

Spring 2012 Graduating Student Survey

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The following information was obtained from surveys given to RGC students that graduated in the spring of 2012. A total of 80 students graduated during the spring semester. Of the 80 students, 17 obtained a masters degree and 63 obtained a bachelors. Total students who returned their surveys were 67 for an 84% response rate. Of those that returned the surveys, 12 obtained a masters degree (71% of total masters) and 55 obtained a bachelors (87% of total bachelors).

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

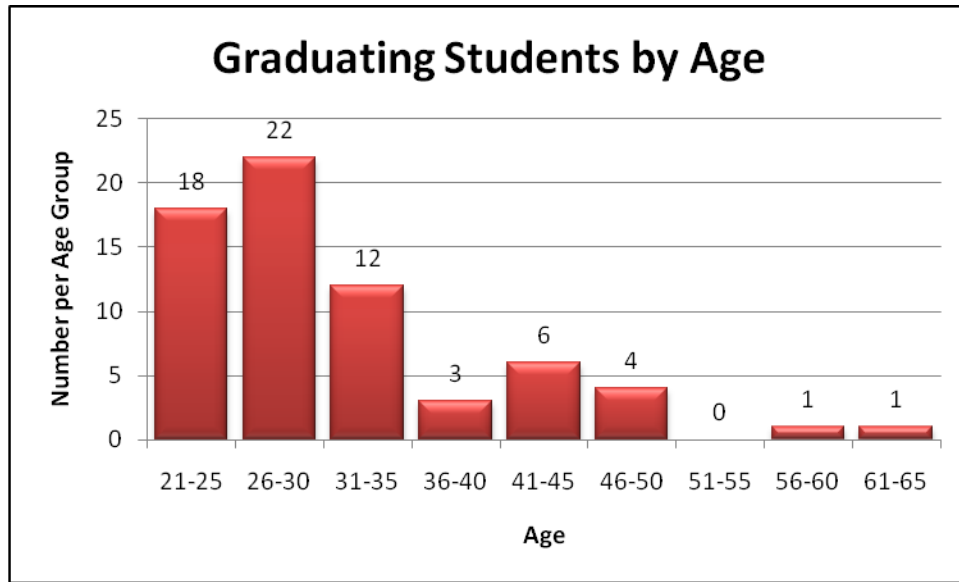
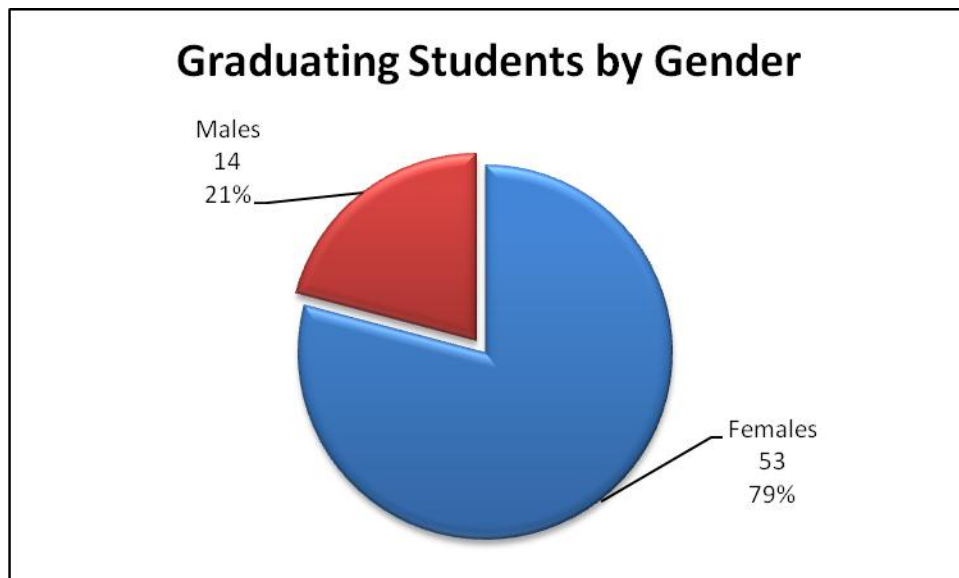


Chart 2 provides the return rate based on gender.



