

Regents' Bachelor of 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	9%
2	Married, with children	22	42%
3	Single, no children	19	36%
4	Single, with children	7	13%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.53
Variance	0.72
Standard Deviation	0.85
Total Responses	53

2. Residency at time of admission

#	Answer	Response	%
1	In-State	42	79%
2	Metro	4	8%
3	Out-of-State	7	13%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.34
Variance	0.50
Standard Deviation	0.71
Total Responses	53

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
15
seven
four
1
6
4
9
13
14
13
10
8
10
2
11
6
2
15
2
4
6
6
12
10+
3/1/2 (I believe)
4
6
One semester
12
4
5

4 semesters
6
20
6
1
5
8
5
6
21
25
1
3
3

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	45

4. While pursuing your degree, did you

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Originally enroll and stay at Marshall	27	51%
2	Transfer from a 2-year institution or community college	15	28%
3	Transfer from another 4-year institution	11	21%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.70
Variance	0.64
Standard Deviation	0.80
Total Responses	53

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	None	8	15%
2	1 - 10	7	13%
3	11 - 20	6	11%
4	21 - 30	5	9%
5	More than 30	27	51%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.68
Variance	2.45
Standard Deviation	1.57
Total Responses	53

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Begin my first career	16	30%
2	Advance in current career	16	30%
3	Change career	12	23%
4	Non-career objective	9	17%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.26
Variance	1.16
Standard Deviation	1.08
Total Responses	53

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	No indebtedness	11	21%
2	Up to \$4,999	2	4%
3	\$5,000 - \$9,999	5	9%
4	\$10,000 - \$14,999	8	15%
5	\$15,000 - \$19,999	8	15%
6	Over \$20,000	19	36%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Mean	4.08
Variance	3.76
Standard Deviation	1.94
Total Responses	53

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	14	26%
2	No	39	74%
	Total	53	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.74
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	53

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	9	64%
2	No	1	7%
3	Insufficient information to answer this question	4	29%
	Total	14	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.64
Variance	0.86
Standard Deviation	0.93
Total Responses	14

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Attend graduate school	33	63%
2	Complete additional undergraduate coursework	13	25%
3	Continue to work at the same job I have at present	20	38%
4	Enter the military	0	0%
5	Work for a private sector company or corporation	8	15%
6	Work for a local, state, or federal agency	14	27%
7	Work for a volunteer or service organization, e.g. Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, City Year, etc.	3	6%
8	Work for a non-profit organization, e.g. hospital, university, public school, etc.	10	19%
9	Begin my own business	4	8%
10	Start or raise a family	7	13%
11	Take time off (to travel, etc.)	3	6%
12	Undecided or no plans	4	8%
13	Other	3	6%

Other
currently employed
substitute teach
find another job

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	13
Total Responses	52

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	7	26%
2	Within 50 miles of my home town	4	15%
3	Over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of my college town	0	0%
4	Over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of my home town	1	4%
5	In WV	11	41%
6	In at least one of WV's neighboring states (OH, KY, VA, MD, PA)	3	11%
7	Within the US, but outside the above boundaries	5	19%
8	Internationally	0	0%
9	Other (please specify)	2	7%

Other (please specify)
have not applied
have not applied yet.

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	9
Total Responses	27

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	3	10%
2	No	27	90%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Total Responses	30

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

Text Response
Marshall University
Marshall
Christian Theological Seminary

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

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)	28	23	0	0	0	51	1.45
2	I developed the ability to write effectively	29	19	2	1	0	51	1.51
3	I developed the ability to use mathematics effectively	10	24	14	2	1	51	2.22
4	I had sufficient access to and opportunity to use computers	33	14	1	1	0	49	1.39
5	I increased my competency in basic computer operations	34	15	1	0	0	50	1.34
6	I received training in computers and technology that was appropriate for my major field	22	20	8	0	0	50	1.72
7	I acquired sufficient skills and knowledge to prepare for career-related positions	21	25	3	1	0	50	1.68
8	I developed the ability to express myself effectively through speaking	22	23	6	0	0	51	1.69
9	I developed multicultural and global perspectives	19	23	9	0	0	51	1.80
10	I found the writing intensive courses I took valuable	16	21	11	2	0	50	1.98

