

# Fall 2011 Graduating Student Survey

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The following information was obtained from the fall 2011 surveys given to RGC students that graduated in the fall of 2011. A total of 101 students graduated during the fall semester. 55 students graduated in summer 2011 and opted to walk during fall 2011 commencement. Of the 156 students, 61 obtained a masters degree and 95 obtained a bachelors. Total students who returned their surveys were 64 for a 41% response rate. Of those that returned the surveys, 21 obtained a masters degree (34.4% of total masters) and 43 obtained a bachelors (45.3% of total bachelors).

Chart 1 shows the age breakdown of graduating students who returned surveys.

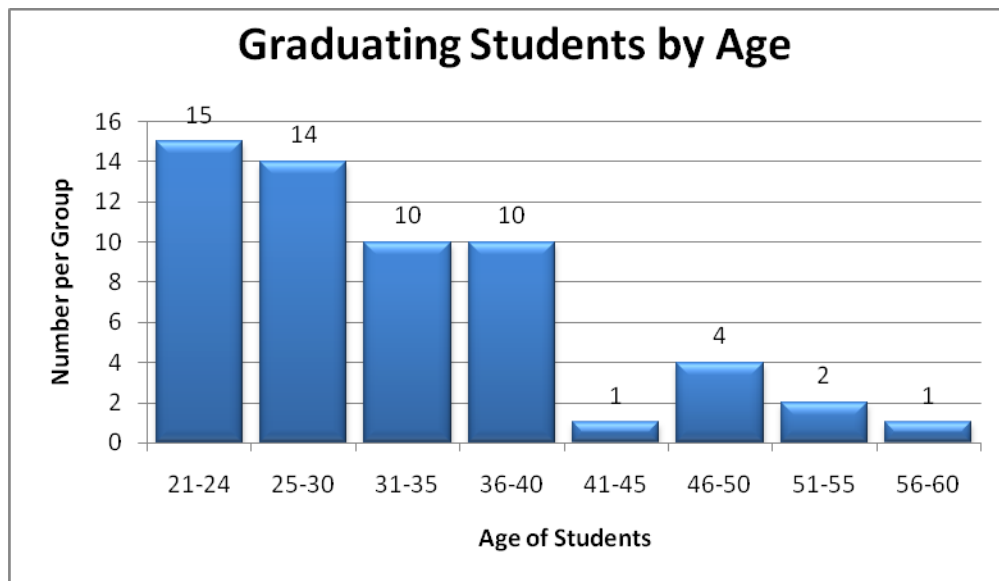
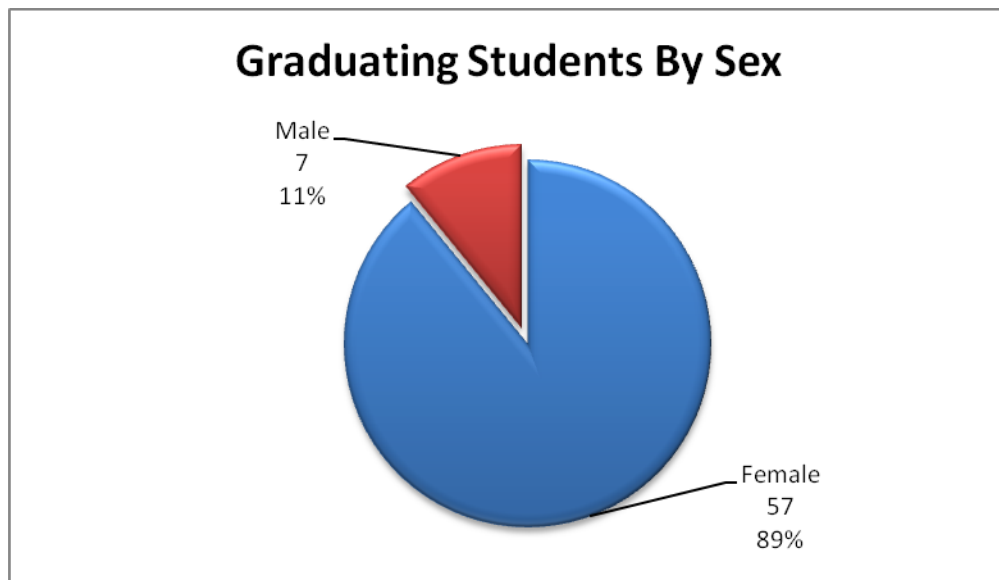


Chart 2 provides the return rate based on gender.