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 **57%** Some college **27%** Bachelors/four year degree **7%**
 Graduate/Professional diploma **6%** Unknown **3%**

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 **52%** Probably yes **31%** Uncertain **15%**
 Probably no **1%** 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 **60%** Probably yes **21%** Uncertain **10%**
 Probably no **7%** Definitely no **0%** Did Not Answer **1%**

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 **39%** About the same **30%** Worse **1%**
 Unable to judge **19%** Did not answer **10%**

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. **39%**
 I plan to work in a job I recently obtained. **6%**
 I am currently looking for a job. **42%**
 I do not plan to work outside the home. **0%**
 I have not yet formulated my employment plans. **13%**

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 related at all

Response: Directly related **58%** Somewhat related **24%**
Not related at all **10%** Did not answer **7%**

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. **13%**
I plan to pursue a masters degree. **66%**
I plan to pursue a degree beyond a masters degree. **9%**
I plan to pursue additional education certification(s). **12%**

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. **7%**
Next Semester. **24%** Within the next year. **45%**
Not yet determined. **22%** Did not answer **1%**

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 **69%** Other university in Texas **21%**
Other university outside Texas **1%** Did not answer **9%**

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

A. Yes B. No

Response: Yes **33%** No **67%**

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 **0%** Two years **36%** Three years **24%**
Four years **15%** Five or more years **22%** Did not answer **3%**

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 **45%** No **55%**

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 **9%** 4 to 5 **31%** 6 to 7 **25%**
 8 to 9 **16%** 10 or more **18%**

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 **15%** Several times a week **46%** Once a week **22%**
 Once a month **9%** Never **7%**

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 **4%** Several times a week **13%** Once a week **12%**
 Once a month **28%** Never **40%** Did not answer **1%**

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 **27%** 1-5 **43%** 6-10 **13%**
 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: 4.51
21. Speaking effectively	Average: 4.37
22. Understanding written information	Average: 4.61
23. Working cooperatively in a group	Average: 4.51
24. Organizing your time effectively	Average: 4.47
25. Recognizing your rights, responsibilities and privileges as a citizen	Average: 4.54
26. Planning and carrying out projects	Average: 4.55
27. Understanding and applying mathematics in your daily activities	Average: 4.34
28. Understanding different philosophies and cultures	Average: 4.57
29. Persisting at difficult tasks	Average: 4.63
30. Defining and solving problems	Average: 4.61
31. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.), effectively measure and reflect subject knowledge and skills.	Average: 4.51
32. On-going RGC course assessment (tests, quizzes, written assignments, etc.), effectively measure my capabilities and how well I perform.	Average: 4.49
33. Recognizing assumptions and making logical inferences and reaching correct conclusions	Average: 4.43
34. Understanding and applying scientific principles and methods	Average: 4.30
35. Using computers effectively	Average: 4.51

Section III. Housekeeping

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

36. Maintenance of classrooms	Average: 4.46
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37. Maintenance of restrooms	Average: 4.49
38. Maintenance of grounds	Average: 4.60
39. Parking lots	Average: 4.48
40. Campus lighting	Average: 4.40

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: 3.93
42. Personal Counseling	Average: 3.84
43. Job Placement Services	Average: 3.45
44. Student Entertainment and Activities	Average: 3.70
45. Career Information and Planning	Average: 3.66
46. Financial Assistance	Average: 4.07
47. New Student Orientation	Average: 3.69
48. Veteran's Assistance	Average: 3.28
49. Student Organizations	Average: 3.79
50. Bookstore	Average: 3.22
51. Instruction – classroom performance of faculty	Average: 4.37
52. Student Government Association	Average: 3.70
53. Student Publications (Rio Grande Times, Vanguard, Road Scholar)	Average: 3.61
54. Usefulness of the Student Handbook	Average: 3.93
55. Registration process	Average: 4.07
56. Admissions and Records Office	Average: 4.16
57. Cashier's Office	Average: 4.13
58. E-mail services/Internet access	Average: 4.39
59. Tutorial Study Assistance	Average: 3.94

60. Computer Center: Overall services

Average: 4.27

61. Computer Center: Hours of operation

Average: 4.12