

Report on the Survey of Graduating Students: 2011-12

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Western's Strategic Plan, **Engaging the Future** affirms the importance of assessing the University's performance in its primary missions of teaching and research. A significant component of this evaluative process is the measurement of the learning experience of our students.

In February 1995, the President and Vice-Presidents initiated a voluntary, confidential exit survey, sponsored by the Provost, to determine undergraduates' perceptions of the quality of their educational experiences and their satisfaction with facilities and academic support services at Western University. The Survey of Graduating Students continues both to provide information for planning and to reinforce the University's commitment to excellence.

The Survey Questionnaire

The 2011-12 Survey of Graduating Students (attached as Appendix A) was a 16-item questionnaire in which graduates rated their satisfaction with academic courses and programs, the quality of instruction, the degree to which their university experience enhanced a range of abilities and skills, and their satisfaction with Western's physical facilities and administrative services. Graduates were also asked to describe their reasons for pursuing post-secondary education and for choosing Western, their living arrangements and funding sources while at university, their education-related debt upon graduation, and their plans for future employment or study. Minimal identifying information about Faculty or College, academic program, full- or part-time status, and gender was requested. Three open-ended questions provided an opportunity for graduates to offer comments about their experiences at Western and their suggestions for improving the University and the Survey itself.

Survey Procedure

Questionnaire Distribution

A web-based survey including an explanatory letter was made available to a total of 5,481 undergraduate, certificate, and diploma students who were registered at the Constituent University and who were, at the time of distribution, expected to graduate at the Fall 2010 or Spring 2011 Convocations. The cover letter enlisted students' cooperation and assured them that participation was voluntary, responses would be treated confidentially, and only aggregate data would be published.

Response Rate

Of the 5,556 questionnaires distributed to graduates of the Constituent University, 855 completed questionnaires (or 15.4%) were received.

Table 1 shows response rates, by Faculty of registration, for the 855 respondents who identified themselves as registered at the Constituent University.

The respondents were characteristic of graduates in marital status, immigration status, and applicant type, but females were more heavily represented among respondents. With this caveat, respondents can be regarded as representative of the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 graduating classes as a whole.

Limitations

When interpreting the results of the survey, it should be noted that the methodology permits only relatively global generalizations to be made. The number of respondents is not large enough to permit meaningful analysis at the level of academic Departments or individual programs. Despite the small sample sizes within departmentalized Faculties, it is entirely reasonable to expect differences in responses at this level. Furthermore, these differences will be both above and below the Faculty average and as a result the reader should not assume that the Faculty-level responses will mirror the responses at the Department level. Available resources and existing physical structures also vary significantly across campus. Some Faculties/Departments have the benefit of newer buildings and/or recent renovations, and these factors may affect the rankings of specific Faculties. Furthermore, it is very likely that some respondents have allowed bleak job prospects to affect their responses.

In addition, the present questionnaire does not take into account respondents' degree of experience with items that they are rating. Although the survey format did offer respondents the option of indicating which items were "not applicable" to them, it is not possible to distinguish the opinions of students with limited exposure to certain facilities or services from those who have used them extensively.

Distortion or loss of specific recollection may affect responses to some questions, particularly Questions 10 and 11, where respondents ranked reasons for pursuing postsecondary education and for choosing Western University. In most instances, graduates would have made those decisions 4 to 6 years ago.

In Question 9, respondents indicated their current plans upon graduation. It is important to note that these questionnaires were distributed in April and May for June graduates and therefore the responses to Question 9 reflect the students' employment status or plans at that particular time. If the survey were to be distributed 6 months after Convocation it could perhaps yield different results.

Although generally positive, the results of the survey point to areas that deserve more extensive study to determine whether changes are warranted. For example, the results suggest the need to determine why graduates were only moderately satisfied with campus food outlets, career services and financial and scholarship services. Similarly, within certain academic units, more information should be sought in response to lower satisfaction ratings about teaching quality, academic programs, and facilities.

Faculties, Colleges, and support units that require more detailed feedback might consider gathering supplementary information through questionnaires, interviews, or focus groups with the current student or graduate populations.

Despite these limitations, the Survey of Graduating Students seems capable of revealing larger trends in students' attitudes and opinions. In future, as changes to academic programs, support services, and

facilities are introduced at Western, the views of graduates who returned the survey can serve as a benchmark against which the effects of changes may be measured.

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Table 1

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Distribution of Population and Responses by Faculty

	Рор	ulation	Res	ponses	Response
Faculty	N	% of total	N	% of total	Rate
Arts & Humanities	260	4.7	40	4.7	15.4
Business	519	9.3	48	5.6	9.2
Dentistry	.55	1.0	5	0.6	9.1
Education	701	12.6	97	11.3	13.8
Engineering	239	4.3	46	5.4	19.2
Health Sciences	877	15.8	126	14.7	14.4
Info & Media Studies	242	4.4	29	3.4	12.0
Law	157	2.8	31	3.6	19.7
Medicine: B. Med Sci Program	304	5.5	71	8.3	23.4
Medicine: MD Program	148	2.7	7	0.8	4.7
Music	119	2.1	21	2.5	17.6
Science	549	9.9	103	12.0	18.8
Social Science	1,386	24.9	231	27.0	16.7
Total	5,556	100.0	855	100.0	15.4

Table 2

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Reasons For Pursuing Postsecondary Education

