The Kansas State University
One-Year Alumni Survey
Office of Assessment & Program Review

Your thoughtful replies to these questions will help the University improve its educational experiences and encourage those who provide excellent services.

Your answers to the following questions are considered confidential. A code number has been affixed to facilitate follow-up (if needed) but your identity will be protected. Summaries of responses will be sent to the department head, curriculum planners, and academic dean to help them identify needed changes and improvements at Kansas State University.

Using the Major Code chart on the last page of the survey, please list your undergraduate major(s). From the top down, write the code number in the boxes provided, then fill in the appropriate oval to the right of each digit.

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1. Gender:  ☐ Male    ☐ Female

3. To which racial/ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong? (Select all that apply)
   - American Indian or Alaskan Native
   - Nonresident, Alien
   - Asian or Pacific Islander
   - Race/Ethnicity Unknown
   - Black, Non-Hispanic
   - Choose not to respond
   - Hispanic
   - White, Non-Hispanic

4. Are you a U.S. citizen?  ☐ Yes    ☐ No

5a. Did you transfer credit to KSU from another college or university?  ☐ Yes    ☐ No

5b. If yes, indicate the type of transfer institution and the number of semester credit hours applied to your K-State program.

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6. When you applied for admission to K-State, was K-State your:  (Select only one)
   - First choice
   - Second choice
   - Third choice or lower

7. If you could start over would you still choose to:
   a. attend K-State?
      - Definitely No
      - Probably No
      - Uncertain
      - Probably Yes
      - Definitely Yes
   b. graduate with same major 1?
   c. graduate with same major 2?

8. After having a year to reflect, how satisfied are you with the following features of advising provided to you at K-State:
   - Access to academic advising
   - Assistance in course selection/developing a program of study
   - Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities
   - [Satisfaction levels denoted by numbers]
9. How much did your KSU college experience contribute to your personal growth in each of the following areas:

a. Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

b. Gaining knowledge, technical skills, and/or competence required for a job/career.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

c. Developing skills in leading or participating in groups or teams.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

d. Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

e. Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

f. Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.).
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

h. Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

i. Thinking clearly, meeting a problem, and following it to a sensible conclusion.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

j. Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

k. Developing lasting friendships and personal ties.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

l. Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

m. Increasing your intellectual curiosity.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

n. Caring for your mental/physical health.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

o. Organizing time effectively.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

p. Increasing a commitment to community/religious/volunteer organizations.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

q. Developing satisfying leisure time activities.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

r. Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view.
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

s. Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds
   (None) (Little) (Somewhat) (Much)

10. Of the objectives listed in Question 9, please identify the three letters (a. through s.) associated with the objectives that you believe should be most emphasized in K-State undergraduate programs.

First choice (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I) (J) (K) (L) (M) (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) (S)

Second choice (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I) (J) (K) (L) (M) (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) (S)

Third choice (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) (F) (G) (H) (I) (J) (K) (L) (M) (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) (S)

11. Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same, more) emphasis should have been placed on:

a. Written communication skills
   (Less) (Same) (More)

b. Oral communication skills
   (Less) (Same) (More)

c. Mathematical skills
   (Less) (Same) (More)

d. Computer skills
   (Less) (Same) (More)

e. Problem-solving skills
   (Less) (Same) (More)

f. Learning to think and reason
   (Less) (Same) (More)

g. Understanding and relating to people
   (Less) (Same) (More)

h. Background in natural sciences (e.g., chemistry, biology, physics)
   (Less) (Same) (More)

i. Background in social sciences (e.g., economics, sociology, psychology)
   (Less) (Same) (More)

j. Background in humanities and fine arts (e.g., art, music, philosophy, literature, history)
   (Less) (Same) (More)
k. Theory courses related to my major(s)
   (Less) (Same) (More)
l. Application courses related to my major(s)
   (Less) (Same) (More)

12. To what degree do you believe that your overall quality of life has been enhanced by your KSU undergraduate experience?
   ○ Not at all ○ Very Little ○ Somewhat ○ Very Much

13. Please fill in the oval beside the one statement that best describes your current activities; then complete the survey as indicated.
   ○ Not employed outside the home (Proceed to 14A)
   ○ Enrolled in graduate or professional school (Proceed to 14B)
   ○ Both employed (other than as a graduate assistant) and continuing my education (Please complete 14B and 14C)
   ○ Employed part-time (Proceed to 14C)
   ○ Employed 35 hours per week or more (Proceed to 14C)
   ○ Other, please specify:

14A. If you are NOT employed outside the home, please complete this section.