11	I developed critical thinking skills	27	22	0	1	0	50	1.50
12	I broadened my appreciation for the arts	26	15	8	2	0	51	1.73
13	I found that the science courses I took increased my understanding of the scientific processes	14	20	15	1	0	50	2.06
14	I found the capstone (senior seminar) in my major valuable	8	9	30	1	1	49	2.55

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	2	4	5	4	3	3	4	3
Mean	1.45	1.51	2.22	1.39	1.34	1.72	1.68	1.69
Variance	0.25	0.45	0.77	0.41	0.27	0.53	0.47	0.46
Standard Deviation	0.50	0.67	0.88	0.64	0.52	0.73	0.68	0.68
Total Responses	51	51	51	49	50	50	50	51

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.	20	25	6	0	0	51	1.73
2	I believe that Marshall University's program in my major field is of high quality.	26	20	5	0	0	51	1.59
3	I would recommend to others that they study the same program at Marshall.	27	19	5	0	0	51	1.57
4	I would recommend Marshall to prospective students.	36	14	0	1	0	51	1.33

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	3	3	3	4
Mean	1.73	1.59	1.57	1.33
Variance	0.44	0.45	0.45	0.35
Standard Deviation	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.59
Total Responses	51	51	51	51

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	28	22	1	0	0	51	1.47
2	Advising	19	18	12	2	0	51	1.94
3	Academic Support Services	14	22	13	2	0	51	2.06
4	Classroom/Lab Facilities	12	24	13	2	0	51	2.10

Statistic	Teaching	Advising	Academic Support Services	Classroom/Lab Facilities
Min Value	1	1	1	1
Max Value	3	4	4	4
Mean	1.47	1.94	2.06	2.10
Variance	0.29	0.78	0.70	0.65
Standard Deviation	0.54	0.88	0.83	0.81
Total Responses	51	51	51	51

17. When I graduate, I plan to

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Be employed	35	69%
2	Further my education	37	73%
3	Other	2	4%

Other
continue my current job
Start a Business

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Total Responses	51

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	21	60%
2	No	4	11%
3	Don't know yet	10	29%
	Total	35	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.69
Variance	0.81
Standard Deviation	0.90
Total Responses	35

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	15	43%
2	No	8	23%
3	Don't know yet	12	34%
	Total	35	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.91
Variance	0.79
Standard Deviation	0.89
Total Responses	35

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	In WV?	23	66%
2	In KY, OH, PA, VA, or MD?	8	23%
3	In a state other than one mentioned above?	4	11%
4	In a country other than the US?	0	0%
	Total	35	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	3
Mean	1.46
Variance	0.49
Standard Deviation	0.70
Total Responses	35

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?	17	49%
2	within 50 miles of your home town?	15	43%
3	over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of your college town?	4	11%
4	over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of your home town?	1	3%
5	over 500 miles from your college town	1	3%
6	over 500 miles from your home town	2	6%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	6
Total Responses	35

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	\$10,000 or less	1	3%
2	\$10,001 - \$15,000	1	3%
3	\$15,001 - \$20,000	0	0%
4	\$20,001 - \$25,000	5	15%
5	\$25,001 - \$30,000	4	12%
6	\$30,001 - \$35,000	0	0%
7	\$35,001 - \$40,000	1	3%
8	\$40,001 - \$45,000	1	3%
9	\$45,001 - \$50,000	2	6%
10	More than \$50,000	5	15%
11	I have not yet accepted employment	14	41%
	Total	34	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	11
Mean	8.24
Variance	10.55
Standard Deviation	3.25
Total Responses	34

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

Text Response
State of West Virginia
WVU Extension Service
Marshall University
United States Capitol Police
n/a
Child Development Academy
Marshall University
WECAREMEDICAL,LLC
Mingo County Board of Education
Huntington Federal Savings Bank
Kroger
Marshall University
Carilion Roanok Memorial Hospital I have been a registered nurse for over 30 years and have worked here over 19 years
I am currently a Business Office Director at a hospital
Martin Management Group
Clay Local School District

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	16

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	5	10%
2	No	46	90%
	Total	51	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.90
Variance	0.09
Standard Deviation	0.30
Total Responses	51

