

Spartan Experience Questionnaire

Please record your answers to the numbered questions in this survey on the enclosed scan sheet using a No. 2 pencil. Answer all other items on the actual survey instrument. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Karen Blackwell, Office of Institutional Research at 256-0396 or e-mail her at karen_blackwell@uncg.edu. Thank you.

A. Background Information

1. What type of school did you attend just prior to entering UNCG?
A=High School B=Community or Junior College C=4-Year College or University D=Other
2. While school has been in session this academic year, how many hours per week outside of class do you spend studying?
A=Less than 10 B=About 10 C=About 20 D=About 30 E=About 40 or more
3. While school has been in session this academic year, how many hours per week do you spend working on a job?
A=None, I am not employed during the school year C=13-20 E=More than 30
B=12 or less D=21-30
4. About how much of your college expenses this year is provided by your parents/family/spouse/partner?
A=All or nearly all B=More than half C=Less than half D=None or very little
5. Do you receive any type of federal, state, or college-sponsored student financial aid?
(Scholarships, Grants, Work-Study, etc.)
A=Yes B=No
6. Where do you live during this current school year?
A=On-campus C=Less than a 15 minute drive E=More than a one hour drive
B=Off-campus within walking distance D=15 minutes to a one hour drive
7. If you are a new transfer student this semester, what was your GPA at your last college?
A=Less than 1.00 B=1.00 to 1.99 C=2.00 to 2.99 D=3.00 to 4.00

B. Faculty Contributions

Please evaluate how well faculty members at this campus do each of the following: (Use the following scale to answer Questions 8-16)

A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor

8. Set high expectations for you to learn
9. Respect the diverse talents and ways of learning of you and your classmates
10. Encourage you to be an actively involved learner
11. Encourage student-faculty interaction, in and out of the classroom
12. Give you frequent and prompt feedback
13. Encourage you to devote sufficient time and energy to your coursework
14. Develop opportunities for you to learn cooperatively with fellow students
15. Care about your academic success and welfare
16. In general, how would you evaluate your instructors on these eight measures?

C. Learning Environment

In your experiences at UNCG during the current school year (2000-01) how frequently have you done each of the following? (Please use the following scale to answer Questions 17-27)

A=Very often B=Often C=Occasionally D=Never

17. Discussed assignments or grades with an instructor
18. Discussed ideas from your reading or classes with faculty members outside of class
19. Asked your instructor for comments and criticisms about your work
20. Worked with a faculty member on a research project
21. Tried to see how different facts and ideas fit together
22. Thought about practical applications of course material
23. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions
24. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments
25. Evaluated other students' work
26. Explained material or tutored other students
27. Witnessed students cheating on homework assignments or exams

D. General Education Outcomes

In thinking over your experiences at UNCG, to what extent do you feel that you have gained or made progress in each of the following respects? (Please use the following scale to answer Questions 28-41)

A=Very much B=Quite a bit C=Some D=Very little E=Achieved before I enrolled at UNCG

28. Reading critically and interpreting academic writing in various disciplines
29. Clear communication through effective writing
30. Clear communication through effective speaking
31. Basic computer skills (e.g., word processing, spreadsheets, internet research)
32. Ability to use library resources to support a research project
33. Mathematical skills essential to my program/interests
34. Understanding of the historical, cultural, and philosophical traditions that have shaped our society
35. Understanding of and sensitivity to the world's diversity of cultural experiences
36. Knowledge of the role of abstract ideas and artistic images in self-understanding and shaping society
37. Sensitivity to the ethical dimensions of problems and experiences
38. Ability to engage in successful team/group efforts
39. Critical reasoning skills (testing assumptions, making logical inferences, spotting inconsistencies)
40. Ability to learn on my own, pursue ideas, and find information I need
41. Acceptance of public responsibility and contribution to community service

E. Student Support Services

42. Which of the following sources do you utilize the most to find information about campus activities/events?

A=Campus Pipeline Announcement C=Posters or Bulletin Boards E=Word of Mouth
B=UNCG Homepage/Website (other than Pipeline) D=E-mail

43. Which of the following sources do you utilize the most to find information about campus deadlines?

A=Campus Pipeline Announcement C=Faculty or Staff E=E-mail
B=UNCG Homepage/Website (other than Pipeline) D=University Publications (printed Bulletin, Schedule of Courses)

Please indicate the extent to which you are aware of and/or participate in the following: (Use the following scale to answer Questions 44-48)

