



OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

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ALUMNI SURVEY

2011-2012

The 2011-2012 Alumni Survey was sent, via postal mail in April of 2015 to a total of 675 Framingham State University graduates that completed their degree in the 2011-2012 academic year. The Office of Institutional Research received 58 completed surveys, 65 surveys were returned by the post office as undeliverable.

Executive Summary

Was your program of study what you first enrolled in at FSU?	64.44% said "Yes"
What was your classification upon entering FSU?	53.41%% said "First-Time Student"
What factors had the most significant influence on your decision to attend FSU?	22.30% said "FSU's affordability" 15.50% said "The degree programs offered" 13.50% said "The size of the school"
Level of agreement concerning whether FSU lived up to your expectations?	A majority of respondents indicated agreement or strong agreement that FSU had lived up to its expectations (Please see page 5).
While enrolled at FSU, would you have considered yourself "actively involved" outside the classroom?	59.34% said "Somewhat" or "Yes"
Which activities would you regard as the most important aspects of your undergraduate experience?	26.60% said "Clubs/Organizations/Student Government" 22.80% said "On-Campus Jobs"
Did you complete an internship/practicum while enrolled at FSU?	45.05% said "Yes"
Did the internship help you network employment after graduation?	70.73% of respondents who completed an internship/practicum said "Somewhat" or "Yes"
Have you enrolled in a degree program since graduating from FSU?	42.88% said "Yes"
What is the name of the institution you are attending?	15.79% are attending Framingham State University
Are you currently working for pay right now?	93.40% said they are employed 87.91% said they were employed "full-time"

What type of organization is your primary employment?	45.24% said "Private for-profit" 17.86% said "Elementary or secondary education"
Location of employment?	85.54% said "Massachusetts"
What is your approximate annual salary?	10.71% said "\$40,000-44,999" 13.10% said "\$45,000-\$49,999" 4.76% said "Below \$20,000" 8.33% said "\$30,000-\$34,999"
How long have you been employed by your current employer?	73.81% said "More than 12 months"
Have you obtained a position of leadership?	35.80% said "Yes"
Is your current position related to your field of study?	77.10% said their job is related to their major
How much did FSU contribute to the knowledge and skills required at that position?	72.62% said FSU contributed either significantly or moderately

Majors		
Primary Major		
Major	Count	Percent
Art Studio	1	1.75%
Biology	3	5.26%
Business Administration	7	12.28%
Business and Information Technology	3	5.26%
Communication Arts	4	7.02%
Computer Science	2	3.51%
Early Childhood Education	7	12.28%
Elementary Education	7	12.28%
English	3	5.26%
Environmental Science	1	1.75%
Fashion Design and Retailing	3	5.26%
Food and Nutrition	4	7.02%
Geography	3	5.26%
History	3	5.26%
Liberal Studies	1	1.75%
Modern Language	1	1.75%
Nursing	1	1.75%
Psychology	4	7.02%
Sociology	5	8.77%
Grand Total	57	100.00%
Secondary Major		

Secondary Major	Count	Percent
Food and Nutrition	2	40.00%
History	1	20.00%
Modern Languages	1	20.00%
Studio Art	1	20.00%
Grand Total	5	100.00%

Minors		
Primary Minor		
Minor	Count	Percent
Art Studio	2	10.53%
Business Administration	1	5.26%
Communication Arts	1	5.26%
Earth Science	1	5.26%
English	1	5.26%
Geography	2	10.53%
Nutrition	1	5.26%
Philosophy	1	5.26%
Psychology	1	5.26%
Secondary Education	1	5.26%
Sociology	3	15.79%
Spanish	1	5.26%
Grand Total	19	100.00%

Change of Program		
Are the programs of study listed above what students first enrolled in at FSU? If not, what programs?	Count	Percent
Yes	40	70.18%
No	17	29.82%
Biology	1	1.75%
Business Administration	3	5.26%
Computer Science	1	1.75%
Education	3	5.26%
Elementary Education	3	5.26%
Journalism	1	1.75%
Nutrition	1	1.75%
Undeclared	4	7.01%
Grand Total	57	100.00%

