Alumni Survey 2012

Every few years, the MES program performs a self-study. As part of the study, MES assesses alumni satisfaction, success, and learning. Your feedback from this optional and confidential survey is important for program improvement. We'd appreciate you finishing this survey by March 9, 2012. The survey takes 10-15 minutes.

Because we are asking open-ended questions, which can lead to the risk of someone determining your identity, we are taking the following precautions:

- 1. Only the MES Assistant Director will see raw data as it relates to individual survey participants.
- 2. MES faculty and other MES self-study readers will only see summary data and paraphrased open-ended responses with the intent of preserving participant anonymity.
- 3. To aid in summarizing and paraphrasing responses for self-study readers, the MES Director and Director of Institutional Research and Assessment will see raw data only as it relates to each question.
- 4. Finally, participation is voluntary and you can skip any questions or stop at any point without penalty.

If you have any questions about the research, please contact Gail Wootan at wootang@evergreen.edu or 360-867-6225.

If you encounter any problems as a result of your participation in the project, please contact John McLain, Academic Grants Manager, at mclaini@evergreen.edu or 360-867-6045.

By responding to the following survey questions on this website, you are indicating that you have read and understand this information and that you grant your consent to participate in this project.

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1. What year did you begin the MES core programs?	

2. What year did you graduate from MES?

3. Please check the level of influence each of the factors below had on your decision to attend Evergreen.

	No influence	Slightly Influential	Influential	Very Influential	Not Applicable/Don' Remember
Program content and curriculum	0	O	O	0	O
Location	0	O	0	0	0
Natural beauty of area	0	0	0	0	0
Close to family and/or job commitments	O	0	O	O	O
Cost	0	О	0	O	C
Financial aid opportunities	\odot	0	0	O	0
Evergreen Reputation	0	0	0	0	0
Evergreen identity/philosophy	0	O	O	O	O
Evening classes	0	O	0	0	O
Part-time and full-time options	0	O	0	O	O
Size/close contact with faculty	0	O	O	0	0
Interdisciplinary approach	\odot	0	0	O	0
Cohort model	0	0	0	0	0
Faculty backgrounds and specialty areas	0	O	O	O	O
Thesis requirement	0	O	0	O	0
Length of program	\odot	0	0	O	0
Research opportunities	0	О	0	O	O
Internship opportunities	0	O	0	\circ	0
Hiring potential upon graduation	0	0	O	O	0
Type of student who attends	0	O	O	O	0
Campus environment	0	0	О	0	0
Narrative evaluations instead of grades	0	O	0	O	0
I didn't get into my first choice grad school	0	0	O	0	0
I was an Evergreen student and wanted to continue my studies at Evergreen	0	О	0	0	O
Please comment on any of your	answers				
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I. Did the MES program take more or less tim	
More time than I expected	
C Less time than I expected	
About the amount of time I expected	
On't Remember/No Opinion	
5. If it took longer than expected, please choo	se all the reasons why:
Family or personal responsibilities	Courses were too challenging, so took fewer credits per quar
☐ Thesis took longer than expected	Financial reasons
☐ Uncooperative faculty	☐ I changed the focus of my thesis
Didn't want to take the electives offered during some quarters, so	☐ I wanted to take more electives than were required
decided to wait Got a job, so took fewer credits per quarter	Other
If "other" please define	
How satisfied were you with the MFS progr	am?
6. How satisfied were you with the MES progr	am?
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B. If you were to do	MES again, ho	ow interested w	ould you be i	n the following	?
	Very Uninterested	Uninterested	Neither	Interested	Very Interested
Having core classes at 4- 8pm instead of 6-10pm (electives would still be 6- 10pm)	О	O	С	О	О
An OPTIONAL international course or program	O	0	O	O	O
A REQUIRED international course or program	0	O	0	0	0
Earning thesis credit while being a Peace Corps Volunteer (optional)	O	0	O	O	O
Please comment on any of you	ır answers				
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Knowledge and Training

9. How helpful was your overall MES experience in contributing to the following areas?

	Extremely Unhelpful	Unhelpful	Neither Helpful nor Unhelpful	Helpful	Extremely Helpful	Don't Remember
Knowledge of major environmental issues	O	O	O	0	О	О
Knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of science in understanding environmental issues	0	0	0	O	0	0
Understanding of how natural sciences, social sciences, and policy interact around environmental issues	С	С	О	О	O	С
Knowledge of how different perspectives and cultures affect the understanding of environment	О	O	C	C	С	О
Knowledge of the role of Native Americans in Pacific NW environmental issues	0	0	0	O	0	0
Understanding the complex administrative hierarchy surrounding environmental issues	0	0	0	O	O	0
Gaining in-depth knowledge of one aspect of environmental science/studies	0	0	O	O	0	0
Please comment on any of your	answers					

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	Extremely Unhelpful	Unhelpful	Neither Helpful nor Unhelpful	Helpful	Extremely Helpful	Don't Remember
Ability to critically read, understand, and analyze environmental research and issues	С	О	C	0	О	O
Ability to conduct quantitative research	0	0	0	0	O	O
Ability to conduct qualitative research	0	0	O	O	O	O
Ability to write effectively	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ability to work in teams	0	0	O	0	0	O
Ability to give effective presentations	0	0	O	0	O	O
Ability to manage time effectively	O	0	O	O	O	O
Knowledge of your strengths and weaknesses	0	0	O	0	О	O
Leadership skills	0	0	O	0	0	0
Communication skills (writing/speaking)	0	0	0	0	O	0
Professionalism	0	\circ	O	0	0	0