4. My Mother's highest level of college or university education is
- A. No college      B. Some college      C. Bachelors/Four year degree  
 D. Graduate/Professional degree      E. Unknown

**Response:**    No college **63%**      Some college **20%**      Bachelors/four year degree **11%**  
                  Graduate/Professional diploma **5%**      Unknown **2%**

5. If you could start college over, would you choose to attend SRSU?
- A. Definitely yes      B. Probably yes      C. Uncertain  
 D. Probably no      E. Definitely no

**Response:**    Definitely yes **45%**      Probably yes **38%**      Uncertain **13%**  
                  Probably no **3%**      Definitely no **0%**

6. If you could start college over, would you choose to graduate with the same major?
- A. Definitely yes      B. Probably yes      C. Uncertain  
 D. Probably no      E. Definitely no

**Response:**    Definitely yes **61%**      Probably yes **30%**      Uncertain **5%**  
                  Probably no **5%**      Definitely no **0%**

7. How would you compare the quality of education provided at SRSU with that of other colleges?
- A. Better      B. About the same      C. Worse      D. Unable to judge

**Response:**    Better **23%**      About the same **45%**      Worse **0%**  
                  Unable to judge **27%**      Did not answer **5%**

8. What are your current employment plans?
- A. I plan to continue working in the same job I had prior to completing this program.  
 B. I plan to work in a job I recently obtained.  
 C. I am currently looking for a job.  
 D. I do not plan to work outside the home  
 E. I have not yet formulated my employment plans.

**Response:**    I plan to continue working in the same job I had prior to completing this program. **51%**  
                  I plan to work in a job I recently obtained. **6%**  
                  I am currently looking for a job. **33%**  
                  I do not plan to work outside the home. **0%**  
                  I have not yet formulated my employment plans. **10%**

9. If you currently have or will be starting a new job, to what extent is it related to your major, or area of study at SRSU?

A. Directly related      B. Somewhat related      C. Not elated at all

**Response:**      Directly related **64%**                      Somewhat related **19%**  
                         Not related at all **8%**                              Did not answer **9%**

10. What plans do you have at this time for further formal education?

A. I do not plan any further education.  
B. I plan to pursue a masters degree.  
C. I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree.  
D. I plan to pursue additional education certification(s).

**Response:**      I do not plan any further education. **21%**  
                         I plan to pursue a masters degree. **52%**  
                         I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree. **17%**  
                         I plan to pursue additional education certification(s). **10%**

11. How soon do you plan to pursue this additional education?

A. Not relevant – no further formal education planned.  
B. Next Semester.      C. Within the next year.      D. Not yet determined.

**Response:**      Not relevant – no further formal education planned. **16%**  
                         Next Semester. **16%**                              Within the next year. **36%**  
                         Not yet determined. **30%**                              Did not answer **3%**

12. Where are you likely to enroll in pursuit of this additional education?

A. Sul Ross      B. Other university in Texas      C. Other university outside Texas

**Response:**      Sul Ross **58%**                      Other university in Texas **23%**  
                         Other university outside Texas **2%**                              Did not answer **17%**

13. Has any other member of your family graduated from SRSU?

A. Yes      B. No

**Response:**      Yes **30%**                      No **69%**                      Did not answer **2%**

14. How long have you been a student at SRSU?

A. One year or less      B. Two years                      C. Three years  
D. Four Years                      E. Five or more years

**Response:**      One year or less **2%**                      Two years **33%**                      Three years **30%**  
                         Four years **9%**                              Five or more years **25%**                      Did not answer **2%**

15. For the program you are now completing, were any of the courses completed at another college or university? (major credits)

A. Yes                      B. No

**Response:**    Yes **34%**                      No **64%**                      Did not answer **2%**

16. On average, how many hours per week did you study for each course you took?

A. 3 or less    B. 4 to 5    C. 6 to 7    D. 8 to 9    E. 10 or more

**Response:**    3 or less **11%**                      4 to 5 **34%**                      6 to 7 **14%**  
8 to 9 **19%**                      10 or more **20%**                      Did not answer **2%**

