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2016 Graduate Exit Survey Report

Total Respondents: 138

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How many years did it take you to finish this degree?

Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
1 – 1 ½ years	12	8.76%
2 – 2 ½ years	63	45.99%
3 – 3 ½ years	26	18.98%
4 – 4 ½ years	30	21.88%
5	3	2.19%
6	1	0.73%
8	2	1.46%
Total	137	100.00%



Majors of Graduate Respondents

Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
Master of Education - Educational Technology	1	0.72%
Master of Education - History	1	0.72%
Master of Education - Science,Technology,Engineering,Math(STEM)	1	0.72%
Master of Education - Spanish	1	0.72%
Master of Education – Art	2	1.45%
Master of Arts - Counseling Psychology	3	2.17%
Master of Arts - Human Resource Management	3	2.17%
Master of Education - Mathematics	3	2.17%
Master of Education - Special Education	3	2.17%
Master of Education - Curriculum and Instructional Technology License	4	2.91%
Master of Science - Food and Nutrition	4	2.91%
Master of Business Administration	5	3.62%
Master of Education - Literacy and Language	5	3.62%
Master of Health Care Administration	5	3.62%
Master of Education - Nutrition Education	8	5.80%
Master of Public Administration	9	6.52%
Master of Science in Nursing	16	11.60%
Master of Education - International Teaching	28	20.30%
Master of Education - Teaching English as a Second Language	36	26.09%
Total	138	100.00%



Question 4: How did you first hear about FSU graduate programs?

Answer	Response Count	Percent of Cases	Response Percent
Graduate Fair/Career Fair	2	1.45%	1.25%
FSU Website	40	28.99%	25.00%
Other Websites	9	6.52%	5.63%
Word of Mouth from FSU alumni	36	26.09%	22.50%
Word of Mouth from current FSU student	18	13.04%	11.25%
From an Undergraduate Faculty Member	7	5.07%	4.37%
Newspaper	0	0.00%	0.00%
Radio	0	0.00%	0.00%
Brochure	2	1.45%	1.25%
Other (please specify)	46	33.33%	28.75%
Total (Responded)	138		100.00%

Other (please specify)
Offered at my International School
My school I work at
At the school I worked
Google search for Family and Consumer Sciences Degree
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
grant through high school
My job - a grant program opportunity.
I went for undergrad
We heard about this program through a grant from the school that I work at.
received B.A. from FSC in 2007
word of mouth, did the pbtI program
It was offered through our district as a grant
Research
Facebook
I completed my undergrad at FSU
I am also a FSU graduate
A colleague applied.
Brought to our school