What was your classification upon entering FSU?	Count	Percent
First-Time Student (entered FSU as a freshman)	36	63.16%
Transfer Student (transferred to FSU from another institution)	21	36.84%
Grand Total	57	100.00%

What factors had the most significant influence on your decision to attend FSU?	Count	Response Percent	Percent of Cases
My family wanted me to attend	10	5.08%	17.54%
My parent(s) is(are) an alumnus/alumna (alumni)	1	0.51%	1.75%
A high school teacher/counselor recommended it	5	2.54%	8.77%
The academic reputation of FSU	12	6.09%	21.05%
FSU's proximity to Boston	10	5.08%	17.54%
FSU's graduates obtain good jobs	4	2.03%	7.02%
FSU's affordability	46	23.35%	80.70%
The degree programs offered	32	16.24%	56.14%
My friend(s) was/were attending	5	2.54%	8.77%
The size of the school	33	16.75%	57.89%
The small class size	24	12.18%	42.11%
Other (please explain)	15	7.61%	26.32%
Answered Question	57	100.00%	

Other, (please explain)
Close to home
Easy commuting distance
Finishing degree I had started in the 90's
had programs and extra cirricuLars (clubs) I wanted
I lived in Framingham
location in general

Location to home
Proximity to home
Proximity to my home
The atmosphere of the campus
The Campus itself
The female to male ratio
To play football
Tsongas Scholarship
wanted to live at home

Indicate your level of agreement concerning whether FSU lived up to your expectations in the following areas:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Count
The academic reputation of FSU	1.75% (1)	1.75% (1)	17.54% (10)	54.39% (31)	24.56% (14)	57
FSU's graduates obtain good jobs	3.51% (2)	12.28% (7)	36.84% (21)	38.60% (22)	8.77% (5)	57
The small class size	3.57% (2)	0.00% (0)	12.50% (7)	55.36% (31)	28.57% (16)	56
The academic rigor of your program	1.75% (1)	1.75% (1)	14.04% (8)	61.40% (35)	21.05% (12)	57
The personal attention you received	1.75% (1)	0.00% (0)	12.28% (7)	49.12% (28)	36.84% (21)	57
The faculty/staff cared about your success	3.51% (2)	3.51% (2)	1.75% (1)	54.39% (31)	36.84% (21)	57

While enrolled at FSU would you have considered yourself an "actively involved" student outside of the classroom?

	Count	Percent
Yes	18	32.14%
Somewhat	21	37.50%
No	17	30.36%
Grand Total	56	100.00%

What activities did you regard as important aspects of your undergraduate experience?	Count	Response Percent	Percent of Cases
Clubs/Organizations/Student Government	27	25.71%	58.70%
Study/Work Abroad	2	1.90%	4.35%
Leadership Experience(s)	19	18.10%	41.30%
Community Service	13	12.38%	28.26%
Intercollegiate Athletics	5	4.76%	10.87%
On-campus job	22	20.95%	47.83%
Honor Society/Societies	13	12.38%	28.26%
Other (please specify)	4	3.81%	8.70%

Grand Total	46	100.00%
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Other, please specify:
Dance Team
Summer Internships
Theatre Department
I was a night student only, so I wasn't involved at all

Did you complete an internship or practicum while enrolled at FSU?	Count	Percent
Yes	26	45.61%
No	31	54.39%
Grand Total	57	100.00%

Did this internship help you network employment?	Count	Percent
Yes	5	19.23%
Somewhat	9	34.62%
No	12	46.15%
Grand Total	26	100.00%

Have you enrolled in a degree program since graduating from FSU?	Count	Percent
Yes	21	36.84%
No	36	63.16%
Grand Total	57	100.00%

Which type of degree program?	Count	Percent
Certificate	2	9.52%
Second Bachelor's Degree	0	0.00%
Master's Degree	18	85.71%
Doctoral Degree (PhD, EdD, Etc.)	1	4.76%
Professional (Law and Medicine)	0	0.00%
Other (please specify)	0	0.00%
Grand Total	21	100.00%

