

2018-2019 LAW STUDENT EXIT SURVEY

Data on Student Satisfaction and Co-curricular Participation

Key Findings:

Law students who earned their degrees during the 2018-2019 academic year (AY) and responded to the survey:

- Indicated high levels of satisfaction with the overall quality of academic instruction (91% very satisfied or satisfied) and the quality of academic instruction in their program. (86% very satisfied or satisfied).
- Rated less highly their satisfaction with the social life on campus (53% were very satisfied or satisfied), overall quality of instructional spaces (e.g., classrooms, labs, studios) 51% were very satisfied or satisfied, and the frequency of class offerings in their program (42% very satisfied or satisfied).
- Overall, 74% of AY 2018-2019 law degree earners were very satisfied or satisfied with their overall experience at UMass Dartmouth. Seventy-nine 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, 43 AY 2018-2019 law degree earners responded to the law student exit survey (a response rate of approximately 91.5%)¹. 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 2019 law degree earners who rated their level of satisfaction as “very satisfied” or “satisfied”² was:
 - 91% for the overall quality of academic instruction
 - 74% for the availability of financial support for law students
 - 67% for the feeling of personal safety on campus
 - 53% for the maintenance (upkeep) of campus buildings and grounds
 - 53% for social life on campus
 - 51% for the overall quality of instructional spaces

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

“I really enjoyed the coursework. I loved the full-time staff.”

“The faculty is excellent!”

“I thought some professors were fantastic and knowledgeable and showed care and concern for the students and I met some great people at UMass. The librarians are incredibly welcoming, knowledgeable and always willing to help.”

CAMPUS SERVICES

- 76% of AY 2019 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed”³ that it was easy to get assistance when they had a problem or question that needed to be resolved.

^{1/} Response rate is based on Summit report data indicating 47 degrees were conferred in AY 2019.

^{2/} Satisfaction rating options were as follows: very dissatisfied, dissatisfied, neither dissatisfied nor satisfied, satisfied, and very satisfied.

^{3/} Agreement rating options were as follows: strongly disagree, disagree, neither disagree nor agree, agree, strongly agree.

ACADEMICS

- 88% of AY 2019 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” the completion of their program will help fulfill their career goals.
- 83% of AY 2019 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.
- 76% of AY 2019 law degree earners were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the availability of research/scholarly/creative opportunities in their program.
- 74% of AY 2019 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that UMass Dartmouth had prepared them to enter the work force or further their studies.
- 79% of AY 2019 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, 42% and 68%, respectively, were “very satisfied” or “satisfied.”



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

“I loved my experience and all of the faculty and administration! I cannot say enough about how well-prepared I feel for my legal career!”

“Love this school!!!”

“My professors, as a whole, had practical knowledge and real-life experience, making the learning process more realistic and interesting.”

STUDENT LIFE

- 79% of AY 2019 law degree earners participated in student clubs/ organizations.

OVERALL RATING

- 74% of AY 2019 law degree earners were “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with their overall experience at UMass Dartmouth.
- % of AY 2019 law degree earners “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that they would recommend UMass School of Law - Dartmouth to future



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