

Kansas State University
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I. Descriptive Information

Majors Responding	Number Sent 1,547	Number 379	Percent 24.5%
Gender	n=379	Number	Percent
Male		165	43.5%
Female		211	55.7%
Age of Respondent	n=375		
Under 30		351	93.6%
30-35		19	5.1%
36+		5	1.3%
Racial/Ethnic Group	n=352		
Am. Indian/Alaskan		2	0.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander		2	0.6%
Black, African American		3	0.8%
Hispanic/Spanish Am./Latin Am.		5	1.4%
White		340	96.6%
U.S. Citizen	n=378		
Yes		376	99.4%
No		2	0.6%
Transfer Credit to KSU	n=379		
Yes		272	71.8%
No		107	28.2%

Summary of Transfer Credit to KSU

	Number of Credits				
	<21	21-30	31-40	41-60	61+
KS 4 Year Public	26	4	1	3	0
Other 4 Year Public	10	6	2	2	1
4 Year Private	10	4	1	1	1
Community College	116	26	15	36	30
Other	7	3	1	1	0

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II. KSU: Choice/Satisfaction

		Number	Percent
A. If you could start college over, would you still choose KSU?	n=378		
Definitely Yes		259	68.5%
Probably Yes		85	22.5%
Uncertain		17	4.5%
Probably No		13	3.4%
Definitely No		4	1.1%
B. When I first applied, KSU was my:	n=377		
First Choice		342	90.7%
Second Choice		29	7.7%
Third Choice		5	1.3%

III. Employment Experiences

		Number	Percent
A. Employment Status	n=375		
Not employed (outside the home)		7	1.9%
Graduate/Professional School		70	18.7%
Both Employed and Graduate School		32	8.5%
Employed Part-Time		10	2.7%
Employed Full-Time (35 hours/week)		247	65.9%
Other		9	2.4%
B. If not employed outside the home, why not?	n=9		
Chose to be a full-time homemaker		3	33.3%
Didn't desire employment now		0	0.0%
Laid off by employer		1	11.1%
Quit to seek other employment		1	11.1%
Job search confined to a specific city/region		0	0.0%
Matched opportunities with those of spouse		0	0.0%
Unable to find employment		4	44.4%
Having/expecting child		0	0.0%
Other		0	0.0%
C. First job since graduation?	n=294		
Yes		174	59.2%
No		120	40.8%

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		Number	Percent
D. Search was initiated	n=295		
More than 1 year prior to graduation		34	11.5%
Nine months to 1 year prior to graduation		31	10.5%
Six to eight months prior to graduation		59	20.0%
Three to five months prior to graduation		73	24.7%
One to two months prior to graduation		24	8.1%
At/After graduation time		74	25.1%
E. Length to find job?	n=283		
Prior to leaving college		95	33.6%
Less than 1 month		36	12.7%
One to three months		49	17.3%
Four to six months		45	15.9%
Seven or more months		58	20.5%
F. How difficult was it to find employment?	n=298		
Very difficult		27	9.1%
Fairly difficult		88	29.5%
Fairly easy		116	38.9%
Very easy		67	22.5%
G. Number of interviews before accepting position?	n=298		
Zero to one		79	26.5%
Two to five		140	47.0%
Six to nine		47	15.8%
Ten to fourteen		16	5.4%
Fifteen to nineteen		12	4.0%
Twenty or more		4	1.3%
H. Compared to employees from other schools, was KSU preparation	n=293		
An advantage		140	47.8%
Neither an advantage nor a disadvantage		9	3.1%
A disadvantage		144	49.1%

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		Number	Percent
I. How did you learn of you job?	n=298		
Professor/advisor		20	6.7%
Relative/friend		51	17.1%
College internship		25	8.4%
Government employment listing		3	1.0%
Employment agency		22	7.4%
Newspaper Ad		39	13.1%
Worked previously for employer		30	10.1%
Applied without knowledge of opening		27	9.1%
KSU Career & Employment Services		21	7.0%
Other		60	20.1%
J. How close is current job to one you aspired to prior to graduation?	n=279		
Very close		92	33.0%
Fairly close		88	31.5%
Not very close		49	17.6%
Far apart		50	17.9%
K. How well do you feel KSU prepared you for your present job?	n=295		
Inadequate preparation		8	2.7%
Fair preparation		56	19.0%
Good preparation		139	47.1%
Excellent preparation		54	18.3%
Not applicable		38	9.6%
L. Is a B.S./B.A. required for you current job?	n=293		
Yes		165	56.3%
No, but helpful		102	34.8%
No, irrelevant		26	8.9%
M. How close is your job to your major?	n=298		
Not related		57	19.1%
Slightly related		47	15.8%
Moderately related		55	18.5%
Highly related		139	46.6%