A=Aware of and participate in C=Not aware of, but would like to participate
B=Aware of but do not participate in D=Not aware of, no interest in participating

44. Personal Development (e.g., budget or time management) and Leadership Programs
45. Community Service/Service Learning Activities
46. Multicultural Programs
47. Student Organizations
48. Study Abroad/Exchange

Please indicate how often you have interacted with persons from different ethnic or cultural backgrounds. (Use the following scale to answer Questions 49-52)

A=Very often B=Often C=Occasionally D=Rarely E=Never

- 49. In your living environment
- 50. In classrooms
- 51. In student organizations
- 52. At meal times

- 53. How successful has the UNCG community been in providing you with opportunities to interact with or learn from people who are from different ethnic or cultural backgrounds?
A=Very successful B=Successful C=Unsuccessful D=Very unsuccessful

Please indicate your level of awareness or use of the Career Services Center for each of the following:
(Use the following scale to answer Questions 54-58)

A=Aware of and used C=Not aware of, but would like to use
B=Aware of, but have not used D=Not aware of, no interest in using

- 54. Assistance in choosing a major
- 55. Assistance with obtaining a part-time job
- 56. Assistance with writing a resume
- 57. Assistance with obtaining an internship
- 58. Assistance with obtaining a job after graduation

If you are aware of, but have not used the Career Services Center, please indicate why in the space below:

- 59. How many semesters have you lived in UNCG residence halls?
A=1 to 2 B=3 to 4 C=5 to 6 D=7 to 8 E=None

F. UNCG Environment

To what extent do you feel? (Please use the following scale to answer Questions 60-65)

A=Very much B=Quite a bit C=Some D=Very little

- 60. Connected to and/or a part of UNCG
- 61. Valued as an individual at UNCG
- 62. Treated with dignity and respect by UNCG Faculty
- 63. Treated with dignity and respect by UNCG Staff
- 64. Listened to at UNCG
- 65. Students have an adequate voice in most academic or campus policies that affect them

If your major is undecided, please skip to Question 70 otherwise answer Questions 66-69 using the following scale.

To what extent do you feel?

A=Very much B=Quite a bit C=Some D=Very little

- 66. Connected to and/or a part of your department/school
- 67. Valued as an individual within your department/school
- 68. Treated with dignity and respect by faculty in your major
- 69. Listened to within your department/school

70. What most attracted you to UNCG?
 A=Major available C=Personal attention E=Other _____
 B=Academic reputation D=Campus appearance
71. Who most influenced you to come to UNCG?
 A=Parent B=UNCG Student C=UNCG Faculty D=Alumni E=Other _____
72. What is the primary reason you are enrolled at UNCG?
 A=Obtain an undergraduate degree C=Personal enrichment E=Other _____
 B=Prepare for graduate school D=Take classes to transfer to another university
73. What was your expectation of college academic rigor versus your academic experience at UNCG so far?
 A=College is more difficult than expected
 B=About as difficult as expected
 C=Less difficult than expected
 Please explain your answer to Question 73: _____
74. Does the prospect of taking classes after 5:00 p.m. appeal to you?
 A=Yes, and it would not conflict with other commitments
 B=Yes, but other commitments would make it difficult
 C=No, even though commitments do not conflict
 D=No, and other commitments would make it difficult

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? (Please use the following scale to answer Questions 75-82)
 A=Strongly agree B=Somewhat agree C=Somewhat disagree D=Strongly disagree E=Don't Know/Not Applicable

75. UNCG provides smaller communities to support my needs.
 (e.g. learning communities, honors programs, residential college, small classes, out-of-class activities, etc.)
76. UNCG's quality of academic programs exceeds those of other schools I considered attending.
77. UNCG's faculty are better teachers than those of other schools I considered attending.
78. UNCG is an exceptional educational value given the cost of attendance.
79. UNCG is large enough for variety and small enough to care.
80. Greensboro is an excellent place to live and go to school.
81. UNCG is a place where students come first.
82. My department/school is a place where students come first.

