

## 2012-2013 LAW STUDENT EXIT SURVEY

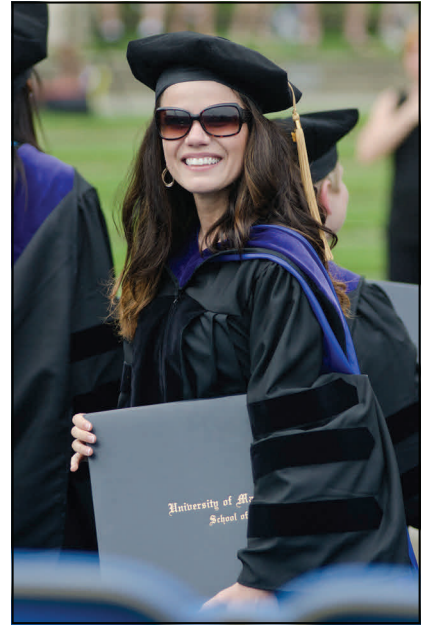
### Data on Student Satisfaction and Co-curricular Participation

#### Key Findings:

*Law students who earned their degrees during the 2012-2013 academic year (AY):*

- Indicated high levels of satisfaction with the overall quality of academic instruction (87% very satisfied or satisfied) and their overall experience in their programs (88% very satisfied or satisfied).
- Rated less highly their satisfaction with social life on campus (53% very satisfied or satisfied) and the availability of financial support for law students (58% very satisfied or satisfied).

*Overall, 79% of AY 2012-2013 law degree earners were very satisfied or satisfied with their overall experience at UMass Dartmouth. Seventy-seven percent strongly agreed or agreed that they would recommend UMass School of Law - Dartmouth to future law students.*



## THE SURVEY

As part of the online application for graduation, students are asked to complete an exit survey that asks about their satisfaction with their university experience and their participation in co-curricular activities. Overall, 98 AY 2012-2013 law degree earners responded to the law student exit survey (a response rate of approximately 95.1%)<sup>1</sup>. This brief details the principal findings from the survey (note: responses are based on the number of students responding to the relevant survey items).

## GENERAL SATISFACTION

- The percentage of AY 2013 law degree earners who rated their level of satisfaction as “very satisfied” or “satisfied”<sup>2</sup> was:
  - 87% for the overall quality of academic instruction
  - 69% for the overall quality of instructional spaces
  - 67% for the maintenance (upkeep) of campus buildings and grounds
  - 79% for the feeling of personal safety on campus
  - 58% for the availability of financial support for law students
  - 53% for social life on campus

#### What Law Students Had to Say About Their UMD Experience:

“I am forever appreciative of the mentors, friends, and learning experiences I gained.”

“UMass School of Law has an outstanding faculty and support staff genuinely interested in providing low cost legal education for Massachusetts.”

“It was my honor to be part of the family.”

## CAMPUS SERVICES

- 63% of AY 2013 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed”<sup>3</sup> that it was easy to get assistance when they had a problem or question that needed to be resolved.

<sup>1/</sup> Response rate is approximate due to the inclusion of some students who had a degree confirm date outside of AY 2013 (about 2% of confirmed degree earners who took the survey).

<sup>2/</sup> Satisfaction rating options were as follows: very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, neither dissatisfied nor satisfied, satisfied, and very satisfied.

<sup>3/</sup> Agreement rating options were as follows: strongly disagree, disagree, neither disagree nor agree, agree, strongly agree.

## ACADEMICS

- 71% of AY 2013 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that they felt like there was somewhere or someone they could turn to on campus if they were struggling academically.
- 71% of AY 2013 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that UMass Dartmouth had prepared them to enter the work force or further their studies.
- 88% of AY 2013 law degree earners were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their overall experience in their program.



### **What Law Students Had to Say About Their UMD Experience:**

“I will maintain my relationship with faculty for life.”

“The quality and availability of classes should change to rival the course selection of the bigger law schools...”

“The time to wait for our [financial aid] refund checks was unrealistic and unfair.”

“The school faculty should ... try to encourage more student participation in student groups, and perhaps there should be more student groups and or more journals...”

“...the computers, labs, and printers are not always reliable...”

## STUDENT LIFE

- 56% of AY 2013 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that they received sufficient help with any personal or social issues.
- 81% of AY 2013 law degree earners participated in student clubs/ organizations.
- 69% of AY 2013 law degree earners had an interest in attending campus events or activities.

## OVERALL RATING

- 79% of AY 2013 law degree earners were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their overall experience at UMass Dartmouth.
- 77% of AY 2013 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that they would recommend UMass School of Law - Dartmouth to future law students.

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