# Chapter VIII: GRADUATING STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE (GSQ)

*Who takes it?* All graduating seniors.

*When is it administered?* A short time before graduation.

*How long does it take for the student to complete the instrument?* 20 minutes.

*What office administers it?* It is administered online through the Assessment and Testing Office.

*Who originates the survey?* The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the University Assessment Committee.

*When are the results typically available?* For the fiscal year, in late June or July.

#### What type of information is sought?

The GSQ asks questions related to student satisfaction, campus involvement, and time spent on certain activities.

*From whom are the results available?* Assessment and Testing Office, Violette Hall 1130.

#### To whom are the results regularly distributed?

University, division, and discipline averages and frequencies are sent to the President, VPAA, Deans, Assessment Committee, and selected administrators. University-wide results are published in this *Almanac*.

Are the results available by division or discipline? Yes.

Are the results comparable to data of other universities? No.

The Graduating Student Questionnaire (GSQ) was revised and converted to an online web-based survey for the Fall 2003 and future administrations. The GSQ is completed as part of the graduation clearance process coordinated by the Registrar's Office each semester.

The questionnaire consists of questions focusing on students' future plans; satisfaction of services and facilities, experiences with faculty, impression of major and liberal arts courses, the major overall, and opportunities for interaction with others; the adequacy of major preparation and education and experiences; the amount of time spent in various activities; and some basic demographic information.

By looking at the means and frequencies of the responses, the university can identify areas of strengths to build upon and possible areas of weaknesses to direct attention to. Examples of means and frequencies from the fiscal year 2005 GSQ follow which identify a variety of areas with strengths and weaknesses:

#### **Future Plans:**

#### Strengths

43.9% of Truman graduates plan to attend graduate school either in a full or part-time capacity 43.4% are or will be employed upon receiving their degree

37.9% plan to earn a master's degree and 29.9% plan to earn a professional/doctorate degree

#### Weaknesses

12.8% have not found a job and are not attending graduate school

**Satisfaction of ...** (measured by means using the scale of 1=very dissatisfied, 2=dissatisfied, 3=satisfied, & 4=very satisfied)

#### Strengths

#### Services & Facilities provided by the University: Library – 3.39; Recreational Facilities – 3.34; Services of division office - 3.29; Computer Access – 3.21

Experiences: Accessibility of instructors within the major - 3.46; Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the major - 3.42; Overall quality of instruction in the major – 3.37; Friendliness of the campus -3.33; Intellectual climate on the campus -3.31; Attitude of faculty toward students -3.30; Opportunities to be involved in student life and co-curricular activities -3.26; Opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class -3.25First major-3.34

#### Weaknesses

Services & Facilities provided by the University: Parking Services - 1.93; Heating, cooling and air quality in buildings – 2.50; Student Senate - 2.70; Truman bookstore – 2.76; Health Center – 2.76; Center for International Education Abroad – 2.77

Experiences: Academic Advising by your RCP Advisor – 2.72; Availability of courses within the major – 2.87, Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the LSP – 2.95; Academic Advising by faculty in the major -2.98, & Concern for you as an individual - 2.99

Adequacy of LSP and co-curriculum education and experiences . . . (measured by means using the scale of 4=very adequate, 3=adequate, 2=inadequate, & 1=very inadequate)

#### Strengths

Growing socially and personally from co-curricular expressions -3.20; Growing intellectually from co-curricular experiences -3.13; Using writing as a mode of learning -3.10; Understanding the diversity of human experience and creative expression in literature -3.08; Experiencing scientific research in a laboratory setting -3.06

#### Weaknesses

Developing study and time management skills -2.58; Generating topics for writing via critical thinking and discussion -2.78; Growing intellectually from on-campus residential experiences -2.83; Growing intellectually from on-campus work -2.83

#### Amount of time spent or number of times . . .

#### Strengths

Studying – 28.1% spent 11-15 hours per week, 15.8% spent 16-20 hours per week, 9.9% spent 21-25 hours per week & 22.3% spent 26 or more hours per week; 87.9% often or very often used library resources to gather materials and information; 87.0% often or very often discussed topics with students whose opinions/values differed; 86.6% often or very often applied the knowledge and skills gained in one discipline to learning in other disciplines; 85.4% are involved in one or more co-curricular activities; 84.9% Discussed issues of social, cultural, or academic significance with others outside of class; 83.1% often or very often spent time writing papers; 81.9% communicated with a faculty member out of class; 72.0% Participated in a co-curricular activity; 64.2% spent time on academic organizations