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

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Marshall JobTrax	3	60%
2	Resume assistance	3	60%
3	Career Advising	2	40%
4	Mock Interviewing	0	0%
5	On-campus recruitment event	1	20%
6	Career Fair	2	40%
7	Other	1	20%

Other

Writing Assessment Center

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	7
Total Responses	5

26. After entering the RBA program, did you finish your coursework

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Online	14	28%
2	In face-to-face classes	6	12%
3	A combination of the above	27	54%
4	Neither - I was able to graduate without taking any more classes	3	6%
	Total	50	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	4
Mean	2.38
Variance	0.93
Standard Deviation	0.97
Total Responses	50

27. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with these elements of your experience in the RBA Program:

#	Question	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not applicable	Responses	Mean
1	Learning Experiences in your online courses	31	13	0	3	4	51	1.75
2	Learning Experiences in your face-to-face classes	30	11	0	0	10	51	2.00
3	Earning credits through portfolios or other college equivalent credits (if applicable)	16	7	2	0	26	51	3.25

Statistic	Learning Experiences in your online courses	Learning Experiences in your face-to-face classes	Earning credits through portfolios or other college equivalent credits (if applicable)
Min Value	1	1	1
Max Value	5	5	5
Mean	1.75	2.00	3.25
Variance	1.51	2.40	3.43
Standard Deviation	1.23	1.55	1.85
Total Responses	51	51	51

28. If you earned credits through portfolios or other college equivalent credits, how satisfied were you with the process:

#	Question	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Responses	Mean
1	Please indicate your level of satisfaction	17	7	0	0	24	1.29

Statistic	Please indicate your level of satisfaction
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.29
Variance	0.22
Standard Deviation	0.46
Total Responses	24

29. If you were dissatisfied with the portfolio and college equivalent credit process, why were you dissatisfied?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	The process takes too much time and effort	0	0%
2	The cost is excessive	1	4%
3	The number of credits awarded seemed unfair	1	4%
4	Other	3	13%
5	I was satisfied	18	78%
	Total	23	100%

Other
did not do a portfolio

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	5
Mean	4.65
Variance	0.60
Standard Deviation	0.78
Total Responses	23

30. After completing the RBA, do you feel you have learned as much - and are as well educated - as other Marshall University graduates?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes	47	100%
2	No	0	0%
	Total	47	100%

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	1
Mean	1.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	47

31. Has anyone ever questioned the value of your RBA degree?

#	Answer	Response	%
1	Yes - family and friends	18	36%
2	Yes - other students	0	0%
3	Yes - employees	2	4%
4	Yes: other	4	8%
5	No	26	52%
	Total	50	100%

Yes: other
family, friends, employees
family
everyone asks

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	5
Mean	3.40
Variance	3.51
Standard Deviation	1.87
Total Responses	50

32. Gender

Value	Total
F	33
M	20

33. Race

Value	Total
White	43
Hispanic	3
Information not provided	7

34. Age

Value	Total
48	1
62	1
40	1
37	1
30	2
51	2
43	3
44	2
38	6
23	5
24	4
42	1
35	2
22	1
26	1
29	3
28	1
33	2
41	1
54	1
46	1
50	2
31	1
52	1
49	1
32	1
25	1
55	1
53	1
27	1
56	1

35. Degree

Value	Total
RBA	52
BAS	1

36. Major

Value	Total
Regents' Bachelor of Arts Program	52
Bachelor of Applied Science Program	1

37. GPA

Value	Total
2.16	1
3.87	1
3.82	1
2.96	1
3.79	1
3.16	1
2.87	1
2.86	1
3.8	1
2.81	3
3.05	2
3.2	1
2.45	1
2.95	1
3.15	1
2.74	2
2.48	1
3.41	2
2.83	2
3.58	1
2.26	1
2.85	1
2.61	1
2.49	1
3.5	1
3.81	1
2.91	1
3.75	1
4	1
2.55	1
2.3	1
2.98	1
3.78	1

3.76	1
2.47	1
3.18	1
3.19	1
3.06	1
3.25	1
3.44	1
3.51	1
3.23	1
2.97	1
1.98	2
3.13	1
2.82	1