How important were each of the following					SCS	de: 1= N	ot At A	Il Impo	rtant / 5	= Very	Scale: $1 = \text{Not At All Important} / 5 = \text{Very Important}$	Ħ					20	2010-11 Results	s
reasons for you when you first decided to	Response=1	nse=1	Respo	Resp onse=2	Response=3	nse=3	Response=4	nse=4	Response=5	5-951			Response=N/A	N/A	No Response	onse	Response=4	Response=5	Total
oursue postsecondary education?	z	%	z	%	z	%	z	%	z	%	Total	Mean	z	%	z	%	9/0	%	Mean
Preparing to enter a specific job or career	73	9.8	51	6.0	128	15.2	177	21.0	415	49.2	844	4.0	6	1.1	2	0.2	21.1	47.4	3.9
Required for professional or career advancement	84	10.5	50	6.2	115	14.3	180	22.4	374	46.6	803	3.9	48	5.6	4	0.5	21.1	48.5	3.9
Personal development/fulfillment	7.5	6.8	62	7.4	121	14.4	286	33.9	299	35.5	843	3.8	8	6.0	য	0.5	30.9	37.2	3.8
Preparing for further study at an advanced level	16	1111	92	11.2	139	16.9	214	26.0	287	34.9	823	3.6	25	2.9	7	8.0	24.9	35.9	3.7
To obtain a broad general education	103	12.5	122	14.9	195	23.8	230	28.0	171	20.8	821	3.3	28	3.3	9	7:0	28.6	21.8	3.4
Parents wanted me to go to university	142	18.0	126	16.0	186	23.6	167	21.2	168	21.3	789	3.1	09	7.0	9	7:0	19.6	23.4	3.1
Friends were going to university	277	36.0	158	20.5	122	15.8	1117	15.2	96	12.5	770	2.5	77	9.0	&	6.0	11.8	12.5	2.4
Could not find a job/good job	339	55.1	81	13.2	7.1	11.5	47	7.6	77	12.5	615	2.1	233	27.3	۲	8.0	6'5	9.2	1.9

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Reasons For Attending The University of Western Ontario

How important were each of the following					***	Scale: 1=	Not At	All Impor	-tant / 5 =	Scale: $1=Not$ At All Important / $5=Very$ Important	nportant	200					20	2010-11 Results	646
reasons in your decision to enrol at UWO?	Response	nse	Respo	sponse=2	Response=3	nse=3	Response=4	nse=4	Response=5	5=asu			Response=N/A	e=N/A	No Response	esuod	Response=4	Response=5	Total
	Z	%	Ν	%	Z	%	N	%	Z	%	Total	Mean	Z	%	N	%	%	%	Mean
Quality of programs offered	99	7.9	40	4.8	62	5.6	278	33.4	698	44.4	832	4.0	18	2.1	5	9.0	34.8	41.3	4.0
Career-relevant programs	88	10.8	89	83	141	17.2	230	28.1	167	35.6	818	3.7	31	3.6	9	0.7	29.4	32.8	3.7
Unique programs or specializations	83	10.3	94	11.7	157	19.5	210	26.1	262	32.5	908	3.6	43	5.0	9	7.0	26.1	31.0	3.6
Good social atmosphere	86	12.1	08	66	145	17.9	273	33.7	215	26.5	811	3.5	37	43	7	8.0	32.6	27.5	3.5
Variety of programs offered	110	13.9	64	11.8	159	20.0	226	28.5	205	25.8	794	3.4	54	6.3	7	8.0	30.6	22.7	3.4
Advice from teachers/counsellors	143	18.1	109	13.8	202	25.6	212	26.9	122	15.5	788	3.1	59	6.9	8	6.0	26.9	13.8	3.0
Good student support services	154	19.2	122	15.2	215	26.8	214	26.7	26	12.1	803	3.0	45	5.3	8	6.0	21.5	11.7	2.8
Size of university/college	168	21.1	135	16.9	223	27.9	177	22.2	\$6	11.9	262	2.9	51	0.9	9	0.7	22.4	12.2	2.9
Good athletic facilities/programs	205	26.3	135	17.3	191	20.7	161	20.7	711	15.0	677	2.8	29	7.8	6	1.1	16.3	12.2	2.6
Proximity to home community	248	35.6	69	66	111	15.9	102	14.6	167	24.0	269	2.8	151	17.7	7	8.0	14.6	23.1	2.8
Size of classes	166	20.7	163	20.3	249	31.1	150	18.7	62	9.1	801	2.8	48	5.6	9	7.0	16.9	10.1	2.7
Wanted to live in London	273	34.3	133	16.7	114	14.3	123	15.4	154	19.3	797	2.7	52	6.1	9	0.7	15.7	20.7	2.7
Quality of clinical training	250	37.0	115	17.0	128	18.9	109	16.1	74	10.9	929	2.5	169	19.8	10	1.2	13.4	12.0	2.4
Scholarships offered	368	37.6	101	14.2	129	18.1	122	17.1	66	13.0	713	2.5	131	15.3	П	1.3	16.3	10.0	2.4
Able to live at home	338	60.5	29	5.2	21	3.8	40	7.2	131	23.4	559	2.3	586	33.8	7	8.0	5.9	23.5	2.3
Friends were attending	336	46.9	115	16.1	115	16.1	98	12.0	64	8.9	716	2.2	130	15.2	6	1.1	11.2	10.6	2.2
Availability of distance learning	352	50.3	116	16.6	106	15.1	61	8.7	99	9.3	700	2.1	143	16.7	12	1.4	8.3	8.4	2.0
Family tradition	399	66.3	09	10.0	57	5.6	35	5.8	51	8.5	602	1.8	245	28.7	8	6.0	9.9	7.6	1.8
Rejected elsewhere	337	70.1	37	7.7	31	6.4	26	5.4	50	10.4	481	1.8	357	41.8	17	2.0	3.7	9.4	1.7

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Three Largest Sources of Financial Assistance

