



IU Southeast Graduating Student Survey: General Education Report

BACKGROUND

The Indiana University Southeast Graduating Student Survey is administered to students when they apply for graduation and collects data regarding post-graduation plans, employment and income, applied learning experiences, factors influencing student satisfaction with their experiences at IU Southeast, diversity and culture, campus safety and self-perceived levels of abilities. This multi-year report is intended to provide information regarding how these data have changed from year to year and to support decision-making that facilitate change in response to the dynamic needs of the student population.

Individual question response rate varies. We include partial responses in the report and, unless otherwise indicated, non-respondents are excluded in tabled data counts and percentages

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RESPONDENTS

Survey respondents for 2016 consisted of seven hundred and forty undergraduate students, and one hundred and eight graduate students; 64% were female and 36% were male.

Table 1: Respondents:

	2016		2015		2014	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Undergraduates	740	87%	726	86%	623	79%
Graduates	108	13%	118	14%	166	21%
Total	848	100%	844	100%	789	100%

LEVEL OF ABILITIES

The majority of respondents rated themselves ‘Above Average’ to ‘Excellent’ in all of the recognized abilities listed below with slight increases over last year in most categories.

Table 2: Self-Rated Level of Abilities:

	2016	2015	2014
Ability to understand different points of view	90%	89%	88%
Understanding people different from yourself	88%	87%	86%
Understanding of my field of study	88%	87%	88%
Working productively with other people in small groups	87%	85%	88%
Thinking critically about ideas and issues	87%	86%	87%
Appreciation for continued learning	87%	83%	87%
Expressing ideas, opinions, beliefs, and facts in writing	86%	84%	85%
Reasoning about ethical and moral issues	86%	86%	85%
Relating knowledge with practice	86%	84%	87%
Evaluating arguments	85%	83%	84%
Integrating knowledge	83%	80%	80%
Presenting ideas, opinions, and beliefs effectively in a group	83%	81%	83%
Speaking in small groups	82%	82%	80%
Leadership skills	82%	80%	82%
Viewing events and phenomena from several different perspectives	81%	80%	79%
Using information technology effectively	80%	78%	81%
Preparing to deal with possible career changes	80%	78%	77%
Analytical reading of professional materials	76%	74%	76%
Understanding global perspectives	73%	71%	74%
Social or community engagement	71%	68%	69%
Applying quantitative skills	70%	66%	66%
Speaking to a large group	59%	61%	58%

Note that percentages total respondents indicating ‘Excellent’ and ‘Above Average’

Table 3: Self-Rated Level of Abilities (Graduates):

	2016	2015	2014
Appreciation for continued learning	91%	83%	91%
Understanding of my field of study	90%	88%	89%
Expressing ideas, opinions, beliefs, and facts in writing	90%	79%	90%
Ability to understand different points of view	88%	91%	88%
Relating knowledge with practice	88%	86%	90%
Thinking critically about ideas and issues	87%	86%	90%
Integrating knowledge	86%	83%	85%
Speaking in small groups	86%	87%	87%
Understanding people different from yourself	86%	87%	90%
Reasoning about ethical and moral issues	86%	88%	85%
Working productively with other people in small groups	86%	85%	93%
Leadership skills	84%	79%	82%
Presenting ideas, opinions, and beliefs effectively in a group	84%	85%	87%
Using information technology effectively	83%	79%	87%
Evaluating arguments	82%	83%	88%
Viewing events and phenomena from several different perspectives	80%	76%	81%
Social or community engagement	77%	68%	73%
Analytical reading of professional materials	76%	74%	77%
Applying quantitative skills	75%	69%	74%
Understanding global perspectives	75%	68%	71%
Preparing to deal with possible career changes	71%	71%	74%
Speaking to a large group	66%	62%	67%

Note that percentages total respondents indicating 'Excellent' and 'Above Average'

Table 4: Self-Rated Level of Abilities (Undergraduates):

