partner's, and/or family earnings (9)
- o Personal earnings during graduate school (10)
- Loans (federal) (11)
- Loans (from any non-federal sources) (12)
- Other assistantship (13)
- o Foreign (non-U.S.) support (14)

- o Internship, clinical residency (15)
- o Employer reimbursement assistance (16)
- Other sources (17) _______

Display Question 9.2 if 9.1 = 2 (teaching assistantship), 3 (research assistantship), or 13 (other assistantship) are checked

- 9.2 Please rate your satisfaction with the amount of your graduate stipend?
 - Very satisfied (5)
 - o Satisfied (4)
 - o Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (3)
 - Dissatisfied (2)
 - Very dissatisfied (1)
- 9.3 Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about **finances**.

	Strongly Agree (7)	Agree (6)	Slightly Agree (5)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (4)	Slightly Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
I am confident about my financial situation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I can get by financially without having to cut back on too many of the things that are important to me	0	O	O	0	0	0	0
I have been concerned about money lately (REVERSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

9.4 Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about food and housing insecurity.

	Often True (3)	Sometimes True (2)	Never True (1)	Prefer not to answer (99)
I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more	0	0	0	0
I worried about having secure housing options	О	0	0	0

- 9.5 Do you have substantial parenting or caregiving responsibility?
 - o Yes (1)
 - o No (0)

Display Question 9.6 if 9.5 = 1 (Yes)

- 9.6 What has been your main form of child care in the past six months?
 - o I am caring for my child(ren) most or all of the time (1)
 - Splitting time with a partner or co-parent (2)
 - o Care by another relative (not your partner) (3)
 - Child-care center (4)
 - Care from a babysitter (5)
 - Other (6)

Start of Block: Career Aspirations

10.1 Indicate your preferences for the following **work activities** for the **job** that you would like to get immediately after earning your graduate degree from WSU.

	Extremely Desirable (5)	Very Desirable (4)	Moderately Desirable (3)	Slightly Desirable (2)	Not at All Desirable (1)
Basic research – gaining knowledge primarily for its own sake	0	0	0	0	0
Applied research – gaining knowledge to meet a recognized need	0	0	0	0	0
Development – using knowledge gained from research	0	0	0	0	0
Teaching (K-12, higher education)	0	0	0	0	0
Education administration (K-12, higher education)	0	0	0	0	0
Managing projects or people	0	0	0	0	0
Professional services or consulting	0	0	0	0	0
Advocacy or policy-making	0	0	0	0	0
Pursuing another graduate or professional degree from an institution other than WSU	О	0	0	0	0

10.2 Indicate your preferences for the following **employment sectors** for the **job** that you would like to get immediately after earning your graduate degree from WSU.

	Extremely Desirable (5)	Very Desirable (4)	Moderately Desirable (3)	Slightly Desirable (2)	Not at all Desirable (1)
Research university	0	0	0	0	0
Liberal arts college	О	0	0	0	0
Master's/Regional university	О	0	0	0	0
Community or two-year college	О	0	0	0	0
Business/For-profit company	О	0	0	О	0
Not-for-profit org or Non-governmental org	0	0	0	0	0
U.S. federal/national government	О	0	0	0	0
U.S. state or local government	0	0	0	0	0
Non-U.S. (foreign) government	0	0	0	0	0
K-12 school or school system	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital, medical center, or other healthcare provider	О	0	0	0	0
Self-employed	О	О	0	0	0

10.3 In general, how do you feel about the conditions for pursuing your current career goal after degree completion?

- o Pessimistic (0)
- o Optimistic (2)

Neither (1)

Start of Block: Master/PhD Highs and Lows

Display Question 11.1 if Degree level = Doctoral

- 11.1 What concerns you since you started your Ph.D.? Please select many as you like.
 - The difficulty of getting funding / low success rates for grant applications (1)
 - The difficulty of getting a post-doc position of my choice (2)
 - The number of available faculty research jobs beyond postdoc (3)
 - o The high numbers of PhD holders who are doing or have done multiple postdocs (4)
 - The difficulty of maintaining a work/life balance (5)
 - Uncertainty about the value of a PhD (6)
 - What my career path will be after I earn my degree (7)
 - o Financial worries (cost of living, inability to save for house, children, retirement) (8)
 - Political landscape within academia (9)
 - o Impostor syndrome (i.e., doubting my skills, talents or preparedness for graduate study) (10)
 - Concern about my mental health as a result of PhD study (11)
 - Other (please specify) (12)

Display Question 11.2 if 11.1 has more than one choice endorsed

11.2 Which of these concerns you most?

- The difficulty of getting funding / low success rates for grant applications (1)
- The difficulty of getting a post-doc position of my choice (2)
- The number of available faculty research jobs beyond postdoc (3)
- The high numbers of PhD holders who are doing or have done multiple postdocs (4)
- The difficulty of maintaining a work/life balance (5)
- Uncertainty about the value of a PhD (6)
- What my career path will be after I earn my degree (7)
- o Financial worries (cost of living, inability to save for house, children, retirement) (8)
- o Political landscape within academia (9)
- o Impostor syndrome (i.e., doubting my skills, talents or preparedness for graduate study) (10)
- o Concern about my mental health as a result of PhD study (11)
- Other (please specify) (12)

