

**CENTER FOR SURVEY RESEARCH
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY**

**MIDDLE STATES REACCREDITATION SURVEY
– ALUMNI QUESTIONNAIRE**

Note: Sample is based on alums who graduated between 1990 and 2000

Question INTRO

Hello, may I speak to _____ please?

My name is _____ and I am calling from the Center for Survey Research at Stony Brook University. We are conducting a survey of Stony Brook alumni to assess their educational experiences for the purpose of reaccreditation of the University. This study is funded by the Office of the Provost. Your name was selected at random from a list of Stony Brook alumni. The survey only takes about 15-20 minutes. We will skip over any questions you don't want to answer, and all of your answers will remain confidential. Now, if I have your permission, we'll begin.

1. Continue, begin interview
2. Schedule callback with the respondent
3. Hang up/Refusal by the respondent
4. Currently a student at Stony Brook – not eligible

ADDITIONAL INTRO FOR GRADUATE ALUMNI:

INTRO2

We are interested in your Graduate Student experiences, but for our records, I'd just like to ask whether you received your undergraduate degree from Stony Brook as well?

[DO NOT READ]

1. Yes
2. No [SKIP TO Q1]
9. Don't know/refused [SKIP TO Q1]

INTRO3

Again, I would ask that you please consider your GRADUATE experiences when answering the questions today.

EVERYONE GETS THIS:

Q1. Looking back, to what extent did the courses you took at Stony Brook improve your ability to write clearly and effectively?

1. very much
 2. quite a bit
 3. somewhat
 4. very little
 5. not at all
- [DO NOT READ]

8. don't know
9. no answer

Q2. To what extent did the courses you took at Stony Brook successfully provide you with specific job or work-related skills?

1. very much
2. quite a bit
3. somewhat
4. very little
5. not at all
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q3. To what extent did the courses you took at Stony Brook help you to generate interesting ideas and think about things in a different way?

1. very much
2. quite a bit
3. somewhat
4. very little
5. not at all
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q4. To what extent did the courses you took at Stony Brook teach you to think critically?

1. very much
2. quite a bit
3. somewhat
4. very little
5. not at all
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q5. To what extent did the courses you took at Stony Brook teach you the analytical skills necessary to solve problems in general?

1. very much
2. quite a bit
3. somewhat
4. very little
5. not at all
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q6. To what extent did ACADEMIC REPUTATION such as the quality of classes and teachers influence your decision to attend Stony Brook? Was it

1. a great deal
2. some
3. a little
4. or not at all?
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q7. To what extent did the strength of the programs in your field of interest influence your decision to attend Stony Brook? Was it

1. a great deal
2. some
3. a little
4. or not at all?
- [DO NOT READ]
8. Not sure, Don't know
9. Refused

FOR GRADUATES, GO TO Q13
FOR UNDERGRADUATES GO TO Q8

UNDERGRADUATES ONLY

Q8. Did you come to Stony Brook as

1. a freshman
2. or a transfer student
- DO NOT READ
7. Something else _____ (specify)
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q9. When you came to Stony Brook, were you expecting to focus on

1. a health related field --> GO TO Q10
2. computer Science --> SKIP TO Q11
3. something else _____ --> SKIP TO Q11
4. or did you not know what field you would study? --> SKIP TO Q11
- DO NOT READ
9. no answer

HEALTH RELATED FIELD ONLY

Q10. Did you have a specific concentration in mind [as a health science major]?

1. pre-Med
2. nursing
3. social Welfare
4. or something else
- DO NOT READ
9. no answer

Q11. Did you change your _____ major and/or career objectives throughout the course of your studies?

[For example, from Pre-Med to something else]

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no --> SKIP TO Q13
9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q13

Q12. What is the main reason you decided to change your major and/or career objectives? Was it because

1. your initial field of study was too difficult
2. you were not getting the grades you expected
3. you were not getting enough individual attention from your instructors
4. it was difficult to register for the required classes
5. your interests changed
6. you decided that your field of study was not marketable
7. or something else _____

DO NOT READ

8. don't know
9. no answer

EVERYONE

WINCATI NOTE: WORDING CHANGE FOR UNDERGRADUATES/GRADUATES

Q13. What was the (“major” for UNDERGRADUATES) (“discipline” for GRADUATES) you graduated with from Stony Brook?

DO NOT READ

9. no answer

ONLY UNDERGRADUATES

Q14. As a student, did you seek advice from anyone at the ACADEMIC ADVISING OFFICE on how to select your major and plan your course schedule ?

[IF NECESSARY: The academic advising office is/was located in the library on the third/second floor]

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no
8. don't know
9. no answer

EVERYONE

WINCATI NOTE: WORDING CHANGE FOR UNDERGRADUATES/GRADUATES

Q15.[As a student] Did you seek advice from a FACULTY MEMBER in an academic department on how to _____ (“select your major and plan your course schedule” FOR UNDERGRADUATES) (“plan your course schedule” FOR GRADUATES) ?

