

AMARILLO COLLEGE



Graduate Student Survey Results

2012 FA and 2013 SP

Data Information:

- **Survey Process:**

The Registrar's Office encourages program graduates to apply for graduation. Students complete the graduate student survey when they complete the online graduation application.

- **Results Included In Document:**

This document only contains the results of survey completers who actually earned a degree/certificate (i.e. the responses of students who applied for graduation, but were not eligible to graduate that semester are not included in these results).

- **Survey Logic:**

Survey logic is used in this survey. Therefore, the total number of survey responders may not have an equal total for every question. For example, only the students who responded that they have secured employment would respond to the question regarding the total number of hours that those students worked in a week.

Graduate Student Survey Results – Pg. 1

Educational Objective		Term			
		2012FA		2013SP	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent
What was your PRIMARY objective in attending Amarillo College?	Associate's Degree	279	67%	379	70%
	Credits for Transfer	46	11%	67	12%
	To get a job	26	6%	33	6%
	Certificate of Completion	21	5%	24	4%
	Personal Development	13	3%	15	3%
	To maintain a license	11	3%	8	1%
	To get a better job	8	2%	9	2%
	Other	8	2%	2	0%
	To Improve Skills	2	0%	3	1%
	Total	414	100%	540	100%
How much education was required to accomplish your educational objective at Amarillo College?	Two-Year Associate Degree Program	305	74%	381	71%
	Certificate of Completion	64	15%	102	19%
	Selected Courses	34	8%	41	8%
	Other	11	3%	16	3%
	Total	414	100%	540	100%
To what extent has this objective been completed?	Fully Completed	309	75%	417	77%
	Partially Completed	103	25%	120	22%
	Not Completed	2	0%	3	1%
	Total	414	100%	540	100%

Please rate the following items according to how well they fulfilled your individual needs. (1) Very poor (2) Poor (3) Average (4) Good (5) Very good	Term					
	2012FA			2013SP		
	Total N	Valid N	Mean	Total N	Valid N	Mean
Quality of Instruction	414	414	4.69	540	539	4.63
Grading/Testing	414	414	4.45	540	539	4.45
Instructor Interest	414	413	4.61	540	538	4.59
Content of course(s) in major	414	413	4.54	540	539	4.49
Usefulness of course(s) in major	414	414	4.51	540	538	4.52
Class Size	414	410	4.33	540	529	4.28
Developmental courses and instruction	414	396	4.44	540	519	4.42
Helpfulness of lab supervisors	414	390	4.46	540	499	4.44
Quality of Equipment	414	394	4.43	540	513	4.40
Quantity of equipment	414	392	4.34	540	511	4.30
Availability of needed courses	414	413	4.27	540	538	4.41
Content of required courses outside your major	414	378	4.27	540	492	4.27
Usefulness of required courses outside your major	414	380	4.17	540	497	4.17

Valid N = Number that Did Not Select "(6) Not Applicable"; Mean = Mean of Valid N Responses

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If you have attended, participated in, or taken advantage of any of the college services listed below, please rate them accordingly. (1) No benefit (2) Little benefit (3) Some benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very beneficial	Term					
	2012FA			2013SP		
	Total N	Valid N	Mean	Total N	Valid N	Mean
Career counseling by major department	414	272	4.03	540	294	4.06
Career counseling by Advising & Counseling Center	414	283	3.98	540	304	4.04
Academic advisement in major department	414	348	4.22	540	437	4.21
Academic advisement in Advising & Counseling Center	414	327	4.15	540	405	4.14
Placement testing recommendations	414	303	3.99	540	371	4.00
Computer labs	414	349	4.35	540	446	4.38
Tutoring Services	414	261	3.97	540	310	4.08
Library Services	414	323	4.17	540	415	4.20
Financial Aid	414	334	4.49	540	438	4.48
Veterans Services	414	112	3.21	540	133	3.32
Enrollment related services	414	382	4.27	540	497	4.27
Bookstore	414	402	4.19	540	524	4.24
Student Activities	414	312	3.96	540	372	3.98
disAbility Services	414	103	3.26	540	130	3.55
Intramurals	414	145	3.39	540	183	3.68
Employment assistance by major department faculty	414	182	3.69	540	230	3.73
Employment assistance by Employment Services	414	148	3.34	540	190	3.45
Safety and Security Services	414	281	3.97	540	382	3.98
Testing Center	414	323	4.09	540	400	4.11
Advising & Counseling Center	414	359	4.25	540	469	4.18
AC print publications	414	347	3.97	540	419	4.02
AC digital communications	414	403	4.56	540	506	4.49

