Chapter VI: GRADUATING STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE (GSQ)

Who takes it?

All graduating seniors.

When is it administered?

Before graduation as part of the clearance process.

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 Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and the University Assessment Committee.

When are the results typically available?

In July for the fiscal year.

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

Are the results available by department or discipline? Yes.

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

The Graduating Student Questionnaire (GSQ) is an online web-based survey and 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 on various activities; and some basic demographic information.

By looking at the means and frequencies of the responses, the university can identify areas of strength to build upon and possible areas of weakness to direct attention to. Means and frequencies from the fiscal year 2007 GSQ follow which identify a variety of areas with strengths and weaknesses:

Future Plans...

Strengths

- 44.4% of Truman graduates plan to attend graduate school either in a full or part-time capacity
- 44.2% are or will be employed upon receiving their degree
- 40.5% plan to earn a master's degree of some sort
- 27.6% plan to earn a professional/doctorate degree

Weaknesses

11.4% have not found a job and are not attending graduate school

Satisfaction with . . .

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

Strengths

Services & Facilities provided by the University:

Business Office/Cashier's Window – 3.09; Center for Multicultural Affairs – 3.01; Center for Student Involvement – 3.07; Computer Access – 3.26; Division Office of your major – 3.32; Intramural program – 3.09; Laboratories, studios, and research space – 3.13; Language Learning Center – 3.00; Library – 3.42; Recreational Facilities – 3.25; Registrar's office – 3.14; Registration process – 3.00; Student Affairs – 3.00; Student Union Building – 3.07; University Career Center – 3.04; University Counseling Services – 3.09

Experiences:

Accessibility of instructors in the major - 3.33; Attitude of faculty toward students – 3.27; Attitude of non-teaching staff toward students – 3.23; Concern for you as an individual – 3.07; Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the major - 3.51; First major – 3.32; Friendliness of the campus – 3.35; Intellectual climate on the campus – 3.30; On-campus work experiences – 3.11; Opportunities to be involved in student life and co-curricular

activities -3.30; Opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class -3.25; Overall quality of instruction in the major -3.35; Quality of feedback from faculty -3.15; Second major -3.25; Sense of belonging on this campus -3.14; Variety of teaching strategies -3.03;

Weaknesses

Services & Facilities provided by the University:

Assessment & Testing – 2.70; Athletic Facilities – 2.84; Center for International Education Abroad – 2.80; Financial Aid Office – 2.93; Food Service – 2.90; General conditions of buildings and grounds at this university – 2.95; Health Center – 2.82; Heating, cooling, and air quality in campus buildings – 2.51; Parking – 2.03; Student Activities Board (SAB) – 2.99; Student Senate - 2.72; Truman Bookstore – 2.81

Experiences:

Academic advising by faculty advisor in the major -2.95; Academic advising by RCP advisor -2.71; Availability of courses offered in the major -2.90; Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the LSP-2.89; Major -9.9% are dissatisfied with their first major; 13.2% are dissatisfied with their second major

Adequacy of LSP, majors, and co-curriculum education and experiences . . .

(measured by means using the scale of 1=very inadequate, 2=inadequate, 3=adequate, & 4=very adequate)

Strengths

Students felt adequately prepared with respect to the LSP in several areas especially in *Growing* intellectually from co-curricular experiences – 3.12; Growing socially and personally from co-curricular experiences – 3.22; Science-Physical Science: Experiencing scientific research in a laboratory setting – 3.11; and Writing Enhanced Courses: Using writing as a mode of learning – 3.14;.

In general students felt adequately to very adequately prepared in their majors especially with respect to: *Ability to find information, interpret and apply findings* – 3.51; *Ability to think critically* – 3.53; *Attitude of believing that learning is a life-long process* – 3.52; and *Knowledge of subject matter* – 3.51.