#### Weaknesses

Studying – 50.3% never or seldom used the writing center, language lab, computer labs, or tutorial services; 45.7% never or seldom attended cultural events; 38.3% never or seldom applied knowledge and skills gained in co-curricular activities to the classroom; 36.2% never or seldom applied knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to co-curricular activities; 35.5% never or seldom asked other students for advice/criticism on papers, projects, etc.; 35.3% never or seldom interacted with people from other cultures; 30.6% never or seldom completed reading assignments in day-to-day preparation for class; 28.0% never or seldom involved themselves in co-curricular activities; 23.9% spent less than 10 hours per week;

#### Basic demographic information ...

1204 surveys completed39.3% male; 60.8% female87.2% Caucasian, 10.7% minority

The tables below show University totals to selected GSQ questions taken from the Master Plan. The means are calculated on a scale of 1 to 4, 4 being the highest (i.e. "Strongly Agree" or "Very Often"). During the revision of the GSQ for fiscal year 2004, some of the questions were renumbered or reworded. Changes appear in the document below. For complete Fiscal Year 2005 GSQ data, see Volume III, Chapter XXIII.

#### ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

#### Q7a. The assessment program fosters curriculum improvement. Actual 2000 Actual 2001 Actual 1997 Actual 1999 Actual 2002 Actual 2003 Actual Actual Actual 2005\* 2004\* F١ 1998 University 9.0 7.4 8.2 4.8 9.0 4.9 % Strongly Agree 7.6 7.2 53.7 54.8 52.5 51.2 48.6 54.1 60.8 % Agree 53.7 55.5

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Mean 2.58 2.63 2.64 2.55

\*Question renumbered to #26 in FY2004.

#### Q7b. The assessment program helps me to better understand my strengths and weaknesses.

2.60

2.72

2.56

2.46

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Strongly Agree	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	5.4	3.7
% Agree	23.3	26.6	26.0	26.1	26.8	21.5	28.0	34.7	36.1
Mean	2.00	2.05	2.04	2.04	2.05	1.96	2.12	2.33	2.29

\*Question renumbered to #27 in FY2004.

#### Q7c. The assessment program helps the university demonstrate the quality of its programs.

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Strongly Agree	12.6	12.8	14.2	10.8	11.1	8.8	11.1	13.2	9.7
% Agree	49.2	49.8	46.3	47.9	47.7	44.0	51.3	59.8	59.2
Mean	2.62	2.63	2.61	2.53	2.56	2.46	2.62	2.80	2.70

\*Question renumbered to #28 in FY2004.

#### **CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### Q14ab. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences at Truman have been in growing intellectually from co-curricular experiences?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Adequate	29.9	27.8	28.5	26.9	25.9	27.6	26.6	27.0	28.7
% Adequate	48.3	51.8	49.2	52.0	49.7	51.1	51.4	60.2	58.2
Mean	3.04	3.04	3.01	3.02	2.98	3.03	3.01	3.12	3.13

\*Question renumbered to #11t in FY2004 and reworded to read: How adequate do you feel the Liberal Studies Program and co-curriculum education and experiences at Truman have been in growing intellectually from co-curricular experiences?

### Q14ac. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences at Truman have been in growing socially and personally from co-curricular experiences?

	Actual								
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University									
% Very Adequate	35.4	34.5	36.4	37.2	35.5	36.7	35.8	34.7	34.1
% Adequate	46.2	49.2	45.8	46.1	46.1	45.9	45.8	54.3	55.0
Mean	3.13	3.15	3.14	3.17	3.13	3.16	3.14	3.21	3.20

\*Question renumbered to #11u in FY2004 and reworded to read: How adequate do you feel the Liberal Studies Program and co-curriculum education and experiences at Truman have been in growing socially and personally from co-curricular experiences?

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	Actual											
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*			
University												
% Very Adequate	25.7	27.5	27.8	29.3	26.2	24.9	27.7	29.1	29.2			
% Adequate	44.3	44.6	41.9	44.2	43.8	46.6	44.5	50.6	54.6			
Mean	2.83	2.89	2.84	2.91	2.83	2.86	2.90	3.03	3.08			

### Q14ag. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences at Truman have been in growing socially and personally through on-campus residential experiences?

\*Question renumbered to #11y in FY2004 and reworded to read: How adequate do you feel the Liberal Studies Program and co-curriculum education and experiences at Truman have been in growing socially and personally through on-campus residential experiences?

#### Q17a. How satisfied were you with the opportunities to be involved in student life and cocurricular activities?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	33.8	30.2	33.8	35.7	33.7	34.0	37.0	35.3	34.4
% Satisfied	49.4	54.0	49.0	48.4	51.2	50.8	48.2	57.8	59.0
Mean	3.14	3.12	3.14	3.17	3.16	3.16	3.20	3.27	3.26

\*Question renumbered to #14a in FY2004.