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Ability to conduct quantitative research	О	О	0		0	0
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Ability to write effectively	0	0	0		0	O
Ability to work in teams	0	0	0		0	0
Ability to give effective presentations	O	0	0		O	0
Ability to manage time effectively	0	0	0		0	O
Knowledge of your strengths and weaknesses	O	O	0		0	O
Leadership skills	O	0	0		0	0
Communication skills (writing/speaking)	O	O	0		0	0
Professionalism	0	0	0		0	0
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2. How valuable vost-MES career?		wing MES co	omponents i	in terms of		you for your
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core program	Extremely Not Valuable	Not Valuable	Neither	Valuable	Extremely Valuable	Not Applicable
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Core program Electives Internships Independent Learning	Extremely Not Valuable	Not Valuable	Neither	Valuable C	Extremely Valuable C	Not Applicable
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Curriculum

14. The core program (all four required classes)...

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Remember
Was intellectually and academically stimulating	O	0	O	0	O	0
Incorporated a variety of subject matter	O	O	O	O	O	O
Was strongly interdisciplinary	O	O	O	O	O	O
Met my expectations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Had high quality teaching	O	0	O	0	O	•
Provided positive interactions with faculty	O	0	O	0	O	O
Provided positive interactions with classmates	0	O	O	0	O	0
Helped me in becoming an environmental professional		0	0	0	0	O
Please comment on any of y	our answers					
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15. In general, the electives I took. . .

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Were intellectually and academically stimulating	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incorporated a variety of subject matter	O	O	O	O	0	\circ
Were strongly interdisciplinary	O	O	0	O	0	O
Met my expectations	O	0	0	0	0	0
Had high quality teaching	0	0	O	0	0	0
Provided positive interactions with faculty	O	0	0	O	0	$oldsymbol{\circ}$
Provided positive interactions with classmates	0	O	0	O	0	O
Helped me in becoming an environmental professional		0	0	O	0	O
Please comment on any of y	our answers					

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	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Remember
Internships were intellectually and academically stimulating	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internships incorporated a variety of subject matter	O	0	O	0	O	0
Internships were strongly interdisciplinary	0	О	O	0	O	О
Internships met my expectations	O	0	O	0	O	0
Internships had high qualit training	y O	0	O	0	0	0
Internships helped me in becoming an environmental professiona	© I	0	0	O	0	O
Please comment on any of	your answers					
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9. Did your thesis take more or less time that More time than I expected	
C Less time than I expected	
C About the amount of time I expected	
O Don't Remember/No Opinion	
Please comment on your answer	
20. If the thesis took longer than expected, p	please choose all the reasons why:
Family or personal responsibilities	Financial reasons
☐ Uncooperative faculty	\square I changed the focus of my thesis
Got a job, so couldn't focus on it as much	☐ Other
Research was more challenging than expected/I needed more training before I could move forward on thesis	
If "other" please define	
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24. In your own words, please describe the weaknesses of the MES program.						

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25. How long did it take you to find a job as an environmental professional upon graduating from MES?
C I already had a job
C Less than 6 months
O More than 6 months, but less than 1 year
C Less than 2 years
C Less than 3 years
C Less than 5 years
I purposefully chose not to find a job as an environmental professional
I wanted to find a job as an environmental professional, but could not
Other
If "other," please define
26. Do you have any post MES-training, such as a PhD, certifications, JD or other master degrees?
C Yes C No
O No
No27. If you do, please list all of them here. Please include the discipline if it is another
O No
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Env	ironmental Work						
29.	Which best describes your	en	ployer?				
	Private sector				Other governmen	t	
	Nonprofit/NGO				Higher education		
	State government				Military		
	Federal government (civilian)				Self-employed		
	City government				Retired		
	County government				I am currently un-	empl	oyed
	Tribal government				Other		
If "o	ther," please define						
30.	Where are you employed?						
0	Washington	0	Nevada			0	Eastern US
0	Oregon	0	Utah			0	British Columbia
0	California	0	Wyoming			0	Other Canadian province
0	Idaho	0	Colorado			0	non-US or Canada
0	Montana	0	Southwest US			0	Various locations
0	Alaska	0	Midwest US			0	Other
0	Hawaii	0	Southern/Southe	ast US			
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Der	mographics and Con	nmunication		
32.	. What is your present a	age group?		
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0	26-30	O 41-45	\circ	56-60
0	31-35	© 46-50	O	61 and over
33.	. What is your gender?			
34.	Ethnicity/Race			
35.	How would you like to	be involved with MES a	s an alum (mar	k all that apply)?
	MES Alumni Association - Undefine	ed, but likely involves an alumni board	that plans alumni event	s, fundraises for scholarships, etc
	Yearly reunions			
	Mentoring an MES student			
	Supervising an MES intern			
	Recruiting new students for MES			
	Networking with other alumni and/o	or MES students		
	Do not want to be involved			
	Other			
If "o	other" please define			
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36.	. How would you like M	ES to communicate witl	n you as an alu	m?
	US Mail			
	Email listserv			
	Facebook			
	LinkedIn group			
	Twitter			
	Don't want to be in touch			
	Other			
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