1. Indicate the primary reason you are not employed (Select only one)
   ○ I have chosen to be a full-time homemaker
   ○ I am not seeking employment at this time for some reason other than my homemaking responsibilities
   ○ I was laid off by my employer
   ○ I quit to seek other employment
   ○ I chose to confine my job search to a specific city or region
   ○ My job search was limited due to a need to find career opportunities in the same geographic region with someone else
   ○ I have not limited my job search in any way, but have been unable to find a satisfactory job since graduation
   ○ Having (expecting) a child changed my employment plans
   ○ Other, please specify:

2. Have you sought job placement assistance from KSU’s Office of Career and Employment Services?
   ○ Yes, it has been helpful
   ○ Yes, but it has not been helpful
   ○ No, I didn't register with the office
   ○ No, I registered with the office but didn't seek further assistance

3. Do you plan to seek employment outside of the home?
   ○ Yes, within 12 months
   ○ Yes, in 1 to 5 years
   ○ Yes, in more than 5 years
   ○ No

4. How would you describe your current status of not being employed?
   ○ A serious problem
   ○ A minor problem
   ○ No problem, my choice
1. What degree are you currently pursuing?
   ○ M.A./M.S. ○ Ed.D. ○ M.B.A. ○ D.V.M. ○ M.D. ○ Ph.D. ○ Other: ____________

2. What is the highest degree you are planning to complete?
   ○ M.A./M.S. ○ Ed.D. ○ M.B.A. ○ D.V.M. ○ M.D. ○ Ph.D. ○ Other: ____________

3. How closely was your undergraduate major related to your graduate major?
   MAJOR 1 ○ Not Related ○ Somewhat Related ○ Directly Related
   MAJOR 2 ○ Not Related ○ Somewhat Related ○ Directly Related

4. Was this graduate/professional program your first choice?
   ○ Yes ○ No, I was accepted but couldn't afford to attend first choice
   ○ No, I did not apply to first choice ○ No, I was not accepted by my first choice
   ○ No, I did not attend because I needed to match my plans with someone else
   ○ Other, please specify: ____________________________

5. What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (Select only one)
   ○ Departmental graduate assistantship ○ Part-time employment (other than assistantship)
   ○ Institutional fellowship/scholarship ○ Loan(s)
   ○ Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship ○ Other, please specify: ____________________________
   ○ Full-time employment

6. How would you rate the quality of your K-State undergraduate preparation for graduate/professional education? (Select only one)
   ○ Inadequate ○ Fair ○ Good ○ Excellent ○ N/A (My advanced program is not closely related to my K-State undergraduate work)

Proceed to 14C if you are also employed (other than as a graduate assistant).
Otherwise, proceed to 14D Accolades, Comments and Suggestions

14A. Employment History/Work Experience Outside the Home

1. Is this your first job after graduation? (Select only one)
   ○ Yes ○ No

2. How did you learn of this job? (Select only one)
   ○ From job lead from professor or advisor ○ From the Internet
   ○ From job lead from relative or friend ○ Worked previously for employer
   ○ From job lead from college internship ○ Applied for job without knowledge of opening
   ○ Government employment listing ○ K-State's Career and Employment Services
   ○ Employment agency ○ Other, please specify: ____________________________
   ○ Newspaper ad

3. How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?
   MAJOR 1 ○ Not Related ○ Slightly Related ○ Moderately Related ○ Highly Related
   MAJOR 2 ○ Not Related ○ Slightly Related ○ Moderately Related ○ Highly Related

