

The Graduating Student Survey was attached to every student’s graduation application, and as such received a 90%+ response rate. Results shown in this report are for the 2018 graduating class and exclude all “Does Not Apply” responses. Information for additional graduating classes is available in the appendix at the end (there were no meaningful differences between graduating classes). For more information, contact Taylor Lovell at [TLovell@uvu.edu](mailto:TLovell@uvu.edu).

Graduating Class	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Respondents*	4,682	5,500	5,131	5,280	5,532

\*Students graduating with multiple degrees in the same graduating class were surveyed multiple times.

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## Key Findings

Ninety percent of graduates rate their overall experience at UVU as Good or Excellent.

The most popular reasons why graduates came to UVU were to gain skills that will lead to a more satisfying or better paying job (90%), to take course work for personal interest or development (68%), and to have a university experience (65%).

UVU contributed most to our graduates' knowledge in their field of study (94% Great or Moderate contribution) as well as their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills (92%).

About half of graduates said they took at least one semester off during their study at UVU.

Eighty-one percent of graduates said that UVU offered the majors and degrees they wanted to study.

Fifty-one percent of graduates said that financial aid advising was helpful.

Eighty-two percent of graduates said that their fellow classmates treated them with respect.

Fifty-one percent of graduates said that UVU's overall cost of attendance was reasonable.

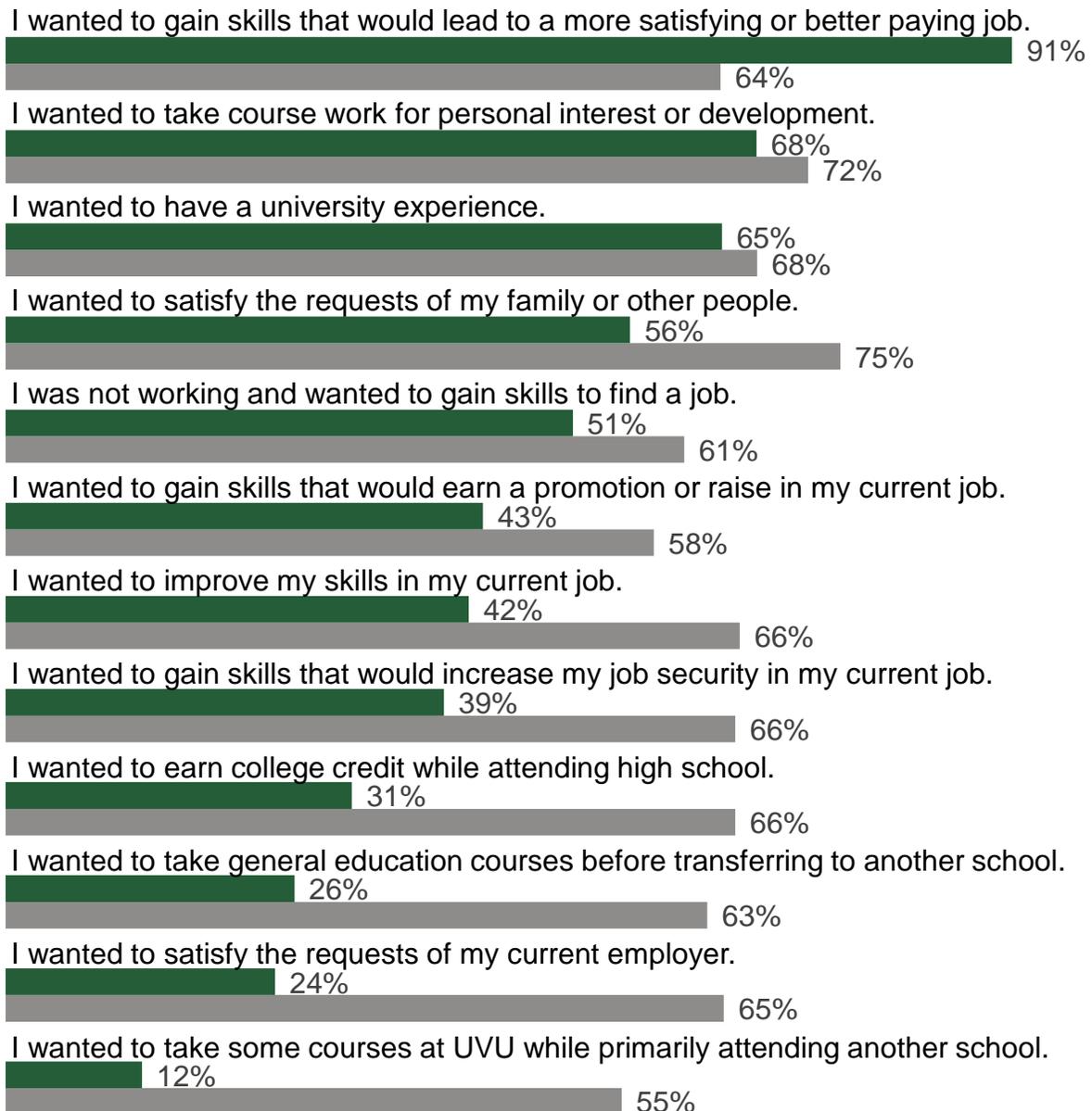
Some graduates had personal circumstances which made attending UVU more difficult, including work and school schedule conflicts (36%) and family/child care responsibilities (28%).

