

**Department of Environmental Sciences**  
**MS or PhD Graduate Student Exit Survey**

This survey is an opportunity for you to tell us how well your graduate education at the University of Toledo has served you. Please give as much information as possible. Your thoughts will be valuable input for our ongoing evaluation of our program. Please return a paper copy to the DES secretary Dianne Mauter, at MS 604, Department of Environmental Science, University of Toledo, 2801 W. Bancroft St, Toledo, OH 43606 or email the word file or a scan of the typed responses to [dianne.mauter@utoledo.edu](mailto:dianne.mauter@utoledo.edu)

Please feel free to praise our strengths and to criticize our weaknesses. We can maintain what we do well and improve what we have done poorly only if we have your input.

**1. What was your degree program?**

PhD \_\_\_\_\_ MS (Biol) \_\_\_\_\_ MS (Geol) \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis based \_\_\_\_\_ or course based \_\_\_\_\_.  
 MSE \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Do you believe you have gained sufficient knowledge to pursue your post-graduation plans in the following areas?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	N/A
Biology						
Ecology						
Geology						
Environmental Problems						
Solutions to Environmental Problems						
Sustainability						
Terrestrial Systems						
Aquatic Systems						
Climate change						
Quantitative and Analytical Tools						
Spatial Analysis						

**5. Did your interest in biology or geology increase while in the program?**

\_\_\_ Strongly Agree \_\_\_ Agree \_\_\_ Neutral \_\_\_ Disagree \_\_\_ Strongly Disagree

**6. Please rate the intellectual climate of your program.**

\_\_\_ Very exciting \_\_\_ Somewhat exciting \_\_\_ Neutral \_\_\_ Somewhat dull \_\_\_ Very dull

**7. Please rate the level of support, in general, the faculty in your program provide to graduate students in your program.**

\_\_\_ Very supportive \_\_\_ Somewhat supportive \_\_\_ Neutral \_\_\_ Somewhat unsupportive  
 \_\_\_ Very unsupportive

**8. Please rate the cultural climate of your department or program.**

\_\_\_ Very inclusive of individuals with diverse backgrounds and interests  
 \_\_\_ Somewhat inclusive of individuals with diverse backgrounds and interests  
 \_\_\_ Inclusive of individuals with diverse backgrounds and interests  
 \_\_\_ Somewhat intolerant of individuals with diverse backgrounds and interests  
 \_\_\_ Very intolerant of individuals with diverse backgrounds and interests

**9a. What are you planning to do next? (PhD graduates only)**

	Yes	No	Maybe
Search for or take a Post Doctoral Fellowship			
Search for or take a faculty research position			
Search for or take a faculty teaching position			
Search for or take a government job			
Search for or take an industry job in research, sales or management			
Search for or take a job in the consulting industry			
Other, please elaborate			

**9b. What are you planning to do next? (MS graduates only)**

	Yes	No	Maybe
Search for or enroll in a PhD opportunity			
Search for or take a faculty teaching position			
Search for or take a government job			
Search for or take a job in the consulting industry			
Search for or take an industry job in research, sales or management			
Other, please elaborate			

10. If you have secured a job, what is your title and who is your employer?

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**11. Please evaluate these aspects of your professional Development.**

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Opportunities for increasing effective oral communication					
How would you consider your oral communication now?					
Communication between you and your supervisor?					
Communication between you and the graduate advisor?					
Your assistance from the departmental secretary					
Your assistance from the departmental business officer					
Usefulness of Wednesday afternoon seminars					
Opportunities to network/meet industry or academic contacts					
Preparation for job interviews					
Career planning					
Conducting collaborative research					
Interactions with undergraduate students					

Please elaborate on any of your responses below.

**12. Based on the research you have conducted while you were a graduate student at UT, how many journal articles, book chapters or technical reports have you authored or co-authored that have been published or accepted for publication? \_\_\_\_\_**

**13. Based on the research you have conducted while you were a graduate student at UT, how many other articles or book chapters have you authored or co-authored that are currently under review? \_\_\_\_\_**

**14. So far, how many research presentations (including poster presentations) have you made in research forums either on or off campus. \_\_\_\_\_**

**15. If the department offered a MS or PhD in Environmental Sciences, would you have preferred to have enrolled in it, or would you have consider applying? Why or why not?**

**16. Please assess the following research resources**

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
Research facilities in your supervisor's lab					
Other research facilities in DES available to you					
Computer / computations facilities					
Ohio Link					
Main Library					
GA stipend					
Financial support for research activity					
Financial support for meeting presentations					
Faculty mentoring					
Coursework					
Your program curriculum					
Teaching by faculty					
Teaching opportunities for you					

Please elaborate on any of your responses below.

**17. Thinking of your overall degree program, do you consider the lecture courses to have been particularly valuable to you? Should there have been fewer or more. Why or why not?**

**18. What changes would you recommend in the courses that are required? Should some courses be eliminated from the curriculum? Why? Should some new subjects be considered for new courses? Why?**

**19. Please use the space below to describe some of the things you like best about being a graduate student at UT, things that made you glad you came here:**

**20. Please use the space below to comment on what the department could do to improve your graduate experience OR what you wish you had done differently OR both:**

**21. How should the department keep you informed about us?**

Email (please provide an updated email address):

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Social Media (please provide a Facebook Username): \_\_\_\_\_

Find us on Facebook at *Department of Environmental Sciences at the University of Toledo*

Traditional mailings (please provide an updated address: \_\_\_\_\_)

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**22. Any other comments? Thanks for taking the time to do this survey. Please stay in touch by sending us updates about yourself and your career.**