

## 2017-2018 LAW STUDENT EXIT SURVEY

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

#### Key Findings:

Law students who earned their degrees during the 2017-2018 academic year (AY):

- Indicated high levels of satisfaction with the overall quality of academic instruction (91% very satisfied or satisfied) and their overall experience in their program (87% very satisfied or satisfied).
- Rated less highly their satisfaction with the overall quality of instructional spaces (e.g., classrooms, labs, studios) 54% were very satisfied or satisfied, social life on campus (44% very satisfied or satisfied), and the frequency of class offerings in their program (33% very satisfied or satisfied).

Overall, 80% of AY 2017-2018 law degree earners were very satisfied or satisfied with their overall experience at UMass Dartmouth. Eighty 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, 46 AY 2017-2018 law degree earners responded to the law student exit survey (a response rate of approximately 93.9%). 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 2018 law degree earners who rated their level of satisfaction as “very satisfied” or “satisfied”<sup>1</sup> was:
  - 91% for the overall quality of academic instruction
  - 82% for the feeling of personal safety on campus
  - 80% for the availability of financial support for law students
  - 67% for the maintenance (upkeep) of campus buildings and grounds
  - 54% for the overall quality of instructional spaces
  - 44% for social life on campus

#### CAMPUS SERVICES

- 84% of AY 2018 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed”<sup>2</sup> that it was easy to get assistance when they had a problem or question that needed to be resolved.

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

“UMass Law is a wonderful school with great faculty and staff. I have grown a lot in my time here.”

“Great experience - thank you.”

“I truly felt that the law school was working with me to help succeed. I would recommend to others that they attend UMASS Law.”

“The law school is like a big family that helps each other and wants everyone to succeed, which is not how most law schools work!!!!”

<sup>1</sup> Satisfaction rating options were as follows: very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, neither dissatisfied nor satisfied, satisfied, and very satisfied.

<sup>2</sup> Agreement rating options were as follows: strongly disagree, disagree, neither disagree nor agree, agree, strongly agree.

## ACADEMICS

- 93% of AY 2018 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” the completion of their program will help fulfill their career goals.
- 84% of AY 2018 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.
- 84% of AY 2018 law degree earners were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the availability of research/scholarly/creative opportunities in their program.
- 70% of AY 2018 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that UMass Dartmouth had prepared them to enter the work force or further their studies.
- 87% of AY 2018 law degree earners were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their overall experience in their program. Comparatively, regarding the frequency of class offerings and the quality of academic advising in their program, 33% and 69%, respectively, were “very satisfied” or “satisfied.”



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

“I truly felt that the law school was working with me to help succeed. Though, I wish that my personal obligations as a non-traditional student would have allowed me to take advantage of more of the opportunities that were offered at the law school. I would recommend to others that they attend UMASS Law.”

“By and large my experience with UMass Law was fantastic.”

## STUDENT LIFE

- 74% of AY 2018 law degree earners participated in student clubs/organizations.

## OVERALL RATING

- 80% of AY 2018 law degree earners were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their overall experience at UMass Dartmouth.
- 80% of AY 2018 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that they would recommend UMass School of Law - Dartmouth to future



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