Graduates were most satisfied with their program's class size (83% Satisfied or Very Satisfied) and accessibility of instructors (79%).

- Ninety percent of graduates rated their overall experience at UVU as Good or Excellent.
- Forty-five percent of graduates rated the strength of their connection to UVU as Strong or Very Strong.
- If they could make their college choice over again, eighty-one percent of graduates would choose to attend UVU.

**Goals of Attending UVU**

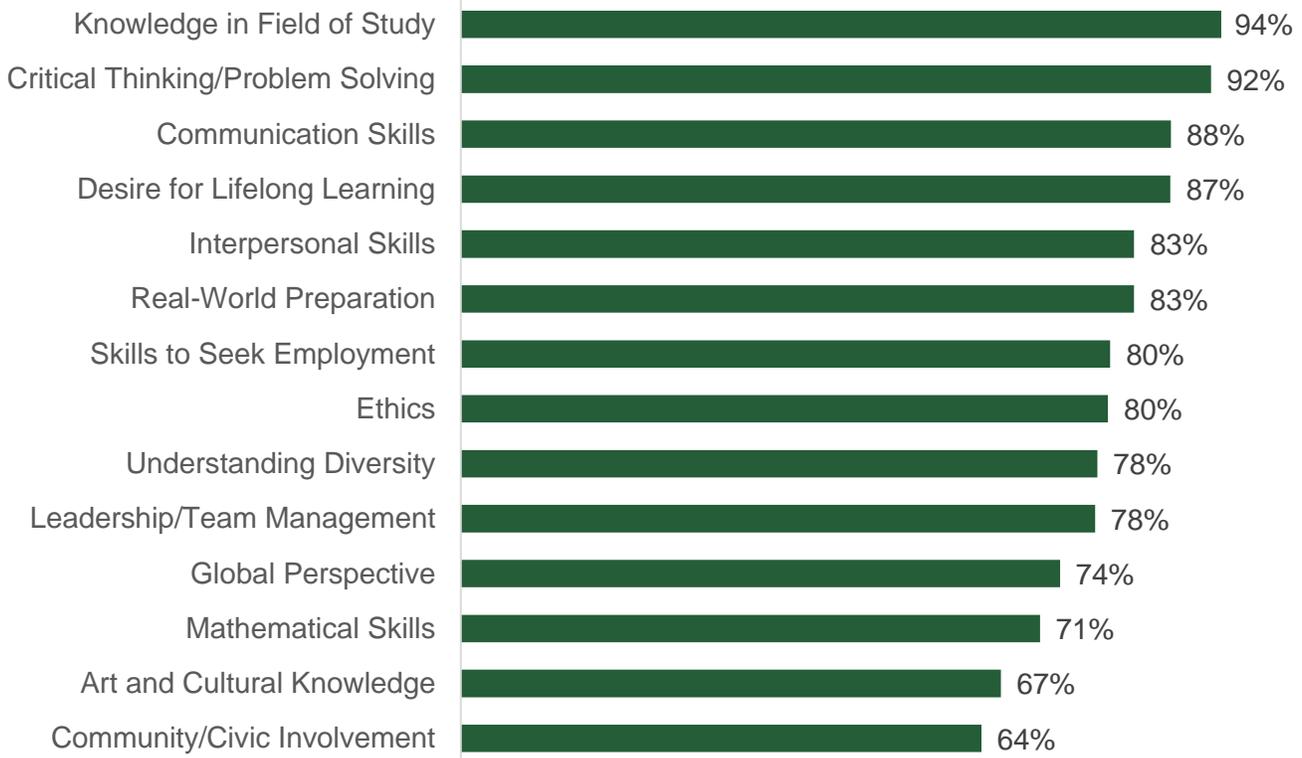
■ Goal ■ Completely/Mostly Achieved\*



\*Only asked of graduates who indicated that each was a goal.

**UVU's Contribution to Growth**

Percentage reporting Great or Moderate contribution



- When first starting at UVU, most graduates wanted to pursue a bachelor’s degree (62%) or an associate’s degree (17%).
- About half of graduates said they took at least one semester off during their study at UVU. The chart below shows the most popular reasons why students took a semester off.

<b>Reasons for Taking a Semester Off</b>	
I could not fit school into my work schedule.	38%
I served a religious mission.	37%
I wanted to take time off from school.	34%
I had financial problems that interfered with my studies.	32%
I had personal or family health problems that interfered with my studies.	27%
I had family or child care needs that interfered with my studies.	19%

## **Agreement with Statements about Courses and Programs**

Percentage who Agree or Strongly Agree

UVU offers the majors and degrees that I wanted to study.



The courses that I wanted to take were offered at the location I wanted to take them.



The quality of my major and degree at UVU is as good as or better than other schools.



