DSC

DALTON STATE
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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS (MIS) PROGRAM
2003 GRADUATING STUDENTS SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY REPORT

Number of MIS graduates responding to survey: 7

Section I   Demographics

1.   While a student at Dalton State College, I was mainly enrolled:

Full-time	2	28.6%
Part-time	5	71.4%

2.   How long did it take you to complete your MIS degree program at Dalton State College?

4 years	1	14.3%
5 years	3	42.9%
6 years	3	42.9%

Section II   Career and Educational Plans

3.   What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Obtain further education	1	14.3%
Obtain full-time employment	2	28.6%
Other	3	42.9%
No reply	1	14.3%

Section II   Career and Educational Plans

4.   If your plans are to continue your education, do you plan to eventually…

Obtain another bachelor's degree	1	14.3%
Attend graduate/professional school	5	71.4%
No Reply	1	14.3%

5.   How well did Dalton State College prepare you for continuing your education?

Extremely well	2	28.6%
More than adequately	3	42.9%
Sufficiently	1	14.3%
No Reply	1	14.3%

6.   What is the highest degree or certificate do you eventually plan to obtain?

Master's degree	4	57.1%
Doctoral degree	2	28.6%
No reply	1	14.3%

7.   What is your current employment status?

Working full-time at the job I had before I graduated	5	71.4%
Work full-time at a new job I recently obtained	1	14.3%
No reply	1	14.3

8.   If employed, what is your job title?

Executive Assistant	1	14.3%
Fin. Aid Asst.	1	14.3%
Financial Aid Director	1	14.3%
IT Training Inst.	1	14.3%
Programmer Analyst I	1	14.3%
Project Manager	1	14.3%
System Analyst	1	14.3%

Section II   Career and Educational Plans

9.   What is your organization's primary business activity?

Carpet and Rugs	1	14.3%
Manufacturing and processing	1	14.3%
Communication carriers	1	14.3%
Medical/Healthcare	1	14.3%
Education	2	28.6%
Other	1	14.3%

10.   What ONE method best characterizes the way you obtained your job?

Continued in job held prior to DSC	2	28.6%
On-campus recruiting	1	14.3%
Hired by organization where I did an internship/co-op/volunteer work	2	28.6%
Answered want ad/job listing	1	14.3%
Other	1	14.3%

11.   What is your starting salary?

Under $25,000	2	28.6%
$30,001 - $40,000	1	14.3%
$40,001 – $45,000	1	14.3%
$45,001 – $50,000	2	28.6%
No reply	1	14.3%

12.   How closely related is your job to your degree major?

Highly related	3	14.3%
Moderately related	1	14.3%
Somewhat related	2	28.6%
No Reply	1	14.3% %

Section II   Career and Educational Plans

13.   How important do you feel your MIS degree was in obtaining your position?

Very important	3	42.9%
Somewhat important	3	42.9%
No Reply	1	14.3%

14.   In your opinion, how difficult was it to obtain a job in your degree major?

Difficult	3	42.9%
Average	2	28.6%
No Reply	2	28.6%

15.   How well did your experiences at DSC prepare you for your job?

Fully prepared	4	57.1%
Moderately prepared	1	14.3%
Somewhat prepared	1	14.3%
No Reply	1	14.3%

16.   How satisfied are you with your job placement?

Very satisfied	1	14.3%
Satisfied	3	42.9%
No Reply	3	42.9%

Section III   Performance Skills and Competencies

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being at the low end and 5 being at the high end, please indicate your assessment on how your education at DSC helped you achieve the following performance skills and competencies necessary to show proficiency as an MIS graduate. (If any skills area should receive a score below 3, the program related courses of study would require further review.)

17.   Personal productivity software

Scale	Number	%
1	1	14.3%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	2	28.6%
5	3	42.9%
No Reply	1	14.3%

18.   Computer technology

Scale	Number	%
1	1	14.3%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	0	0.0%
5	4	57.1%
No Reply	1	14.3%

19.   Special topics in management information systems

Scale	Number	%
1	0	0.0%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	2	28.6%
5	4	57.1%

20.   Computer programming, logic and design

Scale	Number	%
1	1	14.3%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	2	28.6%
5	3	42.9%
No Reply	1	14.3%

Section III   Performance Skills and Competencies

21.   Systems analysis and design methodology

Scale	Number	%
1	0	0.0%
2	0	0.00
3	1	14.3%
4	2	28.6%
5	3	42.9%
No Reply	1	14.3%

22.   Data communications hardware and protocols

Scale	Number	%
1	1	14.3%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	2	28.6%
5	3	42.9%
No Reply	1	14.3%

23.   Computer hardware and operating systems

Scale	Number	%
1	1	14.3%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	0	0.0%
5	5	71.4%
No Reply	1	14.3%

24.   Management of information resources

Scale	Number	%
1	1	14.3%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	1	14.3%
5	4	57.1%
No Reply	1	14.3%

Section III   Performance Skills and Competencies

25.   Database management systems

Scale	Number	%
1	0	0.0%
2	0	0.0%
3	2	28.6%
4	1	14.3%
5	3	42.9%
No Reply	1	14.3%

26.   Development and support or web-based MIS applications

Scale	Number	%
1	1	14.3%
2	0	0.0%
3	0	0.0%
4	2	28.6%
5	3	42.9%
No Reply	1	14.3%

Section IV   Learning Outcomes

To determine if the student learning outcomes of the MIS program were met, please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