#### LIBERAL STUDIES COURSES

#### Q11. How often were your core courses challenging?

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	Actual									
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*	
University										
% Very Often	11.1	12.4	13.6	13.4	13.6	15.8	12.3	10.9	11.0	
% Often	49.1	52.1	49.4	53.8	52.7	53.9	50.9	54.9	50.4	
Mean	2.67	2.74	2.74	2.79	2.77	2.83	2.73	2.75	2.70	
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\*Question renumbered to #9 in FY2004 and reworded to read: How often were your LSP courses challenging?

### Q14e. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences at Truman have been in learning on your own?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Adequate	51.1	54.2	55.0	52.9	52.9	54.3	54.6	53.7**	59.6**
% Adequate	45.5	40.5	38.9	40.5	40.8	39.9	41.5	36.7	34.8
Mean	3.47	3.48	3.49	3.45	3.45	3.47	3.50	3.44	3.53

\*Question renumbered to #13g in FY2004 and reworded to read: Using the descriptions below, how would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high)? Learning on your own. \*\*Percent responding "4."

### Q141. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences at Truman have been in understanding different philosophies and cultures?

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	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
% Very Adequate	24.4	25.0	22.8	21.1	17.3	21.4	22.8		
% Adequate	51.9	50.9	57.2	52.7	53.0	51.2	55.5		
Mean	2.98	2.98	2.94	2.91	2.83	2.90	2.99		

\*Question not asked in FY2004.

### Q14t. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences have been in recognizing assumptions, making logical inferences and reaching correct conclusions?

	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
% Very Adequate	32.4	31.9	32.2	29.8	31.3	30.7	30.6		
% Adequate	60.5	60.5	58.2	61.3	58.5	59.9	58.4		
Mean	3.24	3.23	3.21	3.20	3.21	3.20	3.19		

\*Question not asked in FY2004.

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	16.8	15.8	16.2	15.3	15.2	15.8	12.7	12.9	17.6
% Satisfied	52.7	51.7	51.6	49.4	51.0	51.3	50.0	57.6	62.2
Mean	2.81	2.77	2.78	2.73	2.73	2.77	2.67	2.78	2.95
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#### Q17h. How satisfied were you with the faculty enthusiasm for classes in the core?

\*Question renumbered to #14h in FY2004 and reworded to read: How satisfied were you with the experiences, services, and facilities at Truman as listed below: faculty enthusiasm for classes in the LSP.

### Q17j. How satisfied were you with the overall impression of the liberal arts and sciences courses?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	17.3	17.6	18.3	16.9	14.7	16.3	16.5		
% Satisfied	56.7	57.7	55.9	58.1	56.7	54.1	55.8		
Mean	2.85	2.87	2.86	2.85	2.79	2.80	2.82		

\*Question not asked in FY2004.

### **Q9.** How often were term papers, reports, or major writing assignments required in your courses this semester?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Often	36.5	40.9	42.0	41.2	43.3	44.2	39.4	44.1	45.9
% Often	40.4	40.8	40.7	42.3	40.6	44.1	43.3	39.1	37.2
Mean	3.07	3.21	3.24	3.23	3.26	3.28	3.21	3.27	3.28

\*Question renumbered to #7 in FY2004.

#### Q17s. How satisfied were you with the concern for you as an individual?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	16.5	16.1	17.7	15.4	14.5	16.8	19.0	21.3	22.4
% Satisfied	55.8	55.2	54.6	54.0	55.2	51.9	56.8	62.8	59.0
Mean	2.83	2.80	2.83	2.76	2.76	2.78	2.89	3.03	2.99

\*Question renumbered to #14r in FY2004.

#### MAJOR COURSES

#### Q10. How often were your major courses challenging?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Often	43.0	45.3	46.3	44.6	46.7	45.2	42.2	42.9	43.5
% Often	40.3	45.7	45.6	48.6	46.7	47.8	50.6	51.3	48.5
Mean	3.21	3.36	3.37	3.38	3.40	3.37	3.34	3.37	3.35

\*Question renumbered to #8 in FY2004.

### Q15f. How adequately has your major prepared you to apply knowledge in defining problems and solving them?

	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
% Very Adequately	46.5	44.1	49.0	47.4	46.0	48.9	48.7	52.1	51.4
% Adequately	47.5	47.9	43.9	44.8	45.8	45.2	44.9	43.1	44.2
Mean	3.40	3.35	3.41	3.39	3.37	3.42	3.42	3.47	3.46

\*Question renumbered to #12f in FY2004.

