

**Executive Summary Undergraduate Exit Survey
University-Wide Results
Fall 2022-Spring 2023**

To gain a better understanding of the student experience at The University of Texas at Arlington, 6,201 graduating seniors were asked to complete a comprehensive exit survey during fall 2022 and spring 2023. Those students have completed their degree requirements from traditional on-campus, online, and accelerated online programs during these semesters. The university-wide response rate was 39% (1,094 out of 2,745 students) for fall 2022 and 48% (1,660 out of 3,456) for spring 2023. Although the response rate for both fall and spring were lower in comparison to previous semesters, there was an increase in the number of survey completions (90% for fall 2022 and 91% for spring 2023) in comparison to last year (85% for fall 2021 and 90% for spring 2022). Table 1 shows the overall response rates for each College, Division and School on campus for fall 2022 and spring 2023.

Table 1: Survey response rates per college/school

College/School	# Graduates	# Respondents	Response Rate
College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs	119	45	38%
College of Business	951	368	39%
College of Education	146	103	71%
College of Engineering	714	284	40%
College of Nursing and Health Innovation	2561	993	39%
College of Liberal Arts	830	337	41%
College of Science	551	237	43%
School of Social Work	132	76	58%
Division of Student Success	197	73	37%
Honors College	6	5	83%

The top three reasons students chose to attend UTA were *availability of major program in their area of interest* (17%), *cost of attendance* (16%), and *convenience of location relative to home or work* (13%). Additionally, 10% of students attended due to *availability of online degree program in their area of interest and financial aid or scholarship offer*.

Table 2: Student Satisfaction Ratings	Total (%) "Excellent" and "Good"
Academic experience	84%
Online registration	84%
UTA as a whole	81%
Library facilities, resources, and services	72%
Bookstore services	65%
UTA administration	63%
Overall support during Covid-19	61%
Paying tuition/fees online	58%

Students indicated a high degree of satisfaction particularly with *Academic Experience* (84%), *Online Registration* (84%), and *UTA as a whole* (81%) (Table 2). Also, around 61% of the students were satisfied with the overall support offered by UTA during the post-pandemic. Through the lens of these graduates, UTA appears to deliver the quality academic programs and services that students were seeking.

If they had to decide to attend a university again, most graduates (79%) indicated that they *would choose to attend UTA for their degree*, and a large majority (90%) *would recommend UTA to friends, family, or associates* as well.

In terms of satisfaction within their major, the top seven aspects students ranked as excellent were: (1) *the major/department as a whole*, (2) *clarity of degree requirements*, (3) *sensitivity to cultural needs and difference among students*, (4) *availability of courses*, (5) *quality of upper division courses*, (5) *overall quality of faculty*, (6) *opportunities for interaction with faculty*, and (7) *accuracy of information about major*. In fact, most either strongly agreed or agreed that *their major gave them a sense of competence in their field* (92%) and that *class sizes were appropriate* (92%).

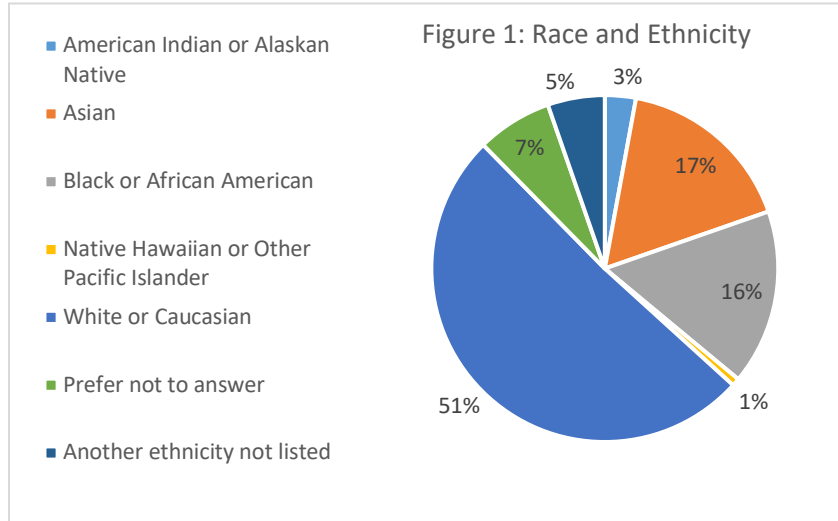
After graduating, most students indicated they intend to pursue employment (74%) or continue their education (21%). For those whose plans were to pursue employment, around 44% are currently seeking employment, and 37% have already secured full-time employment at the time of graduation. Another 10% chose to continue with their current employer.

<i>Table 3: Academic Preparation</i>	Total (%) "Very Well" and "Adequately Prepared"
Identifying, formulating, and solving problems	96%
Understanding professional and ethical responsibilities	95%
Considering other people's viewpoint	94%
Interacting with people from different cultures and backgrounds	94%
Gathering and analyzing information to make conclusions	94%

Academic Preparation: The percentage of students who perceived themselves as very well and adequately prepared across sixteen different categories ranged between 82% and 96%. Table 3 depicts the top five areas. Most importantly, the students' perception of individual preparedness directly aligns with five of the Texas Core Curriculum Objectives: Written and Oral Communication Skills, Personal Responsibility, Social Responsibility, and Critical Thinking. These also reflect marketable skills that are highly valued by employers in job candidates elsewhere.

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In terms of demographics, 31% self-identified as Hispanic Latino, 69% as Female, 4% as International, and most were between 22 and 24 years old (35%). Figure 1 shows the percentage breaking down by race and ethnicity. More than half of the graduates (51%) self-identified as White, while 16% were Black and 17% Asian.



Most graduating seniors transferred to UTA from another institution (61%), and half (50%) were first generation students. 68% of them also expect a salary of \$60,000 or above upon graduation. Table 4 provides additional information on these individuals.

Around 88% of the respondents affirmed that they felt neutral, safe, or very safe to attend face-to-face classes in view of **Covid-19**, and 69% affirmed that it didn't take them longer to complete their degree due to the pandemic disruption. Overall, the survey shows students' high satisfaction with their experience at UTA, as well as their confidence in UTA's ability to prepare them for the future.

Table 4: Description of Graduating Students	%
Transferred from another institution	61%
First generation students	50%
Lived outside of Arlington	70%
Employed 31 or more hours per week	75%
Finished degree in 4 years or less	62%
Used grants, scholarships and loans to complete degree	37%
Took classes at UTA and another institution on the same term	29%

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