

# Spartan Experience Questionnaire

## Spring 2003

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=1-5      B=6-10      C=11-15      D=16-20      E=More than 20
3. While school has been in session this academic year, how many hours per week do you spend working on a job on-campus?  
A=None, I don't work on campus      C=10-19      E=30 or more  
B=1-9      D=20-29
4. While school has been in session this academic year, how many hours per week do you spend working on a job off-campus?  
A=None, I don't work off campus      C=10-19      E=30 or more  
B=1-9      D=20-29
5. 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
6. Do you receive any type of federal, state, or college-sponsored student financial aid through the UNCG Financial Aid Office? (Scholarships, Grants, Loans, Federal Work-Study Program, etc.)  
A=Yes      B=No
7. Where are you living during the 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
8. If you are a new transfer student this semester, what was your GPA at your last college?  
A=Less than 2.00      B=2.00 to 2.49      C=2.50 to 2.99      D=3.00 to 3.49      E=3.50 to 4.00

### **B. Faculty Contributions**

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 9-17.

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

Please evaluate how well faculty members at this campus do each of the following:

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

### **C. Learning Environment**

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 18-32.

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

During the current 2002-03 academic year, how frequently have you done each of the following?

18. Discussed assignments or grades with an instructor
19. Discussed ideas from your reading or classes with faculty members outside of class
20. Asked your instructor for comments and criticisms about your work
21. Come to class without completing readings or assignments
22. Participated in a community-based project as part of a regular course
23. Worked with a faculty member on a research project
24. Talked about career plans with a faculty member or advisor
25. Tried to see how different facts and ideas fit together
26. Thought about practical applications of course material
27. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions
28. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments
29. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations
30. Evaluated other students' work
31. Explained material or tutored other students
32. Witnessed students cheating on homework assignments or exams

### **D. General Education Outcomes**

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 33-44.

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

Reflecting on your educational (or learning) experiences at UNCG, to what extent have you improved or made progress in each of the following?

33. Reading and interpreting academic writing
34. Communicating through writing
35. Communicating through public speaking
36. Using online and print resources to find and evaluate information for a research project
37. Reading and analyzing literary texts in varied ways
38. Appreciating the role of artistic expression in shaping human culture
39. Understanding the philosophical, ethical, and religious traditions that have shaped society
40. Understanding history and the forces that shape its interpretation
41. Evaluating arguments and reasoning well
42. Understanding science and its real world applications
43. Understanding human behavior (individuals, social groups, organizations, or nations) within a social context
44. Understanding global differences, international cultures, or foreign traditions

### **E. Campus Life**

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 45-49.

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

Please indicate the extent to which you are aware of and/or participate in the following:

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

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 50-51.

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

How often you have attended the following?

50. University sponsored functions
51. University athletic events

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 52-56.

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

How often you have interacted with persons from different ethnic or cultural backgrounds?

52. In your living environment

53. In classrooms

54. In student organizations

55. At meal times

56. At social functions

57. 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 use the following scale in answering Questions 58-62.

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

Please indicate your level of awareness or use of the Career Services Center for each of the following:

58. Assistance in choosing a major

59. Assistance with obtaining a part-time job

60. Assistance with writing a resume

61. Assistance with obtaining an internship

62. Assistance with finding a job after I graduate

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

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63. Including this semester, how many semesters have you lived in a UNCG residence hall?

A=1 to 2      B=3 to 4      C=5 to 6      D=7 to 8      E=None

## **F. UNCG Environment**

Please use the following scale to answer Questions 64-67.

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

To what extent do you feel:

64. Connected to and/or a part of UNCG

65. Valued as an individual at UNCG

66. Treated with dignity and respect by UNCG Faculty

67. Treated with dignity and respect by UNCG Staff

If your major is undecided, please skip to Question 71. Otherwise, answer Questions 68-70 using the following scale.

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

To what extent do you feel:

68. Connected to and/or a part of your department/school

69. Valued as an individual within your department/school

70. Treated with dignity and respect by faculty in your major

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 71-75.

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

To what **extent** do you think UNCG:

- 71. Emphasizes spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work
- 72. Provides the support you need to help you succeed academically
- 73. Helps you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)
- 74. Provides the support you need to thrive socially
- 75. Provides campus events and activities

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 76-80.

A=Very important      B=Somewhat important      C=Somewhat unimportant      D=Not important

How **important** is it to you that UNCG:

- 76. Emphasizes spending significant amounts of time studying and on academic work
- 77. Provides the support you need to help you succeed academically
- 78. Helps you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)
- 79. Provides the support you need to thrive socially
- 80. Provides campus events and activities

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 81-83.

A=Very Friendly, Available, Supportive      D=Somewhat Unfriendly, Unavailable, Unhelpful  
B=Friendly, Available, Supportive      E=Unfriendly, Unavailable, Unhelpful  
C=Somewhat Friendly, Available, Supportive

How would you describe the **quality** of your relationships with the following people at UNCG?

- 81. Other students
- 82. Faculty members
- 83. Administrative personnel and offices

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 84-86.

A=Very often      B=Often      C=Occasionally      D=Rarely

How **frequently** do you interact with the following people?

- 84. Other students
- 85. Faculty members
- 86. Administrative personnel and offices

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 87-93.

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

To what extent did the following factors influence your decision to attend UNCG?