Weaknesses

Freshman Program: Developing study and time management skills -2.55; Freshman Writing: Generating topics for writing via critical thinking and discussion -2.84; Growing intellectually from on-campus residential experiences -2.81; Growing intellectually from on-campus work -2.88; Knowledge of scholars who are associated with the major -3.03; Personal Well-Being: Understanding your mental and physical health needs -2.84

Amount of time spent, number of times, or how often or many . . .

Strengths

Time spent outside of class on course-related work – 24.2% spent 11-15 hours per week, 18.9% spent 16-20 hours per week, 11.3% spent 21-25 hours per week, 7.8% spent 26-30 hours per week & 5.7% spent 31 or more hours per week; 86.3% often or very often Discussed topics with students whose opinions or personal values differed from their own; 82.3% often or very often Applied the knowledge and skills gained in one discipline to learning in other disciplines; 82.8% often or very often Used library resources to gather research materials and information; 80.8% often or very often Discussed issues of social, cultural, or academic significance with others outside of class; 71.0% often or very often Participated in a co-curricular activity; 91.5% often or very often Found their major courses challenging; 93.7% never or only a few times Observed discrimination on this campus related to individuals with disabilities; 87.4% never or only a few times Observed discrimination on this campus related to gender; 87.0% never or only a few times Observed discrimination on this campus related to race; 76.4% often or very often Communicated with a faculty member out of class; 91.2% Spent time on research projects weekly; 65.0% Spent time on academic organizations weekly; 90.5% Felt they knew 2 or more faculty well enough to obtain a letter of recommendation; 81.1% never or only a few times Observed discrimination on this campus related to sexual orientation

Weaknesses

Time spent outside of class on course-related work – 32.0% spent less than 11 hours per week; 52.6% never or seldom Used the writing center, language lab, computer labs, or tutorial services; 46.3% never or seldom Attended a cultural event; 47.2% never or seldom Applied knowledge and skills gained in on-campus work to the classroom; 44.1% never or seldom Applied knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to on-campus work; 37.7% never or seldom Applied knowledge and skills gained in co-curricular activities to the classroom;38.6% never or seldom Applied knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to co-curricular activities; 39.7% never or seldom Asked other students for advice or criticism on papers, projects, etc.; 40.5% never or seldom Interacted with people from other cultures; 28.5% never or seldom Completed reading assignments in day-to-day preparation for class; 22.3% do not spend time Reading beyond their course assignments weekly; 38.2% never or not very often Found their LSP courses challenging; 19.1% of courses this semester never or not very often Required term papers, reports, or major writing assignments

Other information worth noting . . .

On a scale of 1 (low) to 4 (high), overall Truman students rated themselves fairly high with respect to several descriptors, particularly Learning on their own -3.54; Respecting the uniqueness and worth of each individual -3.55; Understanding their own abilities, interests, and personality -3.58; and Working cooperatively with a group -3.54.

Academic Reputation (27.6%), Cost (27.5%), and Availability of scholarship/financial aid (15.2%) are the top three 3 primary reasons for students completing their degree at Truman; Academic Reputation (25.0%), Cost (21.9%), and Size (12.3%) were the top 3 secondary reasons.

79.6% would probably or definitely *Choose Truman again if they started over*.

80.5% of the students *Know about and understand the purpose of the assessment program*, and 71.5% agree that *The assessment program helps the University demonstrate the quality of its programs*, but 60.9% disagree that *The assessment program helps them to better understand their strengths and weaknesses*.

93.4% of students agree that *The University should survey student opinions*.

84.2% Completed the survey in 20 minutes or less.

Basic demographic information . . .

1164 surveys completed 38.7% male; 61.3% female 88.7% Caucasian, 8.5% 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 2007 GSQ data, see Volume III, Chapter XIX.

ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Q7a. The assessment program fosters curricular improvement.

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Strongly Agree	7.6	9.0	10.2	7.4	8.2	4.8	7.2	9.0	4.9	9.6	8.9
% Agree	53.7	54.8	53.7	52.5	51.2	48.6	54.1	60.8	55.5	59.4	55.9
Mean	2.58	2.63	2.64	2.55	2.57	2.46	2.60	2.72	2.56	2.73	2.67

^{*}Question renumbered to #26 in FY2004.