			2011-12	1-12					2010-11)-11		
Source of Financial Assistance	Largest of Financial	Largest Source of Financial Assistance	Second Lar	Second Largest Source of Financial Assistance	Third Larg	Third Largest Source of Financial Assistance	Largest of Financial	Largest Source of Financial Assistance	Second Lar of Financial	Second Largest Source of Financial Assistance	Third Larg of Financial	Third Largest Source of Financial Assistance
	Z	%	Z	%	z	%	z	%	z	%	N	%
Parents (non-repayable)	380	44.4	71	8.3	54	6.3	433	42.8	9/	7.5	£9	6.2
Repayable Loans	199	23.3	87	10.2	56	6.5	234	23.1	121	12.0	99	6.5
Summer Employment	74	8.7	235	27.5	169	19.8	7.5	7.4	585	28.6	193	19.1
Bank Loans	48	5.6	48	5.6	56	3.0	75	7.4	78	7.7	30	3.0
Parents (repayable)	40	4.7	45	5.3	37	4.3	09	5.9	44	4.4	31	3.1
Scholarships/Bursaries	31	3.6	140	16.4	126	14.7	31	3.1	150	14.8	159	15.7
Spouse/Partner	6	11	13	1.5	9	0.7	18	1.8	12	1.2	7	0.7
Part-time Employment During Academic Year	18	2.1	70	8.2	80	9.4	20	2.0	76	7.5	92	9.1
Personal Savings Not Obtained from Employment	17	2.0	76	3.0	33	3.9	17	1.7	20	2.0	85	5.7
Full-time Employment During Academic Year	16	1.9	10	1.2	6	1.1	6	6:0	18	1.8	10	1.0
Other	14	1.6	12	1.4	6	111	29	2.9	11	1.1	10	1.0
No Response	6	1.1	86	11.5	250	29.2	10	1.0	116	11.5	292	28.9
Total	855	100.0	855	100.0	855	100.0	1,011	100.0	1,011	100.0	1,011	100.0

Table 5
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Estimate of Education-Related Debt

(Excluding International Students)

		2011-12			2010-11	
Debt	N	%	Cum. %	N	%	Cum. %
Nil	350	44.7	44.7	368	39.4	39.4
1 - 999	1	0.1	44.8	9	1.0	40.4
1,000 - 1,999	3	0.4	45.2	4	0.4	40.8
2,000 - 2,999	5	0.6	45.8	13	1.4	42.2
3,000 - 3,999	5	0.6	46.5	2	0.2	42.4
4,000 - 4,999	5	0.6	47.1	7	0.8	43.2
5,000 - 5,999	14	1.8	48.9	13	1.4	44.6
6,000 - 6,999	5	0.6	49.6	4	0.4	45.0
7,000 - 7,999	5	0.6	50.2	12	1.3	46.3
8,000 - 8,999	12	1.5	51.7	11	1.2	47.5
9,000 - 9,999	2	0.3	52.0	7	0.8	48.2
10,000 - 10,999	22	2.8	54.8	35	3.8	52.0
11,000 - 11,999	4	0.5	55.3	5	0.5	52.5
12,000 - 12,999	11	1.4	56.7	12	1.3	53.8
13,000 - 13,999	7	0.9	57.6	6	0.6	54.4
14,000 - 14,999	4	0.5	58.1	4	0.4	54.9
15,000 - 15,999	25	3.2	61.3	26	2.8	57.7
16,000 - 16,999	7	0.9	62.2	8	0.9	58.5
17,000 - 17,999	6	0.8	63.0	4	0.4	58.9
18,000 - 18,999	4	0.5	63.5	10	1.1	60.0
19,000 - 19,999	2	0.3	63.7	3	0.3	60.3
20,000 - 20,999	29	3.7	67.4	41	4.4	64.7
21,000 - 21,999	7	0.9	68.3	2	0.2	65.0
22,000 - 22,999	5	0.6	69.0	9	1.0	65.9
23,000 - 23,999	2	0.3	69.2	11	1.2	67.1
24,000 - 24,999	5	0.6	69.9	6	0.6	67.7
25,000 - 29,999	40	5.1	75.0	57	6.1	73.8
30,000 - 34,999	51	6.5	81.5	63	6.8	80.6
more than 35,000	145	18.5	100.0	181	19.4	100.0
Total (excl NR)	783	100.0		933	100.0	

Mean Debt (incl. Nil)	\$17,174	Ш	\$18,668
Mean Debt (excl. Nil)	\$31,056	Ц	\$30,826

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Plans Upon Graduation

	201	1-12	201	0-11
Current Plans	N	%	N	%
I have a job arranged (see below)	235	27.5	251	24.8
I plan to seek employment	216	25.3	238	23.5
I plan to enrol in a graduate program	189	22.1	242	23.9
I plan to enrol in a professional school	120	14.0	153	15.1
I plan to enrol in a community college	13	1.5	27	2.7
No definite plans	28	3.3	23	2.3
Other	52	6.1	75	7.4
No Response	2	0.2	2	0.2
Total	855	100.0	1,011	100.0
Of the respondents that have a job arranged (excluding No Responses)				
Closely related to studies	160	68.7	174	69.3
Somewhat related to studies	49	21.0	43	17.1
Not related to studies	24	10.3	34	13.5
Permanent position	146	62.4	165	65.7
Temporary position	88	37.6	86	34.3
Full-time position	202	86.3	216	86.1
Part-time position	32	13.7	35	13.9

Table 7
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Satisfaction with Physical Facilities on Campus