The courses that I wanted to take were offered using the delivery method that I wanted.



The courses that I wanted to take were offered during the semester I wanted to take them.



The courses that I wanted to take were offered at the time and day I wanted to take them.



The quality of facilities and equipment used in my classes made learning more difficult.



## **Agreement with Statements about Campus Administration**

Percentage who Agree or Strongly Agree

Financial aid advising was helpful.



Registering systems and processes were too difficult.

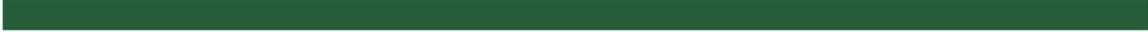


Career Services helped me to find a job after graduation.



**Agreement with Statements about Campus Environment**

Percentage who Agree or Strongly Agree

My fellow classmates treated me with appropriate respect for my opinions and choices.  
 82%

Other students treated my religious views respectfully.  
 72%

Faculty and staff treated my religious views respectfully.  
 71%

Academic support programs improved my academic performance.  
 58%

Student support programs helped me with personal or health issues.  
 40%

I was involved in campus activities outside of the classroom.  
 36%

Accommodations for the learning or physically disabled meet the needs of people like me.  
 35%

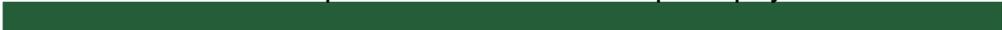
First-year experience programs helped me adjust to college life.  
 30%

I have seen or experienced discrimination on campus.  
 14%

**Agreement with Statements about Paying for Education**

Percentage who Agree or Strongly Agree

Student loans were available to help me pay for school.  
 71%

Grants and scholarships were available to help me pay for school.  
 63%

The cost of books, supplies, and fees for individual classes is too expensive.  
 61%