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

	Actual										
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Strongly Agree	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.1	5.4	3.7	6.3	4.5
% Agree	23.3	26.6	26.0	26.1	26.8	21.5	28.0	34.7	36.1	37.5	34.7
Mean	2.00	2.05	2.04	2.04	2.05	1.96	2.12	2.33	2.29	2.36	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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Strongly Agree	12.6	12.8	14.2	10.8	11.1	8.8	11.1	13.2	9.7	12.5	11.8
% Agree	49.2	49.8	46.3	47.9	47.7	44.0	51.3	59.8	59.2	61.3	59.7
Mean	2.62	2.63	2.61	2.53	2.56	2.46	2.62	2.80	2.70	2.80	2.77

^{*}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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Adequate	29.9	27.8	28.5	26.9	25.9	27.6	26.6	27.0	28.7	26.9	27.9
% Adequate	48.3	51.8	49.2	52.0	49.7	51.1	51.4	60.2	58.2	62.4	58.5
Mean	3.04	3.04	3.01	3.02	2.98	3.03	3.01	3.12	3.13	3.14	3.12

^{*}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										
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Very Adequate	35.4	34.5	36.4	37.2	35.5	36.7	35.8	34.7	34.1	33.3	34.9
% Adequate	46.2	49.2	45.8	46.1	46.1	45.9	45.8	54.3	55.0	56.1	54.2
Mean	3.13	3.15	3.14	3.17	3.13	3.16	3.14	3.21	3.20	3.20	3.22

^{*}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?

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

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Adequate	25.7	27.5	27.8	29.3	26.2	24.9	27.7	29.1	29.2	27.1	28.8
% Adequate	44.3	44.6	41.9	44.2	43.8	46.6	44.5	50.6	54.6	56.4	53.8
Mean	2.83	2.89	2.84	2.91	2.83	2.86	2.90	3.03	3.08	3.06	3.07

^{*}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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	33.8	30.2	33.8	35.7	33.7	34.0	37.0	35.3	34.4	38.7	40.6
% Satisfied	49.4	54.0	49.0	48.4	51.2	50.8	48.2	57.8	59.0	54.2	50.6
Mean	3.14	3.12	3.14	3.17	3.16	3.16	3.20	3.27	3.26	3.30	3.30

^{*}Question renumbered to #14a in FY2004.

LIBERAL STUDIES COURSES

Q11. How often were your core courses challenging?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Often	11.1	12.4	13.6	13.4	13.6	15.8	12.3	10.9	11.0	10.8	11.5
% Often	49.1	52.1	49.4	53.8	52.7	53.9	50.9	54.9	50.4	52.1	50.3
Mean	2.67	2.74	2.74	2.79	2.77	2.83	2.73	2.75	2.70	2.72	2.71

^{*}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?

	Actual										
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Very Adequate	51.1	54.2	55.0	52.9	52.9	54.3	54.6	53.7**	59.6**	58.2**	59.9**
% Adequate	45.5	40.5	38.9	40.5	40.8	39.9	41.5	36.7	34.8	35.7	34.7
Mean	3.47	3.48	3.49	3.45	3.45	3.47	3.50	3.44	3.53	3.52	3.54

^{*}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."

Q14l. How adequate do you feel your education and experiences at Truman have been in understanding different philosophies and cultures?

	Actual										
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*
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*	2006*	2007*
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.