17. Please indicate how often you used the computer lab.

A. Daily                      B. Several times a week                      C. Once a week  
D. Once a month                      E. Never

**Response:**    Daily **11%**                      Several times a week **42%**                      Once a week **16%**  
Once a month **22%**                      Never **8%**                      Did not answer **2%**

18. Please indicate how often you used the library.

A. Daily                      B. Several times a week                      C. Once a week  
D. Once a month                      E. Never

**Response:**    Daily **2%**                      Several times a week **14%**                      Once a week **11%**  
Once a month **27%**                      Never **45%**                      Did not answer **2%**

19. How many hours per month were you involved in community or public service activities?

A. 0                      B. 1-5                      C. 6-10                      D. 11-15                      E. More than 15

**Response:**    0 **39%**                      1-5 **45%**                      6-10 **9%**  
11-15 **2%**                      More than 15 **3%**                      Did not answer **2%**

## **Section II. Experience at SRSU Rio Grande College**

**My experience at SRSU Rio Grande College contributed to my personal growth in the following areas.**

**Disagree = 1    Agree = 5**

20. Writing effectively	<b>Average: 4.38</b>
21. Speaking effectively	<b>Average: 4.33</b>
22. Understanding written information	<b>Average: 4.41</b>
23. Working cooperatively in a group	<b>Average: 4.39</b>
24. Organizing your time effectively	<b>Average: 4.42</b>
25. Recognizing your rights, responsibilities and privileges as a citizen	<b>Average: 4.45</b>
26. Planning and carrying out projects	<b>Average: 4.50</b>
27. Understanding and applying mathematics in your daily activities	<b>Average: 4.00</b>
28. Understanding different philosophies and cultures	<b>Average: 4.48</b>
29. Persisting at difficult tasks	<b>Average: 4.48</b>
30. Defining and solving problems	<b>Average: 4.45</b>
31. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.), effectively measure and reflect subject knowledge and skills.	<b>Average: 4.38</b>
32. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.), effectively measure my capabilities and how well I perform.	<b>Average: 4.40</b>
33. Recognizing assumptions and making logical inferences and reaching correct conclusions	<b>Average: 4.37</b>
34. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	<b>Average: 4.24</b>
35. Using computers effectively	<b>Average: 4.35</b>

## **Section III. Housekeeping**

**Maintenance and housekeeping operations at SRSU Rio Grande campuses were excellent.**

36. Maintenance of classrooms	<b>Average: 4.60</b>
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37. Maintenance of restrooms	<b>Average: 4.63</b>
38. Maintenance of grounds	<b>Average: 4.69</b>
39. Parking lots	<b>Average: 4.66</b>
40. Campus lighting	<b>Average: 4.52</b>

#### **Section IV. Service Provided**

**Student programs and services provided at the SRSU Rio Grande campuses were excellent.**

41. Academic advising by your major advisor	<b>Average: 4.26</b>
42. Personal Counseling	<b>Average: 3.84</b>
43. Job Placement Services	<b>Average: 3.69</b>
44. Student Entertainment and Activities	<b>Average: 3.93</b>
45. Career Information and Planning	<b>Average: 3.85</b>
46. Financial Assistance	<b>Average: 4.18</b>
47. New Student Orientation	<b>Average: 3.93</b>
48. Veteran's Assistance	<b>Average: 3.65</b>
49. Student Organizations	<b>Average: 3.98</b>
50. Bookstore	<b>Average: 3.62</b>
51. Instruction – classroom performance of faculty	<b>Average: 4.35</b>
52. Student Government Association	<b>Average: 3.93</b>
53. Student Publications (Rio Grande Times, Vanguard, Road Scholar)	<b>Average: 3.98</b>
54. Usefulness of the Student Handbook	<b>Average: 4.05</b>
55. Registration process	<b>Average: 4.21</b>
56. Admissions and Records Office	<b>Average: 4.26</b>
57. Cashier's Office	<b>Average: 4.45</b>
58. E-mail services/Internet access	<b>Average: 4.44</b>
59. Tutorial Study Assistance	<b>Average: 4.17</b>

60. Computer Center: Overall services

**Average: 4.50**

61. Computer Center: Hours of operation

**Average: 4.53**