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Adequately	56.5	58.8	58.3	58.8	56.9	59.0	58.9	60.9	54.9
% Adequately	38.4	36.7	35.6	36.3	38.0	37.2	36.6	36.2	40.5
Mean	3.51	3.53	3.51	3.53	3.51	3.54	3.59	3.57	3.49

#### Q15h. How adequately has your major prepared you to think critically?

\*Question renumbered to #12h in FY2004.

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### Q15i. How adequately has your major prepared you to believe that learning is a life-long process?

- FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Adequately	67.3	67.2	66.0	65.2	65.4	64.7	64.3	63.9	57.9
% Adequately	28.6	29.1	29.0	28.5	28.0	29.3	31.2	31.3	37.7
Mean	3.63	3.63	3.60	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.59	3.58	3.52

\*Question renumbered to #12i in FY2004.

#### Q15j. How adequately has your major prepared you to understand multiple perspectives?

	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
% Very Adequately	57.4	60.3	55.5	57.1	54.0	56.8	56.6	56.1	48.5
% Adequately	36.8	35.0	38.6	36.9	39.0	38.0	37.6	39.1	46.3
Mean	3.51	3.55	3.48	3.51	3.46	3.51	3.50	3.50	3.42

\*Question renumbered to #12j in FY2004.

#### Q17i. How satisfied were you with faculty enthusiasm for classes in the major?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	54.3	49.3	52.4	51.9	50.1	53.5	56.3	53.0	48.7
% Satisfied	38.2	44.0	39.6	39.3	41.2	39.9	37.6	42.2	46.0
Mean	3.46	3.41	3.43	3.42	3.40	3.46	3.50	3.47	3.42

\*Question renumbered to #14i in FY2004.

#### Q24-3. How satisfied are you with your first major?

	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	34.3	38.7	41.5	38.8	40.2	41.2	43.4	49.5	46.1
% Satisfied	42.3	46.6	44.7	48.4	46.6	47.8	46.5	40.1	45.7
Mean	3.01	3.18	3.22	3.20	3.21	3.26	3.28	3.33	3.34

\*Question renumbered to #22 in FY2004.

### Q15g. How adequately has your major prepared you to find information, interpret and apply the finding?

Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
53.0	53.0	53.6	53.8	52.8	55.9	54.1	58.7	53.8
41.5	41.5	40.6	40.2	41.5	39.9	40.9	38.0	41.7
3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.51	3.49	3.55	3.48
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\*Question renumbered to #12g in FY2004.

#### Q17n. How satisfied were you with the accessibility of instructors in your major?

	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	41.8	39.8	42.6	42.2	39.8	41.4	44.3	44.6	51.7
% Satisfied	43.9	46.2	44.6	42.7	44.4	45.0	45.5	47.2	43.9
Mean	3.25	3.23	3.28	3.24	3.20	3.26	3.32	3.35	3.46

\*Question renumbered to #14l in FY2004.

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University	1))//	1770	1)///	2000	2001	2002	2005	2004	2005
% Very Satisfied	20.4	18.9	21.5	21.1	20.9	20.9	19.4	32.4	32.2
% Satisfied	38.6	41.0	38.2	36.4	35.6	36.3	37.4	40.4	42.9
Mean	2.65	2.64	2.66	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.61	2.94	2.98

#### Q170. How satisfied were you with academic advising?

\*Question renumbered to #14m in FY2004 and reworded to read: ... with academic advising by faculty advisor in your major?

#### Q171. How satisfied were you with the overall quality of instruction in your major?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Satisfied	41.3	39.8	43.6	39.7	38.4	43.5	47.6	48.6	44.4
% Satisfied	43.8	47.8	43.8	47.5	46.3	46.2	43.8	43.6	49.5
Mean	3.24	3.25	3.29	3.24	3.20	3.32	3.38	3.39	3.37

\*Question renumbered to #14j in FY2004.

#### OVERALL LIBERAL ARTS CULTURE

### Q12g. How often did you discuss issues of social, cultural or academic significance with others outside of class during the course of the school year?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Often	32.7	31.1	28.6	26.5	25.0	29.8	29.2	24.3	34.1
% Often	44.6	45.7	47.8	47.4	46.5	43.0	45.4	51.4	50.8
Mean	3.07	3.05	3.02	2.97	2.93	3.00	3.01	2.98	3.17

\*Question renumbered to #6g in FY2004.

### Q17b. How satisfied were you with the opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class?

Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
33.7	33.6	34.5	33.6	33.9	33.5	34.1	33.1	38.3
46.5	44.7	44.7	46.0	47.4	47.8	48.1	52.8	50.3
3.11	3.08	3.09	3.09	3.12	3.11	3.13	3.16	3.25
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\*Question renumbered to #14b in FY2004.