Display Question 11.3 if Degree level = Masters

- 11.3 What concerns you since you started your master's degree? Please select many as you like.
 - The difficulty of getting funding to complete degree (1)
 - The difficulty of maintaining a work/life balance (2)
 - Uncertainty about the value of a master's degree (3)
 - What my career path will be after I earn my degree (4)
 - o Financial worries (cost of living, inability to save for house, children, retirement) (5)
 - o Impostor syndrome (i.e., doubting my skills, talents or preparedness for graduate study) (6)
 - Concern about my mental health as a result of graduate study (7)
 - Other (please specify) (8) _____

Display Question 11.4 if 11.3 has more than one choice endorsed

11.4 Which of these concerns you most?

- The difficulty of getting funding to complete degree (1)
- The difficulty of maintaining a work/life balance (2)
- Uncertainty about the value of a master's degree (3)
- O What my career path will be after I earn my degree (4)
- o Financial worries (cost of living, inability to save for house, children, retirement) (5)
- o Impostor syndrome (i.e., doubting my skills, talents or preparedness for graduate study) (6)
- Concern about my mental health as a result of graduate study (7)
- Other (please specify) (8)

11.5 What do you enjoy about life as a graduate student? Please select as many as you like.

- Intellectual challenge (1)
- Working with interesting and bright people (2)
- Social life (3)
- University/academic environment (4)
- o Knowing I will have a chance for a permanent academic research job (5)
- Knowing I will have a chance for a non-academic research job (6)
- Knowing I will have a chance to use my skills in an applied job (7)
- o Creativity (8)
- A chance to delay entering the professional world (9)
- Other (please specify) (10)

Display Question 11.6 if 11.5 has more than one choice endorsed

11.6 Which of these would you say is the best part?

- Intellectual challenge (1)
- Working with interesting and bright people (2)
- Social life (3)
- University/academic environment (4)
- Knowing I will have a chance for a permanent academic research job (5)
- Knowing I will have a chance for a non-academic research job (6)
- Knowing I will have a chance to use my skills in an applied job (7)
- Creativity (8)
- A chance to delay entering the professional world (9)
- Other (please specify) (10)

11.7	How satisfied a	re vou with	your decision to	pursue a master'	s degree o	r Ph.D. a	at WSU?

- Very satisfied (5)
- o Satisfied (4)
- o Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied (3)
- Dissatisfied (2)
- Very dissatisfied (1)

11.8 If you could **start over** again, would you **choose**:

	Definitely (5)	Probably (4)	Maybe (3)	Probably Not (2)	Definitely Not (1)
To pursue the same degree	0	0	0	0	0
The same field of study	0	0	Ο	0	0
The same research topic	0	0	0	0	0
The same faculty advisor/major professor	0	0	0	0	0
WSU for graduate study	0	0	0	0	0

Start of Block: Satisfying Basic Human Needs

12.1 Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about your living arrangements.

	Strongly Agree (7)	Agree (6)	Slightly Agree (5)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (4)	Slightly Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
Where I live, I feel safe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Where I live, I am satisfied with my living conditions	О	0	0	0	0	0	0
My housing situation has weighed on me lately (REVERSED)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
On campus, I feel safe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

12.2 How has your overall physical health been this academic year?

- o Very Good (5)
- o Good (4)
- o Fair (3)
- o Poor (2)
- Very Poor (1)

12.3 How has your overall mental health been this academic year?

- Very Good (5)
- o Good (4)
- o Fair (3)
- o Poor (2)
- Very Poor (1)

Start of Block: Stress and Obstacles

13.1 Below are **potential sources of stress** that you may experience as a graduate student. Please indicate how each has affected you.

	Not a Source of Stress (1)	Slightly Stressful (2)	Moderately Stressful (3)	Very Stressful (4)	Not Applicable (999)
Managing the workload for my courses	0	0	0	0	0
Managing my research/scholarly workload	О	0	0	0	0
Managing my teaching workload	О	0	0	0	0
Obtaining the resources to support my research/scholarship	О	0	0	0	0
Interactions with my advisor	О	0	0	0	0
Personal difficulties with my family, intimate relationships, or friends	О	0	0	0	0
Balancing my multiple commitments (research, scholarship, teaching, personal)	О	0	0	0	0
Concerns about my personal finances	О	0	0	0	0
Concerns about my ability to pay for my housing	О	0	0	0	0
Concerns about my ability to purchase food	О	0	0	0	0
Concern about my ability to pay for my medical care or other family members' medical care	О	0	О	0	0
Concerns about my physical health	О	0	0	0	0
Concerns about my emotional/mental health	О	0	О	0	0
Concerns about my future plans	О	0	0	0	0

