

## College of Liberal Arts Survey Results: Calendar Year 2010

Please note that the scale for all Likert questions ranges from 1 = Very Satisfied to 5 = Very Dissatisfied. Therefore, lower means are more positive than higher means.

### 1. Family Status

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Married, no children	5	5%
2	Married, with children	0	0%
3	Single, no children	88	93%
4	Single, with children	2	2%
	Total	95	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.92
Variance	0.23
Standard Deviation	0.48
Total Responses	95

### 2. Residence at time of admission

#	Answer	Response	%
1	In-State	74	78%
2	Metro	7	7%
3	Out-of-State	14	15%
	Total	95	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.37
Variance	0.53
Standard Deviation	0.73
Total Responses	95

**3. Number of semesters enrolled to complete your degree (Note: One semester is equal to fall, spring, or summer, resulting in the potential for three semesters in one year)**

Text Response
9
8
8
8
1
8 (2 of which were summer)
9
16
about 6
10
8
10
10
2 semester
0
14
10
10
8
10
8 semesters (4 full years)
8
8
10
8
9
12 semesters
8
4
8 semesters
10

9
10
9
8
12
10
8
8
8
11
8
10
11
8
8
13
Four
8
10 (2 semesters at another university while in high school)
8
9
8
Summer
10 semesters/4 years
8
8
10
10
12 semesters
15
10
0
10
15
9
12

eleven
11
3
Not sure how many but it was more than 10.
12
7
14
11
13
11
12
14
18
9
many
13
11
9
9
6
5
10

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	89

#### 4. While pursuing your degree, did you

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Originally enroll and stay at Marshall	79	83%
2	Transfer from a 2-year institution or community college	4	4%
3	Transfer from another 4-year institution	12	13%
	Total	95	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.29
Variance	0.47
Standard Deviation	0.68
Total Responses	95

### 5. During the last year of your studies, how many hours a week did you work while attending classes?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	None	22	23%
2	1 - 10	14	15%
3	11 - 20	25	27%
4	21 - 30	20	21%
5	More than 30	13	14%
	Total	94	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	2.87
Variance	1.85
Standard Deviation	1.36
Total Responses	94

## 6. Which of the following best describes your educational objective while attending Marshall University?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Begin my first career	82	86%
2	Advance in current career	1	1%
3	Change career	5	5%
4	Non-career objective	7	7%
	Total	95	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.34
Variance	0.78
Standard Deviation	0.88
Total Responses	95

## 7. Upon graduation, what was the dollar amount of your educational loan indebtedness?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No indebtedness	35	37%
2	Up to \$4,999	4	4%
3	\$5,000 - \$9,999	8	8%
4	\$10,000 - \$14,999	13	14%
5	\$15,000 - \$19,999	7	7%
6	Over \$20,000	28	29%
	Total	95	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	3.39
Variance	4.50
Standard Deviation	2.12
Total Responses	95

## 8. Did you take part in an internship, practicum or other structured work experience related to your major and anticipated career?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	39	41%
2	No	56	59%
	Total	95	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.59
Variance	0.24
Standard Deviation	0.49
Total Responses	95



**9. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, did that experience increase your ability to secure employment or employment offers?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		19	50%
2	No		9	24%
3	Insufficient information to answer this question		10	26%
	Total		38	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.76
Variance	0.73
Standard Deviation	0.85
Total Responses	38

## 10. When I graduate from Marshall University I plan to (check all that apply)

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Attend graduate school	72	76%
2	Complete additional undergraduate coursework	10	11%
3	Continue to work at the same job I have at present	17	18%
4	Enter the military	1	1%
5	Work for a private sector company or corporation	14	15%
6	Work for a local, state, or federal agency	31	33%
7	Work for a volunteer or service organization, e.g. Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, City Year, etc.	8	8%
8	Work for a non-profit organization, e.g. hospital, university, public school, etc.	13	14%
9	Begin my own business	5	5%
10	Start or raise a family	24	25%
11	Take time off (to travel, etc.)	19	20%
12	Undecided or no plans	10	11%
13	Other	5	5%