Q17h. How satisfied were you with the faculty enthusiasm for classes in the core?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	16.8	15.8	16.2	15.3	15.2	15.8	12.7	12.9	17.6	14.2	17.9
% Satisfied	52.7	51.7	51.6	49.4	51.0	51.3	50.0	57.6	62.2	60.3	57.2
Mean	2.81	2.77	2.78	2.73	2.73	2.77	2.67	2.78	2.95	2.84	2.89

^{*}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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Often	36.5	40.9	42.0	41.2	43.3	44.2	39.4	44.1	45.9	47.0	39.9
% Often	40.4	40.8	40.7	42.3	40.6	44.1	43.3	39.1	37.2	37.7	40.9
Mean	3.07	3.21	3.24	3.23	3.26	3.28	3.21	3.27	3.28	3.31	3.20

^{*}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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	16.5	16.1	17.7	15.4	14.5	16.8	19.0	21.3	22.4	24.9	26.9
% Satisfied	55.8	55.2	54.6	54.0	55.2	51.9	56.8	62.8	59.0	60.8	57.2
Mean	2.83	2.80	2.83	2.76	2.76	2.78	2.89	3.03	2.99	3.07	3.07

^{*}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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Often	43.0	45.3	46.3	44.6	46.7	45.2	42.2	42.9	43.5	43.5	39.8
% Often	40.3	45.7	45.6	48.6	46.7	47.8	50.6	51.3	48.5	49.9	51.7
Mean	3.21	3.36	3.37	3.38	3.40	3.37	3.34	3.37	3.35	3.37	3.31

^{*}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*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Very Adequately	46.5	44.1	49.0	47.4	46.0	48.9	48.7	52.1	51.4	50.1	49.8
% Adequately	47.5	47.9	43.9	44.8	45.8	45.2	44.9	43.1	44.2	46.1	44.6
Mean	3.40	3.35	3.41	3.39	3.37	3.42	3.42	3.47	3.46	3.46	3.44

^{*}Question renumbered to #12f in FY2004.

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

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Adequately	56.5	58.8	58.3	58.8	56.9	59.0	58.9	60.9	54.9	59.5	58.6
% Adequately	38.4	36.7	35.6	36.3	38.0	37.2	36.6	36.2	40.5	36.7	36.5
Mean	3.51	3.53	3.51	3.53	3.51	3.54	3.59	3.57	3.49	3.55	3.53

^{*}Question renumbered to #12h in FY2004.

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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Adequately	67.3	67.2	66.0	65.2	65.4	64.7	64.3	63.9	57.9	60.5	58.9
% Adequately	28.6	29.1	29.0	28.5	28.0	29.3	31.2	31.3	37.7	33.2	35.3
Mean	3.63	3.63	3.60	3.58	3.58	3.58	3.59	3.58	3.52	3.54	3.52

^{*}Question renumbered to #12i in FY2004.

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

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Adequately	57.4	60.3	55.5	57.1	54.0	56.8	56.6	56.1	48.5	54.3	53.3
% Adequately	36.8	35.0	38.6	36.9	39.0	38.0	37.6	39.1	46.3	40.7	41.4
Mean	3.51	3.55	3.48	3.51	3.46	3.51	3.50	3.50	3.42	3.48	3.48

^{*}Question renumbered to #12j in FY2004.

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

	Actual										
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	54.3	49.3	52.4	51.9	50.1	53.5	56.3	53.0	48.7	56.7	56.4
% Satisfied	38.2	44.0	39.6	39.3	41.2	39.9	37.6	42.2	46.0	38.4	39.4
Mean	3.46	3.41	3.43	3.42	3.40	3.46	3.50	3.47	3.42	3.51	3.51

^{*}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*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	34.3	38.7	41.5	38.8	40.2	41.2	43.4	49.5	46.1	46.6	46.1
% Satisfied	42.3	46.6	44.7	48.4	46.6	47.8	46.5	40.1	45.7	42.6	44.0
Mean	3.01	3.18	3.22	3.20	3.21	3.26	3.28	3.33	3.34	3.31	3.32

^{*}Question renumbered to #22 in FY2004.