Valid N = Number that Did Not Select "(6) Not Applicable"; Mean = Mean of Valid N Responses

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Please rate how your AC education has affected your life. (1) No benefit (2) Little benefit (3) Some benefit (4) Beneficial (5) Very beneficial	Term					
	2012FA			2013SP		
	Total N	Valid N	Mean	Total N	Valid N	Mean
Obtaining my job	414	268	4.04	540	359	4.14
Improving my performance on the job	414	303	4.21	540	394	4.31
Increasing my opportunities for job advancement	414	363	4.40	540	468	4.42
Overall usefulness to my job	414	320	4.24	540	428	4.33
Understanding the world in which I live	414	396	4.08	540	506	4.12
Communicating with others	414	399	4.19	540	520	4.25
Improving my thinking skills	414	409	4.41	540	528	4.46
Understanding myself and my life goals	414	400	4.30	540	522	4.38
Improving my self-image	414	398	4.10	540	513	4.27
Improving my performance as a U.S. and world citizen	414	389	4.02	540	494	4.16
Appreciating the fine arts	414	342	3.67	540	441	3.79
Improving my writing skills	414	389	4.03	540	503	4.02
Improving my computational skills	414	380	4.10	540	509	4.14
Improving my problem-solving and decision-making skills	414	402	4.36	540	524	4.40

Valid N = Number that Did Not Select "(6) Not Applicable"; Mean = Mean of Valid N Responses

Please check each of the following that applies, if you plan to pursue the activity following graduation/licensure (select all that apply).	2012FA		2013SP	
	Count	% of Students	Count	% of Students
Continue my education at another college	273	66%	352	65%
Continue working in my present job	185	45%	245	45%
Begin work in a job I have already obtained but have not yet started	91	22%	111	21%
Look for a job (preferably in my field)	309	75%	411	76%

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<h1>Employment Information</h1>		Term			
		2012FA		2013SP	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Please indicate your current employment status	Currently Employed or Employed Pending Graduation/Licensure	283	68%	348	64%
	Unemployed but seeking work	71	17%	115	21%
	Unemployed and not seeking work	60	14%	77	14%
	Total	414	100%	540	100%
Is your job related to your major field of study at Amarillo College?	Yes, it is directly or closely related	153	54%	173	50%
	No, it is only remotely or not at all related	130	46%	175	50%
	Total	283	100%	348	100%
When did you first secure employment?	Before I began my AC coursework	159	61%	193	60%
	After I had completed a few courses at AC	64	25%	83	26%
	During my last term at AC	38	15%	44	14%
	Total	261	100%	320	100%
Please evaluate your current salary in terms of that which you expected	Much lower than I expected	13	6%	14	5%
	Lower than I expected	31	14%	38	14%
	About what I expected	159	71%	194	70%
	Higher than I expected	16	7%	28	10%
	Much higher than I expected	4	2%	3	1%
	Total	223	100%	277	100%
Please indicate the average number of hours per week that you work	Less than 5 hours	4	1%	5	2%
	6-10 hours	19	7%	18	6%
	11-20 hours	48	18%	61	19%
	21-30 hours	63	24%	68	21%
	31-40 hours	77	29%	114	35%
	More than 40 hours	57	21%	61	19%
	Total	268	100%	327	100%

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The reasons I have not accepted employment are (select all that apply):	2012FA		2013SP	
	Count	% of Students	Count	% of Students
Not yet sufficiently qualified for a job in my field of preparation	38	9%	66	12%
Prefer working in another field	1	0%	1	0%
Found better paying job in another field	1	0%	0	0%
Have not found a job in my field of preparation	38	9%	50	9%
Worked previously in field of preparation, but changed	1	0%	0	0%
Not currently employed	86	21%	112	21%

Job Availability		Term			
		2012FA		2013SP	
		Count	Column N %	Count	Column N %
How would you rate the availability of jobs in your field?	Very poor	2	1%	12	3%
	Poor	17	5%	23	5%
	Average	86	27%	129	31%
	Good	112	36%	135	32%
	Very good	98	31%	121	29%
	Total	315	100%	420	100%