G. Technology/Distance Learning

83. Do you presently own a computer?
 A=Yes, purchased prior to attending UNCG D=Yes, purchased after 2 years of attending UNCG
 B=Yes, purchased within first year of attending UNCG E=No, do not own a computer
 C= Yes, purchased within 2 years of attending UNCG
84. Please indicate the main reason for your purchase of a computer?
 A=More convenient access to technology D=Other, please specify _____
 B=Computer labs are too crowded E=I do not own a computer
 C=Need computer for personal (non-school) needs
85. How do you most often access UNCG's web, e-mail, UNCGenie and other Internet sites?
 A=Via using a commercial Internet Service Provider (e.g. AOL, IBM Global, AT&T)
 B=Via using UNCG's dial-up access (Point-to-Point Protocol) D=From a UNCG computer lab
 C=From residence hall room Ethernet network connection E=I do not access them

86. How frequently in the past year as part of a teacher-led classroom experience in the University's public computer labs did you experience serious technical difficulties that prevented or delayed the completion of assignments?
A=Very often B=Often C=Rarely D=Never E=Did not use computer lab
87. How frequently in the past year as a way to complete homework or other assignments in the University's public computer labs did you experience serious technical difficulties that prevented or delayed the completion of assignments?
A=Very often B=Often C=Rarely D=Never E=Did not use computer lab
88. How do you receive your UNCG e-mail?
A=Through my "uncg.edu" account
B=By forwarding my "uncg.edu" account to another e-mail address
C=I do not use e-mail or forward my "uncg.edu" account to another e-mail address

Presently, how frequently do you use the following technology applications? (Please use the following scale to answer Questions 89-95)

A=Very often B=Often C=Some D=Very little E=Not at all

89. E-mail
90. Internet/World Wide Web for personal use (e.g. games, hobbies, interests)
91. Internet/World Wide Web for academic use (e.g. research, class assignments, tutoring)
92. Word processing software (e.g. Word, WordPerfect)
93. Spreadsheets (e.g. Excel, Lotus)
94. Graphical presentation software (e.g. PowerPoint, Paint Shop Pro)
95. Solving computational or statistical problems in general or in a given discipline

Please indicate the degree to which your computer skills improved in the following areas during your time at UNCG. (Please use the following scale to answer Questions 96-101)

A=Great improvement B=Some improvement C=Little improvement D=No improvement

96. E-mailing
97. Internet/Web browsing
98. Use of word processing software (e.g. Word, WordPerfect)
99. Use of spreadsheets (e.g. Excel, Lotus)
100. Use of graphical/presentation software (e.g. PowerPoint, Paint Shop Pro)
101. Solving computational or statistical problems in general or in a given discipline

To what extent do you agree with the following? (Please use the following scale to answer Questions 102-104)

A=Strongly agree C=Somewhat disagree E=Did not use computer lab
B=Somewhat agree D=Strongly disagree

102. The skills I have learned in computing will help me in my future career
103. More emphasis should be put on the use of computing at the University
104. My computing skills have enhanced my overall effectiveness as a student
105. If a web-based course were offered in your program, would you be interested in taking it?
A=Yes B=No
106. If you answered yes to Question 105, how would the availability of a web-based course (off-campus/distance learning) help you most?
A=By accommodating work schedule responsibilities C=By avoiding commuting E=Other
B=By accommodating family responsibilities D=By taking advantage of the ways I learn best

H. Your Conclusions

107. All things considered, how would you characterize the intellectual environment on this campus?
A=Very strong B=Strong C=Average D=Weak E=Very weak
108. All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your major?
A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor
109. All things considered, how would you evaluate the overall quality of instruction?
A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor
110. All things considered, how would you evaluate the overall education that you are receiving at this institution?
A=Very strong B=Strong C=Average D=Weak E=Very weak
111. All things considered, how would you evaluate the sense of community at UNCG?
A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor
112. Do you plan to complete your degree program at this institution?
A=Yes B=Not sure C=No
113. Would you recommend UNCG to a friend considering college?
A=Yes B=Not sure C=No
114. If you could start over again, would you still choose to attend this institution?
A=Yes B=Not sure C=No
Please explain: _____

115. Were you aware of an online version of this survey being available earlier?
A=Yes, but did not complete because I didn't expect I would be asked again to complete this survey
B=Yes, but did not complete because I am not comfortable with using the web/computers
C=Yes, but did not complete because I don't have convenient access to the web/computers
D=No, but would have preferred to filled out this survey online
E=No, but still would prefer to fill out paper surveys rather than online surveys

In what ways can the University support or challenge you more? _____

What motivates you to stay at UNCG, or what are the barriers preventing your continued enrollment? _____

What are your needs as a student and how can the University better meet them? _____

Thank you for completing this important survey.