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

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	Actual										
FY	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004*	2005*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Very Adequately	53.0	53.0	53.6	53.8	52.8	55.9	54.1	58.7	53.8	57.4	56.1
% Adequately	41.5	41.5	40.6	40.2	41.5	39.9	40.9	38.0	41.7	39.3	39.3
Mean	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.47	3.51	3.49	3.55	3.48	3.54	3.51

^{*}Question renumbered to #12g in FY2004.

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

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	41.8	39.8	42.6	42.2	39.8	41.4	44.3	44.6	51.7	43.8	43.8
% Satisfied	43.9	46.2	44.6	42.7	44.4	45.0	45.5	47.2	43.9	48.6	47.9
Mean	3.25	3.23	3.28	3.24	3.20	3.26	3.32	3.35	3.46	3.35	3.33

^{*}Question renumbered to #141 in FY2004.

Q17o. How satisfied were you with academic advising?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	20.4	18.9	21.5	21.1	20.9	20.9	19.4	32.4	32.2	28.9	33.6
% Satisfied	38.6	41.0	38.2	36.4	35.6	36.3	37.4	40.4	42.9	43.1	37.9
Mean	2.65	2.64	2.66	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.61	2.94	2.98	2.91	2.95

^{*}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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	41.3	39.8	43.6	39.7	38.4	43.5	47.6	48.6	44.4	50.1	47.5
% Satisfied	43.8	47.8	43.8	47.5	46.3	46.2	43.8	43.6	49.5	42.1	42.5
Mean	3.24	3.25	3.29	3.24	3.20	3.32	3.38	3.39	3.37	3.41	3.35

^{*}Question renumbered to #14j in FY2004.

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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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Often	32.7	31.1	28.6	26.5	25.0	29.8	29.2	24.3	34.1	29.9	31.6
% Often	44.6	45.7	47.8	47.4	46.5	43.0	45.4	51.4	50.8	51.5	49.2
Mean	3.07	3.05	3.02	2.97	2.93	3.00	3.01	2.98	3.17	3.10	3.11

^{*}Question renumbered to #6g in FY2004.

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

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Satisfied	33.7	33.6	34.5	33.6	33.9	33.5	34.1	33.1	38.3	36.4	37.9
% Satisfied	46.5	44.7	44.7	46.0	47.4	47.8	48.1	52.8	50.3	51.5	51.0
Mean	3.11	3.08	3.09	3.09	3.12	3.11	3.13	3.16	3.25	3.23	3.25

^{*}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?

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FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Often	23.7	26.4	25.1	23.7	25.0	24.6	23.2	26.6	25.4	27.2	26.4
% Often	56.4	52.9	54.0	56.7	54.3	55.1	59.4	58.0	61.2	57.4	55.9
Mean	3.02	3.04	3.03	3.02	3.02	3.03	3.04	3.10	3.11	3.11	3.08

^{*}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*	2006*	2007*
University											
% Very Adequate	38.4	38.4	38.3	35.9	33.6	35.7	34.7	56.3**	61.6**	61.9**	62.2**
% Adequate	47.7	47.7	47.3	51.0	47.5	48.0	49.7	35.4	32.0	32.3	31.6
Mean	3.21	3.22	3.20	3.20	3.10	3.16	3.16	3.48	3.54	3.55	3.55

^{*}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 did you attend a cultural event during the course of the school year (e.g., art exhibit, play, concert, campus lectures)?

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
% Very Often	20.2	19.3	18.1	19.1	17.2	16.7	15.5	15.0	15.4	15.4	15.9
% Often	29.6	32.5	33.4	30.8	33.6	30.7	31.8	35.1	38.9	38.8	37.8
Mean	2.63	2.65	2.61	2.61	2.60	2.56	2.55	2.60	2.67	2.66	2.65

^{*}Question renumbered to #6e in FY2004.