Please rate your satisfaction with the						Scale:	l= Not A	t All S	Scale: 1= Not At All Satisfied / 5= Very Satisfied	' 5= Ver	y Satisf	ied						2010-11 Results	8
following physical facilities on campus	Respo	Response=1	Response=2	nse=2	Response=3	nse=3	Response=4	1se=4	Response=5	s==sı		Г	Response=N/A	e=N/A	No Response	p onse	Response=4	Response=4 Response=5	Total
	Z	%	Z	%	z	%	z	%	Z	. %	Total	Mean	N	%	Z	%	%	9%	Mean
Athletic/recreation facilities	34	4.4	36	4.7	78	10.1	244	31.7	378	49.1	770	4.2	92	6.8	6	111	33.0	49.7	4.2
General condition of buildings and grounds	27	3.2	48	5.7	126	14.9	378	44.7	366	31.5	845	4.0	9	0.7	4	0.5	48.0	29.3	4.0
Libraries	30	3.6	55	6.5	171	20.3	353	42.0	232	27.6	841	3.8	9	0.7	8	6.0	42.3	28.2	3.9
Laboratories	23	4.2	40	7.3	133	24.4	223	40.8	127	23.3	546	3.7	304	35.6	5	9.0	41.2	17.2	3.6
Residences	41	7.2	34	5.9	110	19.2	248	43.3	140	24.4	573	3.7	279	32.6	3	0.4	43.4	28.2	3.8
Bookstore	39	4.6	79	9.4	225	26.8	323	38.5	174	20.7	840	3.6	13	1.5	2	0.2	42.1	19.0	3.6
Classrooms	18	2.1	29	7.9	249	29.3	383	45.1	132	15.5	849	3.6	5	9.0	1	0.1	44.8	13.7	3.6
Clinical training facilities	24	7.2	39	11.6	66	27.8	113	33.7	99	19.7	335	3.5	512	59.9	8	6.0	34.6	21.0	3.6
Computer labs	25	3.4	87	11.7	234	31.5	284	38.3	112	15.1	742	3.5	109	12.7	4	0.5	40.6	16.0	3.5
Facilities for student clubs, etc.	40	5.9	74	10.8	220	32.2	258	37.8	16	13.3	683	3.4	170	19.9	2	0.2	32.3	12.6	3.3
Campus food outlets	85	10.5	153	19.0	259	32.1	215	26.6	95	11.8	807	3.1	45	5.3	3	0.4	28.3	11.9	3.1
Parking	206	32.0	193	30.0	149	23.2	62	9.6	33	5.1	643	2.3	208	24.3	4	0.5	12.8	4.6	2.3

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Satisfaction with Support Units

Please rate your satisfaction with the	3				0.000	Scale: 1=	· Not At	Scale: 1= Not At All Satisfied / 5 = Very Satisfied	led / 5 =	Very Sai	lisfied						3(2010-11 Results	
following administrative services on campus	Respo	Response=1	Response=2	nse=2	Response=3	1se=3	Response=4	se=4	Response=5	se=5			Response=N/A	E-N/A	No Response	onse	Response=4	Response=5	Total
	Z	%	Z	%	z	%	N	%	Z	. %	Total	Mean	N	%	z	%	%	%	Mean
Campus safety	16	2.1	31	4.1	110	14.5	329	43.2	275	36.1	761	4.1	81	9.5	13	1.5	44.7	34.3	4.0
Library access via web	37	4.5	40	4.8	107	13.0	298	36.1	344	41.6	826	4.1	20	2.3	6	1.1	33.9	40.9	4.0
Library hours of operation	47	5.7	28	7.0	119	14.3	348	41.9	258	31.1	830	3.9	17	2.0	8	6.0	36.6	31.0	3.8
Student Health services	38	5.5	28	4.0	140	20.2	279	40.2	209	30.1	694	3.9	152	17.8	6	1.1	39.3	31.0	3.9
Bookstore hours of operation	19	2.3	09	7.4	200	24.7	398	49.2	132	16.3	608	3.7	36	4.2	10	1.2	45.1	16.8	3.7
Department administration	46	0.9	69	7.7	228	29.8	283	37.0	148	19.4	764	3.6	81	9.5	10	1.2	38.2	17.9	3.5
International student services	12	1.7	12	7.1	45	26.8	64	38.1	35	20.8	168	3.6	675	6.87	12	1.4	27.7	7.72	3.6
Learning Skills services	23	6.1	23	6.1	107	283	159	42.1	99	17.5	378	3.6	465	54.4	12	1.4	35.2	20.1	3.5
Bookstore access for off-campus learners	23	5.4	38	8.9	120	28.2	178	41.8	29	15.7	426	3.5	418	48.9	11	13	37.7	18.3	3.6
Effective Writing program	22	6.9	27	8.4	06	28.1	124	38.8	57	17.8	320	3.5	522	61.1	13	1.5	30.3	17.3	3.4
Faculty or College administration	55	7.1	89	8.8	237	30.8	283	36.8	127	16.5	770	3.5	75	8.8	10	1.2	38.0	14.2	3.4
Financial aid (OSAP) services	38	8.2	48	10.4	120	26.0	163	35.4	92	20.0	461	3.5	384	44.9	10	1.2	36.6	19.3	3.4
Off-campus housing services	25	4.7	53	10.0	152	28.8	207	39.2	16	17.2	528	3.5	316	37.0	11	1.3	37.5	16.0	3.5
Services for students with disabilities	13	8.6	10	7.5	30	22.6	51	38.3	29	21.8	133	3.5	705	82.5	17	2.0	24.8	27.1	3.5
Administrative office hours of operation	40	5.0	96	11.9	264	32.8	321	39.8	85	10.5	908	3.4	41	4.8	8	6.0	39.1	10.3	3.4
Career services	45	9.5	69	12.5	114	24.2	156	33.1	86	20.8	472	3.4	371	43.4	12	1.4	31.5	15.3	3.3
Registration procedures	63	7.7	96	11.8	251	30.8	297	36.4	108	13.3	815	3.4	29	3.4	11	1.3	37.0	12.2	3.3
Scholarship services	47	8.3	78	13.7	168	29.6	176	31.0	66	17.4	568	3.4	276	32.3	11	13	31.1	14.5	3.3
Academic counselling	06	12.2	114	15.4	173	23.4	223	30.2	138	18.7	738	3.3	108	12.6	6	1.1	28.8	16.7	3.2
Food outlet hours of operation	43	5.3	115	14.1	283	34.7	299	36.7	75	9.2	815	3.3	32	3.7	8	6.0	35.7	9.2	3.3
Students' Council services	53	8.3	84	13.1	214	33.3	207	32.2	84	13.1	642	3.3	191	22.3	22	2.6	28.8	9.2	3.1
Employment services	40	11.7	55	16.1	103	30.1	86	28.7	46	13.5	342	3.2	499	58.4	14	1.6	27.6	12.1	3.1
On-campus work opportunities	53	11.0	85	17.6	134	27.7	133	27.5	78	16.1	483	3.2	363	42.5	6	1:1	25.8	15.3	3.1
Library study space	77	9.4	164	20.1	229	28.0	254	31.1	93	11.4	817	3.1	30	3.5	8	6.0	32.0	10.2	3.2
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Table 9

