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2015 Survey of Graduating Students

This survey is being completed by undergraduates in their last year of study at approximately [__] Canadian universities. We want to learn more about how university contributed to the development of our students and what our students think about their university experience.

If you cannot finish the survey in one sitting, you can close it and return to it using the link in the email we sent you. You will be returned to the page you were on when you closed.

All of your responses are confidential.

Acad	emic history	
hist1	In what year did you begin your postseconda	ry studies? Year:
hist2	In what year did you first enrol at <university< th=""><th>name>? Year:</th></university<>	name>? Year:
hist3	Have you transferred to <university name=""> fr Yes \Box No \Box</university>	om another postsecondary institution?
hist4	Please choose the letter grade that best reflet A □ (includes A+, A and A-) B □ (includes B+, B and B-) C □ (includes C+, C and C-) D □ F □ Since starting your post-secondary education studies for one or more terms (not including work terms)? Check all that apply.	on, have you ever interrupted your
hist5	No	
hist6	Yes, due to illness	
hist7	Yes, for financial reasons	
hist8	Yes, to have/raise children	
hist9	Yes, required to withdraw by the university	
hist10	Yes, for employment	
hist11	Yes, for other family reasons	
hist12	Yes, to travel	
hist13	Yes, for other reasons (please specify):	
hist13t	xt	

	select all that apply.	
hist14	Со-ор	
hist15	Work experience	
hist16	Practicum	
hist17	Internship (unpaid)	
hist18	Internship (paid)	
hist19	Service learning (community service or volunteer activities recognized by the university)	
hist20	None of the above	
	Did any of the following delay the comp name>? Please select all that apply.	letion of your program at < university
hist21	Required courses not available	
hist22	Elective courses not available	
hist23	Grades	
hist24	Financial issues	
hist25	Other (please specify below):	
hist25txt		_
hist26	None of the above	

As part of your current program, did you participate in any of the following? Please

Activ	ities				
Circ	look Combons how a Classification				
Since	last September how often have you				
					Very
		Never	Occasionally	Often	often
act1	attended campus social events				
act2	attended public lectures and guest				
43	speakers on campus				
act3	attended campus cultural events (theatre, concerts, art exhibits, etc.)	П	П	П	П
act4	participated in student government				
act5	participated in student clubs				
act6	participated in on-campus student				
	recreational and sports programs				
act7	attended home games of university athletic teams				
act8	participated in on-campus community	Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
	service/volunteer activities				
act9	participated in off-campus community				
	service/volunteer activities				
act10	[If act8 or act9 <> "Never" branch to act10 During an average week how many hours activities? Hours:			service/volur	nteer
	During an average week in the current ter	m, about ho	ow many hours do	you spend	onthe
	following academic activities?				
act11	In scheduled classes, labs, seminars and			<u></u>	
act12	Academic work outside of class time (h	ours per we	еек):		
Empl	oyment				
work1	Excluding work related to a co-op progacademic term?	gram are yo	ou employed dur	ing the cur	rent
	Yes, c	ff campus			
		n campus			
	Yes, both off campus and o	•			
	No, but I am looking				
	No, and I am not looking	g for work			
	[If work1= "Yes" branch to work2, othe	rwise hranc	h to the Professor	s section 1	
work2	On average, how many hours per wee				

work3 What impact has this employment had on your academic performance? Very negative □ Somewhat negative □ No impact □ Somewhat positive □ Very positive □							
Profe	ssors						
Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements about your professors.							
	Most of my professors	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree		
prof1	are reasonably accessible outside of class						
prof2	take a personal interest in my academic progress						
prof3	treat students as individuals, not just numbers						
prof4	encourage students to participate in class discussions						
prof5 prof6 prof7	are well organized in their teaching seem knowledgeable in their fields communicate well in their teaching						
prof8	are intellectually stimulating in their teaching						
prof9	provide useful feedback on my academic work						
prof10	provide prompt feedback on my academic work						
prof11 prof12	are fair in their grading are consistent in their grading						
	Most of my professors	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No basis for opinion	
prof13	treat students the same regardless of gender						
prof14	treat students the same regardless of race look out for students' interests						

		Yes, all courses	Yes, most courses	Yes, some courses	No courses		
prof16	Were you given the chance to evaluate the quality of teaching in your courses?						
	ering all of your professors and cou ement with the following statemer		e indicate y	our level o	of agreeme	nt or	
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree		
prof17	Generally, I am satisfied with the quality of teaching I have received						
Staff							
Please	Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.						
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	No basis for opinion	
staff1	Most teaching assistants in my academic program are helpful						
staff2	Most university support staff (e.g., clerks, secretaries, etc.) are helpful						

Growth and development

How much has your experience at <university name> contributed to your growth and development in the following areas?