Q8. Approximately how many hours per week do you spend outside 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*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University											
0-5 hours	4.8	6.7	5.7	6.5	7.0	7.0	6.8	8.0	5.3	6.1	6.7
6-10 hours	19.2	20.3	21.2	23.3	21.6	21.2	22.8	26.8	18.6	25.7	25.3
11-15 hours	20.4	23.0	22.4	25.1	22.4	22.7	24.3	23.9	28.1	22.4	24.2
16-20 hours	23.7	20.6	21.0	22.0	23.1	21.5	20.6	17.9	15.8	20.1	18.9
21-25 hours	16.1	15.6	15.2	11.9	12.1	14.6	14.1	10.8	9.9	10.4	11.3
26-30 hours	9.6	7.8	8.9	6.4	7.6	8.3	6.8	7.8	15.9	9.8	7.8
31+ hours	6.2	6.0	5.6	4.9	6.1	4.7	4.4	4.8	6.4	5.4	5.7

^{*}Question renumbered to #5 in FY2004.

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

FY	Actual 1997	Actual 1998	Actual 1999	Actual 2000	Actual 2001	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Actual 2004*	Actual 2005*	Actual 2006*	Actual 2007*
University	1997	1996	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2003	2000	2007
None	22.2	21.4	20.8	25.2	24.4	22.0	24.0	21.4	26.8	22.6	22.3
1-2 hours	40.5	42.2	42.8	39.9	39.8	44.0	42.3	44.4	41.7	43.9	45.0
3-5 hours	22.8	21.6	23.2	23.0	23.1	21.7	21.8	22.9	22.0	22.1	22.7
6-10 hours	9.2	9.4	8.8	8.5	9.1	7.3	7.2	8.1	5.7	8.2	7.4
11-15 hours	2.5	3.0	2.6	2.2	1.8	3.0	3.4	2.3	3.0	1.5	1.8
16+ hours	2.1	2.4	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.4	0.9	0.8	1.8	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.

•••	That is the highest addactine degree year 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.
edu	What is your primary future plan regarding employment or further ucation? se select the choice that best describes your future plan:
	I will attend graduate or professional school
	I will begin working in a new job
	Other

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

If y	ou checked "Plan to attend graduate or professional school", please complete one of
the	e following:
	I will attend
	(type in name of school)
	I have applied to and hope to attend (type in name of school)
If v	ou checked "Plan to begin working in a new job" , please complete one of the
	owing:
	I have a job with
	(type in name of employer)
	I hope to work at
	(type in name of potential employer)
If y	ou 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

Wr	ny?		
	What were your two most important reuman?	easor	ns for completing your degree at
Pri	mary reason:	Se	condary reason:
	Cost		Cost
	Size		Size
	Social atmosphere		Social atmosphere
	Location		Location
	Type of programs available		Type of programs available
	Academic reputation		Academic reputation
	Availability of scholarship/financial aid		Availability of scholarship/financial aid
	Advice of parents or relatives		Advice of parents or relatives
	To be with friends		To be with friends
	Other, please specify reason:		Other, please specify reason:
COL	Approximately how many hours per wurse-related work (e.g. homework, pa		· ·
WO	rk, etc.)?		
	0-5 hours		
	6-10 hours		
	11-15 hours		
	16-20 hours		
	21-25 hours		

31 or more hours					
6. Please indicate to the best of your know involved yourself in the following activities 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 respons	e for e	ach o	f the sta	atemen	its below:
		Ne	ever .	very ten O	ften Very often

	low often were term papers, reports, or m ignments required in your courses this se	•	g C	C		
8. F	How often were your major courses challe	nging?				
9. F	How often were your LSP courses challen	ging?	•	C		
	How many faculty members do you commendation?	know wel	ll enough	to obtain	a lett	ter of
	None					
	One					
	Two					
	Three					
	More than three					
	How adequate do you feel the Liberaucation and experiences at Truman h		•			
		Very adequate	Adequate	Inadequate		/ery lequate
	shman Writing: Generating topics for writing via cal thinking and discussion				ı	
Cna	ash: I laing anach akilla appropriate to the tonic					