UVU's overall cost of attendance is reasonable.  
 51%

It was difficult to find a job to help meet the costs of my education.  
 41%

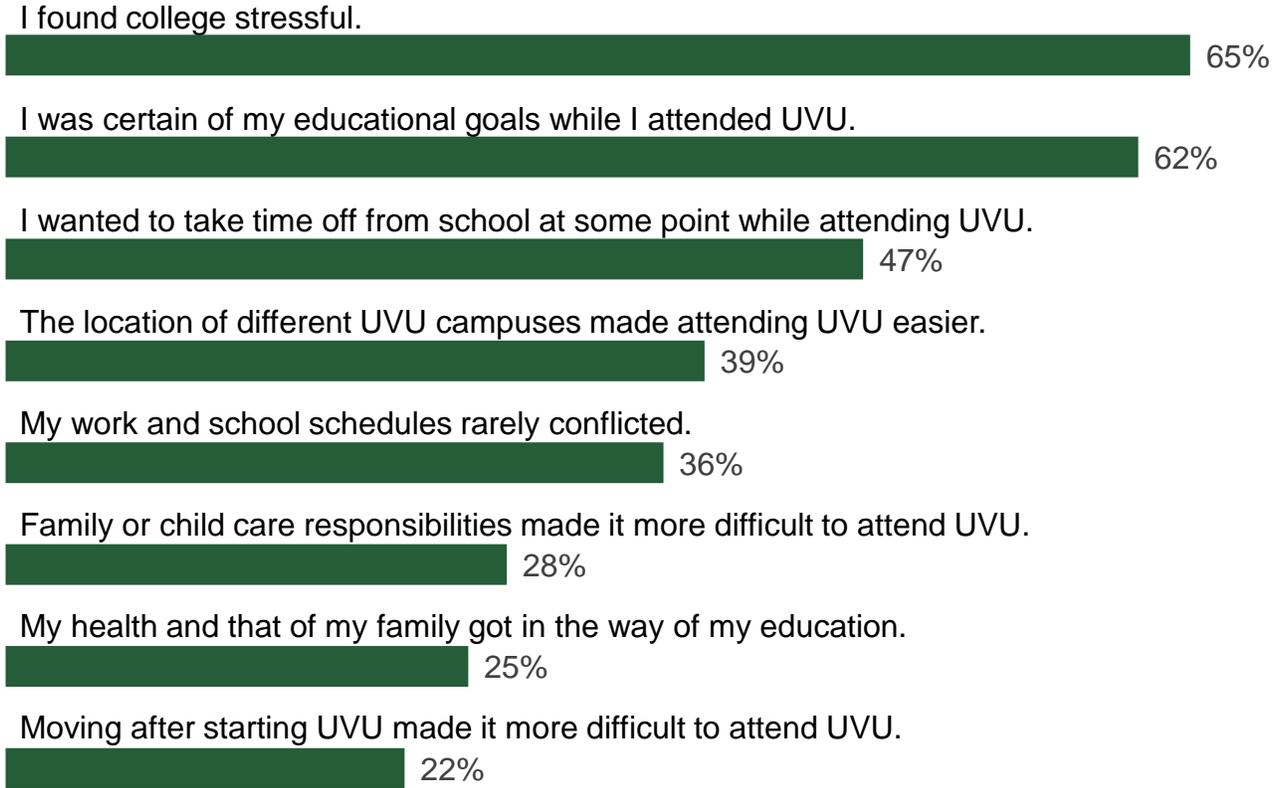
UVU's tuition is too expensive.  
 32%

Work study jobs were available to help me pay for school.  
 29%

The availability of housing on or near campus made it more difficult for me to go to UVU.  
 21%