		None	Very little	Some	Much	Very much
dvl1	Thinking logically and analytically					
dvl2	Mathematical skills					
dvl3	Dealing successfully with obstacles					
	to achieve an objective					
dvl4	Thinking creatively to find ways to	_	_	_	_	_
	achieve an objective					
dvl5	Understanding abstract concepts					
dvl6	Speaking to small groups					
dvl7	Speaking to a class or audience					
dvl8	Writing clearly and correctly					
dvl9	Reading to absorb information					
	accurately		Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
dvl10	Listening to others to absorb					
	information accurately					
dvl11	Ability to find and use information					
dvl12	Second or third language skills		Ш	Ш	Ш	Ш
dvl13	Skills for planning and completing					
dvl14	projects					
	Effective study and learning skills					
dvl15	Working independently	_				
dvl16	Cooperative interaction in groups					
dvl17	Computer literacy skills					
dvl18	Persistence with difficult tasks					
dvl19	Entrepreneurial skills	Ш		Ш	Ш	
dvl20	Skills and knowledge for	П	П	П	П	П
dvl21	employment			Ш	Ш	Ш
UVIZI	Ability to lead a group to achieve an objective	П	П	П	П	П
dvl22	Knowledge of career options					
dvl23	Self-confidence					
dvl24	Ability to evaluate your own	_				
GVIZ I	strengths and weaknesses					
dvl25	Ability to interact with people from					
	backgrounds different from your					
	own					
dvl26	Appreciation of the arts					
dvl27	Spirituality					
dvl28	Time management skills					
dvl29	Moral and ethical judgment					

Regardless of how well you think your university did, which three do you think are the most important? dvl2nd dvl3rd						
Expe	ctations and experience					
exp18	Has <university name=""> exceeded, met or fallen short of your expectations?</university>	Exceeded	Met sh	llen nort		
Overall evaluation Please indicate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with <university name=""> in the</university>						
	ng areas.		·			
la.		Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	
eval1	opportunities to develop lasting friendships					
eval2	availability of information about career options in your area of study					
eval3	concern shown by the university for you as an individual					
eval4	the overall quality of the education you have received at this university					
eval5	opportunities to enhance your education through activities beyond the classroom (e.g., undergraduate research, service-learning, students exchange)					
eval6	opportunities to become involved in campus life	n	П	П	П	
eval7	personal safety on campus					
eval8	your university's commitment to environmental sustainability					
eval9	your decision to attend this university					
Please	indicate your level of satisfaction or dis	ssatisfaction wi	th the followi	ng statemen	ts.	
		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	
eval10	I have received good value for money at this university					
eval11	I feel as if I belong at this					

	university
eval12	Would you recommend <university name=""> to others? Yes \square No \square</university>
	[If eval12 eq "No" branch to eval12txt, otherwise branch to Goal Development section.]
	Why wouldn't you recommend <university name="">?</university>
eval12txt	