13.2 Rate the extent to which the following have been **obstacles** to your academic progress in the last year?

	Not an Obstacle (1)	Minor Obstacle (2)	Major Obstacle (3)	Not Applicable (999)
Program structure or requirements	0	0	0	0
Availability of courses	0	0	0	0
Availability of faculty	0	0	0	0
Relationship with advisor	О	0	0	0
Competition among peers	О	0	0	0
Cost of housing	0	0	0	0
Family obligations	0	0	0	0
Insufficient financial support from WSU	О	0	0	0
Immigration laws and regulations	0	0	0	0
Physical health issues	О	0	0	0
Mental health issues	0	0	0	0

	Not an Obstacle (1)	Minor Obstacle (2)	Major Obstacle (3)	Not Applicable (999)
Academic isolation	0	0	0	0
Social isolation	О	0	0	0
Own self-confidence	0	0	0	0
Time management difficulties	0	0	0	0
Current job market	О	0	0	0

Start of Block: Wellbeing

14.1 Over the last two (2) weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

	Not at all (1)	Several days (2)	More than half the days (3)	Nearly every day (4)
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	0	0	0
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	О	0	0	0
Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	О	0	0	0
Feeling tired or having little energy	О	0	0	0
Poor appetite or overeating	О	0	0	0
Feeling bad about yourself—or that you are a failure or have let yourself or family down	0	0	0	0
Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	0	0	0

14.2 How difficult have these problems made it for	you to do your work	, take care of things at ho	me, or get along with other
people?			

- Not difficult at all (1)
- o Somewhat difficult (2)
- Very difficult (3)
- Extremely difficult (4)

14.3 Have you sought help for anxiety or depression this academic year?

- Yes, it was helpful (6)
- Yes, but I did not feel supported (5)
- o No, I sought help elsewhere (4)
- o I wanted to, but there was none available (3)
- o I did not seek help (2)
- Other, please specify (1)
- o Rather not say (99)

14.4 Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the following statements about your wellbeing.

	Strongly Agree (5)	Agree (4)	Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)	Disagree (2)	Strongly Disagree (1)
My life has a clear sense of purpose	0	0	0	0	0
I am optimistic about my future	0	0	0	0	0
My life is going well	0	Ο	О	0	0
What I do in life is valuable and worthwhile	0	Ο	О	0	0
I can succeed if I put my mind to it	0	0	0	0	0
I am achieving most of my goals	0	0	0	0	0
In most activities I do, I feel energized	О	0	0	0	0
There are people who appreciate me as a person	0	0	0	0	0
I feel a sense of belonging in my community	0	0	0	0	0
I have people in my life who express interest and are concerned about my well-being	О	0	0	0	0

Start of Block: Covid-19 Related

15.1 Now, we want to ask you some questions specifically about how the COVID-19 pandemic may have impacted you academically. Which of the following did you experience with your **Fall 2020 term during the COVID-19 pandemic**? (*Mark Yes or No for each item.*)

	Yes (1)	No (0)
I had problems with internet or computer access	0	0
I had difficulty to find a place to study	О	0
I had difficulty concentrating on classes	О	0
I attended classes less often	0	0
I had difficulty conducting research	О	0
I had difficulty working or communicating with faculty	0	0
I had difficulty meeting the degree requirements for my program	0	0
I had to take care of a family member while attending classes	О	0
I had to help children in my home with their schooling while attending classes	0	0
I had difficulty paying my rent or mortgage	0	0

15.2 Which of the following did you experience **from the Spring 2020 term to the present during the COVID-19 pandemic**? (*Mark Yes or No for each item.*)

	Yes (1)	No (0)
l lost a job	0	0
I started a new job	0	0
I experienced cuts to my hours or pay at work	О	0
I experienced a decrease in hours or pay at work	0	О

	Yes (1)	No (0)	
I was sick with COVID-19	0	0	_
A close friend or family member was sick with COVID-19	О	О	
A close friend or family member was hospitalized with COVID-19	О	О	
A close friend or family member died of COVID-19	0	О	

15.3 Have you adjusted your timeline for degree completion since the pandemic began?

- Yes, I will likely take longer to complete my degree (3)
- Yes, I will likely complete my degree sooner (2)
- o No (0)
- o Unsure (1)

Display Question 15.4 if 15.3 = 1 (Yes, I will likely take longer to complete my degree)

.5.4 How much longer do	you expect to com	plete your degree?
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- o 0-6 months (1)
- o 6-12 months (2)
- o 1-2 years (3)
- More than 2 years (4)

15.5 Has your career plan changed since the pandemic began?

- o Yes (1)
- o No (0)

Start of Block: About You

16.1 Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?

- o Yes (1)
- o No (0)

16.2 Are you the first person in your immediate family to attend graduate or professional school?

- o Yes (1)
- o No (0)

16.3 Are you a U.S. military veteran?

- o Yes (1)
- o No (0)

16.4 Are you currently working at a WSU research and extension center?

- o Yes (1)
- o No (0)

Start of Block: Comments

17.1 Please use this space for any other comments you may have about your graduate experience or this survey:

17.2 Thank you for your participation in this important survey! You are now entered for a drawing to win one of ten \$50 Safeway grocery gift cards. Winners will be contacted by email no later than March 31, 2021.