Survey of Graduating Students: 2011-12

Ratings of Teaching and Learning Experiences

Western University Survey of Graduating Students: 2011-12

How much do you agree or disagree with the following						Scale: 1=	Strong	y Disagr	Scale: 1= Strongly Disagree / 5 = Strongly Agree	rongly /	gree						2010-11 Results	Results	
about learning experiences at Western	Respo	onse=1	Response=2	se=2	Response=3	1se=3	Response=4	se=4	Response=5	e=5		1	Response=N/A		No Response	Response=4	se=4 Response=5		Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	. %	Total I	Mean	% N	N	%	%	%	100.50	Mean
Instructors treated students with respect	20	2.4	39	4.6	113	13.3	438	51.7	238	28.1	848	4.0	2 0	0.2 5	9.0	49.2		27.5	3.9
My program had sufficient theoretical focus	23	2.7	38	4.5	114	13.5	386	45.7	283	33.5	844	4.0	4 0	0.5	0.8	45.9		32.3	4.0
Generally, I was satisfied with the quality of teaching	33	3.9	40	4.7	127	15.0	398	46.9	250	29.5	848	3.9	2 0	0.2 5	9.0	46.1		8.92	3.9
I was generally able to get the classes I wanted	38	4.5	50	0.9	124	14.8	355	42.5	569	32.2	983	3.9	15 1.	1.8 4	0.5	38.6		34.6	3.9
Instructors displayed a positive attitude toward students	18	2.1	38	4.5	140	16.5	447	52.7	205	24.2	848	3.9	2 0.	0.2 5	9.0	51.4	1 22.7	1.7	3.9
Instructors were reasonably accessible to help students	61	2.2	46	5.4	139	16.4	440	52.1	201	23.8	845	3.9	7 0	8:0	0.4	49.8		26.2	3.9
Library staff provided helpful assistance	31	4.0	35	4.6	137	17.8	326	42.4	239	31.1	89/	3.9	.6 77	0.6) 1.2	39.8		34.7	4.0
My learning experience was enjoyable	33	3.9	51	0.9	133	15.7	366	43.2	265	31.3	848	3.9	2 0	0.2 5	9.0	41.6		31.6	3.9
Instructors took pride in their teaching	25	3.0	49	5.8	182	21.5	372	44.0	217	25.7	845	3.8	2 0	0.2	6.0	43.9		22.5	3.7
My learning experiences were intellectually stimulating	38	4.1	52	6.1	141	16.7	398	47.0	220	26.0	846	3.8	3 0	0.4 6	0.7	44.3		7.7.2	3.9
My program offered an enriching learning experience	38	4.5	09	7.1	155	18.3	343	40.4	252	29.7	848	3.8	3 0.	0.4 4	0.5	42.6		7.7.2	3.8
Class participation was actively encouraged	27	3.2	63	7.4	218	25.7	332	39.1	209	24.6	849	3.7	3 0.	0.4	0.4	40.1		23.3	3.7
Instructors stimulated me to want to learn more	35	4.1	69	8.1	202	23.8	325	38.4	216	25.5	847	3.7	3 0.	0.4 5	9.0	41.8	3 22.1	17	3.7
Instructors took an active interest in my learning	30	3.5	70	8.2	192	22.5	392	46.0	168	19.7	852	3.7	3 0.	0.4 0	0.0	40.8	2	21.7	3.6
Instructors tried to ensure that material was understood	28	3.3	29	7.9	192	22.6	403	47.5	159	18.7	849	3.7	3 0.	0.4	0.4	47.2		18.7	3.7
Library collections supported my course requirements	35	4.4	19	7.7	194	24.5	308	38.9	193	24.4	791	3.7	58 6	6.8 6	0.7	41.2		24.9	3.7
Evaluation (exams and marking) was fair	33	3.9	58	8.9	221	26.1	411	48.5	125	14.7	848	3.6	3 0	0.4	0.5	46.8		13.5	3.6
Instructors encouraged feedback regarding their teaching	34	4.0	94	11.2	236	28.0	320	38.0	159	18.9	843	3.6	0 9	0.7 6	0.7	36.5		18.5	3.5
Library instruction improved my research skills	54	7.3	80	10.8	192	26.0	253	34.2	160	21.7	739	3.5	110 12	12.9 6	0.7	34.2		24.5	3.6
My assignments were useful learning experiences	31	3.6	86	11.5	255	30.0	335	39.4	131	15.4	850	3.5	3 0.	0.4 2	0.2	42.3		13.8	3.5
I had sufficient opportunity for self-paced learning	53	6.4	94	11.4	237	28.8	315	38.3	124	15.1	823	3.4	24 2.	2.8 8	6.0	38.6		13.8	3.4
Instructors provided helpful feedback throughout course	37	4.4	109	12.9	244	28.8	360	42.6	96	11.3	846	3.4	3 0	0.4 6	0.7	38.4		12.3	3.4
My program had sufficient practical focus	74	8.8	135	16.0	194	23.0	272	32.3	167	19.8	842	3.4	7 0	9 8:0	0.7	32.9		19.5	3.4
Teaching assistants were used effectively	63	8.0	134	16.9	243	30.7	262	33.1	06	11.4	792	3.2	55 6.	6.4 8	6.0	30.1		11.9	3.2