Goal d	evelopment			
goal2	Have you changed your major or program of study since postsecondary studies? Yes □ No □	you beg	gan your	
	After you have completed your undergraduate studies of	do you in	tend to:	
goal3	apply to a professional program (e.g., Medicine, Law, etc.)	Yes □	No □	Unsure \square
goal4	apply to graduate school	Yes 🗆	No □	Unsure \square
goal5	Which of the following best describes your career plans	?		
	I have some general ideas but I need to clarify them			
	I have several possible careers in mind			
	I have a specific career in mind			
	I am not thinking about a career at this stage of my studies	5		
goal6	Have well do you know the course outless you was supposed		ماما مسمد	امار دم مصور
goalo	How well do you know the career options your program	or inten	ueu progi	amcould
	open for you?			
	Very well			
	Fairly well			
	Only a little Not at all			
	NOT at all			
	Please indicate what steps if any you have taken to prep	are for e	mplovme	nt/vour
	career after graduation? Check all that apply.	, a. c . c . c		, ,
goal7	Talked with professors about employment/career		П	
goal8	Talked with parents/family about employment/career			
goal9	Talked with friends about employment/career			
goal10	Created resume or curriculum vitae (CV)			
goal11	Created an e-portfolio (an inventory of skills, abilities and		_	
	experience maintained on the web)			
goal12	Attended an employment fair			
goal13	Met with a career counsellor			
goal14	Worked in my chosen field of employment			
goal15	Volunteered in my chosen field of employment			
goal16	I have a career mentor			
goal17	None of the above			

Services

Please indicate which of the following services you have used since last September and how satisfied you are with the ones you have used.

				Satisfaction if service used				
				Very	-		Very	
		Used		dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	
srv1	Services for First Nations students		srv1sat					
srv2	Services for international students		srv2sat					
srv3	Services for students with		srv3sat		П	П	П	
	disabilities	_		_	_	_	_	
srv4	University libraries: physical books,		srv4sat					
cn/E	magazines, stacks University libraries: electronic		srv5sat					
srv5	resources		SIVOSAL					
srv6	Employment services		srv6sat					
srv7	Career counselling		srv7sat					
srv8	Personal counselling		srv8sat					
srv9	Academic advising		srv9sat					
srv10	Tutoring		srv10sat					
srv11	Study skills and learning supports		srv11sat					
srv12	Writing skills		srv12sat					
srv13	University residences		srv13sat					
srv14	Advising for students who need		srv14sat					
	financial aid							
srv15	Financial aid		srv15sat					
srv16	Athletic facilities		srv16sat					
srv17	Other recreational facilities		srv17sat					
srv18	University bookstores: physical stores		srv18sat					
srv19	University bookstores: online		srv19sat					
5.725	inventory check, ordering, etc.		0.120001					
srv20	Campus medical services		srv20sat					
srv21	Co-op offices and supports		srv21sat					
srv22	Facilities for university-based social	П	srv22sat	П		П	П	
	activities	_						
srv23	Facilities for student associations		srv23sat					
srv24	Computing services help desk		srv24sat					
srv25	Food services		srv25at					
srv26	Parking		srv26at					

Finances					
fin1 How many credit cards do you have?[If <> 0 branch to fin2, otherwise to Debt.] fin2 Do you usually pay off the whole balance every month? Yes □ No □ fin3 What is the most recent unpaid balance on all of your cards? \$					
Dobt					
Debt					
debt Have you acquired repayable debt to fin	ance your university education?	Yes □ No □			
By repayable debt, we mean money you owe and have to pay back. We are interested in repayable debt that is directly helping to finance you university education, such as tuition, fees, books, but also might include basic living expenses that are incurred while attending university. [If debt = "Yes" branch to debt1, otherwise branch to the Income section.]					
Please enter the approximate amount of debt fro	m each source, in Canadian dolla	ars.			
Repayable debt from government student loans: Repayable debt from loans from financial institutions: Repayable debt from loans from parents/family: Repayable debt from other sources: debt1 debt2 debt2amt \$ debt3amt \$ debt4 debt4amt \$					
Income					
Thinking about the current academic year, please indicate which of the following sources of income you are using to help pay for your university education. For each source please provide the approximate amount in Canadian dollars you expect to receive for the current academic year.					
Government loan or bursary	inc1 inc1amt \$				
University scholarship, financial award, or bursary	inc2 inc2amt \$				
Parents, family, or spouse	inc3 inc3amt \$				
Loans from financial institution(s)	inc4 inc4amt \$				
Co-op program, internship, etc. related to your program					
Earnings from current employment on campus	inc6 inc6amt \$				
Earnings from current employment off campus	inc7 inc7amt \$				
Earnings from summer work Investment income (bonds, dividends, interest, etc.)	inc8 inc8amt \$				
Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)	inc9 inc9amt \$ inc10 inc10amt \$				
Other (please specify below):	inc11 inc11amt \$				
Carter (piease speedify below).	inctxt				

