

Alumni Survey 2005, Five Years Out (2000 graduates) Executive Summary of Qualitative Data

There were 765 alumni surveys returned out of 1946 reachable graduates¹ for a 39% return rate. The number of responses given below will not total 765 because some former students gave responses falling into more than one category. What follows are the number of alumni comments that fell into the various categories in response to the following questions: *What had the most positive impact on you during your time at Eastern?* (A total of 569 alumni responded to this question.) And, *What had the most negative impact on you during your time at Eastern?* (A total of 475 former students responded to this question.)

What had the most *positive* impact on you during your time at Eastern?

No response: 196
Total responses: 569 (74% of returned survey respondents)

Academics: 441 (78%)²

Relationship with professors/advisors: 267 (47%)

Specific programs; coursework; scheduling; overall education: 174 (31%)

Student Life: 243 (43%)

Relationships/social activities/Greek System/Housing: 174 (31%)

Activities/Recognized Student Organizations/Athletics: 69 (12%)

University-wide Issues: 128 (22%)

Facilities/Services/Community/Staff/Diversity: 84 (15%)

Personal Growth: 44 (8%)

What had the most *negative* impact on you during your time at Eastern?

No response: 290
Total responses: 475 (62% of returned survey respondents; 331 negative impact)
Nothing negative: 143 (35%); 61 additional positive comments (13%)

Academics: 206 (43%)

Relationship with professors/advisors: 87 (18%)

Specific programs; coursework; scheduling; overall education: 119 (25%)

Student Life: 46 (10%)

Relationships/social activities/Greek System/Housing: 38 (8%)

Activities/Recognized Student Organizations/Athletics: 8 (2%)

University-wide Issues: 117 (25%)

Facilities/Services/Community/Staff/Diversity: 95 (20%)

Personal Growth: 22 (5%)

¹ There were 2167 potential graduates in this cohort. A total of 221 graduates were unreachable because of bad addresses, were deceased, or had "do not solicit" orders. The above total reflects the number of alumni who received the survey.

² Percentages are taken from the total number of responses to each question, rather than the total number of alumni or total number of returned surveys.