	adequate	Adequate	Inadequate	inadequate
Freshman Writing: Generating topics for writing via critical thinking and discussion				
Speech : Using speech skills appropriate to the topic, purpose, and audience		0	0	
Elementary Functions: Developing basic skills in algebra				
Statistics: Recognizing the importance of statistics from its use in research to its use in everyday life			•	
Computer Literacy : Recognizing the unethical use of technology, including copyright and privacy issues				
Personal Well-Being: Understanding your mental and physical health needs				
Science-Physical Science: Experiencing scientific research in a laboratory setting, including experimental design, collection and analysis of data, and interpretation of results	C	C	E	C
Science-Life Science: Understanding the unifying principles of life and repeatable patterns in nature				
History: Understanding the social and aesthetic richness of different cultures			0	

Social Science : Understanding citizenship and leadership in its broadest meaning			
Philosophy & Religion: Interpreting and critically evaluating ethical and political issues and practices		0	•
Aesthetic-Fine Arts : Responding or reacting to an artistic creation	C	0	
Aesthetic-Literature : Understanding the diversity of human experience and creative expression as presented in literature		•	0
Mathematics : Using mathematics to study assumptions critically, reason logically, and arrive at sound conclusions		•	0
Writing Enhanced Courses: Using writing as a mode of learning	C	0	
JINS : Integrating approaches or methods from two or more disciplines	C	0	
Intercultural : Appreciating cultural diversity through studying one's own or other's societies		0	C
Foreign Language: Understanding particular cultures through the study of foreign languages		0	•
Freshman Program: Developing study and time management skills		0	C
Growing intellectually from co-curricular experiences	•		
Growing socially and personally from co-curricular experiences			
Growing socially and personally from on-campus work		0	•
Growing intellectually from on-campus work			
Growing intellectually from on-campus residential experiences			
Growing socially and personally through on-campus residential experiences		C	C

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	0	0	0
Knowledge of Issues and trends pertinent to your specialty				0	
Knowledge of Theories pertinent to your specialty		C			
Knowledge of Scholars who are					

associated with the major						
Ability to Apply knowledge in defining problems and solving them			0			
Ability to Find information; interpret and apply findings	C				•	
Ability to Think critically					C	
Attitude of Believing that learning is a life-long process	0		0		•	0
Attitude of Understanding multiple perspectives			0		•	
13. Using the descriptions below (low) to 4 (high)?	w, how w	vould y	ou rate y	ours	self on a sca	ale of 1
		Lo	ow - 1 2	3	4 - High	
Leadership ability						
Working cooperatively with a group					C	
Persisting at difficult tasks						
Understanding your own abilities, interests	, and perso	nality				
Managing your emotions						
Respecting the uniqueness and worth of e	ach individu	ual (
Learning on your own						
14. How satisfied were you with the experiences, services, and facilities at Truman as listed below?						
	Very satisfied	Satisfie	ed Dissat	isfied	Very Dissatisfied	Does not apply
Experiences Opportunities to be involved in student life and co-curricular activities	C				C	
Experiences Opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class						
Experiences Quality of feedback from faculty					•	
Experiences Variety of teaching strategies			0			
Experiences Friendliness of the campus					•	

Experiences Intellectual climate on the campus				
Experiences Your sense of belonging on this campus	0		C	
Experiences Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the LSP			C	
Experiences Faculty enthusiasm for classes in the major	E		0	
Experiences Overall quality of instruction in your major	E		0	
Experiences Availability of courses offered in your major	E		0	
Experiences Accessibility of instructors in your major				
Experiences Academic advising by faculty advisor in your major				
Experiences Academic advising by your RCP advisor			•	
Experiences Attitude of faculty toward students				
Experiences Attitude of non-teaching staff toward students	E		0	
Experiences On-campus work experiences	E		0	
Experiences Concern for you as an individual			C	
Services & Facilities Assessment & Testing			C	
Services & Facilities University Career Center			C	
Services & Facilities Business Office/Cashier's window			C	
Services & Facilities Center for Student Involvement			C	
Services & Facilities Campus Bookstore			C	
Services & Facilities Center for International Education Abroad	•		C	
Services & Facilities Center for Multicultural Affairs				
Services & Facilities Division office of your major	•		•	
Services & Facilities Financial Aid Office				
Services & Facilities Food service	E	0	0	
Services & Facilities Health Center	E		0	
Services & Facilities Intramural program	•		C	