What is the college or university you are attending and the degree program that you are enrolled in?	Count	Percent
American International College	2	9.52%
Elementary Education with Reading	1	4.76%
Secondary Education	1	4.76%
Boston University	1	4.76%
Computer Information Systems	1	4.76%
Framingham State University	5	23.80%
TESOL	1	4.76%
Language and Literacy	2	9.52%
Counseling Psychology	1	4.76%
TESL	1	4.76%
Harvard University	1	4.76%
Bioteach	1	4.76%
Merrimack College	1	4.76%
Higher Education Administration	1	4.76%
New England College	1	4.76%
MBA	1	4.76%
Nicholas College	1	4.76%
MBA/MSOL	1	4.76%
North Eastern University	3	14.28%
Higher Education Administration	2	9.52%

Masters in Nonprofit Management	1	4.76%
Regis College	1	4.76%
Master of Nursing-Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program	1	4.76%
Regis University	1	4.76%
Database Technologies	1	4.76%
Simmons College	2	9.52%
Severe Special Education	1	4.76%
Master's in Social Work	1	4.76%
UMass Lowell	1	4.76%
Graduate Certificate – Clinical Psychology	1	4.76%
University of Toronto	1	4.76%
Ph.D in Latin American Literature	1	4.76%
Grand Total	21	100.0%

Are you currently working for pay right now?	Count	Percent
Yes, employed full-time	49	85.96%
Yes, employed part-time	4	7.02%
No, looking for work	1	1.75%
No, raising a family	1	1.75%
No, retired	0	0.00%
No, full-time student	0	0.00%
No, part-time student	0	0.00%
No, volunteer	0	0.00%
No, unpaid internship	0	0.00%
No, other (please specify)	2	3.51%
Grand Total	57	100.00%

Which type of organization is your primary employment?	Count	Percent
Elementary or secondary education (public or private)	9	17.65%
Higher Education (public or private)	6	11.76%
International organization in the US	1	1.96%
International organization outside the US	1	1.96%
Private for-profit corporation/company/group practice	22	43.14%
Private non-profit organization (except education and international orgs)	6	11.76%
State and local government, institution or agency (except education)	1	1.96%
Federal government (except military)	0	0.00%
Self-employed in own business or professional non-group practice	0	0.00%
U.S. Military	0	0.00%
Other (please specify)	5	9.80%
Grand Total	51	100.0%

Where is your firm or organization located?	Count	Percent
Massachusetts	44	86.27%
CT, RI, VT, ME, or NH	2	3.92%
Other U.S. Location	3	5.88%
Outside U.S.	2	3.29%
Grand Total	51	100.00%

What is your approximate annual salary range?	Count	Percent
Below \$20,000	2	3.92%
\$20,000-\$24,999	5	9.80%
\$25,000-\$29,999	3	5.88%
\$30,000-\$34,999	9	17.65%
\$35,000-\$39,999	6	11.76%
\$40,000-\$44,999	7	13.73%
\$45,000-\$49,999	5	9.80%
\$50,000-\$54,999	1	1.96%
\$55,000-\$74,999	10	19.61%
\$75,000+	3	5.88%
Grand Total	51	100.00%

Have you obtained a position of leadership at your current job?	Count	Percent
Yes	20	39.22%
No	31	60.78%
Grand Total	51	100.00%

How long have you been employed by your current employer?	Count	Percent
Less than six months	4	7.69%
Six months to twelve months	6	11.54%
More than twelve months	42	80.77%
Grand Total	52	100.00%

Is your current position related to your field of study?	Count	Percent
Yes, same field as major(s)	21	41.18%
Yes, somewhat related to major(s)	19	37.25%
No, not related	11	21.57%
Grand Total	51	100.00%

Overall, how much has FSU contributed to the knowledge and skills required at your current position?	Count	Percent
Did not contribute at all	3	5.77%
Contributed Slightly	19	36.54%
Contributed Moderately	16	30.77%
Contributed Significantly	14	26.92%
Grand Total	52	100.00%