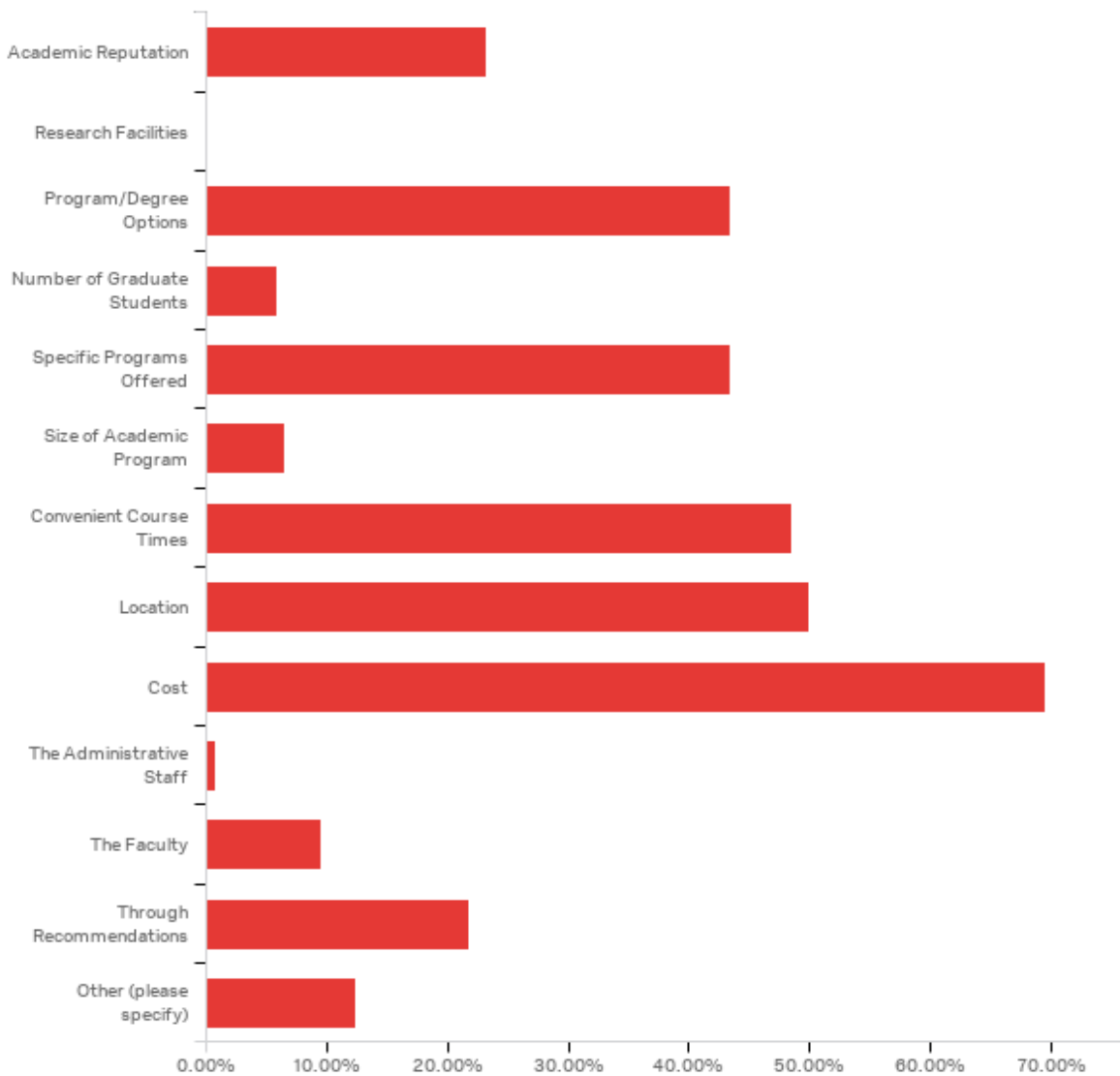
I researched grad programs myself.
My school
self research
colleague
Lincoln International Academy in Nicaragua
resident of Framingham
Grant
Spouse
In my current job
Program is offered where I worked and I was recommended to take it.
School district
word of mouth from cohort organiser
Administration in our district
Lincoln International Academy
The school where i teach
The school I was working at provided the program at a discounted rate
Grant Program offered at Public School
fellow English teacher in Korea who'd heard about it from a friend
Informational Presentation by Dr. Bechtel
A friend suggested it to me
MESPA
friend
Cambridge Public Schools
Our school district obtained a grant.
From EIS school in Honduras
grant through district in which we teach

Question 5: If you selected “Other Websites” above, please specify which websites:

Text Entry
Google
Massachusetts Elementary School Principals Association
Used google search for Massachusetts nursing graduate programs
www.eatright.org
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Professional Career Page
I heard about this program through a grant through Wachusett regional school district
Google search for M.Ed degrees
Facebook Group
Facebook. The person who organized our cohort started a Facebook group



Question 6: Why did you choose to attend FSU for your graduate program?



In the table below respondents selected the most significant reasons why they chose to attend FSU for their graduate program. Respondents indicated the most significant reasons were (1) cost. The second most significant was (2) location. The third most significant was (3) convenient course times