### Q12f. How often do you apply the knowledge and skills gained in one discipline to learning in other disciplines during the course of the school year?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	
University										
% Very Often	23.7	26.4	25.1	23.7	25.0	24.6	23.2	26.6	25.4	
% Often	56.4	52.9	54.0	56.7	54.3	55.1	59.4	58.0	61.2	
Mean	3.02	3.04	3.03	3.02	3.02	3.03	3.04	3.10	3.11	

\*Question renumbered to #6f in FY2004.

### Q14r. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences at Truman have been in respecting the uniqueness and worth of each individual?

	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
% Very Adequate	38.4	38.4	38.3	35.9	33.6	35.7	34.7	56.3**	61.6**
% Adequate	47.7	47.7	47.3	51.0	47.5	48.0	49.7	35.4	32.0
Mean	3.21	3.22	3.20	3.20	3.10	3.16	3.16	3.48	3.54

\*Question renumbered to #13f in FY2004 and reworded to read: Using the descriptions below, how would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high)? Respecting the uniqueness and worth of each individual.

\*\*Percent responding "4."

### Q12e. How often do you attend cultural events during the course of the school year (*e.g.*, art exhibitions, Lyceum events, campus lectures)?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
% Very Often	20.2	19.3	18.1	19.1	17.2	16.7	15.5	15.0	15.4
% Often	29.6	32.5	33.4	30.8	33.6	30.7	31.8	35.1	38.9
Mean	2.63	2.65	2.61	2.61	2.60	2.56	2.55	2.60	2.67

\*Question renumbered to #6e in FY2004.

### Q8. Approximately how many hours per week do you spend out of class on course-related work?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*
University									
0-5 hours	4.8	6.7	5.7	6.5	7.0	7.0	6.8	8.0	5.3
6-10 hours	19.2	20.3	21.2	23.3	21.6	21.2	22.8	26.8	18.6
11-15 hours	20.4	23.0	22.4	25.1	22.4	22.7	24.3	23.9	28.1
16-20 hours	23.7	20.6	21.0	22.0	23.1	21.5	20.6	17.9	15.8
21-25 hours	16.1	15.6	15.2	11.9	12.1	14.6	14.1	10.8	9.9
26-30 hours	9.6	7.8	8.9	6.4	7.6	8.3	6.8	7.8	15.9
31+ hours	6.2	6.0	5.6	4.9	6.1	4.7	4.4	4.8	6.4

\*Question renumbered to #5 in FY2004.

### Q19j. Approximately how many hours per week do you spend reading beyond course assignments?

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	Actual								
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*
University									
None	22.2	21.4	20.8	25.2	24.4	22.0	24.0	21.4	26.8
1-2 hours	40.5	42.2	42.8	39.9	39.8	44.0	42.3	44.4	41.7
3-5 hours	22.8	21.6	23.2	23.0	23.1	21.7	21.8	22.9	22.0
6-10 hours	9.2	9.4	8.8	8.5	9.1	7.3	7.2	8.1	5.7
11-15 hours	2.5	3.0	2.6	2.2	1.8	3.0	3.4	2.3	3.0
16+ hours	2.1	2.4	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.8

\*Question renumbered to #16j in FY2004.

#### A COPY OF THE SURVEY FOLLOWS:

Dear Graduating Student:

Soon you will be formally recognized for a significant achievement: your graduation from this fine University. You have contributed much to Truman during your time here. Truman, in turn, has hopefully contributed much to your intellectual and personal growth. Students who have participated in the assessment program have greatly assisted the University in becoming a better place. Thank you for taking the time to respond to this questionnaire; your opinions help answer important questions about our strengths and weaknesses. Your input will assist Truman in continuing to improve. Please stay in contact with the University as we are always interested in the experiences of our alumni. Best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

1. What is the highest academic degree you plan to earn?

- Bachelor's degree
- Master's degree
- Master of Arts in Education degree
- Beyond Master's but less than a doctorate
- Professional degree, e.g. M.D., D.O., J.D.
- Doctorate, e.g. Ph.D., Ed.D.

# 2. What is your primary future plan regarding employment or further education?

Please select the choice that best describes your future plan:

- I will attend graduate or professional school
- I will begin working in a new job
- C Other

If you checked **"Plan to attend graduate or professional school"**, please complete one of the following:

I will attend . . .

(type in name of school)

I have applied to and hope to attend . . . (type in name of school)

If you checked **"Plan to begin working in a new job"**, please complete one of the following:

I have a job with . . .