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	n	Number	Percent*
N. Why is your job not related or only slightly related to your major?	n=109		
Could not find a job closely related to major		22	20.2%
Major was not connected with employment opportunities		22	20.2%
Confined job search to specific city/region		15	13.8%
Job search was limited in order to match needs with another		2	1.8%
Developed new career interests after college		9	8.3%
Jobs in my field did not pay well		5	4.6%
Jobs in my field did not offer advancement		0	0.0%
Found opportunity in unrelated field		20	18.3%
O. What best describes your current position?	n=295		
Employed with definite long-term potential		105	35.6%
Employed with possible long-term potential		121	41.0%
Employed to earn money - no other advantages		27	9.1%
Temporarily employed while looking for something more suitable		25	8.5%
Temporary position which will last for a limited time		17	5.8%
P. Salary*****	n=293		
Less than \$20,000		34	11.6%
\$20,000 - \$29,999		114	38.9%
\$30,000 - \$39,999		105	35.8%
\$40,000 - \$49,999		31	10.6%
\$50,000 - \$59,999		5	1.7%
\$60,000 - \$69,999		3	1.0%
\$70,000 - \$79,999		1	0.3%
\$80,000 or more		0	0.0%
		*****Expanded from previous reports	
Q. Current Job Satisfaction	n=294		
Salary/Benefits		167	56.8%
Location		209	71.1%
Opportunity to use qualifications		177	60.2%
Prestige/recognition		143	48.6%
Interesting/challenging work		196	66.7%
Working conditions		218	74.1%
Opportunity to learn		210	71.4%

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IV. Graduate/Professional School Experiences

		Number	Percent
A. Degree Currently Pursuing	n=103		
M.S./M.A.		47	45.6%
Ph.D.		6	5.8%
1st Professional (DVM, MD, JD, DDS)		50	48.5%
B. Highest Degree you plan to complete	n=102		
M.S./M.A.		25	24.3%
Ph.D.		28	27.2%
1st Professional (DVM, MD, JD, DDS)		50	48.5%
C. Was undergrad major related to grad program?	n=101		
Directly related		53	52.5%
Somewhat related		38	37.6%
Not related		10	9.9%
D. Was this grad/professional program your first choice?	n=102		
Yes		83	81.4%
No, was accepted but couldn't afford 1st choice		6	5.9%
No, was not accepted		6	5.9%
No, didn't attend in order to match spouse's needs		3	2.9%
Other		4	3.9%
E. Quality of undergrad preparation for graduate/professional education	n=103		
Excellent		39	37.9%
Good		44	42.7%
Fair		13	12.6%
Inadequate		2	1.9%
N.A. Graduate program is not related		5	4.9%

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V. Evaluation of Undergraduate Programs: Outcomes

Type of Breadth	Number	Percent*
Development of Academic Skills	n=377	
A. Problem Solving	353	93.6%
B. Independence	345	91.8%
Gaining Educational Breadth	n=378	
A. General		
Knowledge to enrich	347	91.8%
Intellectual curiosity	341	90.9%
Opposing views	327	87.0%
B. Social Science		
Aware of world issues	257	68.2%
C. Personal/Social Development		
1. Personal Values	293	77.9%
2. Self-Understanding	333	89.0%
3. Interpersonal Development		
Friendship	336	89.1%
Group skills	305	80.9%
Racial/ethnic interaction	263	69.9%
4. Health		
Mental/Physical Health	239	63.7%
5. Use of Leisure		
Leisure activities	260	69.0%
Organizing time	317	84.3%
6. Family Enhancement		
Family life	273	72.6%
Handling consumer issues/finance	253	67.3%

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VI. Evaluation of Undergraduate Programs: Process and Environment

		Number	Percent
A. Major Field			
1. Choose same first major?	n=367		
Definitely yes		140	38.1%
Probably yes		112	30.5%
Uncertain		50	13.6%
Probably no		46	12.5%
Definitely no		19	5.2%
2. Gaining Specialized Knowledge	n=379	Number	Percent*
3. Technical Skills	n=378	373	98.4%
		334	88.4%
Characteristics of Advising	n=379		
A. Access to advising		333	87.9%
B. Course/program assistance		306	80.7%
C. Career/graduation information		243	64.1%
D. Poor advising required longer enrollment		53	%
Curriculum Recommendations	n=377	% More	% Less
A. Writing		30.8%	1.9%
B. Oral communication		48.3%	0.3%
C. Math skills		20.7%	6.4%
D. Computer skills		64.5%	0.5%
E. Problem solving skills		47.2%	0.5%
F. Thinking/reasoning		39.3%	0.5%
G. Interpersonal skills		32.4%	1.9%
H. Background, natural sciences		10.9%	14.9%
I. Background, social sciences		20.2%	11.9%
J. Background, humanities/arts		21.8%	20.7%
K. Theory in major		28.1%	11.9%
L. Applications in major		63.4%	0.0%

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Most Important Objectives of KSU Undergraduate Programs

Objective	Letter	Number	Rank**
Increasing knowledge and understanding of field	A	173	2
Gaining knowledge, technical skills, and competence	B	233	1
Developing skills in group interaction	C	74	4
Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible	E	75	3
Thinking clearly, and being able to solve problems	I	73	5

**Rank determined by counting the number of times the answer was chosen as one of the "three most important."

VII. Location Data

		Number	Percent
Location of Current Position	n=271		
Kansas		151	55.7%
Surrounding States (NE, OK, MO, IA, CO)		55	20.3%
All Others		65	24.0%
Graduate/Professional School in which enrolled	n=106		
Fort Hays State University		2	1.9%
Illinois College of Optometry		2	1.9%
Kansas State University		30	28.3%
University of Kansas		15	14.2%
Washburn University		5	4.7%
Wichita State University		3	2.8%

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