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# Descriptives

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## *Message from the Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness*

Dear WesternU Community:

This year we evaluated both the First Year and Graduating Student Surveys and worked on making them more applicable to the individual needs of each program and/or college while still maintaining the overarching goals of Western University as a whole. We hope that you find these changes informative and helpful when you receive your official report in September. You can take a sneak peak at some of the preliminary data we have so far on pages 2-3 of the newsletter.

Also, this summer we will be conducting our biennial IRE Customer Satisfaction Survey. Please help us out by filling out the survey. It will be going out in August. As always, please let us know if you have questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Juan Ramirez, Ph.D.

Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness

## IRE Announcements

### New Hire

Please welcome Satoko Siegal, the newest addition to IRE. Satoko will be our Assessment Coordinator starting on July 1.

### WASC Visit

The University will be hosting a WASC site visit October 22–24.

### Updated IRE Website

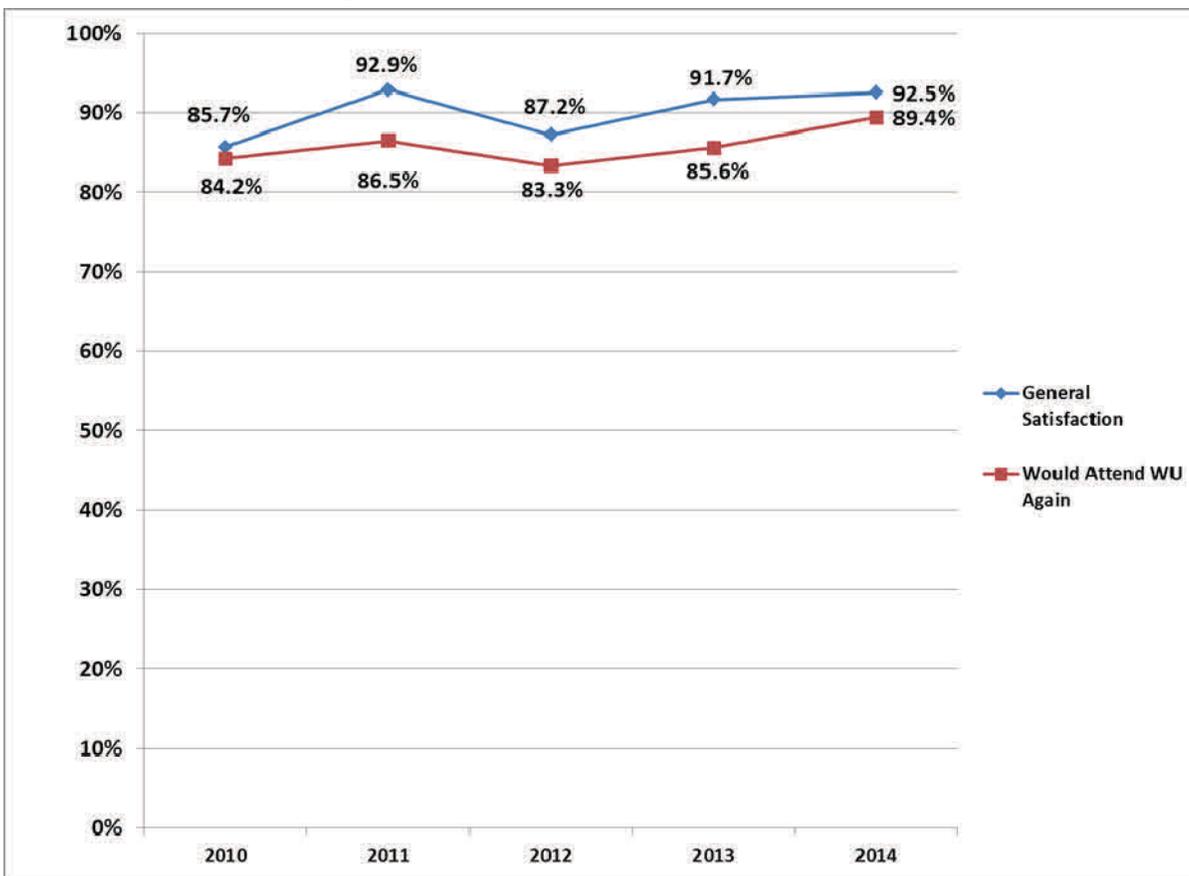
Please note our website has been updated. See the newest changes here:

<http://www.westernu.edu/ire/ire-welcome/ire-welcome-message/>

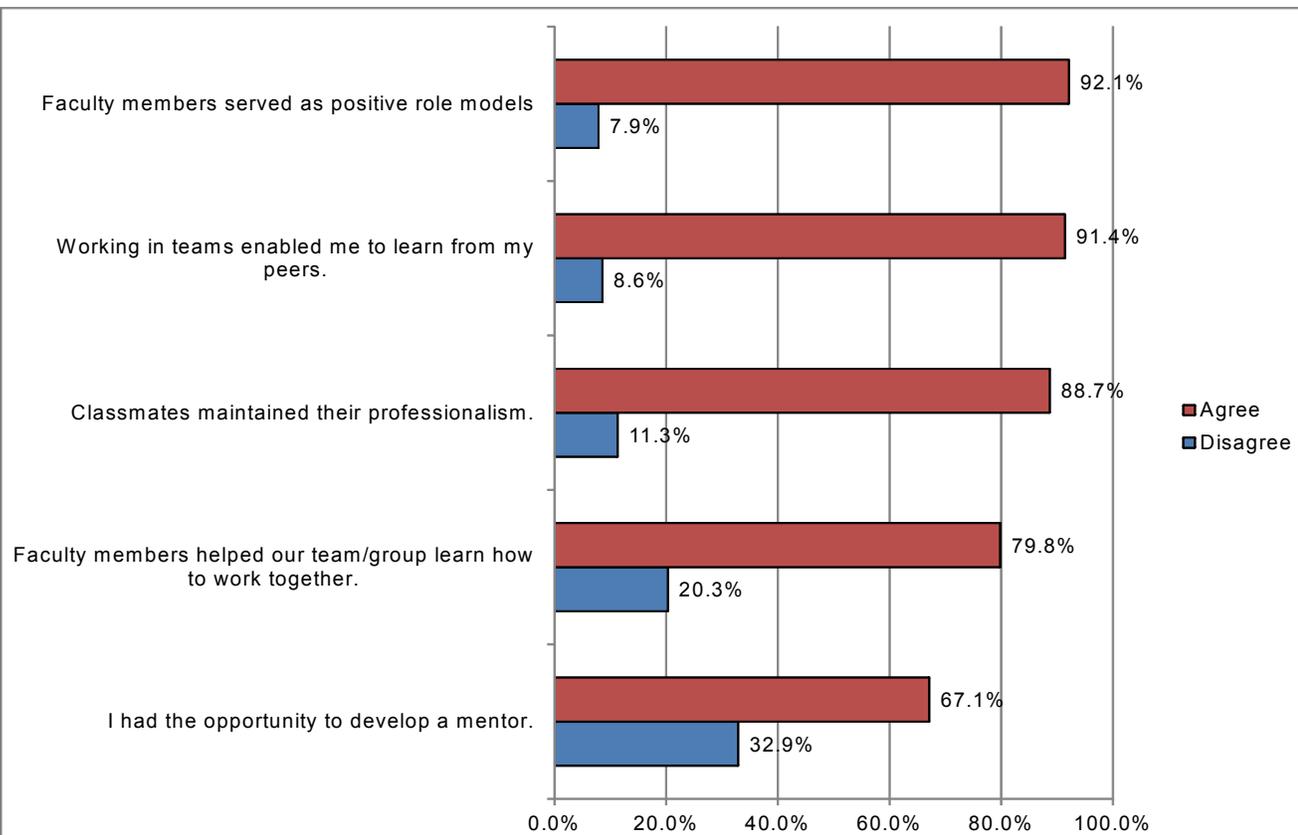
### IRE Survey Request Form

Did you know that we have an online survey request form? If you need assistance with a survey, data analysis or anything else please request our services here: [IRE Survey Requests](#)