Other
Law School
Going straight into a 1 year internship as a buffer between undergraduate and graduate school.
find a job and save money for graduate school
Teach

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	13
Total Responses	95

**11. If you plan to continue your education and have applied to institutions of higher education, please check all that apply: I have applied to institutions of higher education**

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Within 50 miles of my college town	14	26%
2	Within 50 miles of my home town	6	11%
3	Over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of my college town	10	19%
4	Over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of my home town	13	24%
5	In WV	19	35%
6	In at least one of WV's neighboring states (OH, KY, VA, MD, PA)	18	33%
7	Within the US, but outside the above boundaries	13	24%
8	Internationally	2	4%
9	Other (please specify)	3	6%

Other (please specify)
not applied yet
I have not applied for higher education, yet.
The MAT@USC program

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Total Responses	54

**12. Have you been accepted by a higher-level educational program?**

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	24	40%
2	No	36	60%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Total Responses	60

### 13. If you have been accepted by a higher level institution, what institution do you plan to attend?

Text Response
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Claremont Graduate University
University of Michigan
University of North Carolina Greensboro
Marshall University Graduate College
Marshall
Florida State University
University of Kentucky
Marshall
Marshall University
Marshall
Marshall University
Marshall University Graduate School
University of Baltimore Law School
Carnegie Mellon University
Marshall university
Mountain State University
University of Dayton - Law
Marshall University
Have not yet applied...will continue education next year
Marshall University
Liberty University
Marshall graduate college
Morehead State University
OU

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	25

## 14. While pursuing my degree at Marshall University

#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Mean
1	I acquired a basic knowledge in general education (humanities and social science courses)	39	48	5	1	0	93	1.66
2	I developed the ability to write effectively	46	38	6	3	0	93	1.63
3	I developed the ability to use mathematics effectively	13	29	27	18	5	92	2.71
4	I had sufficient access to and opportunity to use computers	50	37	4	2	0	93	1.55
5	I increased my competency in basic computer operations	35	36	14	8	0	93	1.95
6	I received training in computers and technology that was appropriate for my major field	16	44	17	13	3	93	2.39
7	I acquired sufficient skills and knowledge to prepare for career-related positions	19	50	12	10	2	93	2.20
8	I developed the ability to express myself effectively through speaking	28	42	18	2	3	93	2.03
9	I developed multicultural and global perspectives	36	42	10	5	0	93	1.83
10	I found the writing intensive courses I took valuable	23	43	12	9	5	92	2.24

11	I developed critical thinking skills	37	50	5	1	0	93	1.68
12	I broadened my appreciation for the arts	21	42	20	9	1	93	2.22
13	I found that the science courses I took increased my understanding of the scientific processes	14	34	27	14	4	93	2.57
14	I found the capstone (senior seminar) in my major valuable	41	34	7	9	2	93	1.89

Statistic	I acquired a basic knowledge in general education (humanities and social science courses)	I developed the ability to write effectively	I developed the ability to use mathematics effectively	I had sufficient access to and opportunity to use computers	I increased my competency in basic computer operations	I received training in computers and technology that was appropriate for my major field	I acquired sufficient skills and knowledge to prepare for career-related positions	I developed the ability to express myself effectively through speaking
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	4	4	5	4	4	5	5	5
Mean	1.66	1.63	2.71	1.55	1.95	2.39	2.20	2.03
Variance	0.40	0.56	1.22	0.47	0.88	1.07	0.93	0.88
Standard Deviation	0.63	0.75	1.10	0.68	0.94	1.03	0.96	0.94
Total Responses	93	93	92	93	93	93	93	93

