Vytautas Magnus University Alumni Survey Results: Studies from the Alumni Perspective

June – July 2022







The survey of alumni was conducted in June and July 2022.

The goal was to determine the opinion of Vytautas Magnus University (further – University, VMU) alumni in 2021 about studies and their preparation for professional activities.

Respondents: VMU students who had studied in bachelor, master, integrated and professional study programmes and were surveyed one year after graduation.

The respondents' answers about their studies are presented below.

201 alumni (7,90% of VMU alumni) completed the survey – 105 of bachelor, 88 master, 7 integrated and 1 professional studies alumni.

Respondents in Faculties / Academies

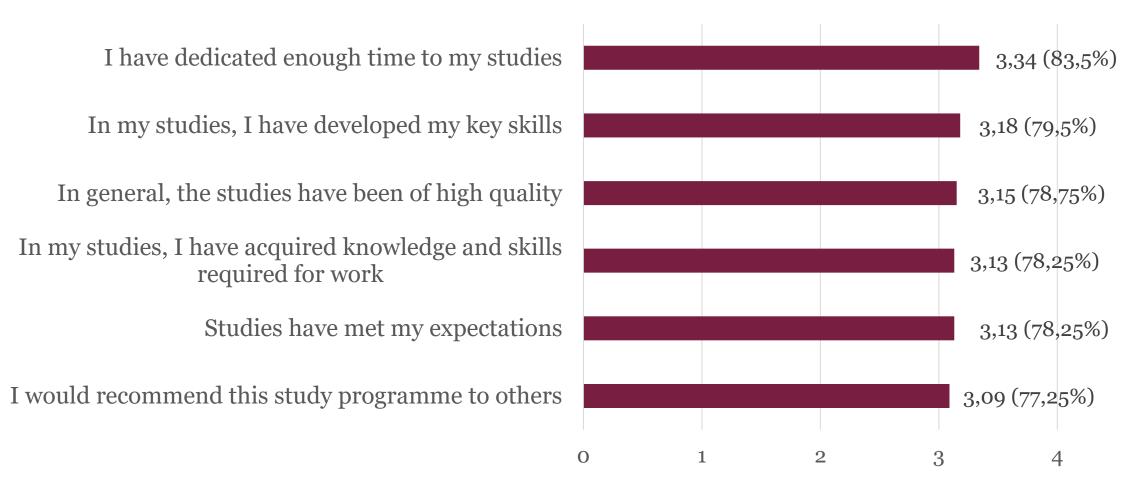


| Faculty / Academy | Number of respondents | Number of alumni | Percentage of surveyed alumni | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 1. Faculty of Economics and Management (FEM) | 34 | 252 | 13,49% | |
| 2. Faculty of Natural Sciences (FNS) | 1 | 153 | 0,65% | |
| 3. Faculty of Humanities (FH) | 32 | 230 | 13,91% | |
| 4. Faculty of Informatics (FI) | 12 | 73 | 16,44% | |
| 5. Faculty of Catholic Theology (FCT) | 4 | 34 | 11,76% | |
| 6. Faculty of Arts (FA) | 11 | 94 | 11,70% | |
| 7. Music Academy (MA) | 2 | 83 | 2,41% | |
| 8. Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy (FPSD) | 9 | 225 | 4,00% | |
| 9. Faculty of Social Sciences (FSS) | 15 | 166 | 9,04% | |
| 10. Education Academy (EA) | 25 | 578 | 4,33% | |
| 11. Faculty of Law (FL) | 11 | 108 | 10,19% | |
| 12. Agriculture Academy (AA) | 45 | 547 | 8,23% | |
| In total: | 201 | 2543 | 7,90% | |

Summarised Evaluation of Studies



6 statements, answers from "agree" – 4 to "disagree" – 1; "I do not know, hard to say" (o) – eliminated.