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Overall Satisfaction

						Scale:	1= Not	At All S	atisfied	/ 5 = Ve	Scale: 1= Not At All Satisfied / 5 = Very Satisfied	fied						2010-11 Results	
	Respo	Response=1	Response=2	nse=2	Response=3	rse=3	Response=4	ise=4	Response=5	S==21			Response=N/A	se=N/A	No Response	ponse	Response=4	Response=5	Total
	z	%	z	%	z	%	z	%	z	%	Total	Mean	z	%	z	%	0%	%	Mean
Overall satisfaction with the education you received	10	1.2	26	3.0	76	11.4	286	33.5	434	50.9	853	4.3	2	0.2	0	0.0	34.3	49.3	4.3
Overall satisfaction with the courses taught in your home department	13	1.5	35	4.1	120	14.1	281	32.9	405	47.4	854	4.2	Т	0.1	0	0.0	34.6	41.6	4.1
Overall satisfaction with the courses taught in other departments	18	2.4	34	4.6	183	24.9	286	38.9	214	29.1	735	3.9	114	13.3	9	0.7	40.3	29.0	3.9

Table 10

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Survey of Graduating Students: 2011-12 Areas of Academic and Personal Improvements

Overall, how much did your education at Western	3)					Sc	de: 1= N	ot At All	Scale: $1 = Not At All / 5 = A Great Deal$	eat Deal							24	2010-11 Results	
contribute to improvements in each of the following	Response=1	nse=1	Response=2	nse=2	Response=3	1se=3	Response=4	ıse=4	Response=5	;e=5	.000	1	Response=N/A	30 65.	No Response	onse	Response=4	Response=5	Total
areas	Z	%	Z	%	Z	%	z	%	z	L %	Total N	Mean	z	%	Z	%	%	%	Mean
Ability to learn and work on your own	50	5.9	37	4.4	110	13.1	306	36.4	338	40.2	841	4.0	13	1.5	1	0.1	35.0	38.3	3.9
Critical judgement	28	3.3	44	5.2	125	14.8	335	39.6	314	37.1	846	4.0	7	8.0	2	0.2	41.0	36.9	4.0
Problem-solving	30	3.6	45	5.4	149	17.7	364	43.3	253	30.1	841	3.9	11	1.3	3	0.4	41.6	28.5	3.8
Research skills	20	6.0	46	5.5	136	16.3	285	34.1	319	38.2	983	3.9	14	1.6	5	9.0	35.7	39.1	4.0
Time management	90	5.9	44	5.2	146	17.2	295	34.8	312	36.8	847	3.9	7	8.0	1	0.1	37.0	35.4	3.9
Ability to work well with others	42	5.0	99	6.7	167	19.9	343	40.9	231	27.5	628	3.8	15	1.8	1	0.1	40.1	26.6	3.8
Desire for further education	19	7.3	23	6.3	155	18.5	569	32.1	536	35.7	837	3.8	14	1.6	4	0.5	30.0	36.8	3.8
Study skills	54	6.4	09	7.2	145	17.3	787	33.6	398	35.5	628	3.8	14	1.6	7	0.2	33.2	34.8	3.8
Awareness of ethical issues	51	6.3	7.7	8.8	167	20.5	301	36.9	225	27.6	816	3.7	36	4.2	3	0.4	35.5	26.6	3.7
Leadership skills	51	6.1	22	8.9	196	23.3	299	35.6	237	28.7	840	3.7	13	1.5	2	0.2	37.5	25.7	3.7
Self-confidence	49	5.8	69	8.2	166	8.61	323	38.5	233	27.7	840	3.7	12	1.4	3	0.4	38.5	25.9	3.7
Social skills	61	7.3	28	6.9	176	21.0	300	35.8	243	29.0	838	3.7	15	1.8	2	0.2	36.8	26.6	3.7
Writing abilities	59	7.0	<i>L</i> 9	8.0	178	21.3	277	33.1	256	30.6	837	3.7	16	1.9	2	0.2	36.0	28.3	3.7
Appreciation of diversity (e.g. cultures, race)	63	7.7	81	6.6	179	21.8	264	32.2	234	28.5	821	3.6	32	3.7	2	0.2	31.7	26.8	3.6
Conflict-resolution	53	6.4	7.2	8.7	211	25.4	318	38.2	178	21.4	832	3.6	20	2.3	3	0.4	36.3	19.5	3.5
Speaking abilities	51	6.1	87	10.4	210	25.0	302	36.0	189	22.5	623	3.6	14	1.6	2	0.2	35.8	22.6	3.6
Understanding of science	77	11.0	79	11.3	123	17.6	214	30.6	207	29.6	700	3.6	151	17.7	4	6.5	29.3	29.2	3.5
Ability to understand graphical information	62	8.2	82	10.8	179	23.7	259	34.3	174	23.0	756	3.5	94	11.0	5	9.0	33.5	20.8	3.5
Career prospects	99	7.9	66	11.8	208	24.8	281	33.5	186	22.1	840	3.5	П	1.3	4	6.5	31.8	21.3	3.4
Awareness of responsibilities of citizenship	96	12.3	110	14.1	169	21.6	240	30.7	166	21.3	781	3.3	89	8.0	9	0.7	27.8	21.3	3.3
Computer proficiency	87	11.2	110	14.2	232	29.9	231	29.8	115	14.8	775	3.2	75	8.8	5	9.0	27.6	14.1	3.2
Creativity	78	9.3	137	16.4	262	31.3	253	30.3	106	12.7	928	3.2	15	1.8	4	6.5	24.7	14.1	3.1
Appreciation of literature and fine arts	122	17.0	139	19.4	157	21.9	169	23.5	131	18.2	718	3.1	134	15.7	3	0.4	21.1	18.5	3.0
Mathematical proficiency	117	16.0	122	16.7	218	29.8	168	23.0	106	14.5	731	3.0	121	14.2	3	9.4	24.9	14.1	3.0