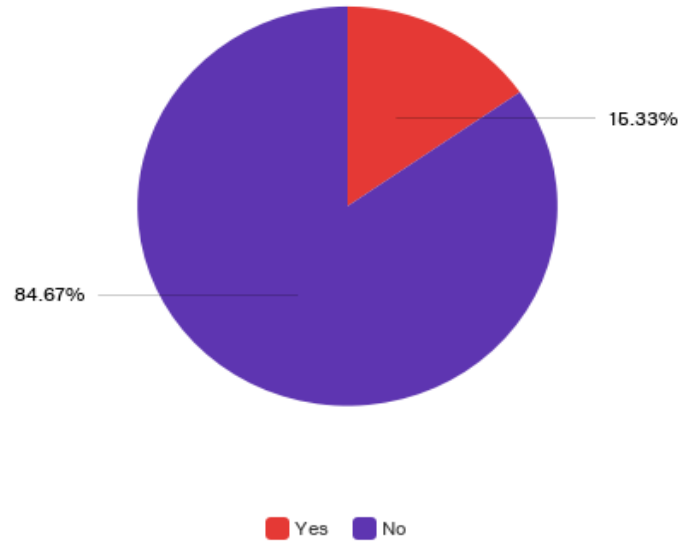


Answer	Response Count	Percent of Cases	Response Percent
Academic Reputation	32	23.19%	6.93%
Research Facilities	0	0.00%	0.00%
Program/Degree Options	60	43.48%	12.99%
Number of Graduate Students	8	5.80%	1.73%
Specific Programs Offered	60	43.48%	12.99%
Size of Academic Program	9	6.52%	1.95%
Convenient Course Times ^{3rd}	67	48.55%	14.50%
Location ^{2nd}	69	50.00%	14.93%
Cost ^{1st}	96	69.57%	20.77%
The Administrative Staff	1	0.72%	0.22%
The Faculty	13	9.42%	2.81%
Through Recommendations	30	21.74%	6.50%
Other (please specify)	17	12.32%	3.68%
Total (Responded)	138		100.00%

Other (please specify)
The school I work at offers this Masters Program Internationally
Online
Availability in Guatemala
Grant we received through the district I teach in.
100% Online Program
Grant!
International Locations
Grant
We were offered free tuition through a grant.
Cohort Grant
One night a week program , hybrid
Received my undergrad there and loved jt
Online Program was appealing. Also I am a state employee so I use a tuition voucher
Ability to take the courses in Nicaragua
Grant
...offered in Korea with in-person classes at local tuition rate.
online options



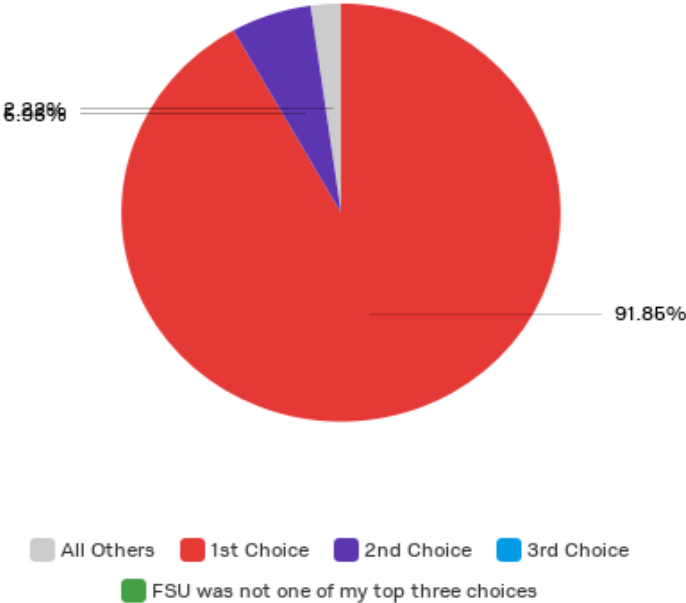
Question 7: Did you apply to any other universities for graduate school?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	21	15.33%
No	116	84.67%
Total	137	100.00%



Question 8: What was your rating of FSU at the time you applied for admission?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
1st Choice	124	91.85%
2nd Choice	8	5.93%
3rd Choice	0	0.00%
FSU was not one of my top three choices	3	2.22%
Total	135	100.00%



Question 9: Please indicate the level of challenge presented by each item below based on your experience while pursuing your graduate degree:

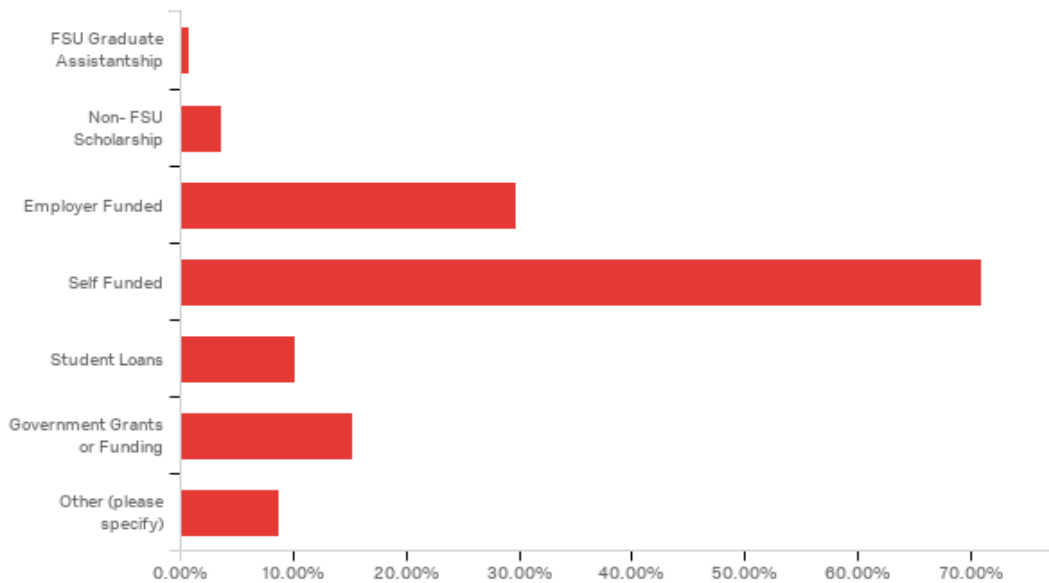
Question	Extremely Challenging	Challenging	Neutral	Not Challenging	Extremely Unchallenging	Response Count	Rating Average
Work or Financial Obligations	9.70%	52.99%	26.87%	9.70%	0.75%	134	2.39
	62.69%			10.45%			
Family Obligations	14.62%	41.54%	20.77%	18.46%	4.62%	130	2.57
	56.16%			23.08%			
Location/Transportation	1.55%	17.83%	23.26%	32.56%	24.81%	129	3.61
	19.38%			57.37%			
Immigration Regulations	0.00%	0.00%	23.68%	23.68%	52.63%	38	4.29
	0.00%			76.31%			
Program Requirements or Structure	5.26%	34.59%	42.86%	12.03%	5.26%	133	2.77
	39.85%			17.29%			
Course Availability	4.65%	12.40%	27.91%	37.98%	7.05%	129	3.50
	17.05%			55.03%			
Communication with Faculty	2.96%	13.33%	19.26%	43.70%	20.74%	135	3.66
	16.29%			64.44%			
Communication with Graduate Office Staff	4.96%	7.44%	26.45%	40.50%	20.66%	121	3.64
	12.40%			61.16%			
Communication with Graduate Advisor	5.56%	14.81%	33.33%	25.93%	20.37%	108	3.41
	20.37%			46.30%			
Communication with Students Services Staff	1.30%	6.49%	33.77%	36.36%	22.08%	77	3.71
	7.79%			58.44%			



Communication with Graduate Admissions Office Staff	3.48%	6.96%	28.70%	36.52%	24.35%	115	3.71
	10.44%			60.87%			
Communication with Graduate Registrar Office Staff	2.86%	8.57%	33.33%	38.10%	17.14%	105	3.58
	11.43%			55.24%			
Course Requirements and Coursework	7.35%	56.62%	25.00%	6.62%	4.41%	136	2.44
	63.97%			11.03%			
Portfolio Requirement	7.69%	24.18%	47.25%	12.09%	8.79%	91	2.90
	31.87%			20.88%			
Practicum Requirement	12.16%	29.73%	44.59%	8.11%	5.41%	74	2.65
	41.89%			13.52%			
Comprehensive Exam	25.93%	34.57%	32.10%	4.94%	2.47%	81	2.23
	60.50%			7.41%			



Question 10: How did you finance your graduate education?

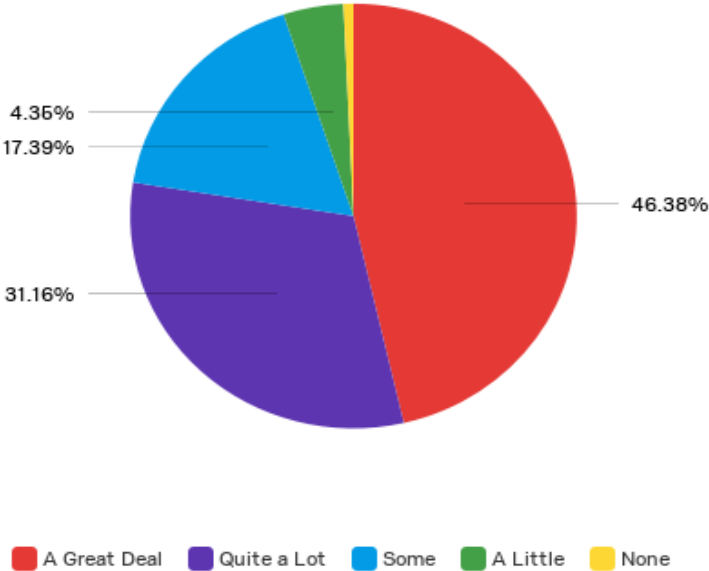


Answer	Response Count	Percent of Cases	Response Percent
FSU Graduate Assistantship	1	0.72%	0.52%
Non- FSU Scholarship	5	3.62%	2.60%
Employer Funded	41	29.71%	21.35%
Self Funded	98	71.01%	51.04%
Student Loans	14	10.14%	7.29%
Government Grants or Funding	21	15.22%	10.94%
Other (please specify)	12	8.70%	6.25%
Total	192		100.00%