	2016	2015	2014
Ability to understand different points of view	91%	88%	88%
Understanding people different from yourself	89%	87%	85%
Understanding of my field of study	88%	86%	88%
Working productively with other people in small groups	88%	84%	86%
Thinking critically about ideas and issues	87%	86%	86%
Reasoning about ethical and moral issues	86%	86%	85%
Appreciation for continued learning	86%	84%	86%
Expressing ideas, opinions, beliefs, and facts in writing	86%	84%	84%
Evaluating arguments	85%	83%	82%
Relating knowledge with practice	85%	84%	86%
Integrating knowledge	83%	80%	79%
Presenting ideas, opinions, and beliefs effectively in a group	83%	80%	82%
Speaking in small groups	82%	81%	79%
Leadership skills	81%	80%	82%
Viewing events and phenomena from several different perspectives	81%	81%	79%
Preparing to deal with possible career changes	81%	79%	78%
Using information technology effectively	80%	78%	80%
Analytical reading of professional materials	76%	74%	75%
Understanding global perspectives	73%	72%	74%
Social or community engagement	71%	68%	67%
Applying quantitative skills	69%	65%	64%
Speaking to a large group	58%	60%	56%

Note that percentages total respondents indicating 'Excellent' and 'Above Average'

APPENDIX A

The electronic survey instrument follows. Note that some of the questions are routed to only be seen by Undergraduate or by Graduate respondents. Not all routing is apparent in the printed version of the electronic instrument.

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Instr

This on-line survey consists of 4 sections and will take about 15 minutes to complete. Please complete all of the items on the survey. The information you provide here will help the university make decisions that will help IU Southeast become stronger and more student-centered.

Use the Next and Back buttons in the bottom-right corner of the screen to navigate through the survey. Next moves to the next page, while Back moves to the previous page. At the end of the survey, be sure to click the final Next button to submit your responses. You will need to complete this survey on a computer with access to a printer.

Your responses will be used only for institutional research purposes. Employer information may be utilized by IU Southeast Career Services, but your responses on this survey will NEVER be associated with that information. The identities of respondents will remain confidential and will not be revealed in any publication or presentation of the results of this survey. Data will be kept in a secured, limited access location. There are no foreseeable risks by participating in this study. If you have questions about your rights to participate in this survey, you may contact the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at Indiana University Southeast at (812)-941-2293.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please PRINT AND ATTACH the validation page at the end of this survey to your APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION.

Next Please click the Next button to continue the survey.

S1 Graduating Student Survey, Section 1 of 4

1.A Identifying information: (entry of the following items is REQUIRED before you may proceed to the next section of the survey)

First Name:

Last Name:

10-digit University ID Number (include leading zeros):

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

imgUID



1.B Email address (after graduation):

1.C Expected Graduation Semester:

- May
- December
- August

1.D Expected Graduation Year

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018

1.E For what category of degree are you applying?

- Associate
- Bachelor
- Certificate
- Licensure
- Master

Next Please click the Next button to continue the survey.

2.A Why did you enter this graduate program? (check all that apply)

- To advance in your current field
- To change career directions
- Continuing education credit
- Obtain a position/job
- Other (please specify) _____

2.B Did completing this program help you to meet these goals?

2.C While you were in this program, which of the following did you do? (check all that apply)

- Completed an internship
- Completed a practicum experience
- Completed a clinical experience
- Completed a field experience
- Completed student teaching
- Participated in the IU Southeast student conference
- Participated in other professional conferences
- Submitted an article to the Undergraduate Research Journal
- Submitted an article to the Graduate Research Journal

2.D On average, how many hours per week did you work while attending IU Southeast?

- Did not work
- 1 to 10
- 11 to 20
- 21 to 30
- 31 or more

2.E Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?

- Yes
- Yes, but seeking employment change
- No, but seeking employment
- No, and not seeking employment

Empl Please answer the following questions about your current position and employer.

2.F Select the best choice for the industry where you are currently employed:

- Accounting – Finance – Auditing
- Admin – Clerical
- Agriculture
- Architecture – Building
- Art – Photography – Graphic Design
- Automotive: Sales – Repair – Parts
- Banking
- Beauty – Cosmetics – Grooming
- Broadcasting – Radio – TV
- Business: Development – Entrepreneur
- Business: Executive
- Business: Operations – Strategy
- Call Center – Collections – Telemarketing
- Construction
- Consulting
- Defense – Aerospace
- Education: Administration
- Education: Teaching
- Employment – Recruiting – Staffing
- Engineering
- Entertainment – Theatre
- Environmental Services – Refuse
- Exercise – Fitness – Wellness
- Fashion – Apparel – Textile
- Financial Services – Securities
- Funeral – Cemetery
- Government – Civil Service – Social Services
- Healthcare
- Hotel – Resort – Hospitality
- Human Resources
- Industrial
- Insurance
- Internet – Ecommerce – Web Development
- Janitorial – Cleaning – Laundry
- Journalism
- Landscaping – Lawn Care
- Law Enforcement
- Legal
- Library Science
- Maintenance: Building – Plant – Equipment
- Manufacturing
- Marine – Maritime
- Marketing – Merchandising - Advertising