Services & Facilities Language Learning Center	C		C	C	
Services & Facilities Library				C	
Services & Facilities Registrar's office					
Services & Facilities Registration process	C	C	C	C	
Services & Facilities Student Affairs		•		C	
Services & Facilities Student Senate					
Services & Facilities Student Activities Board (SAB)		C		0	
Services & Facilities University Counseling Services		C		0	
Services & Facilities Laboratories, studios, and research space				0	
Services & Facilities Recreational facilities				0	
Services & Facilities Student Union Building	C	C	0		
Services & Facilities Computer access			0	0	
Services & Facilities Athletic facilities		6	0	0	
Services & Facilities Parking					
Services & Facilities Heating, cooling, and air quality in campus buildings	C	C	C	C	
Services & Facilities General conditions of buildings and grounds at this university	E	E	C	C	C

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					
Race		0			
Sexual orientation		0			
Individuals with disabilities					

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						
Academic organizations						
Student government organizations						
Greek organizations						
Performing in the arts (theatre, band, etc.)						
Religious activities and organizations						
Residence hall activities/programs						
Participating in intercollegiate sports						
Participating in intramural sports						
Reading beyond course assignments (e.g. for personal interest, for professional growth, etc.)						
Creating art/music for personal interest (writing, drawing, playing piano, etc.)					C	
Using computers (for work or play)						
Watching television						
Socializing with friends				0		
Employment on campus (scholarship, work-study, institutional)					C	
Employment off campus						
Other major activities, e.g. volunteering, exercising, spending time with family, etc.; please specify:						
If "other major activities", please list ac	tivitie	es:				

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17.	How many co-curricular activities are you involved in?
	None
0	1-2 activities
	3-5 activities
	6 or more activities
	Please enter your student ID number: 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
	Asian or Pacific Islander
	Hispanic
	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)
0	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)

0	Pre-Med Biology (BS)						
0	Pre-Med Chemistry (BS)						
0	Pre-Medical Technology Biology (BS)						
0	Pre-Occupational Therapy Health Science (BS)						
0	Pre-Optometry Biology (BS)						
0	Pre-Pharmacy Chemistry (BS)						
0	Pre-Physical Therapy Biology (BS)						
0	Pre-Physical Therapy Exercise Science (BS)						
0	Pre-Physician's Asst Exercise Science (BS)						
0	Pre-Physician's Asst Health Science (BS)						
0	Pre-Vet-Animal Science Agricultural Science (BS)						
0	Pre-Veterinary Medicine Biology (BS)						
0	Psychology (BA)						
0	Psychology (BS)						
0	Russian (BA)						
0	Sociology/Anthropology (BA)						
0	Sociology/Anthropology (BS)						
0	Spanish (BA)						
0	Theatre (BA)						
0	Undecided (BA)						
0	Undeclared (BA)						
0	Other major, please specify:						
22.	How satisfied are you with your first major?						
0	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.)								
Please Select:								
major not listed? Select this response option and type your major in the box:								
24. How satisfied are you with your second major?								
□ Very dissatisfied □ Dissatisfied □ Satisfied □ Very satisfied								
25-28. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements: Strongly agree Disagree Strongly disagree								
	know about and understand the purpose of the essment program.			0	•			
26.	The assessment program fosters curricular rovement.				C			
27.	The assessment program helps me to better erstand my strengths and weaknesses.							
	The assessment program helps the university constrate the quality of its programs.				0			
29. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? "The university should survey student opinions."								
	Strongly agree							
	Agree							
	Disagree							
	Strongly Disagree							
30.	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