(type in name of employer)

I hope to work at . . .

(type in name of potential employer)

If you checked "Other", please specify your future plans:

3. If you could start college over, would you choose to attend this university?

- Definitely yes
- Probably yes
- Probably no
- Definitely no

Why?

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# 4. What were your two most important reasons for completing your degree at Truman?

Pri	mary reason:	Se	condary reason:
	Cost		Cost
	Size		Size
	Social atmosphere		Social atmosphere
	Location		Location
	Type of programs available		Type of programs available
O	Academic reputation		Academic reputation
0	Availability of scholarship/financial aid		Availability of scholarship/financial aid
0	Advice of parents or relatives		Advice of parents or relatives
O	To be with friends		To be with friends
	Other, please specify reason:	C	Other, please specify reason:

5. Approximately how many hours per week do you spend outside of class on course-related work (e.g. homework, papers, projects, rehearsing, studio work, etc.)?

- C 0-5 hours
- C 6-10 hours
- 11-15 hours
- 16-20 hours
- C 21-25 hours
- C 26-30 hours
- 31 or more hours

6. Please indicate to the best of your knowledge, the number of times you involved yourself in the following activities during the course of the school year:

	Very often	Often	Seldom	Never	Not applicable
Interacted with people from other cultures					
Discussed topics with students whose opinions or personal values differed from your own					
Used library resources to gather research materials and information					
Communicated with a faculty member out of class					
Attended a cultural event (e.g. art exhibit, play, concert, campus lectures)					
Applied the knowledge and skills gained in one discipline to learning in other disciplines					
Discussed issues of social, cultural, or academic significance with others outside of class					
Participated in a co-curricular activity					
Completed reading assignments in day-to-day preparation for class					
Asked other students for advice or criticism on your papers, projects, and etc.					
Used the writing center, language lab, computer labs, or tutorial services					
Applied knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to co-curricular activities					
Applied knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to on-campus work					
Applied knowledge and skills gained in co-curricular activities to the classroom					
Applied knowledge and skills gained in on-campus work to the classroom					

#### 7-9. Please select the appropriate response for each of the statements below:

	Never	Not very often	Often	Very often	
7. How often were term papers, reports, or major writing assignments required in your courses this semester?	С	С			
8. How often were your major courses challenging?	0	C	0		
9. How often were your LSP courses challenging?					

10. How many faculty members do you know well enough to obtain a letter of recommendation?

C None

- 📋 One
- 🖸 Two
- 📋 Three
- More than three

11. How adequate do you feel the Liberal Studies Program and co-curriculum education and experiences at Truman have been in each of the following?

	Very adequate	Adequate	Inadequate	Very inadequate
Freshman Writing: Generating topics for writing via critical thinking and discussion		0	C	6
<b>Speech</b> : Using speech skills appropriate to the topic, purpose, and audience		C		C
Elementary Functions: Developing basic skills in algebra	0	C	C	C
<b>Statistics</b> : Recognizing the importance of statistics from its use in research to its use in everyday life		C		C
<b>Computer Literacy</b> : Recognizing the unethical use of technology, including copyright and privacy issues	C	C		C
Personal Well-Being: Understanding your mental and physical health needs		C		C
<b>Science-Physical Science</b> : Experiencing scientific research in a laboratory setting, including experimental design, collection and analysis of data, and interpretation of results	C		C	C
Science-Life Science: Understanding the unifying principles of life and repeatable patterns in nature	C	C	G	8
History: Understanding the social and aesthetic richness of different cultures		C		C
Social Science: Understanding citizenship and leadership in its broadest meaning	0	C	C	C
Philosophy & Religion: Interpreting and critically evaluating ethical and political issues and practices	0	C	C	C
Aesthetic-Fine Arts: Responding or reacting to an artistic creation	C	C	C	0

C	0		
C	C	С	
C	0	0	
C	0	0	
C	0		C
C	0	0	
C	C	0	
		0	0
C	0	O	C
0	C	0	0
		0	0
C	0	0	C
0	C	C	0

### 12. How adequately has your major prepared you in each of the following?

	Very adequate	Adequate	Inadequate	Very inadequate	Does not apply
Knowledge of Modes of inquiry or processes of your major	C	C	0		
Knowledge of Subject matter of your major	C	C	0		
Knowledge of Issues and trends pertinent to your specialty	C	C	0	0	
Knowledge of Theories pertinent to your specialty	C	C		0	
Knowledge of Scholars who are associated with the major	C	C		0	•
Ability to Apply knowledge in defining problems and solving them	C	C		0	
Ability to Find information; interpret and apply findings	C	C		0	
Ability to Think critically	C	C	0		