## 15. Now that I have completed my degree,

#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Responses	Mean
1	I feel adequately prepared for a career and/or graduate or professional study in my major field.	23	46	14	8	2	93	2.14
2	I believe that Marshall University's program in my major field is of high quality.	26	46	15	5	1	93	2.02
3	I would recommend to others that they study the same program at Marshall.	31	42	12	6	1	92	1.96
4	I would recommend Marshall to prospective students.	35	44	11	2	1	93	1.82

Statistic	I feel adequately prepared for a career and/or graduate or professional study in my major field.	I believe that Marshall University's program in my major field is of high quality.	I would recommend to others that they study the same program at Marshall.	I would recommend Marshall to prospective students.
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5	5
Mean	2.14	2.02	1.96	1.82
Variance	0.93	0.76	0.83	0.65
Standard Deviation	0.96	0.87	0.91	0.81
Total Responses	93	93	92	93



**16. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the quality of the following at Marshall:**

#	Question	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Responses	Mean
1	Teaching	42	44	5	1	0	92	1.62
2	Advising	22	31	11	20	9	93	2.60
3	Academic Support Services	12	35	34	9	2	92	2.50
4	Classroom/Lab Facilities	10	44	31	6	1	92	2.39

Statistic	Teaching	Advising	Academic Support Services	Classroom/Lab Facilities
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	4	5	5	5
Mean	1.62	2.60	2.50	2.39
Variance	0.41	1.74	0.85	0.66
Standard Deviation	0.64	1.32	0.92	0.81
Total Responses	92	93	92	92

**17. When I graduate, I plan to**

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Be employed	55	59%
2	Further my education	67	72%
3	Other	2	2%

**Other**

- Take a short break then seek employment
- Stay at home

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Total Responses	93

### 18. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be in the career path you have chosen?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	25	46%
2	No	7	13%
3	Don't know yet	22	41%
	Total	54	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.94
Variance	0.88
Standard Deviation	0.94
Total Responses	54

### 19. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be in your major field?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	23	43%
2	No	11	20%
3	Don't know yet	20	37%
	Total	54	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.94
Variance	0.81
Standard Deviation	0.90
Total Responses	54

## 20. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be

#	Answer	Response	%
1	In WV?	26	49%
2	In KY, OH, PA, VA, or MD?	18	34%
3	In a state other than one mentioned above?	7	13%
4	In a country other than the US?	2	4%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	1.72
Variance	0.71
Standard Deviation	0.84
Total Responses	53

**21. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be (choose all that apply):**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	within 50 miles of your college town?		23	43%
2	within 50 miles of your home town?		19	36%
3	over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of your college town?		13	25%
4	over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of your home town?		12	23%
5	over 500 miles from your college town		4	8%
6	over 500 miles from your home town		8	15%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Total Responses	53

**22. If you have accepted employment, what will be your starting salary?**

#	Answer		Response	%
1	\$10,000 or less		3	6%
2	\$10,001 - \$15,000		1	2%
3	\$15,001 - \$20,000		2	4%
4	\$20,001 - \$25,000		3	6%
5	\$25,001 - \$30,000		1	2%
6	\$30,001 - \$35,000		3	6%
7	\$35,001 - \$40,000		2	4%
8	\$40,001 - \$45,000		0	0%
9	\$45,001 - \$50,000		0	0%
10	More than \$50,000		1	2%
11	I have not yet accepted employment		38	70%
	Total		54	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	11
Mean	9.04
Variance	11.17
Standard Deviation	3.34
Total Responses	54

### 23. For the position indicated above, who is your employer?

Text Response
State of WV
Griffith and Feil Drug
Cammack Children's Center
Uno Chicago Grill
Pretera Center
Pretera
Chicago Title Insurance Company
Borders
Electrical Wholesaler
N/A
Greenup Co Board of Education
US Army

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	12

### 24. Did you use Career Services to help you with your career path?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	19	21%
2	No	71	79%
	Total	90	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.79
Variance	0.17
Standard Deviation	0.41
Total Responses	90

