

**Executive Summary Undergraduate Exit Survey
University-Wide Results
Fall 2021-Spring 2022**

To gain a better understanding of the student experience at The University of Texas at Arlington, 7,074 graduating seniors were asked to complete a comprehensive exit survey during fall 2021 and spring 2022. Those students have completed their degree requirements from traditional on-campus, online, and accelerated online programs during these semesters. The university-wide response rate was 62% (2,025 out of 3,289 students) for fall 2021 and 52% (1,950 out of 3,785) for spring 2022. Although the response rate for spring 2022 was lower in comparison to previous semesters, there was a considerable increase in the number of survey completions (87% for spring 2022 and 84% for fall 2021) in comparison to last year (53% for spring 2021 and 63% for fall 2020). Highlighted below are some interesting findings from the data as it applies to UTA.

The top three reasons students chose to attend UTA were *availability of major program in their area of interest* (17%), *cost of attendance* (16%), and *convenience of location relative to home or work* (12%). Additionally, 10% of students attended due to *availability of online degree program in their area of interest*.

If they had to decide to attend a university again, most graduates (82%) indicated that they *would choose to attend UTA for their degree*, and a large majority (92%) *would recommend UTA to friends, family, or associates* as well.

Students indicated a high degree of satisfaction

particularly with *Academic Experience* (87%), *Online Registration* (84%), and *UTA as a whole* (83%) (Table 1). Also, around 65% of the students were satisfied with the overall support offered by UTA during the pandemic. Through the lens of these graduates, UTA appears to deliver the quality academic programs and services that students were seeking, even during the pandemic.

<i>Table 1: Student Satisfaction Ratings</i>	Total (%) "Excellent" and "Good"
Academic experience	87%
Online registration	84%
UTA as a whole	83%
Paying tuition/fees online	78%
Library facilities, resources, and services	74%
UTA administration	68%
Bookstore services	65%
Overall support during Covid-19	65%

In terms of satisfaction within their major, the top five

aspects students ranked as excellent were: (1) *the major/department as a whole*, (2) *overall quality of faculty* (3) *quality of upper division courses*, (4) *availability of courses*, and (5) *accuracy of online information about major*. In fact, most either strongly agreed or agreed that *their major gave them a sense of competence in their field* (93%) and that *class sizes were appropriate* (91%).

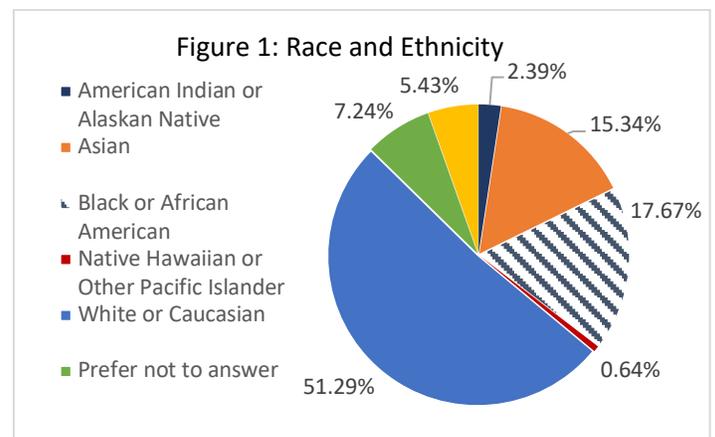
After graduating, most students indicated they intend to pursue employment (73%) or continue their education (22%). For those whose plans were to pursue employment, around 41% are currently seeking employment, and 38% have already secured employment at the time of graduation. Another 13% chose to continue with their current employer.

Academic Preparation: The percentage of students who perceived themselves as very well and adequately prepared across sixteen different categories ranged from 84% to 96%. Table 2 depicts the top five areas. Most importantly, the students’ perception of individual preparedness directly aligns with five of the Texas Core Curriculum Objectives: Written and Oral Communication Skills, Personal Responsibility, Social Responsibility, and Critical Thinking. These also reflect marketable skills that are highly valued by employers in job candidates elsewhere.

<i>Table 2: Academic Preparation</i>	Total (%) "Very Well" and "Adequately Prepared"
Identifying, formulating and solving problems	96%
Understanding professional and ethical responsibilities	96%
Considering other people’s viewpoint	95%
Interacting with people from different cultures and backgrounds	95%
Gathering and analyzing information in order to make conclusions	95%

In terms of demographics,

30% self-identified as Hispanic Latino, 68% as Female, 4% as International, and most were between 22 and 24 years old (32%). Figure 1 shows the percentage breaking down by race and ethnicity. More than half of the graduates (51%) self-identified as White, while 18% were Black and 15% Asian.



Most graduating seniors transferred to UTA from another institution (61%), and over half (52%) were first generation students. 61% of them also expect a salary of \$60,000 or above upon graduation. Table 3 provides additional information on these individuals.

<i>Table 3: Description of Graduating Students</i>	%
Transferred from another institution	61%
First generation students	52%
Lived outside of Arlington	73%
Employed 31 or more hours per week	81%
Finished degree in 4 years or less	64%
Used grants, scholarships and loans to complete degree	37%
Took classes at UTA and another institution on the same term	30%

Around 84% of the respondents affirmed that they felt neutral, safe, or very safe to attend face-to-face classes in view of **Covid-19**, and 77% affirmed that it didn’t take them longer to complete their degree due to the pandemic disruption.

Overall, the survey shows students’ high satisfaction with their experience at UTA, as well as their confidence in UTA’s ability to prepare them for the future.

*Race and ethnicity as reported is consistent with The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board guidelines.