Now that I have completed the MIS degree program, I am able to …

27.   Know the current topics and issues in MIS.

Agree	5	71.4%
No reply	2	28.6%

28.   Understand the pros and cons of major MIS topics and issues.

Agree	5	71.4%
No reply	2	28.6%

Section IV   Learning Outcomes

29.   Use all forms of personal productivity software applications

Agree	4	57.1%
Strongly Agree	1	14.3%
No reply	2	28.6%

30.   Use on-line Help topics and other resources to expand skill base.

Agree	3	42.9%
Strongly Agree	2	28.6%
No reply	2	28.6%

31.   Understand and use an extensive MIS vocabulary.

Agree	3	42.9%
Strongly Agree	2	28.6%
No reply	2	28.6%

32.   Recognize the advantages and disadvantages of data communications.

Agree	2	28.6%
Strongly Agree	3	42.9%
No reply	2	28.6%

33.   Know the major networking topologies and their advantages and disadvantages.

Agree	4	57.1%
Strongly Agree	1	14.3%
No reply	2	28.6%

34.   Apply the three basic logic structures in their preparation of MIS applications software.

Disagree	1	14.3%
Agree	4	57.1%
No reply	2	28.6%

Section IV   Learning Outcomes

35.   Understand the basic concepts of object-oriented programming.

Strongly Disagree	1	14.3%
Agree	3	42.9%
Strongly Agree	1	14.3%
No reply	2	28.6%

36.   Write simple and complex computer programs in several computer languages.

Disagree	3	42.9%
Agree	2	28.6%
No reply	2	28.6%

37.   Demonstrate proficiency in the design and analysis of typical business applications.

Agree	4	57.1%
Strong Agree	1	14.3%
No reply	2	28.6%

38.   Demonstrate knowledge of contemporary topics in information resources management.

Agree	2	28.6%
Strongly Agree	3	42.9%
No reply	2	28.6%

39.   Understand the design and implementation issues of web-based applications.

Disagree	1	14.3%
Agree	3	42.9%
Strongly Agree	1	14.3%
No reply	2	28.6%

40.   Prepare simple and complex SQL queries for typical business application databases.

Agree	5	71.4%
No reply	2	28.6%

Section IV   Learning Outcomes

41.   Design and normalize a typical business application database.

Disagree	2	28.6%
Agree	3	42.9%
No reply	2	28.6%

42.   As a result of the education I received toward my degree in MIS, I feel I possess the necessary academic skills and competencies to be gainfully employed and be productive.

Agree	5	14.3%
No reply	2	28.6%

43.   As a result of my education at DSC, I leaned to think critically.

Agree	2	28.6%
Strongly Agree	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

44.   As a result of my education at DSC, I learned to analyze and interpret statistical data.

Agree	2	28.6%
Strongly Agree	4	57.7%
No reply	1	14.3%

45.   As a result of my education at DSC, I learned to perform basic mathematical operations.

Agree	2	28.6%
Strongly Agree	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

46.   As a result of my education at DSC, I leaned to utilize computers and personal productivity application software to increase my effectiveness on the job.

Agree	1	14.3%
Strongly Agree	5	71.4%
No reply	1	14.3%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects of the Division of Business Administration?

47. Quality of instruction by faculty

Good	2	28.6%
Excellent	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

48. Academic advising

Good	3	42.9%
Excellent	3	42.9%
No reply	1	14.3%

49. Clarity of program requirements

Fair	2	28.6%
Excellent	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

50. Availability of faculty advisor

Fair	1	14.3%
Good	1	14.3%
Excellent	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

51. Career counseling and advising

Good	3	42.9%
Excellent	3	42.9%
No reply	1	14.3%

52. Quality of instruction in laboratories

Good	2	28.6%
Excellent	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3

Section V   Quality of Instruction and Advising

53.   Accessibility of faculty

Good	2	28.6%
Excellent	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

54.   Availability of needed courses

Fair	1	14.3%
Good	1	14.3%
Excellent	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

55.   Range of courses form which to choose

Poor	1	14.3%
Fair	1	14.3%
Good	1	14.3%
Excellent	3	42.9%
No reply	1	14.3%

56.   Information about course requirements

Fair	2	28.6%
Good	1	14.3%
Excellent	3	42.9%
No reply	1	14.3%

57.   Testing/grading system

Good	3	42.9%
Excellent	3	42.9%
No reply	1	14.3%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

58. Class size

Good	1	14.3%
Excellent	5	71.4%
No reply	1	14.3%

59. Classroom and teaching facilities

Good	1	14.3%
Excellent	5	71.4%
No reply	1	14.3%

60. Relevance of classes to career goals and objectives

Fair	1	14.3%
Good	1	14.3%
Excellent	4	57.1%
No reply	1	14.3%

Section VI General Satisfaction

61. Overall, how would you rate your level of satisfaction with the MIS degree programs received at DSC?

Very satisfied	3	42.9%
Satisfied	2	28.6%
No reply	2	28.6%

62. Would you recommend the Bachelor of Science degree program to someone who would want to major in MIS?

Yes	5	71.4%
No reply	2	28.6%

63. If you could start all over again, would you choose a different major for your degree?

Yes	5	71.4%
No reply	2	28.6%