Attitude of Believing that learning is a life-long process		C	0	0
Attitude of Understanding multiple perspectives	C	C		C

13. Using the descriptions below, how would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high)?

	Low - 1	2	3	4 - High
Leadership ability	0	0	O	
Working cooperatively with a group	C	0		C
Persisting at difficult tasks	C	0	0	C
Understanding your own abilities, interests, and personality	C	0	0	
Managing your emotions	C	O	0	
Respecting the uniqueness and worth of each individual	C	O	0	
Learning on your own	C	0		

# 14. How satisfied were you with the experiences, services, and facilities at Truman as listed below?

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Does not apply
Experiences Opportunities to be involved in student life and co-curricular activities	C	C	D	C	8
Experiences Opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class	C	C		C	C
Experiences Quality of feedback from faculty	C	C		C	C
Experiences Variety of teaching strategies	C	C		C	C
Experiences Friendliness of the campus	C		C	0	0
Experiences Intellectual climate on the campus	C	C	0	0	0
Experiences Your sense of belonging on this campus	C	C	0	0	C
Experiences Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the LSP	C	C	0	0	0
Experiences Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the major	C	C	C		

Experiences Overall quality of instruction in your major	0				
Experiences Availability of courses offered in your major	0				
Experiences Accessibility of instructors in your major	0				
Experiences Academic advising by faculty advisor in your major	C		C	C	O
Experiences Academic advising by your RCP advisor	C	0	C		0
Experiences Attitude of faculty toward students	C	0	C	C	
Experiences Attitude of non-teaching staff toward students	C	O	C		
Experiences On-campus work experiences	C	0	C	C	
Experiences Concern for you as an individual	C	0	C		
Services & Facilities Assessment & Testing	C	0	C	C	
Services & Facilities University Career Center	C	O	C		
Services & Facilities Business Office/Cashier's window	C	0	C		
Services & Facilities Center for Student Involvement	C	O	C		
Services & Facilities Campus Bookstore	C	O	C		
Services & Facilities Center for International Education Abroad	C		C		0
Services & Facilities Center for Multicultural Affairs	C	O	C		
Services & Facilities Division office of your major	C	O	C		
Services & Facilities Financial Aid Office	C		C		0
Services & Facilities Food service	0		8	0	
Services & Facilities Health Center					
Services & Facilities Intramural program	C	0	C	C	
Services & Facilities Language Learning Center	C	0	C		0
Services & Facilities Library	0				
Services & Facilities Registrar's office	0		•		C
Services & Facilities Registration process	0	0	0	0	C

Services & Facilities Student Affairs		G	C	C	
Services & Facilities Student Senate			0	0	
Services & Facilities Student Activities Board (SAB)		O	0	C	
Services & Facilities University Counseling Services			C		
Services & Facilities Laboratories, studios, and research space		C	C		O
Services & Facilities Recreational facilities		C	C		O
Services & Facilities Student Union Building		C			
Services & Facilities Computer access	C	C	0	C	
Services & Facilities Athletic facilities		0	C	C	
Services & Facilities Parking				C	
Services & Facilities Heating, cooling, and air quality in campus buildings			C	C	
Services & Facilities General conditions of buildings and grounds at this university	0	C	C	C	0

15. How frequently have you personally observed discrimination on this campus relative to any of the following:

	Never	A few times	Some	A lot
Gender		0		
Race	0	0		C
Sexual orientation	0	0		C
Individuals with disabilities	0	0		C

16. Select the approximate number of hours per week you spend on each of the following activities (think of an average week during the semester, not finals week). The categories may not be mutually exclusive in every case: for example, some of the time spent working on-campus may also be counted under using computers.

	None	1-2 hours	3-5 hours	6-10 hours	11-15 hours	16 or more hours
Research projects	0				C	
Academic organizations	0				C	
Student government organizations	0				C	
Greek organizations	0				0	
Performing in the arts (theatre, band, etc.)	0				C	
Religious activities and organizations	0				C	
Residence hall activities/programs					C	
Participating in intercollegiate sports					C	
Participating in intramural sports					C	
Reading beyond course assignments (e.g. for personal interest, for professional growth, etc.)					C	C
Creating art/music for personal interest (writing, drawing, playing piano, etc.)	0		C		C	C
Using computers (for work or play)					0	C
Watching television					0	C
Socializing with friends					0	
Employment on campus (scholarship, work-study, institutional)		C			С	0
Employment off campus						0
Other major activities, e.g. volunteering, exercising spending time with family, etc.; please specify:			C		0	•

