2020 All-Graduate Student Survey
Selected Results and Data
UChicago Graduate Council
i. Demographics
ii. Thoughts for Fall Quarter
iii. Necessary Resources
iv. Primary Barriers and Issues
v. Grading
vi. Wellbeing
Survey Respondent Demographics (%)

- Total Responses: 1,202

- Booth, 20.1%
- SSD, 17.9%
- PSD, 9.7%
- Humanities, 8.6%
- Harris, 9.3%
- Divinity, 4.3%
- PME, 4.2%
- Pritzker, 4.9%
- SSA, 5.8%
- BSD, 9.5%
- Law, 0.6%
- Graham, 4.9%

Category 1:
- Professional Degree: 45.6%
- Masters Degree: 31.7%
- Doctoral Degree: 20.6%
Geographic Distribution

Current Living Situation

- On Campus / in Hyde Park, 31.4%
- Off Campus in Chicago, 34.1%
- At home with family, 17.4%
- At a friend's house, 0.9%
- With a spouse/partner, 12.8%
- Temporarily living alone, 1.3%

Permanent Address

- International, 22.2%
- U.S., 77.8%

Current Address

- International, 4.7%
- U.S., 95.3%
Thoughts for the Upcoming Fall Quarter (Part 1)

No clear consensus among survey respondents with regard to the most preferred method of instruction for fall quarter.

1. Hybrid Approach (Virtual & In-Person Components) (2.12)
2. Full Quarter In-Person (Identical to Fall 2019) (2.60)
3. Online with Possibility of Return Mid-Quarter (2.71)
4. Full Quarter Online (Identical to Spring 2020) (2.95)

Note: number in parentheses indicates the average rank, i.e. (2.12) indicates an average position of 2.12 across all ranked lists created by survey respondents for the associated issue.

Text responses were emphatic and divided regarding these specific options.

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Thoughts for the Upcoming Fall Quarter (Part 2)

Leave of absence likelihood if fall quarter were to be held online

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Ranked List of Critical Resources for Student Success

1. Financial Support (2.75)
2. Physical Space (2.87)
3. Health and Wellbeing Resources (4.12)
4. Sense of Community / Connection (4.21)
5. Technological Resources and Support (4.76)
6. Family Support (5.32)

- 56% of students ranked financial support as #1 or #2
- 50% of students ranked physical space as #1 or #2
Most Helpful Spring Quarter Resources

1. Academic Resources (e.g. access to journals, virtual office hours, etc.) - 45%
2. Student Life & Engagement Resources (Zoom socials, virtual happy hours, etc.) - 23%
3. Financial Resources (student storage, student life fee reimbursement, etc.) - 12%
4. Other General Resources - 11%
5. Health and Wellbeing Resources - 8%
Primary Barriers and Issues (Part 1)

1. Emotional and mental wellbeing
2. Lack of in-person learning materials and opportunities
3. Lack of physical space to live/work/study
4. Increased familial duties
5. Lack of academic support
Primary Barriers and Issues (Part 2)

#6 (7.6%)
Lack of financial stability → Inability to pay rent

#7 (7.0%)
Lack of travel flexibility (visa, ban, etc.) → N/A

#8 (6.9%)
Barrier to using technology → Access to stable wifi

#9 (4.9%)
Coordination across time zones → Over 20% of respondents are not in the Central Time Zone

#10 (3.3%)
Illness (family or personal) → 7.9% of respondents have been diagnosed, or have a family member, with Covid-19

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Changes to the Grading Scale

Pre-COVID Grading Scale

- Letter Grade, 89.5%
- Pass/Fail, 6.1%
- Pass/Fail with Honors, 0.7%
- Other, 3.7%

- Out of the respondents, 51% reported that there had been a change to their department’s grading scale as a result of the pandemic.

- Changes reported included:
  - Moving from letter grades to pass/fail
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  - Keeping letter grades but adjusting the overall grading curve
Physical and Emotional Wellbeing

Changes in Physical and Emotional Health as a Result of the Pandemic