4. If you indicated that your job is not related or only slightly related to your major/program, what is the principal reason? (Select only one)
   ○ I looked, but could not find a job closely related to my major
   ○ My major has no direct connection with specific employment opportunities
   ○ I confined my job search to a specific city or region
   ○ My job search was limited due to the need to match my career interests with someone else
   ○ I developed new career interests after leaving college
   ○ The jobs in my field did not pay well
   ○ The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement
   ○ I found an exceptional opportunity in an unrelated field
   ○ Other, please specify: ____________________________

5. When did you initiate your job search for a career position?
   ○ More than one year prior to graduation ○ One to two months prior to graduation
   ○ Nine months to one year prior to graduation ○ At graduation time (within a month after graduation)
   ○ Six to eight months prior to graduation ○ More than one month after graduation
   ○ Three to five months prior to graduation

6. How long did it take you to obtain your current full-time job after graduating from K-State?
   ○ Obtained job prior to leaving college ○ Four to six months
   ○ Less than one month ○ Seven or more months
   ○ One to three months

7. How difficult was it for you to find employment?
   ○ Very Difficult ○ Fairly Difficult ○ Fairly Easy ○ Very Easy

8. Approximately how many job interviews did you have before accepting your current position?
   ○ 0 - 1 ○ 2 - 5 ○ 6 - 9 ○ 10 - 14 ○ 15 - 19 ○ 20 or more
9. How close is your current job to the type of job you desired prior to graduation?
- Very Close
- Fairly Close
- Not Very Close

10. How well do you feel K-State prepared you for your present job?
- Inadequate Preparation
- Good Preparation

11. Compared to new employees from other colleges/universities, do you feel your KSU academic preparation gave you either an advantage or disadvantage?
- Advantage
- Disadvantage
- Neither

12. What is your current annual salary, before taxes? (to be used for statistical purposes only.)
- Less than $20,000
- $20,000 - $29,999
- $30,000 - $39,999
- $40,000 - $49,999
- $50,000 - $59,999
- $60,000 - $69,999
- $70,000 - $79,999
- $80,000 or more

13. Which statement best describes your current job? (Select only one)
- Employment with definite long-term potential
- Employment with possible long-term potential
- Employment primarily to earn money with little or no other satisfaction or disadvantages
- Temporary employment while I look for something more suitable
- Temporary position that will last only for a limited time

14. Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job:
   - Salary/benefits
   - Location
   - Opportunity to use your qualifications
   - Prestige/recognition
   - Interest/challenge of work
   - Working conditions
   - Opportunity to learn
   - Very Dissatisfied
   - Dissatisfied
   - Neutral
   - Satisfied
   - Very Satisfied

15. Is your position challenging?
- Definitely
- To a degree
- No

16. Is a B.A./B.S. degree required for your current job?
- Yes
- No, but helpful
- No, irrelevant

Please locate the DEGREE NUMBER corresponding to your major and enter it on page 1 of this survey.

# College of Agriculture:
- 001 Ag, Business & Management
- 002 Agricultural Economics
- 003 Agricultural Education
- 004 Agricultural Journalism
- 005 Agricultural Mechanization
- 006 Agronomy & Crop Science
- 007 Animal Sciences, General
- 008 Bakery Science & Management
- 009 Food Science & Management
- 010 Food Sciences & Technology
- 011 Horticulture Science
- 012 Horticultural Therapy
- 013 Milling Science & Management
- 014 Recreation and Parks Administration
- 015 Parks, Rec, & Leisure Facilities Mgmt
- 016 Pre-Vet-Ag (3yr pre-professional prog.)

