

Graduate Student Experience Survey

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Overview of the Survey

- Georgia Tech's first-ever comprehensive survey of the graduate student experience

Topics Covered

- Advising and mentoring
- Finances
- Quality of academics, teaching, and qualifying exams
- Mandatory student fees
- Time spent on research, teaching, schoolwork, and sleep during typical week
- Sources of stress and support

Demographics

- Degree type
- School & program of Study
- Enrollment year
- Citizenship
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Number of dependents
- Post-graduate interests

Survey questions available at Faculty Senate website¹



Why should Deans, Chairs, and Faculty motivate students to take the survey?

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) had **concerns with our graduate student assessment** for which school chairs are responsible
- Will provide **metrics of performance** of the colleges and schools with **more fidelity and currency** than ever before
- Survey was **synthesized from well-established graduate student surveys** from Princeton¹ and Berkeley² and then **adapted to our campus** through the Survey Development Committee



Why should students take the survey?

- Results will go to people who can **make a difference on campus**:
 - President Peterson; Provost Bras; Vice Provost of Graduate Education and Faculty Affairs, Dr. Cozzens; Deans and Chairs; etc.
- We are asking the questions **most relevant** to their lives:
 - Finances, work-life balance, stress, fees, advising and mentoring, quality of academics, and qualifying exams.
- There are multiple opportunities for **open comments**
- Total time of survey is approximately **15 minutes**
- The results will be **confidential**
- Summaries of the **results by school/program will be provided to all students**



Advertising, Marketing, and Incentives

- Advertising
 - Student-wide emails
 - Flyers @ Brown Bag Talks, Meetings, Student Center, GT Night at the Aquarium
 - TV ads within buildings
- Incentives:
 - **\$50 Amazon Gift Cards:**
 - Weekly drawings for \$50 Amazon Gift Cards for those who complete the survey
 - **Results Summaries:**
 - Summaries of results by school/program of study will be made available to students



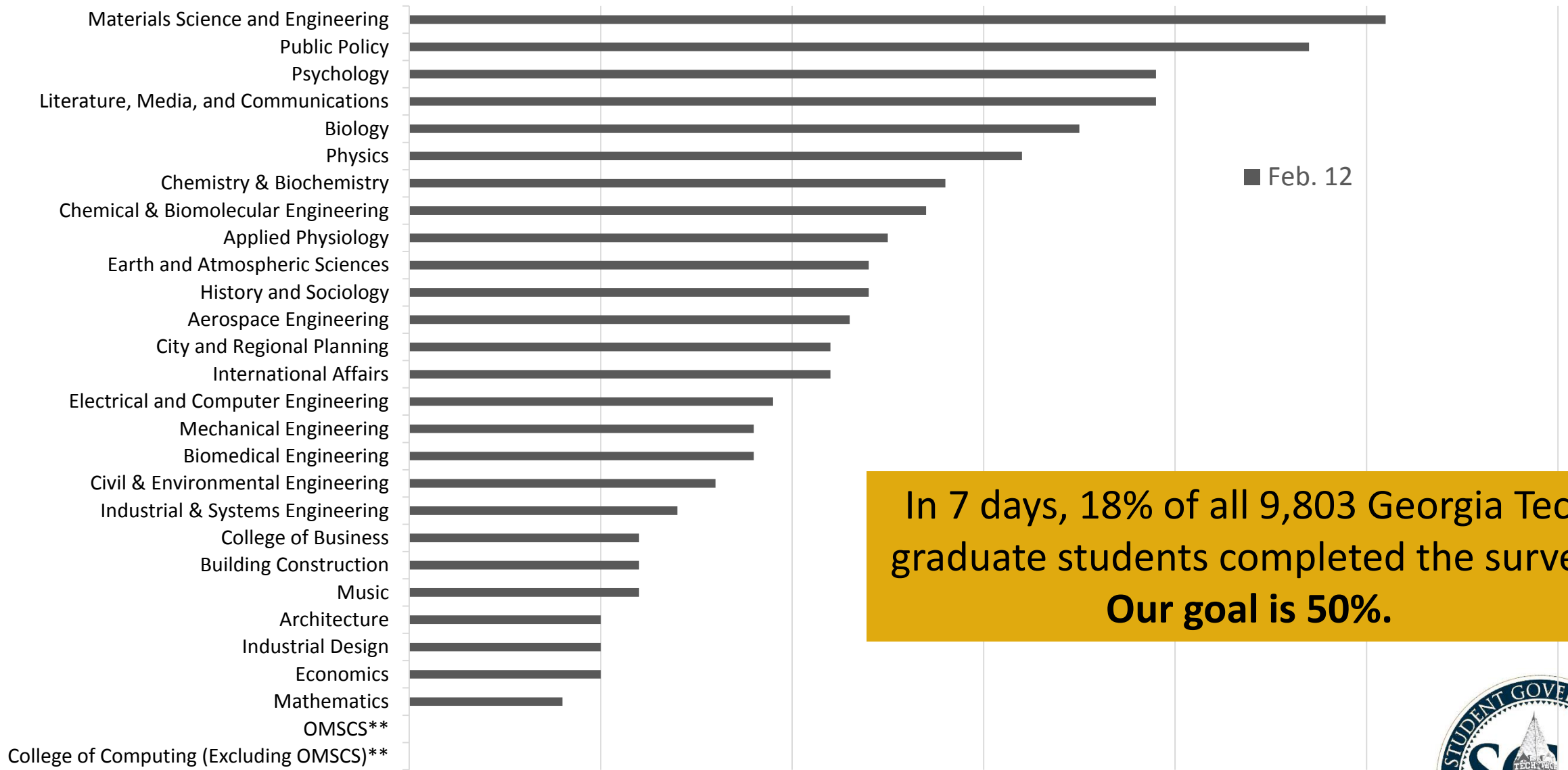
What can you do to help?

- Advertise the survey and your school/program's progress
 - We will send an email with all the necessary advertisements
 - Advertise in your newsletters
 - Example emails, media, and flyers are available at our “Press Kit and Media” page
 - <http://sga.gatech.edu/g/gradsurvey/press-kit-and-media/>
 - We publish weekly progress updates of the % student completion
 - <http://sga.gatech.edu/g/gradsurvey/school-survey-challenge/>
- Let us know if there's more we can do to market/advertise



Completion Rate (%)

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%



In 7 days, 18% of all 9,803 Georgia Tech graduate students completed the survey. Our goal is 50%.

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***Results for the College of Computing have not been calculated yet due to difficulties determining OMSCS vs. on-campus students. The next rankings on Feb. 16 will include College of Computing.*



Survey Development Committee and Reviewers

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On January 12, 2016, the 50 members of the Graduate Student Senate took the survey to ensure clarity and relevance of the questions. Edits were made based on their review.