Table 11
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Percentage of Students Who Would Recommend Western To A Friend

		ber of ndents	% Who Would UWO To	
Faculty	2011-12	2010-11	2011-12	2010-11
Arts & Humanities	40	71	92.3	88.7
Business	48	57	100.0	98.3
Dentistry	5	6	80.0	100.0
Education	97	107	86.5	80.8
Engineering	46	42	89.1	92.9
Health Sciences	126	147	92.9	90.4
Info & Media Studies	29	29	96.6	96.6
Law	31	35	90.3	82.9
Medicine: B. Med Sci Program	71	77	94.4	94.8
Medicine: MD Program	7	18	100.0	100.0
Music	21	27	76.2	92.6
Science	103	140	96.1	93.5
Social Science	231	255	93.5	94.1
All Faculties	855	1,011	92.6	91.7

Appendix A

1. Please choose your Faculty or College.	
Arts and Humanities	
Business	
Dentistry	
Education	
Engineering	
Health Sciences	
Information & Media Studies	
Law	
Medicine	
Music	
Science	
Social Science	
Brescia University College	
Huron University College	
King's University College	
Tangs carrototy conege	
2. While working on this program, were you mainly a full-time or part- Mainly full-time Mainly part-time	time student ?
3. During the time that you were enrolled in your program, approximate * Please enter numbers between 0 - 100 and make sure the sum of	ely what percentage of time did you spend: of the numbers is <= 100
living with your parent(s) ?	0 %
living in a university or college residence ?	0 %
living off-campus alone or with room-mate(s)?	0 %
living off-campus with a partner and/or children?	0 %

• If	
IfIf	f none of them is applicable, then leave all the fields blank. f one of them is applicable, then put 1 into the appropriate field. f two of them are applicable, then put 1 and 2 into the appropriate fields. f three of them are applicable, then put 1, 2 and 3 into the appropriate fields.
Note: 1 i	s the most important, 3 is the least important
If you rai	nk 'h' and/or 'i', please leave the hours/week field blank or enter number between 0 - 99.99
	a. Parents (non-repayable)
	b. Parents (repayable)
	c. Spouse/Partner
	d. Repayable government loans (including OSAP)
	e. Bank loans
	f. Scholarships/Bursaries
	g. Summer employment
	Part-time employment during academic year (including on-campus Work-Study)
	Approximately how many hours per week were you working at this job? hours/week Full-time employment during academic year
	i. Approximately how many hours per week were you working at this job? hours/week
	j. Personal savings not obtained from employment
	k. Other (Please specify)

6. What are your plans now that you are graduating?

I have a job/job arranged

I plan to seek employment

I plan to enroll in a graduate program

I plan to enroll in a professional school (e.g. Law, Medicine, Dentistry, etc.)

I plan to enroll in a community college

No definite plans

Other (Please specify)

6a)i. How closely is this job related to the expertise you acquired in your university studies?

Not at all

Somewhat

Closely Related

6a)ii. Is this job permanent or temporary (i.e. contract or seasonal)?

Permanent

Temporary

6a)iii. Is this job full-time or part-time?

Full-time

Part-time

7. How important were each of the following reasons for you when you first decided to pursue postsecondary education?

1	3	5				NA	
Not at All Important	Somewhat Important	Very Imp	portant		Not	Applic	able
Preparing to enter a spec	rific job or career	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Preparing for further stud	dy at an advanced level	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Required for professiona	al or career advancement	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
To obtain a broad genera	al education	₁ •	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA●
Personal development/fu	ılfillment	₁ ●	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Parents wanted me to go	university	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Friends were going to ur	niversity	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Could not find a job/goo	d job	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Other (please specify)		_					
		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
		1	2	3	4 ●	5	NA •

8. How important were each of the following reasons in your decision to enroll at Western, Brescia, Huron or King's?

1	3	5	5			NA	
Not at All Important	Somewhat Important	Very Im	portan	t	Not	Applic	able
Quality of programs offe	ered	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Variety of programs offe	ered	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Unique programs or spe	ecialization	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA●
Career-relevant program	ns	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Availability of mediated	l or distance learning	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Size of university/colleg	ge	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Size of classes		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Good student support se	ervices	1	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Good athletic facilities/p	programs	1	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Quality of clinical traini	ng	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Good social atmosphere	,	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Advice from teachers/co	ounsellors	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Wanted to live in London	on	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Able to live at home		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Proximity to home com	munity	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Friends were attending		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Family tradition		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Scholarships offered		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Rejected elsewhere		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Other (please specify)					_		_
		1	2	3	4	5	NA •
		1	2	3 •	4	5	NA •

9. Please rate your satisfaction with the following physical facilities on campus or, if applicable, at your college.

1	3	5				NA	
Not at All Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Sa	tisfied		Not	Applic	able
Classrooms		₁ •	2	3 •	4	5 •	NA •
Laboratories		₁ •	2	3 •	4	5 •	NA •
Computer labs		1●	2 •	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Libraries		1●	2 •	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Clinical training facilitie	es	1●	2	3 •	4	5 •	NA •
Facilities for student ass etc.	ociations, clubs, government,	1●	2	3 •	4	5	NA●
Bookstore		1●	2 •	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA●
Residences		1●	2	3 •	4	5	NA●
Campus food outlets		1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA●
Parking		1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Campus recreation facili	ities	₁ ●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
General condition of bui	ildings and grounds	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA●
Other facilities (please s	pecify)						
		1	2	3 •	4	5 •	NA •
		1	2	3 •	4	5 •	NA •

10. Please rate your satisfaction with the following administrative services on campus or, if applicable, at your college.

