Economics Alumni Survey

Q1 Welcome to the Kenyon Economics Alumni survey.  We appreciate your willingness to participate.  This approximately 10 minute survey is designed to understand the impact of the Kenyon Economics program and identify its successes and areas for improvement.  Your participation is completely voluntary, and there are no penalties if you decide not to participate or if you choose to skip any questions.  You may choose to skip any questions that you do not want to answer.  All of your responses are strictly confidential.  At no time will your responses be publicly linked with your name or any other identifying information. If you have any questions regarding this survey or the Economics department, please contact Professor Jaret Treber, Chair of the Economics Department, at treberj@kenyon.edu.  If you have any questions regarding the survey results or your participation in this survey, please contact Erika Farfan, Director of Institutional Research, 740-427-5571, farfane@kenyon.edu.Again, thank you for your time.

Q2 Which of the following best describes your current primary activity? (Choose one).

* Employed, full-time, part-time or in multiple jobs (1)
* Attending graduate or professional school, full- or part-time (2)
* Public or international/national service (e.g. Peace Corp, Teach for America, MATCH Corps) (3)
* Actively looking for employment (4)
* Starting a business/self-employed (5)
* Traveling (6)
* Attending undergraduate school, full- or part-time (7)
* Staying at home to be with or start a family (8)
* Serving in the armed forces (9)
* Retired (10)
* Something else not listed here (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q3 Between your graduation from Kenyon and your current primary activity, were you employed?

* Yes (23)
* No (24)

Q4 What other degrees are you currently pursuing, have started, or completed since leaving Kenyon College? (check all that apply)

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|  | Do not plan to pursue (1) | Degree received (2) | Currently enrolled or working towards (3) | Degree you hope to attain in the future (4) |
| B.A./B.S. (other than your Kenyon degree) (1) |  |  |  |  |
| Master's degree such as M.A., M.S., M.S.W., M.F.A., etc. (2) |  |  |  |  |
| A medical degree such as M.D., D.O., D.V.M., etc. (3) |  |  |  |  |
| A law degree such as J.D. or L.L.B. (4) |  |  |  |  |
| Doctoral degree such as Ph.D., Psy.D., etc. (5) |  |  |  |  |
| Other (6) |  |  |  |  |

Q10 At what point did you secure your first paying job after graduating from Kenyon?

* While enrolled as an undergraduate. (1)
* During the first six months after graduation. (2)
* More than six months after graduation. (3)
* I have not yet sought a paying job; I am a full-time student or engaged in other activities. (4)

Q5 What is the name of the primary organization with which you're currently employed? (name of company, business, or other employer)

Q6 What is your current job title or position at this employer?

Q7 Would you like the information from only the above career questions on this page to be used to update your  profile with the Kenyon Alumni Office?  If you answer yes, only your industry and occupation information will be forwarded to them to update.

* Yes (1)
* No (2)

Answer If At what point did you secure your first paying job after graduating from Kenyon? I have not yet sought a paying job; I am a full-time student or engaged in other activities. Is Not Selected

Q11 Please give your job title and a short description of your first job after graduating from Kenyon.

Answer If At what point did you secure your first paying job after graduating from Kenyon? I have not yet sought a paying job; I am a full-time student or engaged in other activities. Is Not Selected

Q12 What was the name of your employer for your first job after graduating from Kenyon?

Answer If Which of the following best describes your current primary activity? (Choose one). Employed, full-time, part-time or in multiple jobs Is Selected Or Which of the following best describes your current primary activity? (Choose one). Public or international/national service (e.g. Peace Corp, Teach for America, MATCH Corps) Is Selected Or Which of the following best describes your current primary activity? (Choose one). Starting a business/self-employed Is Selected Or Which of the following best describes your current primary activity? (Choose one). Actively looking for employment Is Selected

Q13 How effective was Kenyon at preparing you for employment?

* Very Ineffective (1)
* Ineffective (2)
* Neither Effective nor Ineffective (3)
* Effective (4)
* Very Effective (5)

Q14 How would you rate yourself on the below skills, compared to those of your coworkers and/or fellow graduate students?

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|  | Much better (5) | Somewhat better (4) | About the same (3) | Somewhat worse (2) | Much worse (1) |
| Writing Skills (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quantitative Skills (2) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q15 To what extent did your economics training at Kenyon contribute to your development of the following skills?

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|  | Written communication (1) | Quantitative skills (2) | - Analysis and interpretation of data (3) | - Critical thinking (4) | - Problem solving (5) | - Research skills (6) | -Ethical reasoning (7) | - Collaboration (8) | - Critical reading (9) | - Integration of ideas (10) | - Integration of diverse perspectives (11) | - Oral communication (12) | - Time management (13) | - Independent thinking (14) |
| None at all (24) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A little (25) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A moderate amount (26) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A lot (28) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A great deal (29) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q16 To what extent has each skill been useful to you in your career since Kenyon?

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| None at all useful (24) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Somewhat useful (26) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Useful (29) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Very useful (30) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Did not acquire (31) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q17 Please rate your understanding of the following issues at the time of your graduation from Kenyon.

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|  | Excellent (5) | Good (4) | Average (3) | Poor (2) | Terrible (1) |
| Microeconomics (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Macroeconomics (2) |  |  |  |  |  |

Q18 Looking back, what was the most valuable economics course  you took while at Kenyon?

Q19 If I knew a high school student who showed interest in Kenyon, I would recommend that he or she apply.

* Strongly agree (1)
* Agree (2)
* Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
* Disagree (4)
* Strongly Disagree (5)

Q20 If I had it to do over again, I would still choose to attend Kenyon.

* Strongly agree (1)
* Agree (2)
* Neither Agree nor Disagree (3)
* Disagree (4)
* Strongly Disagree (5)

Q21 In general, how effective was Kenyon at preparing you for graduate school?

* Very Ineffective (1)
* Ineffective (2)
* Neither Effective nor Ineffective (3)
* Effective (4)
* Very Effective (5)

Answer If What other degrees are you currently pursuing, have
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Q22 Please list the name(s) and approximate enrollment dates of the program(s) and school(s) you are attending or have attended:

Q23 What was the most valuable aspect of your economics training at Kenyon?

Q24 What was the greatest weakness of your economics training at Kenyon?

Q25 What suggestions would you make for improving the Economics major?

Q26 If there is anything you would like to elaborate on regarding questions on this survey or any aspect of your experience in the Economics program at Kenyon or your Kenyon education in general, please do so below.

Q27 This is the final page of the survey.  By submitting this page you are submitting your responses to this survey.  Please make sure to submit this page or your responses may not be recorded.