# College of Architecture:
- 017 Architecture
- 018 Landscape Architecture
- 019 Interior Architecture

# College of Arts & Sciences:
- 020 Anthropology
- 021 Art
- 022 Biochemistry
- 023 Biology
- 024 Chemistry
- 025 Chemical Science
- 026 Dramatic/Theater Arts
- 027 Economics
- 028 English Language & Literature
- 029 Fisheries & Wildlife Biology
- 030 Foreign Languages & Literature
- 031 Geography
- 032 General Performance (Music)
- 033 Geology
- 034 Geophysics & Seismology
- 035 History, General
- 036 Humanities/Humanistic Studies
- 037 Journalism & Mass Communications
- 038 Kinesiology
- 039 Life Sciences
- 040 Mathematics
- 041 Statistics
- 042 Medical Technology
- 043 Microbiology/Bacteriology
- 044 Music, General
- 045 Music Teacher Education
- 046 Philosophy
- 047 Physical Sciences
- 048 Physics, General
- 049 Political Science & Gov't
- 050 Pre-Dentistry
- 051 Pre-Medicine
- 052 Pre-Vet - Arts & Sciences
- 053 Psychology
- 054 Radio/TV Broadcasting
- 055 Social Sciences
- 056 Social Work
- 057 Sociology
- 058 Speech (Communications)
- 059 Women's Studies

# College of Business:
- 060 Accounting
- 061 Financial, General
- 062 Business, General
- 063 Management
- 064 Management Information Systems
- 065 Marketing, Mgmt and Research

# College of Education:
- 066 Art Teacher Education
- 067 Elementary Teacher Education
- 068 Secondary Teacher Education

# College of Engineering:
- 069 Agricultural Engineering
- 070 Architectural Engineering
- 071 Biological & Agricultural Engineering
- 072 Chemical Engineering
- 073 Civil Engineering
- 074 Computer Engineering
- 075 Computer Science
- 076 Construction Science & Management
- 077 Electrical Engineering
- 078 Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering
- 079 Information Systems
- 080 Manufacturing Engineering
- 081 Mechanical Engineering
- 082 Nuclear Engineering

# College of Human Ecology:
- 083 Clothing, Apparel & Textiles Studies
- 084 Communications Disorders
- 085 Dietetics
- 086 Early Childhood Education
- 087 Family Consumer Sci. Ed. (Home Econ. Ed.)
- 088 Family & Consumer Economics
- 089 Family Studies & Human Services
- 090 Fashion Design & Illus. (Apparel Design)
- 091 Foods & Nutrition Studies
- 092 Hotel/Motel & Rest. Mgmt
- 093 Human Ecology, General
- 094 Human Ecology & Mass Communications
- 095 Interior Design
- 096 Nutrition & Exercise Science
Directions: Please use the following items to comment, in more detail, on your college experiences at KSU.

Part 14E: Accolades, Comments and Suggestions

Influences
We are compiling a list of important influences on students during their college days. These could include individuals (faculty, staff, students, administrators), classes, or out-of-class experiences (organizations, clubs, etc.). If there was an important influence on you, please identify it below. (Include names of people, if you don’t mind.)

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Extraordinary Teachers
Beyond the question of their special influence on you, some teachers stand out as extraordinarily effective. If you had such “standouts” please identify them and the course(s) you had from them.

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Additional Questions

1. If you answered “probably no” or “definitely no” to returning to KSU (“if you could start over again”, Part I, question 7), please answer the following question: If you could do it over, please describe the choice(s) you think might be better and why.

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2. If you answered “probably no” or “definitely no” to returning to the same major (“if you could start over again”, Part I, question 7), please answer the following question: If you could do it over, please describe the choice(s) you think might be better and why.

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3. Did poor advising require you to enroll for an additional semester (or longer) at KSU?
   □ Yes   □ No
   If yes, please explain: ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________

4. (Optional) Upon completion of your B.A./B.S. degree, what was the total amount of student loan debt (Stafford, etc.) you had accumulated? $ __________________________

For Those Currently Employed Outside the Home

5. Current job title: __________________________
   Company/Organization: __________________________
   Street Address: __________________________
   City: __________________________ State: __________________________

For Those Attending Graduate/Professional School

5. What institution are you attending? __________________________
6. In what department or professional school are you enrolled? __________________________
7. What is your area of emphasis? __________________________
8. How much did you borrow (Stafford, etc.) during your first year of Graduate/Professional School (do not include prior undergraduate loan debt)? $ __________________________

Other Comments
Please use the space below (and the backside of this sheet if necessary) to make other comments that describe ways in which you benefited from, or were disappointed in, your experience at Kansas State University. In addition, any suggestions for improvements that you think KSU should make would be most appreciated.

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Thank you for completing the survey. Please return the completed survey in the self-addressed, postage-free envelope that has been provided.