- 87. UNCG offers the major I am interested in pursuing
- 88. UNCG's scholarly reputation
- 89. Cost
- 90. Location
- 91. Diversity of student body
- 92. Campus appearance
- 93. Campus facilities/resources

94. Who was most influential in your decision making process to attend UNCG?

A=Parent      B=UNCG Student      C=UNCG Faculty      D=Myself      E=Other \_\_\_\_\_

95. 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 95: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **G. Technology/Web-Based Instruction**

96. Do you presently own a computer?  
A=Yes, purchased prior to attending UNCG  
B=Yes, purchased within first year of attending UNCG  
C=Yes, purchased within 2 years of attending UNCG  
D=Yes, purchased after 2 years of attending UNCG  
E=No, do not own a computer

97. How do you most often access UNCG's web, e-mail, UNCGenie and other Internet sites?  
A=From a commercial Internet Service Provider (e.g. AOL, Road Runner)  
B=From a residence hall room Ethernet network connection  
C=From a UNCG computer lab  
D=I do not access them

98. Which of the following best describes how you receive e-mail?  
A=I receive e-mail solely through my uncg.edu account  
B=I forward my uncg.edu account to another e-mail address  
C=I use a non-UNCG e-mail address and I do not forward my uncg.edu e-mail to that account  
D=I use both my uncg.edu account and another non-UNCG e-mail address  
E=I do not use e-mail

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 99-104.

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

How frequently do you use the following technology applications?

99. E-mail  
100. Internet/World Wide Web for personal use (e.g. games, hobbies, interests)  
101. Internet/World Wide Web for academic use (e.g. research, class assignments, tutoring)  
102. Word processing software (e.g. Word, WordPerfect)  
103. Spreadsheets (e.g. Excel, Lotus)  
104. Graphical presentation software (e.g. PowerPoint, Paint Shop Pro)

105. Which of the following best describes your experience with web-based courses?  
A=I have taken a web-based course because it was required  
B=I have taken a web-based course because I wanted to  
C=I have not taken a web-based course but am interested  
D=I have not taken a web-based course and have no interest

106. If you have taken or are interested in taking a web-based course, please indicate your preference for a web-based delivery format. Otherwise, skip to Question 108.  
A=100% web/online delivery – 0% face-to-face lecture  
B=75% web/online delivery – 25% face-to-face lecture  
C=50% web/online delivery – 50% face-to-face lecture  
D=25% web/online delivery – 75% face-to-face lecture

107. If you have taken or are interested in taking a web-based course, how would the availability of a web-based course help you most? Otherwise, skip to Question 108.  
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. Workplace Experiences/Internships**

Please use the following scale in answering Questions 108-115.

A=Have had

B=Have not had, but would like/plan to have

C=Have not had/not interested in having

Which of the following workplace experiences have you had (or would like to have) while enrolled at UNCG?

108. Internship

109. Clinical

110. Field placement

111. Practicum

112. Field observation

113. Service learning

114. Student teaching

115. Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

If you have participated in a workplace experience/internship please answer Questions 116-119.

Otherwise, skip to Question 120.

116. Was/were your workplace experiences/internships for:

A=Credit

B=Non-credit

C=Both

117. Was/were your workplace experiences/internships:

A=Paid

B=Unpaid

C=Both

118. Was/were your workplace experiences/internships:

A=Voluntary

B=Required by your major

119. To what extent do you agree that your workplace experience was valuable to you in gaining real world experience, applying your academic experience, and/or learning what you do or do not want to do as a career?

A=Strongly agree B=Agree C=Disagree D=Strongly disagree

If you have already participated in a workplace experience/internship or are not planning to participate, please skip to Question 123. Otherwise, if you would like to/plan to participate please answer Questions 120-122.

120. Will you seek a workplace experience/internship for credit, non-credit, or either?

A=Credit

B=Non-credit

C=Either

121. Will you seek a paid or unpaid workplace experience/internship?

A=Paid

B=Unpaid

C=Either

122. Will you consider a workplace experience/internship voluntarily or because it is required by your major?

A=Voluntarily

B=Required by my major

## **I. Your Conclusions**

123. What are your current educational plans?

A=I expect to be continuously enrolled at UNCG until I graduate

B=I expect to graduate from UNCG, but I plan to take some time off between semesters

C=I expect to transfer to another college or university because of my major

D=I expect to transfer to another college or university for reasons other than my major

E=I do not expect to complete a degree at UNCG or at any other college or university

Please explain if you selected C, D, or E above: \_\_\_\_\_

124. Was UNCG your:

A=First Choice

B=Second choice

C=Third choice

D=Fourth choice or lower

125. How certain are you about your first choice of major or area of study?  
A=Very certain B=Somewhat certain C=Somewhat uncertain D=Very uncertain E=I have not yet chosen a major
126. All things considered, how would you characterize the intellectual environment on this campus?  
A=Very strong B=Strong C=Weak D=Very weak
127. All things considered, how would you evaluate the quality of instruction in your major?  
A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor E=Does not apply
128. All things considered, how would you evaluate the overall quality of instruction at UNCG?  
A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor
129. All things considered, how would you evaluate the overall education that you are receiving at UNCG?  
A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor
130. All things considered, how would you evaluate the sense of community at UNCG?  
A=Excellent B=Good C=Fair D=Poor
131. Would you recommend UNCG to a friend considering college?  
A=Yes B=Not sure C=No
132. If you could start over again, would you still choose to attend UNCG?  
A=Yes B=Not sure C=No  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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In what ways can the University support or challenge you more? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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What motivates you to stay at UNCG? Are there barriers preventing your continued enrollment? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What are your needs as a student and how can the University better meet them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Thank you for completing this important survey.