

Dartmouth College  
Senior Surveys  
Changes in Satisfaction Measures  
1998 to 2006

Survey Item	Response	Class of 1998	Class of 2000	Class of 2002	Class of 2004	Class of 2006
Overall satisfaction with undergraduate education	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	89%	88%	88%	91%	91%
Recommend Alma Mater	% probably would or definitely would	79%	76%	74%	85%	85%
Availability of courses you wanted to take	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	90%	87%	87%	87%	88%
Pre-major academic advising	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	28%	28%	31%	30%	35%
Academic advising in your major	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	56%	54%	64%	61%	68%
Out of class availability of faculty	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	96%	93%	98%	96%	98%
Opportunities to participate in research with faculty *	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	82%	83%	79%	80%	82%
Size of classes	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	92%	89%	91%	93%	91%
Interdisciplinary courses	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	78%	80%	64%	63%	85%
Courses in your major field	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	89%	90%	90%	91%	94%
Classrooms **	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	---	---	95%	96%	97%
Laboratory facilities and equipment ***	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	94%	92%	93%	95%	95%

\* Slightly different wording used in 1998 and 2000: "Opportunities to participate in original research."

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Foreign language facilities	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	95%	93%	93%	90%	93%
Computer facilities and resources *	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	93%	82%	91%	95%	95%
Computer services and support **	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	---	---	84%	82%	83%
Library facilities and resources	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	97%	96%	96%	96%	97%
Athletic facilities	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	78%	69%	65%	62%	76%
Administration's responsiveness to student concerns	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	51%	38%	43%	47%	56%
Career services ***	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	64%	55%	52%	52%	64%
Financial aid office	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	86%	78%	67%	78%	82%
Food services	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	71%	77%	84%	84%	86%
Psychological counseling services	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	80%	66%	71%	74%	75%
Registrar's office ****	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	---	---	59%	63%	83%

\* Slightly different wording used in 1998 and 2000: "Computer services & facilities."

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\*\*\* Slightly different wording used in 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2004: "Career counseling and placement."

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Survey Item	Response	Class of 1998	Class of 2000	Class of 2002	Class of 2004	Class of 2006
Overall quality of instruction	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	96%	96%	95%	95%	96%
Student health services	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	64%	55%	52%	61%	71%
Student housing facilities *	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	75%	66%	68%	78%	83%
Student housing office/services **	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	---	---	63%	74%	83%
Opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	94%	94%	94%	95%	97%
Social life on campus	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	75%	73%	73%	82%	82%
Extracurricular speakers, cultural offerings, and events	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	90%	83%	93%	91%	92%
Climate for minority students	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	56%	44%	56%	62%	66%
Sense of community on campus	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	72%	73%	78%	87%	86%
Ethnic/racial diversity of the campus	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	59%	48%	55%	66%	71%
Recreational and intramural athletic opportunities	% generally satisfied or very satisfied	94%	91%	89%	92%	90%

\* Slightly different wording used in 1998 and 2000: "Student housing."

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Changes in Knowledge and Skills  
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Survey Item *	Response	Class of 1998	Class of 2000	Class of 2002	Class of 2004	Class of 2006
Communicate well orally	% stronger now or much stronger now	77%	79%	76%	79%	78%
Think analytically and logically	% stronger now or much stronger now	90%	92%	82%	85%	85%
Lead and supervise tasks and groups of people	% stronger now or much stronger now	70%	71%	69%	72%	75%
Relate well to people of different races, nations and religions	% stronger now or much stronger now	60%	61%	60%	59%	66%
Identify moral and ethical issues	% stronger now or much stronger now	67%	68%	67%	63%	65%
Appreciate art, literature, music, drama	% stronger now or much stronger now	69%	66%	68%	67%	73%
Acquire broad knowledge in the arts and sciences	% stronger now or much stronger now	77%	76%	82%	83%	84%
Develop an awareness of social problems	% stronger now or much stronger now	63%	64%	75%	75%	81%
Develop self-esteem/self-confidence	% stronger now or much stronger now	67%	69%	69%	72%	71%
Evaluate the role of science and technology in society	% stronger now or much stronger now	58%	57%	61%	60%	65%
Write effectively	% stronger now or much stronger now	86%	85%	83%	87%	84%

\* All items presented here used different scales of measurement in 1998 and 2000: 1) not at all, 2) a little, 3) moderately, and 4) greatly.