Post-graduation education plans

	rou expect to take further educationer you graduate? Yes □ No □	n in the first y	ear or in 2 to	5 yea	rs	
	dplan eq "Yes" branch to edplan1-1, o	therwise brand	ch to edplan7.]			
		edplan1-1 to	edplan1-2 to			
		edplan6-1	edplan6-2	edpla	n1-3 to	edplan3-3
		1 st year after graduation	2 to 5 years after graduation	any	of the	n to take following current sity?
	Please select all that apply:			Yes	No	Not sure
	Further undergraduate study					
	Graduate school					
	A professional program (e.g., law)					
	Community college/cegep					
	Technical/vocational school					
	Other formal education					
edplan1txt edplan2txt	What other university is your preferr [If Graduate school selected and At a What other university is your preferr	urrent universi	ity <> Yes]		e study?	
edplan3txt	[If <i>Professional program</i> selected and What other university is your preferr				n?	
	[If any of edplan1-1 through edplan6 to emplan1]					
edplan7	Does the debt you may have accumulaffect your decision whether or not to graduate?	•	•		•	
	I have no debt					
	It does not affect my decision					
	It discourages me from taking furt	her education				
	It prevents me from taking further	reducation				
	I need more education to earn en	ough to repay	it			

Post-graduation employment

emplan1	Do you have employment arranged for after you graduate later this year? Yes □ No, I am looking for work □						
	No, I am not look						
	•	•	an2, otherwise brand	ch to Living Arrang	gements.]		
emplan2	Does your job require a degree? it requires my specific degree □ it requires a degree but isn't specific □ a degree is a help but is not required □ a degree doesn't matter □						
emplan3	Is your job related to the knowledge and skills you learned in your studies at <university name="">?</university>						
	Not at all □	Slightly □	Moderately □	Strongly □	Not sure □		
emplan4	Is your employme a full time job ☐ a part time job ☐ several part time	l					
emplan5	Will you have an e	mployer \square or	be self-employed	□?			
emplan6	Is your job permanent, as fa temporary, with a temporary, withou	a definite end d	ate 🗆				
emplan7		•	while in your prograr fore you started you				

emplan8	What is the main way you found your job?			
	workplace experience in your program (co-op, internship, practicum, etc.)			
	other employer contact through your program			
	job fair or recruiters at your university			
	university career or employment centre			
	external career or employment centre/agency			
	a jobs web site (e.g., CareerBeacon.com, Workopolis.com, etc.)			
	professor(s)			
	family			
	friends			
	direct contact with the employer			
	other way (please specify below:)			
emplan8txt		_		
	What are your anticipated gross monthly earnings from your job, before			
	deductions for taxes and other things? If you have several jobs arranged include			
	the total for all of them.			
emplan9	Monthly gross earnings: \$			
emplan10	Is your job in Canada? Yes □ No □			
	[If emplan10 eq "Yes" branch to emplan11, otherwise branch to emplan12]			
emplan11	In which province? [pull down list of provinces]			
	[Branch to emplan12]			
emplan11txt	In which country:			
emplan12	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your post-graduation employn	nent?		
1	Very dissatisfied Dissatisfied Satisfied Very satisfied	iciic.		

Living	rrangements		
live1	Vhere are you currently living?		
livetxt	In on-campus housing (university residence, dorm, etc.) With parents, guardians or relatives In rented off-campus housing shared with others In rented off-campus housing on your own In a home you own Other (please specify): f live1 <> "In on-campus housing" branch to live2, otherwise branch to live3] Vould you prefer to live in on-campus housing if you had the		
live3	hoice? Yes \(\) No \(\) What is your marital status? Single \(\) Married or common law \(\) In a relationship other than married or common law \(\) Yo you have children? Yes \(\) No \(\) If live4 eq "Yes" branch to live5, otherwise branch to Commuting section.] How many up to age 5?		
live6	How many age 5 to 11?		
live7	How many 12 or older?		
Comer	ting		
commuting comm1 At present, what method of transportation do you use most often to get to campus?			
	Vehicle (alone)		
	Vehicle (with others or in a car pool)		
	Public transportation		
	Walk □		
	Bicycle □		
	Other (please specify below):		
commt	 Don't attend the campus □		