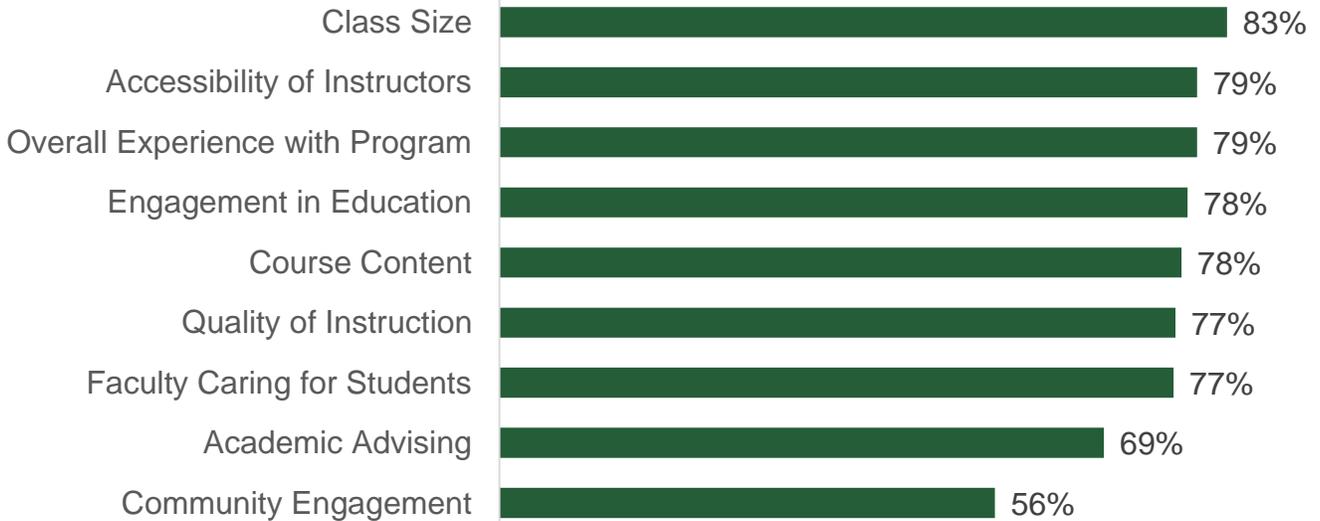
**Agreement with Statements about Personal Circumstances**

Percentage who Agree or Strongly Agree



**Satisfaction with Major or Program**

Percentage who are Satisfied or Very Satisfied



**What did you want to accomplish when you first started attending UVU? (% Goal)**

	2014 Class	2015 Class	2016 Class	2017 Class	2018 Class
I was not working and wanted to gain skills to find a job.	49%	49%	51%	51%	51%
I wanted to gain skills that would lead to a more satisfying or better paying job.	91%	90%	91%	91%	91%
I wanted to gain skills that would earn a promotion or raise in my current job.	38%	38%	40%	42%	43%
I wanted to improve my skills in my current job.	36%	38%	39%	42%	42%
I wanted to gain skills that would increase my job security in my current job.	35%	36%	37%	40%	39%
I wanted to satisfy the requests of my current employer.	19%	20%	21%	23%	24%
I wanted to satisfy the requests of my family or other people.	52%	53%	55%	56%	56%
I wanted to take general education courses before transferring to another school.	25%	25%	27%	26%	26%
I wanted to take some courses at UVU while primarily attending another school.	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%
I wanted to earn college credit while attending high school.	28%	29%	31%	30%	31%
I wanted to take course work for personal interest or development.	63%	64%	67%	67%	68%
I wanted to have a university experience.	61%	61%	65%	64%	65%
I have some other reason for attending.	18%	17%	18%	19%	18%

**What did you want to accomplish now that you are graduating from UVU? (% Goal)**

	2014 Class	2015 Class	2016 Class	2017 Class	2018 Class
I was not working and wanted to gain skills to find a job.	58%	58%	59%	58%	58%
I wanted to gain skills that would lead to a more satisfying or better paying job.	91%	91%	92%	92%	92%
I wanted to gain skills that would earn a promotion or raise in my current job.	51%	53%	54%	57%	57%
I wanted to improve my skills in my current job.	52%	54%	56%	58%	58%
I wanted to gain skills that would increase my job security in my current job.	49%	50%	52%	53%	54%
I wanted to satisfy the requests of my current employer.	29%	30%	32%	34%	35%
I wanted to satisfy the requests of my family or other people.	51%	52%	54%	55%	55%
I wanted to take general education courses before transferring to another school.	23%	22%	24%	24%	23%
I wanted to take some courses at UVU while primarily attending another school.	10%	10%	11%	11%	12%
I wanted to earn college credit while attending high school.	15%	16%	17%	18%	19%
I wanted to take course work for personal interest or development.	65%	66%	69%	68%	69%
I wanted to have a university experience.	57%	57%	61%	60%	59%
I have some other reason for attending.	19%	18%	20%	20%	19%

**How would you rate the extent to which you have achieved your goals now that you are graduating from UVU? (% Completely and Mostly Achieved)**

