

## EXIT SURVEY

*The information sought from this survey will be used by the Department of Mathematics to improve the graduate program. We encourage you to respond fully to all questions. Individual responses will be kept confidential.*

1. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Graduation Month if applicable: (*circle one*)      May    Aug    Oct    Dec

3. What degree program were you enrolled in? (*check one*)

PhD

MA or MS

4. Check which one applies

a.  I have completed, or will shortly have completed all requirements of my degree program.

b.  I am withdrawing from my degree program without completing all requirements

5. If you checked (4b):

a. Please check all factors that contributed to your decision not to complete your degree.

Financial support     Mentoring/advising

Family issues     Social environment

Program requirements     Program quality

Professional/career guidance

Other (please briefly explain): \_\_\_\_\_

b. Do you intend to re-enroll in this program at a future date?

Yes     No

c. Do you intend to enroll in another degree program in the near future?

Yes;     At this university?     At another university?

No

6. (MA or MS candidates only) Are you continuing on to receive your doctoral degree?

Yes

No

## CAREER PLACEMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

7. Have you published on your research while in this program?     Yes     No

8. Did you do so (check all that apply):

At least once individually?  Yes  No

At least once as a co-author with a faculty member?  Yes  No

At least once as a co-author with another student?  Yes  No

9. Have you presented your research at seminars, colloquial or conferences while pursuing your degree?  Yes  No

10. Have you accepted a position?  Yes  No

If yes, please list where and the name and title of position? If you have a forwarding address please include it. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Please select the field and type of position accepted.

Field (select one)

Type (select one)

Academic Research

Postdoc/Temporary

Academic Training

Tenure Track

Industry

Other

Government

Other

12. Which of the following BEST describes your post-degree employment status? (*check one*)

a.  Employed in a position that I think is appropriate for a person with my degree.

b.  Employed, but not a position I think is appropriate for a person with my degree.

c.  Continuing to seek employment

d.  Not seeking employment

e.  Self-employed

f.  Continuing my graduate education

g.  Other (Please explain)

13. Is this employment related to your research field or degree?

Yes  No

14. Do you feel that the program's job placement resources were helpful to you?

Yes  No

15. Did you visit a career center outside of your doctoral program?

Yes; Was it helpful to you?  Yes  No

No

16. Did you participate in any of the Graduate College workshops offered to supplement the professional development of graduate students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign?

Yes; Do you feel these were helpful?  Yes  No  
 No

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

17. Citizenship:

U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of U.S.  
 Non-U.S. Citizen (Citizen of another country)

18. Gender:

Male  Female

19. Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply):

American Indian or Alaskan Native  
 Black  Hispanic  
 White  Asian  
 Other

**SELECTION/ADMISSIONS**

20. Did you visit the campus before enrolling in the doctoral program?

Yes  No

21. What were the main reasons you selected this doctoral degree program (check all that apply):

<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty/Program reputation	<input type="checkbox"/> Job placement
<input type="checkbox"/> University reputation	<input type="checkbox"/> Location/region
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial support	<input type="checkbox"/> Course offerings/curricula
<input type="checkbox"/> Program requirements	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please briefly explain _____	

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COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MENTORING & ADVISING**

22. Did you have an academic advisor who was readily available to meet or converse with you during the following stages of your doctoral career?

- Coursework and Comprehensive Exams:  Yes  No
- Preliminary examinations:  Yes  No
- Dissertation (ABD) stage:  Yes  No
- Dissertation defense:  Yes  No

23. Did you receive regular feedback from your advisor and/or program about your academic progress?

Yes  No

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

24. Did you receive financial support, other than personal savings or student loans (e.g., grants, scholarships, or stipends) to support your doctoral study?

Yes  No

25. Were you offered financial support:

- at the time of admission to the doctoral program?
- after enrolling in the doctoral program for more than one semester?

26. Which of the following types of financial support did you receive?

- TA  Yes  No  Number of semesters
- RA  Yes  No  Number of semesters
- Fellowship  Yes  No  Number of semesters

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CURRICULAR PROCESSES & PROCEDURES**

27. Were you satisfied with the quality of the course instruction you received in your program?  
 Yes  No

28. Please rate the collective difficulty of this coursework from 1-5 (1=too easy; 5=too difficult):  
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29. Were program expectations clearly articulated during the following stages of your doctoral career?

Coursework and Comprehensive Exams: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Preliminary examinations: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Dissertation (ABD) stage: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Dissertation defense: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

30. Were program expectations appropriate (in terms of work load, difficulty, etc.) during the following stages of your doctoral career?

Coursework and Comprehensive Exams: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Preliminary examinations: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Dissertation (ABD) stage: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Dissertation defense: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **FINAL QUESTIONS**

31. What was the most positive aspect of your graduate program?

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32. What was the least positive aspect of your graduate program?

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33. What would you recommend this program and/or university do to attract, retain and graduate more and better students?

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***We thank you for completing this survey. PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO MARCI IN ROOM 257 AH.***