Do you have any of the following disabilities? Select all that apply.					
	Do you Is the accommodation at your require university adequate?		our		
		accommodation for learning?	Yes	Partly	No
Mobility	dis1 🗆	acom1 yes □	needs1		
Hearing	dis2	acom2 yes □	needs2		
Speech	dis3	acom3 yes □	needs3		
Vision impairment	dis4	acom4 yes □	needs4 🗆		
Learning	dis5	acom5 yes □	needs5 🗆		
Head injury	dis6	acom6 yes □	needs6 🗆		
Other physical disability	dis7	acom7 yes □	needs7 🗆		
Attention deficit disorder	dis8	acom8 yes □	needs8 🗆		
Mental health	dis9	acom9 yes □	needs9		
Other (specify below:)	dis10 □	acom10 yes □	needs10□		
I do not have a disability	dis11 □	<u> </u>			
Parental educational attainment					
What is the highest level of education your mother and father have completed?					

Parental educational attainment			
What is the highest level of education yo	our mother and fath	ner have completed?	
		meduc Mother	peduc Father
Less than high school			
High school			
Some college, CEGEP or technical school (no diploma)	certificate or		
College, CEGEP or technical school graduate			
Some university (no degree or diploma)			
Undergraduate university degree (e.g., BA, BSc, etc.)			
Professional degree (e.g., law, medicine, etc.)			
Graduate degree (e.g., Master's, PhD)			
Other – Mother (please specify)	meductxt		
Other – Father (please specify)	peductxt		
Don't know/Not applicable		П	П

Ethni	city	
	Are you (check all that apply)	
eth1	Aboriginal (e.g., status, non-status, Métis, Inuit)	
eth2	Arab (e.g., Saudi, Egyptian, etc.)	
eth3	Black	
eth4	Chinese	
eth5	Filipino	
eth6	Japanese	
eth7	Korean	
eth8	Latin American	
eth9	South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan,	
	etc.)	
eth10	Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Indonesian,	_
	Laotian, Vietnamese, etc.)	
eth11	West Asian (e.g., Afghan, Iranian, etc.)	
	White	
eth12	Other (please specify below:)	
ethtxt		
	[If eth1 is checked branch to ab1, otherwise branch t	o the Comments section.]
	Which of the following describes your Aboriginal	
ab1	First Nations status	
ab2	First Nations non-status	
ab3	Metis	
ab4	Inuit	П
ab5	Other	П
	- Ctrief	

Comments
Please take this opportunity to comment fully about your overall university experience. Your remarks will provide valuable information to the institution.
negativ Looking back on your experiences as a student, what aspects of your experience at
<university name=""> have been most negative? How could we have helped or done a better job?</university>
positiv Looking back on your experiences as a student, what aspects of your experience at <university name=""> have been most positive?</university>

2015 CUSC Graduating-year Survey Additional Questions

1)	How would you rate the quality of teaching space (e.g., classrooms, laboratories, seminar rooms) on campus? O Poor Fair
	o Good
	o Excellent
2)	Since I started my education at Waterloo, the amount of <u>study space</u> on campus has: O Decreased O Remained the same O Increased O Don't know
3)	Thinking back on your experience, how much has campus space contributed to providing more opportunities to engage in entrepreneurial activities? O Very much O Quite a bit O Some O Very little O Not applicable
4)	Looking back on your experiences on campus, what aspects of campus <u>study space</u> should we improve to enhance overall experience at Waterloo? [Open-ended]
5)	Thinking about your experience at Waterloo, what do you wish you had known before attending" [Open-ended]
6a) Whi	ch of the following work experiences did you participate in during your program of study at Waterloo?
(S	elect all that apply).
	a. Co-op work term
	b. Internship
	c. Practicum
	d. Community service placement
	e. Field work
	f. Other
	g. Not Applicable (I did not participate in any work experiences)
	-f selected]: Which of the following work experiences in your program of study at Waterloo helped you and your current job (select all that apply):
	a. Co-op work term
	b. Internship
	c. Practicum
	d. Community service placement
	e. Field work
	f. Other
	g. None of the above
	h Not applicable (I do not have a job yet)