Indicate the degree to which FSU contributed to your knowledge/skills/abilities in...						
	Did not contribute at all	Slightly Contributed	Somewhat Contributed	Greatly Contributed	N/A	Count
Apply math in problem solving	18.75% (9)	29.16% (14)	33.33% (16)	16.67% (8)	2.08% (1)	48
Apply science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics) in problem solving	20.00% (9)	11.11% (5)	37.78% (17)	13.33% (6)	17.78% (8)	45
Apply concepts from your major in problem solving or work projects	0.00% (0)	11.11% (5)	31.11% (14)	57.78% (26)	0.00% (0)	45
Apply methods from your major (experimentation, analysis, programming, etc.) in problem solving or work projects	6.52% (3)	15.22% (7)	26.09% (12)	50.00% (23)	2.17% (1)	46
Use information technology correctly and productively as part of professional work	8.33% (4)	8.33% (4)	45.83% (22)	33.33% (16)	4.17% (2)	48
Use computer tools or programs that are important for my professional work	8.70% (4)	15.22% (7)	17.39% (8)	50.00% (23)	8.70% (4)	46
Make clear formal presentations that fit audience interests	2.13% (1)	6.38% (3)	42.55% (20)	38.30% (18)	10.64% (5)	47
Write clearly and concisely	2.08% (1)	8.33% (4)	39.58% (19)	45.83% (22)	4.17% (2)	48
Critical evaluation of possible solutions and choose best one	4.26% (2)	12.77% (6)	55.32% (26)	27.66% (13)	0.00% (0)	47
Critical thinking in addressing issues	0.00% (0)	14.89% (7)	42.55% (20)	42.55% (40)	0.00% (0)	47

Use quantitative data and reasoning to support decision making	8.51% (4)	19.15% (9)	27.66% (13)	38.30% (18)	6.38% (3)	47
Solve complex problems in logical, methodical manner	8.33% (4)	8.33% (4)	41.67% (20)	35.42% (17)	6.25% (3)	48
Develop creative, innovative ideas in work projects	6.25% (3)	16.67% (8)	31.25% (15)	41.67% (20)	41.14% (2)	48
Lead a team in accomplishing a project	4.17% (2)	16.67% (8)	31.25% (15)	37.50% (18)	10.42% (5)	48
Manage others in work settings	2.08% (1)	18.75% (9)	29.17% (14)	31.25% (15)	18.75% (9)	48
Function effectively as a member of a team	6.38% (3)	2.13% (1)	31.91% (15)	55.32% (26)	4.26% (2)	47
Listen to others in team meetings	2.08% (1)	8.33% (4)	33.33% (16)	52.08% (25)	4.17% (2)	48
Function effectively in ethnically/culturally diverse environments	8.33% (4)	12.50% (6)	35.42% (17)	39.58% (19)	4.17% (2)	48
Engage life-long learning through formal programs or independent learning	12.77% (6)	8.51% (4)	38.30% (18)	38.30% (18)	2.13% (1)	47
Find/Utilize a variety of informational resources needed for a project	2.13% (1)	17.02% (8)	31.91% (15)	46.81% (22)	2.13% (1)	47
Conduct applied research	4.17% (2)	22.92% (11)	16.67% (8)	43.75% (21)	12.50% (6)	48
Meet professional / ethical responsibilities	4.17% (2)	10.42% (5)	37.50% (18)	47.92% (23)	0.00% (0)	48
Use current professional business practices	8.33% (4)	16.67% (8)	33.33% (16)	33.33% (16)	8.33% (4)	48
Deliver quality results in a timely manner	8.51% (4)	2.13% (1)	46.81% (22)	42.55% (20)	0.00% (0)	47
Complete an independent project with little supervision	4.17% (2)	14.58% (7)	22.92% (11)	52.08% (25)	6.25% (3)	48
Proactively plan for your career	18.75% (9)	8.33% (4)	29.17% (14)	39.17% (19)	4.17% (2)	48
Actively participate as a local and national citizen	4.17% (2)	18.75% (9)	37.50% (18)	25.00% (12)	14.58% (7)	48