If "other major activities", please list activities:

17. How many co-curricular activities are you involved in?

- C None
- 1-2 activities
- 3-5 activities
- 6 or more activities

### 18. Please enter your student ID number: (For verification of survey completion.)

- 19. Please indicate your sex?
- 🚺 Male 🔲 Female
- 20. How would you describe yourself?
- Black, non-Hispanic
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- White, non-Hispanic
- O Asian or Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- C Other
- 21. \* Indicate your first major by selecting a major from the columns below:

- Accounting (BS)
- Agricultural Science (BS)
- Art History (BA)
- Art: Liberal Arts (BA)
- Art: Studio Art (BFA)
- Art: Visual Communication (BFA)
- Athletic Training -- Exercise Science (BS)
- Biology (BA)
- Biology (BS)
- Business Administration: Finance (BA)
- Business Administration: Finance (BS)
- Business Administration: Management (BA)
- Business Administration: Management (BS)
- Business Administration: Marketing (BA)
- Business Administration: Marketing (BS)
- Chemistry (BS)
- Classics (BA)
- Communication Disorders (BA)
- Communication Disorders (BS)
- Communication: Communication Arts (BA)
- Communication: Communication Science (BA)
- Communication: Journalism (BA)
- Computer Science (BS)
- Economics (BA)
- Economics (BS)
- English (BA)
- English: Linguistics (BS)
- Exercise Science (BS)
- French (BA)
- German (BA)

- Health Science (BS)
- History (BA)
- History (BS)
- Justice Systems (BS)
- Mathematics (BA)
- Mathematics (BS)
- Music: General Concentration with emphasis groups (BA)
- Music: Liberal Arts (BA)
- Music: Performance (BM)
- Nursing (BSN)
- Philosophy & Religion (BA)
- Physics (BA)
- Physics (BS)
- Political Science (BA)
- Political Science (BS)
- Pre-Accounting (BS)
- Pre-Business: Business Administration (BA)
- Pre-Dental -- Biology (BS)
- Pre-Engineering -- Physics (BS)
- Pre-Law -- English (BA)
- Pre-Law -- History (BA)
- Pre-Law -- Political Science (BA)
- Pre-Med -- Exercise Science (BS)
- Pre-Med -- Health Science (BS)
- Pre-Med -- Biology (BS)
- Pre-Med -- Chemistry (BS)
- Pre-Medical Technology -- Biology (BS)
- Pre-Occupational Therapy -- Health Science (BS)
- Pre-Optometry -- Biology (BS)
- Pre-Pharmacy -- Chemistry (BS)

- Pre-Physical Therapy -- Biology (BS)
- Pre-Physical Therapy -- Exercise Science (BS)
- Pre-Physician's Asst. -- Exercise Science (BS)
- Pre-Physician's Asst. -- Health Science (BS)
- Pre-Vet-Animal Science -- Agricultural Science (BS)
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine -- Biology (BS)
- Psychology (BA)
- Psychology (BS)
- C Russian (BA)
- Sociology/Anthropology (BA)
- Sociology/Anthropology (BS)
- C Spanish (BA)
- Theatre (BA)
- Undecided (BA)
- Undeclared (BA)
- C Other major, please specify:\_\_\_\_\_

22. How satisfied are you with your first major?

🚺 Very dissatisfied 🎦 Dissatisfied 🎦 Satisfied 🎦 Very satisfied

23. Indicate your second major (if applicable) by selecting a major from the dropdown menu. (The dropdown menu is the same menu used in question 21 for your first major – it's not printed this time to save paper.)

Ple	ease Select:	- Second
maj	or not listed? Select this response option and type your major in the box:	
24.	. How satisfied are you with your second major?	
O	Very dissatisfied 🎦 Dissatisfied 🎦 Satisfied 🎦 Very satisfied	

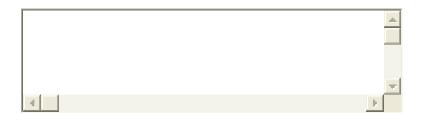
25-28. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
<ol> <li>I know about and understand the purpose of the assessment program.</li> </ol>	C	C	C	
26. The assessment program fosters curricular improvement.	C	C	C	
27. The assessment program helps me to better understand my strengths and weaknesses.	0	C	C	
28. The assessment program helps the university demonstrate the quality of its programs.	C	C	0	0

29. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? "The university should survey student opinions."

- Strongly agree
- C Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

30. Please feel free to make any additional observations about your university experience, positive or negative.



- 31. Approximately how long did it take you to complete this survey?
- Less than 15 minutes
- About 20 minutes
- About 30 minutes
- More than 30 minutes