EXIT INTERVIEW SURVEY OF UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS COMPLETING DEGREE PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

All undergraduate and graduate students who are completing a program of study in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics are being asked to complete this exit interview survey. It is very important to us that you take a few minutes to complete your survey so that we have information that accurately reflects the opinions of students completing our programs. This information will be used to evaluate departmental programs and faculty.

This exit interview survey is an opportunity for you to candidly assess your educational experience in the undergraduate major or graduate program you are completing in the Department. The Department is very interested in your evaluation of the courses and instructors in your major program of study, the advising you received, and other experiences related to your degree program.

Please note that your answers will be kept confidential, and since all results are analyzed as group data and reported anonymously, your individual comments will never be linked to your name.

The Department really appreciates your participation in this important survey. If you have any questions, please call the departmental office at 523-3481.

Sincerely,

Terence Blows
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This exit interview survey is distributed to all students who are completing their program of study and graduating in the current semester. If you have completed more than one degree with a major in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, please fill out the survey with information relevant to the degree you are completing this semester.

If you are completing this survey electronically, then please expand the section as needed to complete your answer. If you are filling out a hard copy of this survey and need additional room for your answer, please do so at the end of the survey or on an additional sheet of paper.

Q1. In what semester and year are you graduating?

   Semester ___________________  Year ________________

Q2. Please indicate the departmental major you are completing by circling the appropriate number in either the undergraduate or graduate columns. If you had a double or merged major, circle the appropriate number and list your majors in the space provided.

   Undergraduate  Graduate
   1. B. S. in Mathematics  8. M. S. in Mathematics
   2. Extended B. S. in Mathematics  Comprehensive Exam
      Actuarial Science Emphasis  9. M. S. in Mathematics
   3. Extended B. S. in Mathematics  Thesis
   4. Extended B. S. in Mathematics  Comprehensive Exam
      Mathematics Emphasis
   5. Extended B. S. in Mathematics  11. M. A. T. in Mathematics
      Statistics Emphasis  Comprehensive Exam
   6. B. S. Ed. in Mathematics
   7. Double or Merged Major (List Names)

Q3. How would you summarize the overall quality of instruction in your major program of study - excellent, good, fair, or poor? Please circle the appropriate number.

   1. Excellent  2. Good  3. Fair
   4. Poor  5. No Opinion

Q4. Please explain your rating of the overall quality of instruction you received in your major program of study. Why did you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Q5. Thinking about the courses you took for your major, are there any courses that you believe are of particular value to you? Why?

Q6. Thinking about the courses you took for your major, are there any courses that you believe are not of particular value to you? Why?
Q7. Please indicate the extent to which coursework in your program of study helped you develop the following abilities or skills by circling the number associated with the appropriate response.

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Q8. Thinking about the courses you took for your major, are there any instructors who you believe were particularly effective classroom teachers? Why?

Q9. Thinking about the courses you took for your major, are there any instructors who you believe were particularly ineffective classroom teachers? Why?

Q10. Do any positive or negative experiences stand out in your mind concerning the way departmental instructors treated students? Please explain.

Q11. Did you have any difficulty scheduling any courses required for your major?

_____ No.  _____ Yes. Please explain.

Q12. How many times per semester did you meet with a departmental advisor in the last two years of program study?
Q13. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your major program of study - excellent, good, fair, or poor? Please circle the appropriate number.


Q14. Please explain your rating of the advising you received in your major program of study. Why did you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Q15. Are you planning to continue your education sometime in the near future?  
   _____ No. Please skip to Question 18.  
   _____ Yes. Please indicate the type of education you will pursue after your NAU graduation.  
   Please check all responses that apply to you.

   _____ Work towards a master's degree  
   _____ Work towards a doctoral degree  
   _____ Work towards a professional certificate or a professional degree  
   (e.g., teaching certificate, actuarial science certificate, etc.)  
   _____ Other (Please name) ________________________________  
   _____ Unsure about the type of education

Q16. What educational institution would you most like to attend?

Q17. Please name the field or major you would like to pursue when you continue your education.

Q18. You are graduating this semester. How many years has it been since you started the degree program you are now completing? Please include work done at other colleges and universities for this degree.

   _____ 2 years or less  _____ 2.5 years  _____ 3 years  _____ 3.5 years  
   _____ 4 years  _____ 4.5 years  _____ 5 years  _____ 5.5 years  
   _____ 6 years  _____ 6.5 years  _____ 7 years or more

Q19. How many of these years were spent at NAU?

   _____ 2 years or less  _____ 2.5 years  _____ 3 years  _____ 3.5 years  
   _____ 4 years  _____ 4.5 years  _____ 5 years  _____ 5.5 years  
   _____ 6 years  _____ 6.5 years  _____ 7 years or more

Q20. Were there any Fall or Spring semesters when you did not register for coursework while you were completing this degree at NAU? Please exclude summers in your response.
No.  Please skip to Question 21.

Yes.  How many Fall or Spring semesters were you not registered for coursework?

Semesters

Q21. How many summers did you spend at NAU working on the degree you are now completing?

No summers

3 summers

1 summer

4 or more summers

2 summers

Q22. During the semesters when you were registered for coursework to complete your degree, what is the average number of credit hours you carried in a typical semester or during the summer at NAU?

Credit hours during the regular semester

Credit hours during the summer terms (SSI, SSII, and 10 week combined)

Q23. Did you change your major at NAU prior to working on the degree you are now completing?

No.  Please skip to Question 27.

Yes.  Please answer Questions 24 - 26.

Q24. How many times did you change your major at NAU prior to working on the degree you are now completing?

1 time

3 times

2 times

4 or more times

Q25. What was your major immediately prior to the one you are now completing?

Q26. Why did you switch majors to the one you are now completing?

Q27. Did you have a university or off-campus job during any of the time you were completing your degree at NAU?

No.  Please skip to Question 28.

Yes.  On average, how many hours per week did you work at that job during semesters you were enrolled?  _______ hours per week

The remaining questions are for students completing a graduate degree program only. Please skip past Question 31 if you are an undergraduate student.
Q28. Did you have financial support from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics while you were working on your graduate degree?

______ No.
______ Yes. Was this financial support helpful to you? Please explain.

The following questions are for graduate students completing their degree program under the thesis option. Please skip past Question 31 if you did not choose the thesis option.

Q29. How many times per semester did you have a private meeting with the faculty member who supervised your thesis?

Q30. How would you evaluate the quality of supervision you received in completing your thesis - excellent, good, fair, or poor? Please circle the appropriate number.

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. No Opinion

Q31. Please explain your rating of the quality of supervision you received in completing your thesis. Why did you rate it excellent, good, fair, or poor?

Thank you for your time. Please use the space below to add comments or suggestions about your major program of study.
Alumni Information

Name: ___________________________________________________

Permanent Address: _______________________________________

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Advisor: _______________________________________

Degree: _______________________________________

Graduation Year: _______________________________________