

NPS Alumni Survey 2011

You have been selected to participate in a survey of Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) alumni. Answering these questions will provide you the opportunity to evaluate and comment on the educational processes you experienced at NPS now that you are out in the field.

The results of the survey will be used by the NPS leadership to improve NPS. This is your opportunity to provide NPS with frank feedback on what worked well and what did not.

No tangible compensation will be given for participation in the survey. If you agree to participate, you are free to withdraw at any time without prejudice. Upon completion of the research, a copy of the final report will be available from Dr. Fran Horvath, Director of Institutional Planning and Communications. Your participation in this survey is voluntary, although your input is extremely valuable for the improvement of NPS.

Please note that all survey records and data will be kept strictly confidential. Your participation in the survey and your responses to the survey will not be disclosed outside of the research team. Survey results will only be reported in the aggregate so that individual responses cannot be determined.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this survey, please contact Dr. Fran Horvath, Director of Institutional Planning and Communications at 831-656-3985 or anhamza@nps.edu.

1. Statement of Consent. I have read the above information. I agree to participate in NPS Alumni Survey.

- YES
- NO

Please note: throughout the survey, an asterisk (*) in front of the question indicates a mandatory question. All mandatory questions must be answered to submit the survey correctly. Please answer all questions as completely as possible. The scroll bar at the top keeps you updated on how much of the survey you've completed.

***2. While enrolled at NPS what was your branch of service?**

- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Marine Corps
- U.S. Navy
- Other Non-Military Service
- Non-U.S. Service

***3. What is your current status?**

- Active Duty
- Retired
- Reserves
- Civilian

***4. Please further specify your status as a retiree:**

- Retired Military from Active Duty
- Retired Military from Reserves
- Retired Civilian Employed by Federal Government
- Retired Civilian Employed elsewhere

***5. Please further specify your status as a reservist:**

- Reserves - with previous active duty experience
- Reserves - Civilian Employed by Federal Government
- Reserves - Civilian Employed elsewhere

***6. Please further specify your status as a civilian:**

- Civilian employed by Federal Government
- Civilian employed elsewhere

Active Duty Military

*7. What is your current grade?

- 06
- 05
- 04
- 03
- 02
- 01
- Other (please specify)

*8. How many years have you been an officer?

- 20 or more
- 11 to 19
- 10 or fewer

Retired Military Officer

*9. What was your highest grade?

- 10
- 09
- 08
- 07
- 06
- 05
- 04
- 03
- 02
- 01

*10. How many years were you an officer?

- 10 or fewer
- 11 to 19
- 20 or more

***11. To what extent did you find your course work at NPS relevant to your military career?**

- Low relevance Moderate relevance High relevance No relevance

Please comment

***12. Did you do a payback tour utilizing your sub-specialty following your graduation from NPS?**

- Yes
 No

***13. To what extent have you found your NPS education useful in any of your subsequent **OPERATIONAL** assignments?**

- Less than useful Useful More than useful

Please comment

***14. Which one of your NPS courses, if any, have you found most useful in your **OPERATIONAL** assignments after NPS?**

***15. Following your NPS graduation, did you later become a **Commanding Officer** or **Commander** of an operational unit or shore organization?**

- Yes
 No

***16. Following your NPS graduation, did you eventually become a major program manager or a department head?**

- Yes
 No

***17. If you are a civilian now, to what extent have you found your NPS education to be useful in your current employment?**

- Less than useful Useful More than useful Military - Not applicable

Please comment

***18. At what college or university did you receive your bachelor's degree? (If more than one, please indicate them all.)**

***19. Did you have a post-baccalaureate degree before enrolling at NPS?**

- Yes
 No

***20. What was your average grade as an UNDERGRADUATE?**

***21. Please indicate the level of ease for you to transition SOCIALLY from military or other government duty to student life at NPS?**

- Relatively difficult
 Relatively moderate
 Relatively easy

***22. Please indicate the level of ease for you to transition ACADEMICALLY from military or other government duty to student life at NPS?**

- Relatively difficult
 Relatively moderate
 Relatively easy

***23. Did the amount of your NPS course work seem generally appropriate to the requirements of your degree(s) or certificate(s)?**

- Yes
 No

***24. Did you have a satisfactory relationship with your NPS curricular/program officer or officers?**

- Yes
 No
 Not Applicable

Please comment

***25. How would you generally rate faculty relationships with students at NPS?**

- Cool
 Indifferent
 Warm

***26. While a student at NPS, approximately how many hours in a typical week of about 100 active hours did you spend on each of the following? (Please respond with one answer for each activity)**

	10 or less	11-20	21-30	31-40	41 or more
Class attendance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outside employment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family or other personal	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

***27. What best describes the FREQUENCY with which you used the following NPS facilities or services? (Please respond with one answer for each service)**

	At least once a day	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least once a quarter	Never	Other
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Computer Labs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bookstore	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scheduling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Laboratories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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*28. How would you generally rate the QUALITY of the following NPS services or facilities? (Please respond with one answer for each service)

	Less than adequate	Adequate	More than adequate
Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Computer services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Computer access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bookstore	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registration	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scheduling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Laboratories	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please comment

*29. Generally rate the following at NPS (Please respond with one answer for each):

	Less than adequate	Adequate	More than adequate
Overall quality of instruction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of faculty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of contact with faculty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Currency of course content	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevance of education to national security and/or defense	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*30. How would you rate the advising you received for your thesis, dissertation, or terminal-project at NPS?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent
- Did not seek advisement

Please comment

***31. Was your thesis or culminating project directly relevant to military operations?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Not Applicable

Why or why not?

***32. Was your thesis or culminating project directly relevant to your military career?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Not Applicable

Why or why not?

33. If a recipient of an NPS doctorate, how helpful were your advisors in preparing you for successive academic hurdles on the way to your degree?

- Less than helpful
- Helpful
- More than helpful

***34. Did you attend any workshops to help you write your thesis or dissertation?**

- Yes
- No

***35. Indicate the "importance" to your career of the following abilities:**

	Low importance	Moderate importance	High importance
Decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analytical skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teamwork	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ethics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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***36. Indicate the extent to which your experience at NPS has enhanced the following abilities:**

	Low Enhancement	Moderate Enhancement	High Enhancement
Decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Analytical skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teamwork	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Research	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ethics	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please comment

***37. Would you recommend attendance at NPS to any other service members or Department of Defense employees?**

- Yes
 No

***38. What one thing did you value most about NPS?**

***39. What one thing did you value least about NPS?**

40. What changes would you recommend at NPS?

41. For future correspondence with NPS, please provide a permanent email address:

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Thank you for your responses. Your efforts will assist NPS in evaluating its programs for future military and defense personnel. A summary of results, when completed, will be placed on the NPS website (www.nps.edu). Please check out the new website designed just for you as an Alumnus of NPS. Catch up with old friends through the online community, view the most recent videos, find yourself in one of the "historical photos", plus much more. (www.nps.edu/alumni) [click here](#)