Indicate how important each ability has been in your career so far...						
	Not important at all	Fairly Important	Quite Important	Very Important	N/A	Count
Apply math in problem solving	23.81% (10)	28.57% (12)	11.90% (5)	26.19% (11)	9.52% (4)	42
Apply science (Biology/Chemistry/Physics) in problem solving	43.90% (18)	19.51% (8)	12.20% (5)	14.63% (6)	9.76% (4)	41
Apply concepts from your major in problem solving or work projects	11.90% (5)	11.90% (5)	28.57% (12)	45.24% (19)	2.38% (1)	42
Apply methods from your major (experimentation, analysis, programming, etc.) in problem solving or work projects	11.90% (5)	9.52% (4)	33.33% (14)	38.10% (16)	7.14% (3)	42
Use information technology correctly and productively as part of professional work	4.76% (2)	9.52% (4)	28.57% (12)	52.38% (22)	4.76% (2)	42
Use computer tools or programs that are important for my professional work	4.388% (2)	12.20% (5)	29.27% (12)	48.78% (20)	4.88% (2)	41
Make clear formal presentations that fit audience interests	7.14% (3)	9.52% (4)	28.57% (12)	42.86% (18)	11.90% (5)	42
Write clearly and concisely	2.38% (1)	4.76% (2)	33.33% (14)	54.76% (23)	4.76% (2)	42
Critical evaluation of possible solutions and choose best one	4.76% (2)	9.52% (4)	23.81% (10)	57.14% (24)	4.76% (2)	42
Critical thinking in addressing issues	4.76% (2)	4.76% (2)	26.19% (11)	59.52% (25)	4.76% (2)	42
Use quantitative data and reasoning to support decision making	14.29% (6)	14.29% (6)	19.05% (8)	40.48% (17)	11.90% (5)	42
Solve complex problems in logical, methodical manner	11.90% (5)	11.90% (5)	33.33% (14)	38.10% (16)	4.76% (2)	42

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Lead a team in accomplishing a project	9.52% (4)	14.29% (6)	16.67% (7)	45.24% (19)	14.29% (6)	42
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Engage life-long learning through formal programs or independent learning	4.76% (2)	16.67% (7)	23.81% (10)	45.24% (19)	9.52% (4)	42
Find/Utilize a variety of informational resources needed for a project	7.14% (3)	7.14% (3)	35.71% (15)	42.86% (18)	7.14% (3)	42
Conduct applied research	17.02% (7)	21.95% (9)	17.07% (7)	29.27% (12)	14.63% (6)	41
Meet professional / ethical responsibilities	4.88% (2)	7.32% (3)	17.07% (7)	65.85% (27)	4.88% (2)	41
Use current professional business practices	7.14% (3)	9.52% (4)	26.19% (11)	45.24% (19)	11.90% (5)	42
Deliver quality results in a timely manner	4.76% (2)	2.38% (1)	14.29% (6)	69.05% (29)	9.52% (4)	42
Complete an independent project with little supervision	2.38% (1)	4.76% (2)	9.52% (4)	76.19% (32)	7.14% (3)	42
Proactively plan for your career	4.76% (2)	14.29% (6)	26.19% (11)	45.24% (19)	9.52% (4)	42
Actively participate as a local and national citizen	7.14% (3)	21.43% (9)	21.43% (9)	40.48% (17)	9.52% (4)	42

Gender:	Count	Percent
Female	33	75.00%
Male	11	25.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Grand Total	44	100.00%

Are you Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?	Count	Percent
No	39	90.70%
Yes	4	9.30%
Grand Total	43	100.00%

What is your racial background? (Choose one or more)	Count	Percent
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	1	2.50%
Asian	1	2.50%
Black / African American	0	0.00%
Cape Verdean	0	0.00%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Multi Race	1	2.50%
White	38	95.00%
Grand Total	40	100.00%