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no

8. don't know
9. no answer

WINCATI NOTE: WORDING CHANGE FOR UNDERGRADUATES/GRADUATES

Q16.[As a student] Did you seek advice from a STAFF MEMBER in an academic department on how to _____ (“select your major and plan your course schedule” FOR UNDERGRADUATES) (“plan your course schedule” FOR GRADUATES) ?

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q17.[As a student] Did you seek advice from anyone at the CAREER CENTER on how to develop your career plans?

[IF NECESSARY: The career center is located in the basement of the library]

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q18.[As a student] Did you seek advice from a FACULTY MEMBER on how to develop your career plans?

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q19. Was there someone else on campus from whom you sought advice on how _____ (“select your major and plan your course schedule” FOR UNDERGRADUATES) (“plan your course schedule” FOR GRADUATES) or develop your career plans?

DO NOT READ

1. yes --Q20a for Undergrads; Q20b for grads.
2. no --> SKIP TO Q21
8. don't know --> SKIP TO Q21
9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q21

FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Q20a. What position did this person hold on campus? Were they

1. an athletic Coach
2. a residence hall director
3. an RA
4. a friend
4. or someone else _____ (specify)

DO NOT READ

8. don't know
9. no answer

FOR GRADUATES

Q20b. What position did this person hold on campus?

_____ (specify)

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

Q21. Overall, how satisfied were you with the quality of ACADEMIC advice that you received at Stony Brook?

1. very satisfied

2. somewhat satisfied

3. not very satisfied

4. not at all satisfied

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

Q22A. Overall, how satisfied were you with the quality of CAREER advice that you received at Stony Brook?

1. very satisfied

2. somewhat satisfied

3. not very satisfied

4. not at all satisfied

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

Q23. As a student, did you ever live on campus?

DO NOT READ

1. yes

2. no --> SKIP TO Q24

9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q24

Q24. How long did you live on campus? Was it for

1. one semester

2. two semesters

3. between one and two years

4. between two and three years

5. for your entire undergraduate studies

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

Q25. While you were a student, did you belong to any organizations, teams, clubs, sororities, fraternities, or residential programs?

DO NOT READ

1. yes

2. no --> SKIP TO Q27

8. don't know --> SKIP TO Q27

9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q27

Q26. Overall, how active were you in these organizations?

1. very active
 2. somewhat active
 3. not very active
 4. or not at all active
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
 9. no answer

Q27. To what extent, if at all, did your participation in these organizations help you prepare for your chosen career?

1. a great deal
 2. somewhat
 3. not much
 4. not at all
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
 9. no answer

Q28. While you were a student, did you take an internship off campus or work part time at a job related to your field of interest?

- DO NOT READ
1. yes
 2. no --> SKIP TO Q29
 9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q29

Q29. How valuable was this experience in helping you gain entry into your chosen career?

1. very valuable
 2. somewhat valuable
 3. not very valuable
 4. not at all valuable
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
 9. no answer

Q30. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the education you received at Stony Brook?

1. Excellent
 2. Very good
 3. Good
 4. Fair
 5. Poor
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know
 9. no answer

Q31. Overall, how would you rate the quality of the social life when you were at Stony Brook, [including cultural events, social activities, intramural athletics, etc.] ?

1. Excellent
2. Very good
3. Good
4. Fair
5. Poor
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q32. Overall, how intellectually challenging was it to obtain a degree from Stony Brook?

1. very intellectually challenging
2. somewhat
3. not very
4. not at all
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q33. Overall, how satisfied were you with the amount and quality of contact you had with faculty in your field of study at Stony Brook?

1. very satisfied
2. somewhat satisfied
3. not very satisfied
4. not at all satisfied
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q34. Taking everything into account, if you had the chance to make the decision over again, would you enroll at Stony Brook?

1. Definitely yes --> SKIP TO Q35
2. Probably yes --> SKIP TO Q35
3. Probably no
4. Definitely no
- [DO NOT READ]
8. don't know --> SKIP TO Q35
9. refused --> SKIP TO Q35

Q35. Why not?

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8. Don't Know
 9. no answer

Q36. Since you completed your Stony Brook education, have you enrolled in another undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree?

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no --> SKIP TO Q39
9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q39

Q37. Did you

1. complete the program,
2. are you still working on it --> SKIP TO Q37b
3. or did you decide not to continue --> SKIP TO Q37c
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer

FOR THOSE WHO COMPLETED ADDITIONAL DEGREE

Q38. What degree did you receive?

1. an additional Bachelors degree
2. a Masters degree
3. a Ph.D
4. a JD [law degree]
5. an MD [medical degree]
6. or something else _____
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer--> SKIP TO Q39

FOR THOSE WORKING TOWARDS COMPLETION OF ADDITIONAL DEGREE

Q37b. What is the degree that you will receive?