**25. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please indicate all services used.**

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Marshall JobTrax	18	90%
2	Resume assistance	11	55%
3	Career Advising	5	25%
4	Mock Interviewing	1	5%
5	On-campus recruitment event	2	10%
6	Career Fair	6	30%
7	Other	0	0%

**Other**

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Total Responses	20

**26. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with these elements of your experience in the College of Liberal Arts:**

#	Question	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Responses	Mean
1	Mandatory Advising Policy	10	39	20	19	4	92	2.65
2	Senior Evaluation	34	43	11	4	0	92	1.84
3	General (Core) Education Requirements	8	37	18	19	10	92	2.85
4	Availability/Accessibility of COLA staff and faculty	24	43	19	5	1	92	2.09
5	Policies clearly explained in the catalog	13	46	26	5	1	91	2.29
6	Student kept adequately informed of academic progress	15	49	20	7	1	92	2.24
7	Courses offered in sufficient numbers/frequency to meet student needs	12	41	22	14	3	92	2.51
8	Sufficient summer school offerings	6	34	36	13	3	92	2.71
9	Transfer credits from other colleges (within the university and also from other colleges to this college)	17	27	35	10	1	90	2.46
10	Quality of department/faculty advising	28	37	12	12	2	91	2.15
11	Availability of faculty for appointments	28	50	10	3	0	91	1.87
12	Development of critical thinking skills encouraged by college/department	31	49	11	1	0	92	1.80
13	Quality of program/courses in my major	34	50	4	4	0	92	1.76

14	Development of writing skills enhanced	34	44	10	3	0	91	1.80
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Statistic	Mandatory Advising Policy	Senior Evaluation	General (Core) Education Requirements	Availability/Accessibility of COLA staff and faculty	Policies clearly explained in the catalog	Student kept adequately informed of academic progress	Courses of sufficient numbers/frequency to meet student needs
Min Value	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Max Value	5	4	5	5	5	5	5
Mean	2.65	1.84	2.85	2.09	2.29	2.24	2.51
Variance	1.13	0.64	1.38	0.78	0.67	0.73	1.02
Standard Deviation	1.06	0.80	1.18	0.89	0.82	0.86	1.01
Total Responses	92	92	92	92	91	92	92

## 27. Gender

Value	Total
M	29
F	68



## 28. Race

Value	Total
White	91
Hispanic	3
African American	3

## 29. Age

Value	Total
21	21
22	38
24	5
20	2
23	17
26	3
25	3
30	2
28	2
27	1
29	1
33	1
38	1

## 30. Degree

Value	Total
BA	95
BS	1
CER	1

## 31. Major

Value	Total
History	14
Psychology	32
Geography - BS	1
Political Science	12
English	6
Spanish	2
Criminal Justice	11
Humanities	2
International Affairs	4
Sociology	1
Communication Studies	4
Undergraduate Certificate	1
Japanese	3
French	3
Economics	1

## 32. GPA

Value	Total
3.75	1
3.85	4
3.49	4
3.94	1
2.72	2
4	3
3.28	1
3.32	2
3.47	2
3.6	1
3.77	1
3.92	2
3.89	1
3.8	1
2.35	1
2.43	1
3.03	1
2.77	1
3.14	1
3.86	2
3.83	1
3.97	2
3.1	1
3.29	1
3.4	1
3.15	2
2.59	1
3.23	2
3.02	1
3.9	1
3.09	1
2.78	1
2.8	1

3.42	1
3.68	1
3.66	2
2.54	1
2.92	1
3.67	1
3.7	1
3.72	1
2.83	1
3.33	1
3.56	2
3.39	1
3.91	2
2.03	1
2.75	2
3.63	2
2.9	1
2.49	1
3.88	1
3.38	1
3.24	1
2.11	1
2.42	1
3.51	2
3.82	1
2.87	1
2.5	2
2.17	1
2.56	1
2.99	1
3.61	1
2.07	1
2.53	1
2.58	1
2.46	1
3.74	1

2.25	1
2.69	1
2.91	1
3.54	1
3.5	1