	2014 Class	2015 Class	2016 Class	2017 Class	2018 Class
I was not working and wanted to gain skills to find a job.	59%	59%	61%	62%	61%
I wanted to gain skills that would lead to a more satisfying or better paying job.	61%	62%	64%	64%	64%
I wanted to gain skills that would earn a promotion or raise in my current job.	55%	55%	56%	57%	58%
I wanted to improve my skills in my current job.	60%	62%	63%	64%	66%
I wanted to gain skills that would increase my job security in my current job.	60%	65%	65%	64%	66%
I wanted to satisfy the requests of my current employer.	61%	65%	65%	66%	65%
I wanted to satisfy the requests of my family or other people.	73%	74%	77%	75%	75%
I wanted to take general education courses before transferring to another school.	63%	64%	63%	63%	63%
I wanted to take some courses at UVU while primarily attending another school.	53%	56%	54%	54%	55%
I wanted to earn college credit while attending high school.	59%	62%	63%	64%	66%
I wanted to take course work for personal interest or development.	70%	71%	73%	72%	72%
I wanted to have a university experience.	67%	67%	67%	68%	68%

**What was the highest level of education that you planned to pursue at UVU when you started attending and now that you are graduating?**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
Individual Courses Only (No Degree)	9%	9%	10%	10%	11%
Certificate or Diploma	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Associate's Degree	19%	20%	19%	18%	17%
Bachelor's Degree	64%	63%	62%	62%	62%
Graduate or Professional Degree (Master's)	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%

**Did you take at least one full semester off during your study at UVU for any of the following reasons?**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
I served a religious mission.	17%	16%	17%	18%	18%
I joined the armed forces.	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
I was called to active duty while serving in the National Guard or Armed Forces Reserve.	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%
I served in the Peace Corps.	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
I could not fit school into my work schedule.	20%	21%	19%	19%	19%
I had personal or family health problems that interfered with my studies.	14%	14%	13%	13%	13%
I had family or child care needs that interfered with my studies.	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
I had financial problems that interfered with my studies.	17%	18%	16%	17%	16%
I wanted to take time off from school.	17%	17%	18%	17%	17%
None of these apply.	49%	49%	50%	50%	50%

**How would you rate your overall educational experiences at UVU?**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
Excellent	35%	37%	40%	41%	42%
Good	52%	51%	49%	48%	48%
Fair	11%	10%	9%	9%	8%
Poor	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Very Poor	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

**How would you rate the strength of your connection to UVU?**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
Very Strong	11%	12%	12%	13%	14%
Strong	31%	31%	31%	32%	30%
Moderate	41%	40%	41%	39%	39%
Weak	13%	12%	11%	12%	11%
Very Weak	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%

**If you could make your college choice over, would you be most likely to...**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
Attend UVU	77%	78%	80%	80%	81%
Attend Some Other School	22%	21%	19%	18%	17%
Not Attend any School	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%

**How would you rate how much your education at UVU contributed to your growth in the following areas: (% Great and Moderate Contribution)**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
Knowledge in Major Field of Study	93%	93%	94%	94%	94%
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills	90%	90%	92%	92%	92%
Communication Skills	86%	87%	88%	89%	88%
Mathematical Skills	68%	69%	69%	71%	71%
Interpersonal Skills	80%	81%	82%	83%	83%
Ethics	71%	73%	77%	79%	80%
Preparation for Real-World Problems	80%	80%	82%	83%	83%
Skills to Seek and Maintain Employment	78%	79%	79%	80%	80%
Leadership and Team Management	75%	77%	77%	79%	78%
Art and Cultural Knowledge	62%	63%	66%	65%	67%
Community and Civic Involvement	59%	59%	61%	64%	64%
Global Perspective	67%	68%	71%	72%	74%
Understanding Diversity of People and Cultures	72%	73%	76%	77%	78%
Desire for Lifelong Learning	85%	85%	87%	86%	87%