Statements

Averages of evaluations and percentage (%)

Evaluation of Studies in Faculties / Academies



6 statements, answers from "agree" -4 to "disagree" -1; "I do not know, hard to say" (0) - eliminated. Answers by faculty are provided in cases where the percentage of respondents is 10 and more.

| Faculty / Academy | Averages of evaluations and percentage (%) | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|
| Statements | All respondents | FEM | FH | FI | FCT | FA | FL | | |
| I have dedicated enough time to my studies | 3,34 | 3,3 | 3,41 | 3,27 | 3 | 3,09 | 3,5 | | |
| | (83,5%) | (82,5%) | (85,25%) | (81,75%) | (75%) | (77,25%) | (87,5%) | | |
| In my studies, I have developed my key skills | 3,18 | 3,06 | 3,4 | 3,09 | 3,5 | 3 | 3,22 | | |
| | (79,5%) | (76,5%) | (85%) | (77,25%) | (87,5%) | (75%) | (80,5%) | | |
| In general, the studies have been of high quality | 3,15 | 3,21 | 3,19 | 2,91 | 3,75 | 2,5 | 3,09 | | |
| | (78,75%) | (80,25%) | (79,75%) | (72,25%) | (93,75%) | (62,5%) | (77,25%) | | |
| In my studies, I have acquired knowledge and skills required for work | 3,13 | 2,88 | 3,07 | 3 | 3,5 | 2,67 | 3,5 | | |
| | (78,25%) | (72%) | (76,75%) | (75%) | (87,5%) | (66,75%) | (87,5%) | | |
| Studies have met my expectations | 3,13 | 3,06 | 3,13 | 2,82 | 4 | 2,67 | 3,3 | | |
| | (78,25%) | (76,5%) | (78,25%) | (70,5%) | (100%) | (66,75%) | (82,5%) | | |
| I would recommend this study programme to others | 3,09 | 2,94 | 3,13 | 3,1 | 4 | 2,4 | 3,3 | | |
| | (77,25%) | (73,50%) | (78,25%) | (77,5%) | (100%) | (60%) | (82,5%) | | |

Summary of Alumni Comments (1):



What did you like the most about studying at VMU?

Opportunities for students to get involved in volunteering, mentoring, Student Council's and art groups' activities.

Discussions, practical sessions, useful assignments, study trips during lectures and seminars, easily accessible study material.

Optional attendance of lectures and possibilities to combine studies with work, family and favourite activities.

Competent, professional teachers who are willing to help students, communicate respectfully and are supportive.

Comfortable and modern University buildings and the welcoming, safe and friendly atmosphere created by the community.

Possibilities to individualize studies by choosing Group A courses, minor studies, internships, learning foreign languages and by study exchange programmes at universities abroad.

Summary of Alumni' Comments (2):



What did you missed the most about studying at VMU?

More detailed and honest feedback from teachers: comments on completed assignments, praise, encouragement or constructive criticism.

More varied study methods in lectures, and homework assignments that encourage students' creativity.

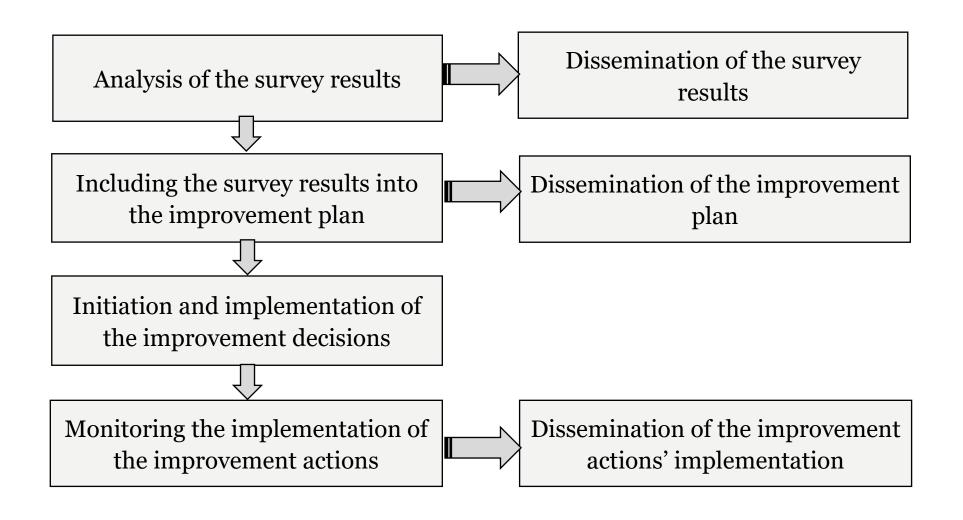
Some courses lack up-to-date information and sources relevant to today's issues.

Involvement in research activities, encouragement to participate in conferences, to write scientific papers and to prepare for PhD studies.

Career counselling for both Lithuanian and international students, who want to find a job after their studies in Lithuania.



Using the Survey Results: The Role of the Study Programme Committee (Field Committee)



THANK YOU FOR COOPERATION!

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