

Spring 2011 Graduating Student Survey

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The following information was obtained from the Spring 2011 surveys given to graduates at the ceremony. A total of 69 students graduated during the spring semester. Of the total, 13 obtained a masters degree and 56 obtained a bachelors. Total graduates who returned their surveys were 57 for an 82.6% response rate. Of those that returned the surveys, 9 obtained a masters degree (69% of total masters) and 48 obtained a bachelors (86% of total bachelors).

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

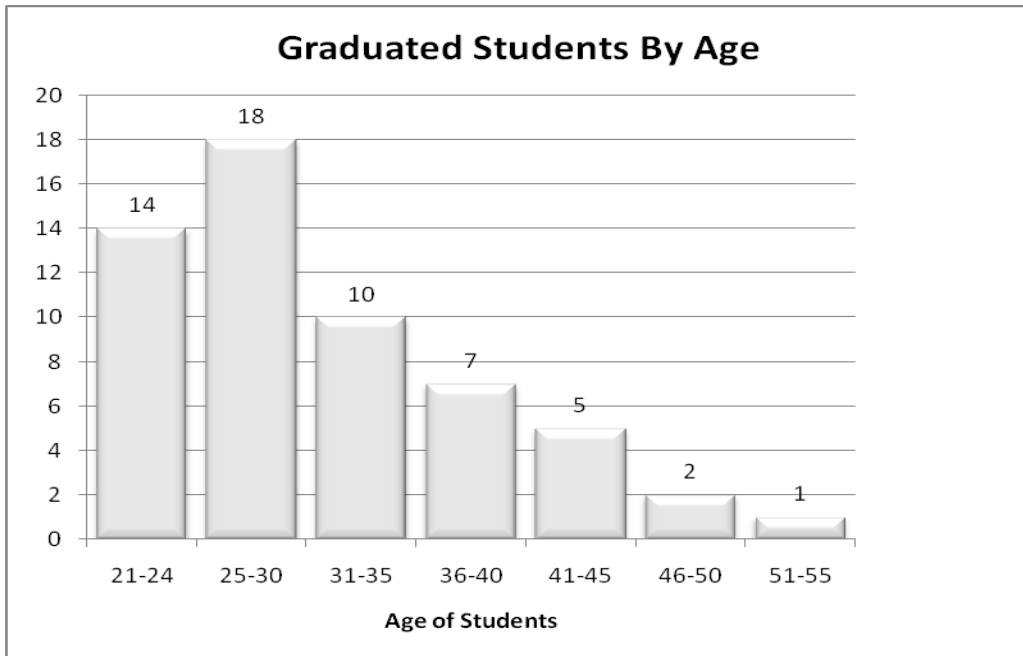
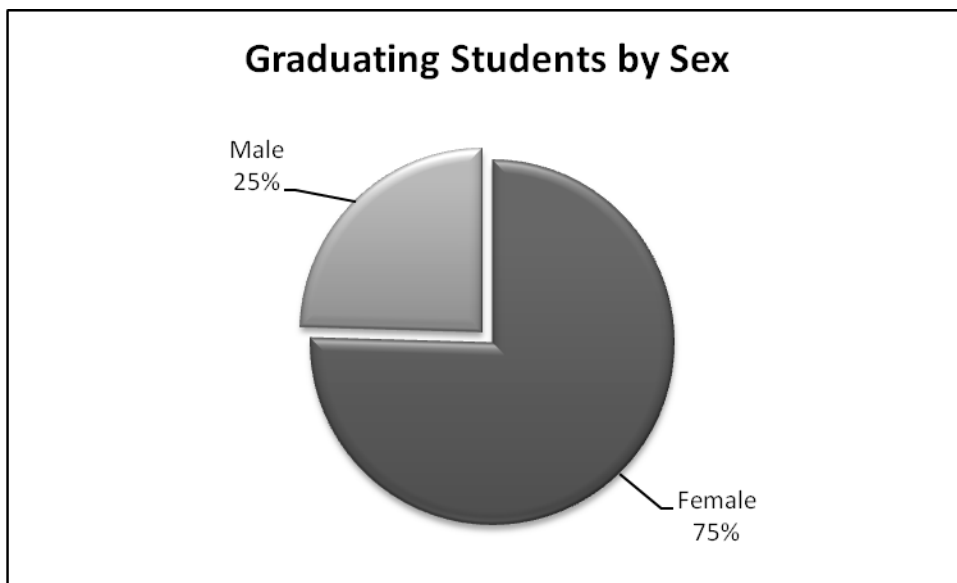


Chart 2 provides the return rate based on gender.