Other (please specify)
GI Bill
Tuition exemption for over 60 senior waiver and able to pay out of pocket
Course Coordinator Plus tuition reimbursement
VA Benefits
Cambridge/Marlborough cohort 2-through a grant
some work reimbursement as educator
Tuition reimbursement
Parent's loan



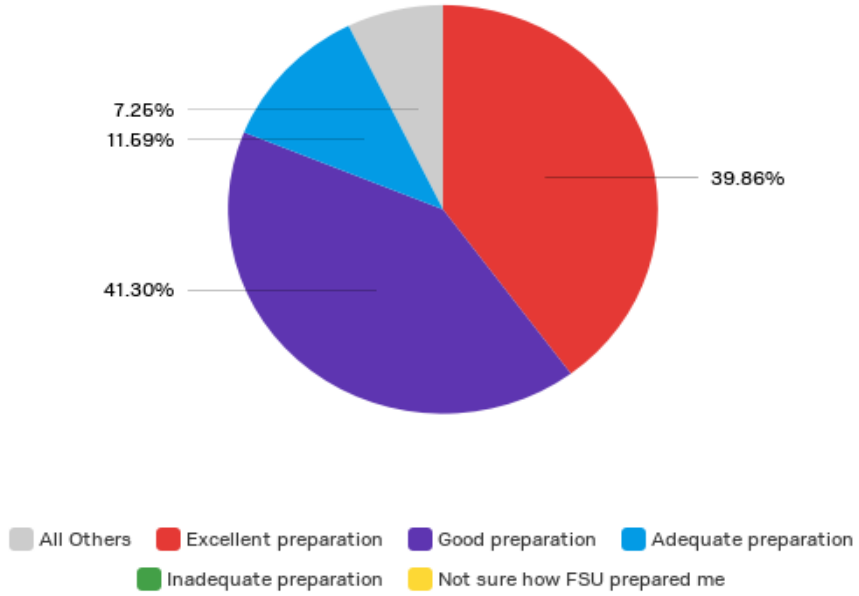
Question 11: How applicable were the program requirements to your current/or future workplace?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
A Great Deal	64	46.38%
Quite a Lot	43	31.16%
Some	24	17.39%
A Little	6	4.35%
None	1	0.72%
Total	138	100.00%



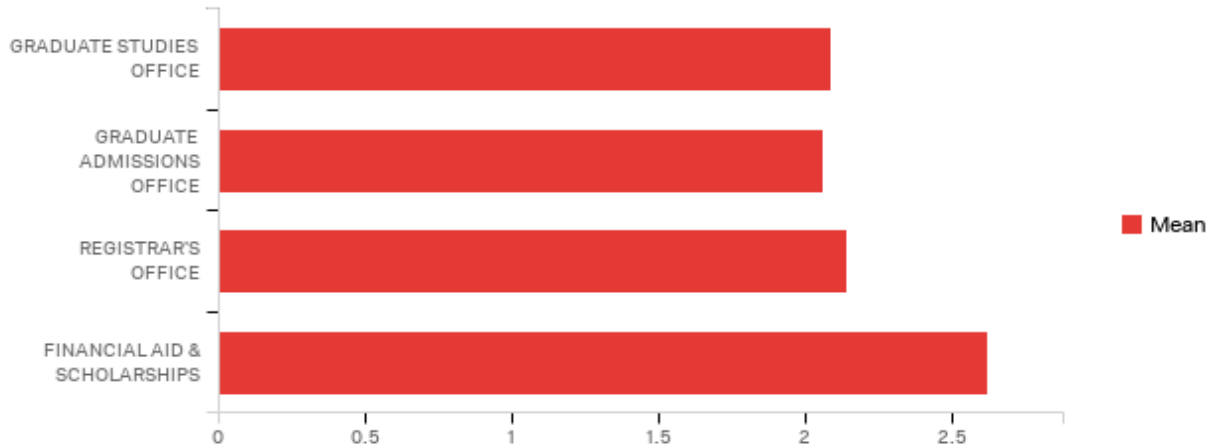
Question 12: After completing your graduate program, how would you classify your level of preparation?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
Excellent preparation	55	39.86%
Good preparation	57	41.30%
Adequate preparation	16	11.59%
Inadequate preparation	5	3.62%
Not sure how FSU prepared me	5	3.62%
Total	138	100.00%



Question 13: Please indicate your level of satisfaction with FSU Graduate Services in the following areas:



Question	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Response Count	Rating Average
GRADUATE STUDIES OFFICE	26.09%	44.20%	23.91%	5.80%	0.00%	138	2.09
	70.29%			5.80%			
GRADUATE ADMISSIONS OFFICE	26.09%	44.20%	27.54%	2.17%	0.00%	138	2.06
	70.29%			2.17%			
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE	23.91%	41.30%	31.88%	2.90%	0.00%	138	2.14
	65.21%			2.90%			
FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS	13.97%	13.97%	69.85%	0.74%	1.47%	136	2.62
	27.94%			2.21%			



Question 14. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of your graduate education experiences related to your degree:

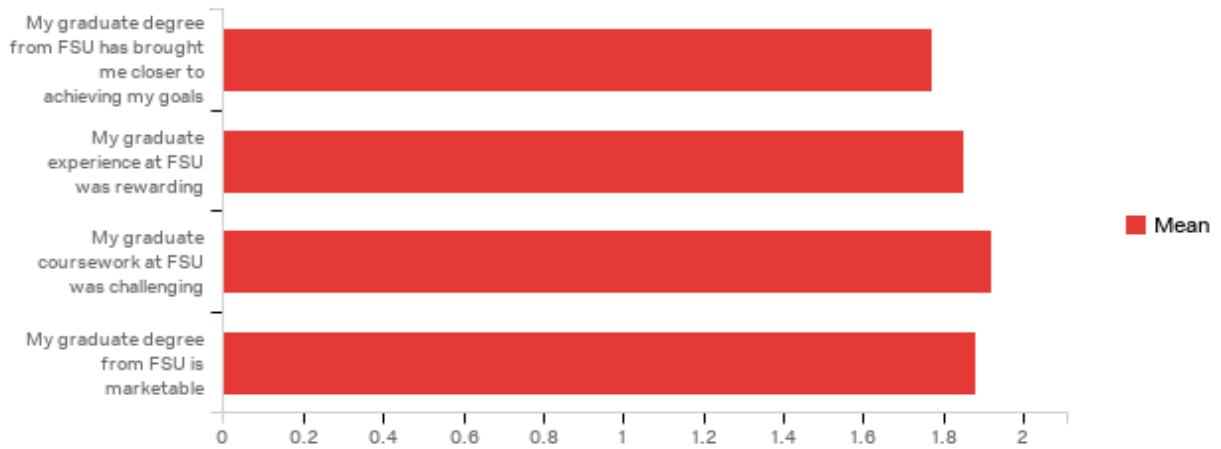
Answer Options	Very Dissatisfied (1)	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied (5)	N/A	Response Count	Rating Average
Diversity of students with whom you took your courses	1.65%	7.44%	21.49%	45.45%	19.83%	4.13%	100.00% 121	3.77
	9.09%			65.28%				
Academic quality of students with whom you took courses	2.46%	4.10%	18.03%	52.46%	22.13%	0.82%	100.00% 122	3.88
	6.56%			74.59%				
Quality of instruction in your courses	4.10%	2.46%	17.21%	50.00%	26.23%	0.00%	100.00% 122	3.91
	6.56%			76.23%				
Faculty expertise	2.48%	4.96%	11.57%	41.32%	39.67%	0.00%	100.00% 121	4.10
	7.44%			80.99%				
Feedback you received in courses from faculty	5.74%	9.02%	16.39%	38.52%	30.33%	0.00%	100.00% 122	3.79
	14.76%			68.85%				
Accessibility of instructors	2.46%	2.46%	13.11%	45.90%	36.07%	0.00%	100.00% 122	4.12
	4.92%			81.97%				
Finding and working with your graduate program coordinator	4.10%	7.38%	23.77%	24.59%	28.69%	11.48%	100.00% 122	2.75
	11.48%			53.28%				
Quality of graduate advising from major professor or graduate advisor	2.46%	8.20%	21.31%	22.95%	27.05%	18.03%	100.00% 122	3.78
	10.66%			50.00%				
Degree plan flexibility and elective choices	2.46%	13.93%	22.95%	28.69%	21.31%	10.66%	100.00% 122	3.56
	16.39%			50.00%				