1 - Not at All Satisfied 3 - Somewhat Satisfied	5 - Very Satisfied	NA - Not Applicable
Administrative office hours	1	4
Food outlet hours	1	4
Library hours	1	4
Library access via the Web	1	4
Bookstore hours	1	4
Bookstore access for off-campus and mediated learners	1	4
Library study space	1	4
Student Health Services	1	4
Campus safety	1	4
Off-campus housing services	1	4
Registration procedures	1	4
Academic Counselling	1	4
On-campus work opportunities	1	4
Faculty or College administration	1	4
Department administration	1	4
Financial Aid (OSAP) services	1	4
Scholarship services	1	4
Students' Council services	1	4
Student Development Centre:		
Learning Skills Services	1 2 3 a	4
International Student Services	1	4
Career Services	1	4
Effective Writing Programs	1	4
Employment Services	1	4
Services for Students with Disabilities	1	4
Other services (please specify)		

11. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements about learning experiences at Western, Brescia, Huron or King's.

1	3		5			NA	
Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Stron	gly Ag	ree	N	ot Appl	icable
Instructors took an acti	ve interest in my	1	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Instructors were reason of class to help student	nably accessible outside	1	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Instructos tried to ensu understood the materia		1	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Class participation was	s actively encouraged	1●	2 ●	3 •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
My assignments were experiences	useful learning	₁ ●	2	3 •	₄ ●	5 •	NA●
Evaluation (exams and	marking) was fair	1	2 •	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Instructors provided he throughout courses	elpful feedback	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
My program offered ar experience	n enriching learning	1 ●	2 •	3 •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Instructors stimulated	me to want to learn more	1	2 •	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
My learning experience	e was enjoyable	1●	2 •	₃ •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Teachers took pride in	their teaching	1	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
I was generally able to	get the classes I wanted	1	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Instructors displayed a students	positive attitude toward	1●	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Instructors treated stud	ents with respect	1●	2	3	4	5	NA •
Instructors encouraged regarding their teachin	feedback from the class	₁ ●	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Generally, I was satisfit teaching I received	ed with the quality of	₁ ●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
My program had suffic	eient practical focus	1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
My program had suffic	eient theoretical focus	1●	2 •	3 •	₄ •	5	NA •
My learning experience stimulating	es were intellectually	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Teaching assistants we	re used effectively	1●	2	3	4	5	NA •
I had sufficient opportulearning	unity for self-paced	1 ●	2	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Library collections sup requirements	ported my course	1 ●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Library staff provided	helpful assistance	₁ ●	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Library instruction imp	proved my research skills	1	2 •	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •

•	Not at All Satisfied
•	Somewhat Satisfied
•	Very Satisfied Not Applicable
13. Overa	all, how satisfied were you with the courses in departments other than your main field(s) of study?
•	Not at All Satisfied
	Somewhat Satisfied
•	Very Satisfied
•	Not Applicable

12. Overall, how satisfied were you with the courses within your major field of study?

14. Overall, how much did your education at Western, Brescia, Huron or King's contribute to improvements in each of the following areas ?

1	3		5			NA	
Not at All	Somewhat	A G	reat De	al	N	ot Appl	icable
Writing abilities		1	2	3 •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Speaking abilities		1●	2 •	3 •	₄ ●	5 •	NA●
Critical judgement		1 ●	2	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Creativity		1●	2	₃ •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Study skills		1●	2	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Ability to learn and wo	rk on your own	1●	2	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Desire for further education	ation	1	2 •	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Problem-solving		1●	2 •	₃ •	4 ●	5 •	NA●
Conflict-resolution		1●	2 •	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA●
Mathematical proficien	су	1●	2	₃ •	4 ●	5 •	NA●
Computer proficiency		1●	2 •	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Ability to understand in graphically	nformation presented	1●	2	₃ •	₄ ●	5	NA •
Understanding of scien	ce	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Appreciation of literatu	are and fine arts	1 ●	2	₃ •	4 ●	5	NA●
Awareness of etthical is	ssues	1●	2	3 •	₄ ●	5 •	NA●
Awareness of the rights citizenship	s and responsibilities of	1	2 •	₃ •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Appreciation of diversi race, religion)	ty (e.g. cultures, gender,	1●	2	3 •	4 ●	5 •	NA •
Career prospects		1	2	3	₄ ●	5	NA •
Self-confidence		1	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA •
Leadership skills and a	bilities	1●	2 •	₃ ●	₄ ●	5 •	NA●
Social skills		1	2 •	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA •
Ability to work well wi	th others	1	2	₃ ●	4 ●	5 •	NA●
Time management		1	2	₃ •	₄ ●	5 •	NA●
Research Skills		1 ●	2	3 •	4 ●	5	NA●

No

15. Overall, how satisfied are you with the education that you received here at Western, Brescia, Huron or King's	?
Not at All Satisfied	
Somewhat Satisfied	
• Very Satisfied	
Not Applicable	
16. Would you recommend The University of Western Ontario to a friend?	
Yes	