1. an additional Bachelors degree--> SKIP TO Q38b
2. a Masters degree --> SKIP TO Q38b
3. a Ph.D --> SKIP TO Q38b
4. a JD [law degree] --> SKIP TO Q38b
5. an MD [medical degree] --> SKIP TO Q38b
6. or something else _____ --> SKIP TO Q38b
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer--> SKIP TO Q39

FOR THOSE WHO DECIDED NOT TO COMPLETE THE ADDITIONAL DEGREE

Q37c. What is the degree that you would have received

1. an additional Bachelors degree--> SKIP TO Q38c
2. a Masters degree --> SKIP TO Q38c
3. a Ph.D --> SKIP TO Q38c
4. a JD [law degree] --> SKIP TO Q38c
5. an MD [medical degree] --> SKIP TO Q38c
6. or something else _____ --> SKIP TO Q38c
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know --> SKIP TO Q39
9. no answer--> SKIP TO Q39

FOR THOSE WHO COMPLETED ADDITIONAL DEGREE

Q39. From which university or college did/will you/would you have obtain(ed) this degree?

DO NOT READ

9. no answer

FOR THOSE WORKING TOWARDS COMPLETION OF ADDITIONAL DEGREE

Q38b. From which university or college will you obtain this degree?

DO NOT READ

9. no answer

FOR THOSE WHO DECIDED NOT TO COMPLETE THE ADDITIONAL DEGREE

Q38c. From which university or college would you have obtained a degree?

DO NOT READ

9. no answer

ASK EVERYONE

Q40. What is your usual occupation?

[IF NECESSARY: What exactly do you do at work?]

DO NOT READ

7. not employed --> SKIP TO Q44

8. retired --> SKIP TO Q44

9. no answer

Q41. Are you currently employed?

DO NOT READ

1. yes

2. no --> SKIP TO Q44

9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q44

ONLY EMPLOYED

Q42. How closely related is your current job to your Stony Brook field of study?

1. very related

2. somewhat related

3. not very related

4. not at all related

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

ONLY EMPLOYED

Q43. Roughly how many full-time employees work for your current employer?

1. 1-10

2. 11-25

3. 26-50

4. 51-100

5. 100 or more

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

ONLY EMPLOYED

Q44. Do you have any regular professional, business, or social contact with any Stony Brook graduates?

1. yes

2. no

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

ASK EVERYONE

Q45. In your view, how useful was Stony Brook's academic reputation in helping you to get a job?

1. very useful

2. somewhat useful

3. not very useful

4. not at all useful

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

Q46. In your view, how useful was Stony Brook's academic reputation in helping you to get a job IN YOUR FIELD OF INTEREST?

1. very useful

2. somewhat useful

3. not very useful

4. not at all useful

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

Q47. Was there a specific Stony Brook course, research project, or extracurricular activity that was particularly helpful in preparing you for a career in your chosen field?

DO NOT READ

1. yes

2. no --> SKIP TO Q48

9. no answer --> SKIP TO Q48

Q48. Was it

1. a specific course

2. an independent research project

3. an independent creative project

4. a lab

5. something else _____

DO NOT READ

8. don't know

9. no answer

Q49. How connected do you feel to Stony Brook University at the present time?

1. very connected
2. somewhat connected
3. not very connected
4. not at all connected
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q50. Since your graduation, have you ever visited the Stony Brook campus?

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no --> SKIP TO Q51
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q51. Since your graduation, have you ever attended homecoming, a reunion, a sporting event, or visited the Staller Center at Stony Brook?

DO NOT READ

1. yes
2. no
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q52. How much do you value your degree from Stony Brook?

1. a great deal
2. somewhat
3. not much
4. not at all
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q53. When you speak with other people, how proud do you feel to be a Stony Brook graduate?

1. very proud
2. somewhat proud
3. not very proud
4. not at all proud
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q54. How often do you recommend Stony Brook to others as a place for undergraduate studies?

1. very often
2. somewhat often
3. not very often
4. not at all often
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know

9. no answer

Q55. How likely are you to recommend someone with an undergraduate degree from Stony Brook to a current or future employer?

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Not very likely
4. Not at all likely
- DO NOT READ
5. it depends on the person
6. question does not apply
8. don't know
9. no answer

Q55 Looking back, what would you say was the biggest weakness of the University when you were a student at Stony Brook.? Would you say

1. academics (faculty, courses)
2. social life
3. administration
4. facilities
4. or something else? _____

Q56. Looking back, what was your most valuable experience at Stony Brook?

- _____
- DO NOT READ
8. don't know
 9. no answer

END: Thank you very much for your participation and time.

Q57. Question SEX

[INTERVIEWER: DO NOT READ]

Enter Respondent's sex:

1. male
2. female
3. couldn't tell