## First Year Student Survey 2014: General Satisfaction

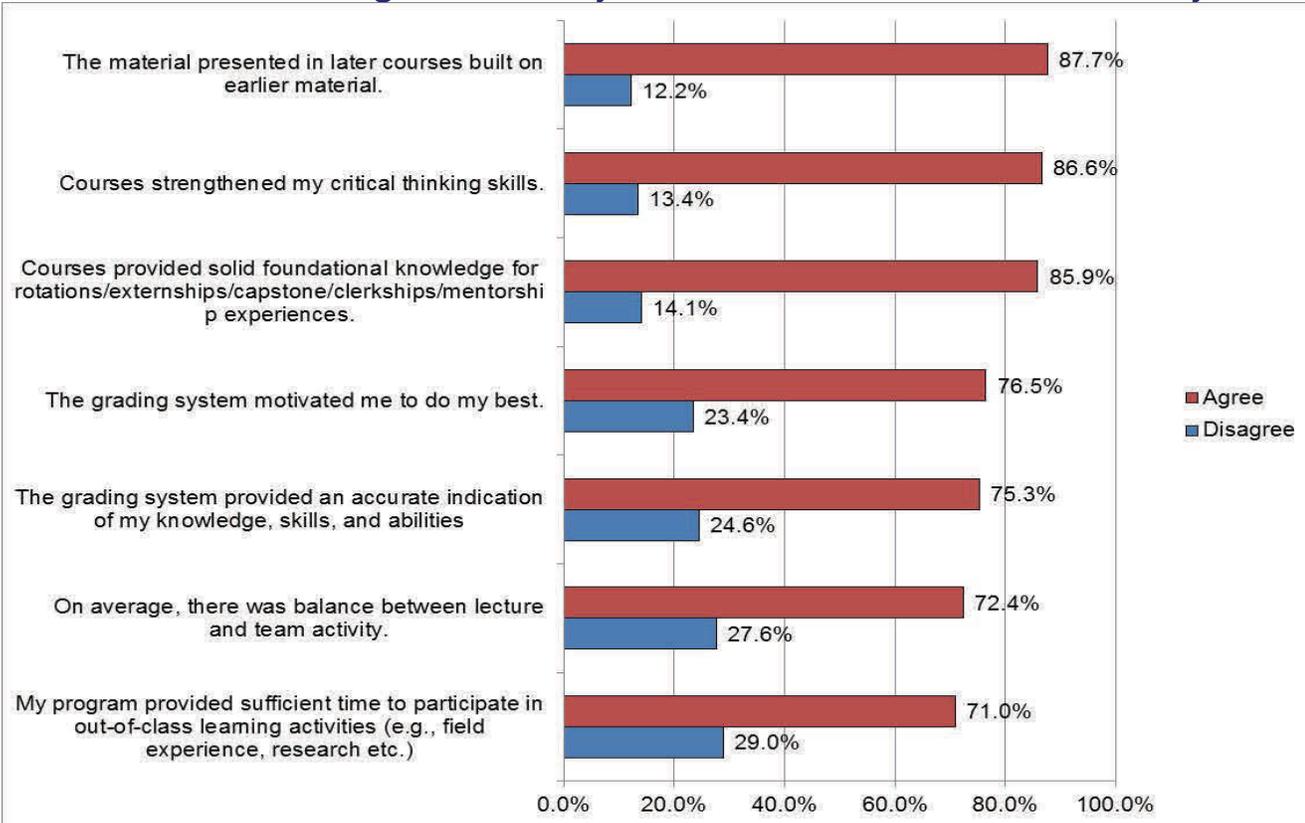


## 2014 WesternU Graduating Student Survey: Educational Experiences



Note: Several programs are not included in chart due to participation at a different time frame.

## 2014 WesternU Graduating Student Survey: Interactions with Classmates and Faculty



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### Stats Corner

- Patient: "Will I survive this risky operation?"  
 Surgeon: "Yes, I'm absolutely sure that you will survive the operation."  
 Patient: "How can you be so sure?"  
 Surgeon: "9 out of 10 patients die in this operation, and yesterday my ninth patient died."
- There is no truth to the allegation that statisticians are mean. They are just your standard normal deviates.

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### Top Ten Reasons to be a Statistician

1. Estimating parameters is easier than dealing with real life.
2. Statisticians are significant
3. I always wanted to learn the entire Greek alphabet.
4. The probability a statistician major will get a job is  $> .9999$ .
5. If I flunk out I can always transfer to Engineering.
6. We do it with confidence, frequency, and variability.
7. You never have to be right - only close.
8. We're normal and everyone else is skewed.
9. The regression line looks better than the unemployment line.
10. No one knows what we do so we are always right.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.westernu.edu/ire/ire-welcome/ire-welcome-message/>