- Military
- Mining – Drilling – Pipeline
- Natural Resources – Forestry
- Not for Profit – Charity
- Office Supplies – Equipment
- Pharmaceutical
- Printing – Publishing – Newspaper
- Professional Services
- Public Relations – Media
- Purchasing – Procurement
- Real Estate – Property Management
- Refining – Petroleum – Chemicals
- Research & Development
- Restaurant
- Retail
- Sales
- Science
- Shipping – Distribution – Packaging
- Skilled Trade: (Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC, etc.)
- Technology: Hardware
- Technology: Software
- Telecommunications – Wireless
- Timber – Wood – Paper
- Transportation: Airline – Aviation
- Transportation: Rail – Trucking
- Travel – Leisure – Hospitality – Recreation
- Utilities: Gas – Electric – Water
- Veterinary Services
- Warehousing – Import/Export – Logistics
- Other (Not Listed)

2.G Employer Information:

Employer Name:

Position Title:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

2.H This position:

- is or will be a new position obtained as a result of graduating from IU Southeast.
- is or will be a promotion from the same employer as a result of graduating from IU Southeast.
- is the same position held while enrolled at IU Southeast.

2.J What is the annual income from your current or accepted position? NOTE: Salary information is completely confidential. Report results will be aggregated and no identifying information will be displayed with your response.

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$34,999
- \$35,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$44,999
- \$45,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$69,999
- \$70,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 or More

2.K This position was secured through the following (mark all that apply):

- Faculty/Staff
- Career Services
- Job Fair
- Internship
- CareerLink
- Family/Friends
- Internet/Website
- Networking
- Employment Agency
- Other: _____

2.L What is MOST LIKELY to be your PRINCIPAL activity upon graduation?

- Employment, full-time paid
- Employment, part-time paid
- Graduate or professional school, full-time
- Graduate or professional school, part-time
- Additional undergraduate coursework
- Military service
- Volunteer activity (e.g., Peace Corps)
- Starting or raising a family
- Other, please specify: _____

2.M Have you taken the following graduate tests in order to pursue another degree?

	Yes	No
GMAT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GRE	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LSAT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MCAT	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Praxis II	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.N1 Have you been admitted to a Graduate School or Professional School Program?

- Yes
- No

2.N2 Have you been admitted to another Graduate School or Professional School Program?

- Yes
- No

2.O Graduate School/Professional School Information:

Name of Institution:

Program of Study:

2.P Is this a program to pursue a:

- Master's Degree
- Doctorate
- DDS
- MD
- JD/Law
- Other _____

2.Q Specifically, do you have any interest in pursuing an additional degree at some point?

- Yes
- No

2.R Check all additional degrees that you might be interested in pursuing:

- Associate
- Bachelor
- Certificate
- Licensure
- Master's
- Doctorate

2.S In what area(s) are you considering an additional degree? (check all that apply)

- Arts & Humanities (please specify sub-field/specialty) _____
- Business (please specify sub-field/specialty) _____
- Natural Science (please specify sub-field/specialty) _____
- Social Science (please specify sub-field/specialty) _____
- Education (please specify sub-field/specialty) _____
- Law (please specify sub-field/specialty) _____
- Medicine (please specify sub-field/specialty) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

Next Please click the Next button to continue the survey.