Program coverage of relevant content	5.74%	4.10%	14.75%	42.62%	32.79%	0.00%	100.00% 122	3.93
	9.84%			75.41%				
Sequencing of content across program courses	2.48%	7.44%	17.36%	43.80%	27.27%	1.65%	100.00% 121	3.87
	9.92%			71.07%				
Assistance with external certification process	2.46%	5.74%	27.87%	16.39%	10.66%	36.07%	100.00% 122	3.40
	8.20%			27.05%				
Availability of field experience(s)/practicum(s)/internship(s)	5.79%	5.79%	20.66%	15.70%	12.40%	39.67%	100.00% 121	3.38
	11.58%			28.10%				
Quality of your field experience(s)/practicum(s)/internship(s)	0.83%	2.48%	23.97%	12.40%	14.05%	46.28%	100.00% 121	3.68
	3.31%			26.45%				
Timing of your field experience(s)/practicum(s)/internship(s)	0.83%	2.50%	24.17%	14.17%	12.50%	45.83%	100.00% 120	3.56
	3.33%			26.67%				
Length of the graduate program	0.82%	4.10%	13.93%	43.44%	36.89%	0.82%	100.00% 122	4.12
	4.92%			80.33%				
Support in planning and completing thesis, projects in lieu, or portfolio, or comprehensive exam	4.92%	9.84%	18.03%	32.79%	21.31%	13.11%	100.00% 122	3.65
	14.76%			54.10%				
Assistance with finding employment	5.00%	4.17%	25.83%	3.33%	9.17%	52.50%	100.00% 120	3.16
	9.17%			12.50%				



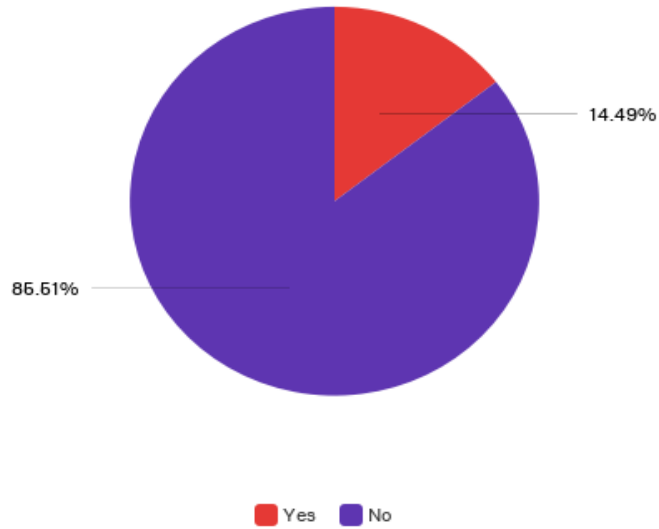
Question 15: Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:



Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total	Rating Average
My graduate degree from FSU has brought me closer to achieving my goals	35.77%	54.74%	7.30%	0.73%	1.46%	100.00% 137	1.77
	90.51%			2.19%			
My graduate experience at FSU was rewarding	38.69%	45.99%	10.22%	2.19%	2.92%	100.00% 137	1.85
	84.68%			5.11%			
My graduate coursework at FSU was challenging	32.85%	50.36%	11.68%	2.19%	2.92%	100.00% 137	1.92
	83.21%			5.11%			
My graduate degree from FSU is marketable	34.31%	50.36%	10.95%	1.46%	2.92%	100.00% 137	1.88
	84.67%			4.38%			



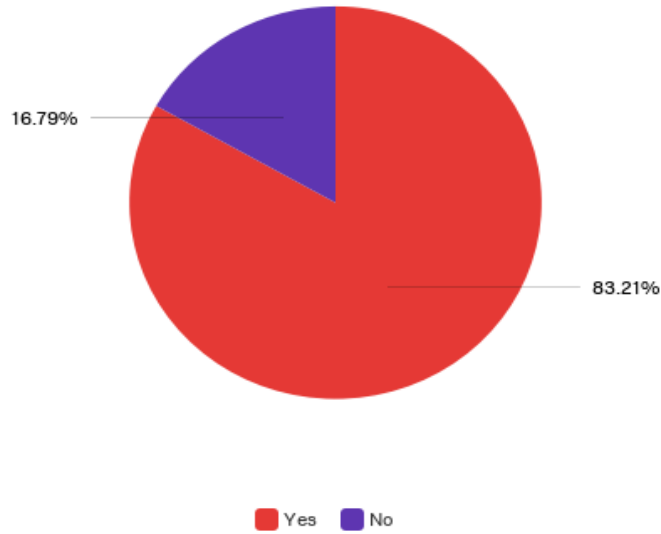
Question 16: Did you receive your undergraduate degree from FSU?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	20	14.49%
No	118	85.51%
Total	138	100.00%