**To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to courses and programs: (% Strongly Agree and Agree)**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
The courses that I wanted to take were offered during the semester I wanted to take them.	67%	66%	68%	69%	68%
The courses that I wanted to take were offered at the time and day on which I wanted to take them.	51%	51%	52%	53%	54%
The courses that I wanted to take were offered at the location at which I wanted to take them.	76%	78%	77%	79%	77%
UVU offers the majors and degrees that I wanted to study.	78%	79%	79%	81%	81%
The quality of my major and degree at UVU is as good as or better than similar programs at other schools.	68%	70%	71%	72%	72%
The quality of facilities and equipment used in my classes made learning more difficult.	24%	25%	26%	27%	28%
The courses that I wanted to take were offered using the delivery method that I wanted.	64%	67%	68%	68%	69%

**To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to campus administration: (% Strongly Agree and Agree)**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
Registering systems and processes were too difficult.	18%	18%	18%	18%	17%
Financial aid advising was helpful.	50%	51%	52%	52%	51%
Career Services helped me to find a job after graduation.	9%	10%	11%	10%	10%

**To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to campus environment and student services: (% Strongly Agree and Agree)**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
I was involved in campus activities outside of the classroom.	32%	33%	35%	36%	36%
Accommodations for the learning or physically disabled meet the needs of people like me.	30%	32%	33%	35%	35%
I have seen or experienced discrimination based on race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation on campus.	12%	13%	14%	13%	14%
Faculty and staff treated my religious views respectfully.	68%	69%	70%	71%	71%
Other students treated my religious views respectfully.	70%	71%	71%	72%	72%
My fellow classmates treated me with appropriate respect for my opinions and choices.	81%	81%	82%	82%	82%
Academic support programs improved my academic performance.	54%	55%	57%	58%	58%
Student support programs helped me with personal or health issues.	35%	36%	38%	41%	40%
First-year experience programs helped me adjust to college life.	28%	29%	29%	32%	30%

**To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to paying for your education: (% Strongly Agree and Agree)**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
It was difficult to find a job to help meet the costs of my education.	43%	45%	41%	43%	41%
UVU's tuition is too expensive.	41%	39%	35%	35%	32%
The cost of books, supplies, and fees for individual classes is too expensive.	72%	69%	66%	65%	61%
Grants and scholarships were available to help me pay for school.	65%	63%	65%	63%	63%
Student loans were available to help me pay for school.	75%	74%	73%	72%	71%
Work study jobs were available to help me pay for school.	26%	29%	30%	30%	29%
The availability of housing on or near campus made it more difficult for me to go to UVU.	17%	16%	18%	20%	21%
UVU's overall cost of attendance (including tuition, books, cost of living, and available financial aid) is reasonable.	44%	45%	47%	48%	51%

**To what extent would you agree or disagree with the following statements related to personal circumstances: (% strongly agree and agree)**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
My work and school schedules rarely conflicted.	35%	35%	37%	36%	36%
My health and that of my family got in the way of my education.	23%	25%	26%	26%	25%
Family or child care responsibilities made it more difficult to attend UVU.	31%	32%	32%	29%	28%
I wanted to take time off from school at some point while attending UVU.	45%	48%	48%	47%	47%
Moving after starting UVU made it more difficult to attend UVU.	23%	22%	24%	23%	22%
The location of different UVU campuses made attending UVU easier.	40%	40%	39%	38%	39%
I found college stressful.	61%	62%	63%	65%	65%
I was certain of my educational goals while I attended UVU.	62%	63%	63%	62%	62%

**How satisfied were you with each of the following aspects of your major or program? (% Satisfied or Very Satisfied)**

	<b>2014 Class</b>	<b>2015 Class</b>	<b>2016 Class</b>	<b>2017 Class</b>	<b>2018 Class</b>
Overall Experience with the Program	77%	78%	79%	80%	79%
Engagement in the Educational Process	75%	75%	77%	78%	78%
Opportunities to Engage the Community through my Studies	52%	53%	55%	57%	56%
Quality of Instruction	76%	75%	77%	78%	77%
Course Content	76%	76%	77%	79%	78%
Class Size	81%	82%	84%	83%	83%
Accessibility of Instructors	76%	77%	79%	79%	79%
Faculty Interest in and Caring for Students	73%	75%	77%	77%	77%
Academic Advising from the Department Staff	65%	65%	69%	70%	69%