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 **56%** Some college **26%** Bachelors/four year degree **12%**
Graduate/Professional diploma **4%** 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 **56%** Probably yes **33%** Uncertain **8%**
Probably no **4%** 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 **63%** Probably yes **25%** Uncertain **5%**
Probably no **5%** Definitely no **2%**

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 **30%** About the same **33%** Worse **0%**
Unable to judge **26%** Did not answer **11%**

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. **30%**
I plan to work in a job I recently obtained. **16%**
I am currently looking for a job. **51%**
I do not plan to work outside the home. **0%**
I have not yet formulated my employment plans. **4%**

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 **58%** Somewhat related **25%**
Not related at all **9%** 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. **23%**
I plan to pursue a masters degree. **61%**
I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree. **11%**
I plan to pursue additional education certification(s). **4%**
Did not answer. **2%**

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. **25%** Within the next year. **33%**
Not yet determined. **25%** Did not answer **2%**

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 **65%** Other university in Texas **16%**
Other university outside Texas **7%** Did not answer **12%**

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

- A. Yes B. No

Response: Yes **21%** No **79%**

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 **4%** Two years **49%** Three years **23%**
Four years **9%** Five or more years **16%**

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 **37%** No **63%**

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 **30%** 6 to 7 **26%**
8 to 9 **19%** 10 or more **14%**

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 **18%** Several times a week **46%** Once a week **18%**
Once a month **11%** Never **7%** 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 **9%** Once a week **11%**
Once a month **35%** Never **44%**

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 **37%** 1-5 **37%** 6-10 **11%**
11-15 **4%** More than 15 **12%**

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	Average: 4.28
21. Speaking effectively	Average: 4.23
22. Understanding written information	Average: 4.47
23. Working cooperatively in a group	Average: 4.51
24. Organizing your time effectively	Average: 4.39
25. Recognizing your rights, responsibilities and privileges as a citizen	Average: 4.37
26. Planning and carrying out projects	Average: 4.42
27. Understanding and applying mathematics in your daily activities	Average: 4.04
28. Understanding different philosophies and cultures	Average: 4.35
29. Persisting at difficult tasks	Average: 4.42
30. Defining and solving problems	Average: 4.35
31. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.) effectively measure and reflect subject knowledge and skills.	Average: 4.38
32. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.) effectively measure my capabilities and how well I perform.	Average: 4.34
33. Recognizing assumptions and making logical inferences and reaching correct conclusions	Average: 4.21
34. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	Average: 4.30
35. Using computers effectively	Average: 4.34

Section III. Housekeeping

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

36. Maintenance of classrooms	Average: 4.61
37. Maintenance of restrooms	Average: 4.64
38. Maintenance of grounds	Average: 4.64
39. Parking lots	Average: 4.68
40. Campus lighting	Average: 4.56

Section IV. Service Provided

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

41. Academic advising by your major advisor	Average: 4.09
42. Personal Counseling	Average: 3.86
43. Job Placement Services	Average: 3.34
44. Student Entertainment and Activities	Average: 3.59
45. Career Information and Planning	Average: 4.59
46. Financial Assistance	Average: 4.23
47. New Student Orientation	Average: 3.70
48. Veteran's Assistance	Average: 3.00
49. Student Organizations	Average: 3.50
50. Bookstore	Average: 3.26
51. Instruction – classroom performance of faculty	Average: 4.35
52. Student Government Association	Average: 3.48
53. Student Publications (Rio Grande Times, Vanguard, Road Scholar)	Average: 3.55
54. Usefulness of the Student Handbook	Average: 3.88
55. Registration process	Average: 4.12
56. Admissions and Records Office	Average: 4.21

57. Cashier's Office	Average: 4.35
58. E-mail services/Internet access	Average: 4.47
59. Tutorial Study Assistance	Average: 3.75
60. Computer Center: Overall services	Average: 4.42
61. Computer Center: Hours of operation	Average: 4.42

Comments

- 1) Longer computer lab hours during finals.
- 2) The faculty at SRSU were inspiring. They pointed me into the right direction and assisted me in fulfilling my educational goals. Thank you Mr. Lamb and Dr. Overfelt.
- 3) No comments, just happy to finally graduate.
- 4) I enjoyed the faculty & staff as well as the students. I worked as a work study in admissions and it was so much fun! I really enjoyed this environment. Thank you!
- 5) Thank you for all the support.
- 6) These two years have been the best experience. Overall I thought they were very well in everything we needed.
- 7) Need computers on weekends.
- 8) Great college!
- 9) SRSU taught me the importance of completing projects and assignments in a correct and appropriate time.
- 10) My instructors were great!
- 11) Expand the Business Department.
- 12) Excellent
- 13) Chose Sul Ross based on living situation – military.
- 14) My experience at SRSU was excellent. Would not change anything at all.