S3 Graduating Student Survey, Section 3 of 4

3.A Satisfaction with IU Southeast education: (Indicate your level of Agreement or Disagreement with each statement)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
IU Southeast offers high-quality academic programs.	<input type="radio"/>				
There is a strong sense of community on the campus.	<input type="radio"/>				
Often I felt more like a person than a number at IU Southeast.	<input type="radio"/>				
IU Southeast has a good reputation within the community.	<input type="radio"/>				
If I had to do it over again, I would choose IU Southeast.	<input type="radio"/>				
I would encourage others to attend IU Southeast.	<input type="radio"/>				
I have higher hopes for my future as a result of attending IU Southeast.	<input type="radio"/>				
I have a civic responsibility to become involved in my community.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel a sense of pride about IU Southeast.	<input type="radio"/>				
I feel I received a richer academic experience at IU Southeast than would have been possible at other area colleges and universities.	<input type="radio"/>				
The courses in my program contributed to my current work success.	<input type="radio"/>				
I had opportunities to network with my peers in the program.	<input type="radio"/>				

3.B Satisfaction with IU Southeast education: (Indicate your level of Satisfaction or Dissatisfaction with each aspect of your IU Southeast experience)

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Overall quality of instruction.	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of courses in your program.	<input type="radio"/>				
Relevance of classes to your career goals and objectives.	<input type="radio"/>				
Getting the courses you need in the sequence you should take them.	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of academic advice provided.	<input type="radio"/>				
Getting information about program requirements.	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunities to engage in community service activities.	<input type="radio"/>				
The variety of academic programs and courses at IU Southeast.	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunities for overseas study (leave blank if not applicable).	<input type="radio"/>				
Staff responsiveness to student issues.	<input type="radio"/>				
Availability of methods for expressing complaints.	<input type="radio"/>				
Classroom environment (temperature, cleanliness, comfort of seats)	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of specially equipped labs and training facilities.	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of services provided by the library.	<input type="radio"/>				
Ease of applying for financial aid.	<input type="radio"/>				
Helpfulness of the Bursar staff.	<input type="radio"/>				

Ease of the process of paying for classes.	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of information about career and job opportunities.	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunities for internships.	<input type="radio"/>				
Food services on campus.	<input type="radio"/>				
Availability of parking on campus.	<input type="radio"/>				
Services UCARD provides.	<input type="radio"/>				
Opportunities to be involved in extra-curricular activities (student activities, organizations, and campus events such as Common Experience)	<input type="radio"/>				

Next Please click the Next button to continue the survey.

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4.A Please rate your feelings about campus safety in the following areas:

	Always Safe	Usually Safe	Sometimes Safe	Rarely Safe	Never Safe
In campus buildings	<input type="radio"/>				
Walking on campus	<input type="radio"/>				
In campus parking lots	<input type="radio"/>				
Graduate Center at Water Tower Square (skip if not applicable)	<input type="radio"/>				

4.B Please provide any additional comments or suggestions about safety:

4.C How often have you had a serious conversation with...

	Never	Sometimes	Often
people of a race or ethnicity different than your own?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
people who differ from you in their religious beliefs, political opinions, or personal values?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4.D Indicate your current level of ability in the following areas:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Very Poor
Expressing ideas, opinions, beliefs, and facts in writing	<input type="radio"/>				
Speaking in small groups	<input type="radio"/>				
Integrating knowledge from several different fields of study	<input type="radio"/>				
Relating knowledge with practice	<input type="radio"/>				
Presenting ideas, opinions, and beliefs effectively in a group	<input type="radio"/>				
Using information technology effectively	<input type="radio"/>				
Viewing events and phenomena from several different perspectives	<input type="radio"/>				
Analytical reading of professional materials	<input type="radio"/>				
Applying quantitative skills such as mathematics, statistics, etc.	<input type="radio"/>				
Speaking to a large group	<input type="radio"/>				
Understanding people different from yourself	<input type="radio"/>				
Ability to understand different points of view	<input type="radio"/>				
Evaluating arguments to support a point of view	<input type="radio"/>				
Thinking critically about ideas and issues	<input type="radio"/>				
Reasoning about ethical and moral issues	<input type="radio"/>				
Working productively with other people in small groups	<input type="radio"/>				
Preparing to deal with possible career changes.	<input type="radio"/>				
Understanding of my field of study.	<input type="radio"/>				
Understanding global perspectives	<input type="radio"/>				
Leadership skills	<input type="radio"/>				
Social or community engagement	<input type="radio"/>				
Appreciation for continued learning and development	<input type="radio"/>				

4.E Regarding the IU Southeast Alumni Association, which of the following are you interested in? (check all that apply)

- Joining
- Hearing about upcoming events
- Staying in touch through your program

5.A Please list two or more things you liked best about IU Southeast:

5.B Please list two or more things you would like to see changed at IU Southeast:

Next Please click the Next button to submit your responses and receive your confirmation page.