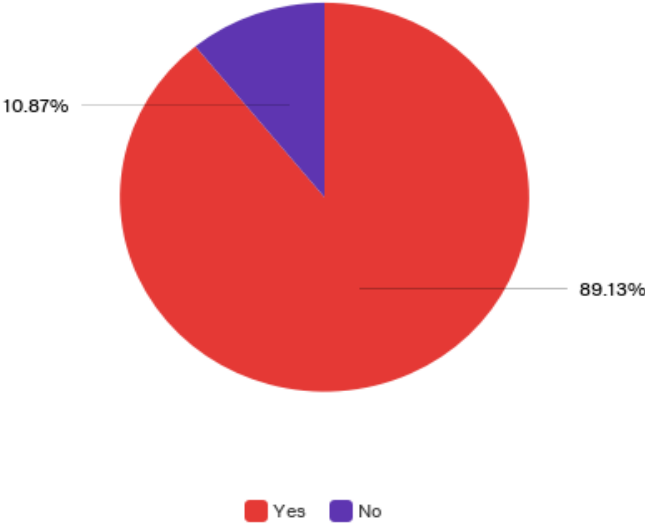
Question 17: Would you select FSU if you were to begin graduate school all over again?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	114	83.21%
No	23	16.79%
Total	137	100.00%



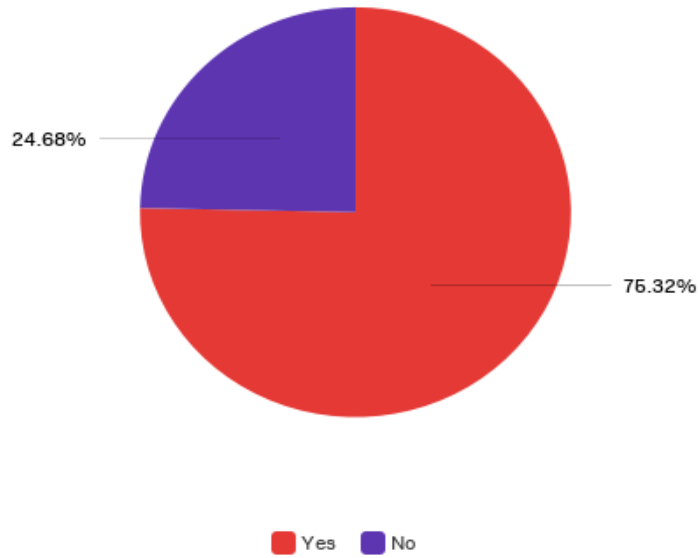
Question 18: Would you recommend FSU to other potential students?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	123	89.13%
No	15	10.87%
Total	138	100.00%



Question 19: Would you recommend canceling or waiving the GRE or GMAT exam from the list of admission requirements?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
Yes	58	75.32%
No	19	24.68%
Total	77	100.00%

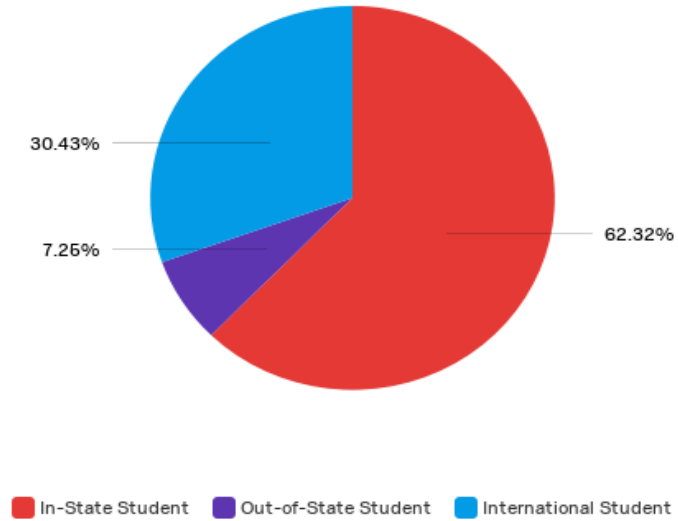


Question 20: What was your zip code while attending FSU as a graduate student?

Zip Codes by County		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Worcester County	22.81%	26
Middlesex County	27.19%	31
Norfolk County	8.77%	10
Suffolk County	7.89%	9
Plymouth County	0.88%	1
Essex County	3.51%	4
Hampshire County	0.88%	1
Bristol County	1.75%	2
Outside of Massachusetts	26.32%	30
Total	100.00%	114



Question 21: Are you an in-state, out of state, or international student?



Answer	Response Count	Response Percent
In-State Student	86	62.32%
Out-of-State Student	10	7.25%
International Student	42	30.43%
Total	138	100.00%

