

Summary of Graduate Satisfaction Survey Faculty of Natural Science – 2021 Convocation

No. obtained the degree - 422

Total Responses – 190 (after sending 1 SMS and an email sending 4 times)

Section A: Background

1. Gender Male – 19.5% Female – 80.5%
2. Age group: Below < 25 - 1.1% 25 – 30 - 54.2% 31 – 40 - 43.2% 41 – 50 - 1.6%
3. Marital Status: Single – 42.6% Married – 56.8%
4. If employed, were you employed while studying at OUSL: Yes – 68.3% No – 31.7%
5. The center you registered at for the B.Sc. OUSL degree
 ARC – 1.05% BRC – 4.21% CRC – 62.11% JRC – 1.58% KRC – 24.21% MRC – 6.32%
6. The expectation regarding future profession/employment after obtaining the B.Sc. degree?

I will request for a promotion in my current employment	36.3%
I will change my current employment	27.9%
I will apply for employment	32.6%
I will remain unemployed	1.1%
I will remain self-employed	2.6%

Section B: About the Degree

Section B1: Subject knowledge and Skills development

	Statement	Strongly Agree/ Agree %	No opinion %	Disagree/ Strongly disagree %
1.	I have the knowledge of the subject matter I learnt during my degree	96.8	2.1	1.1
2.	I feel competent in the skills I developed in laboratory/ field/ day schools	93.7	4.2	2.1
3.	The course material helped me to reach my goal	98.9	0.5	0.5
4.	The style of writing in the course material is reader friendly	85.3	8.4	6.3
5.	The day schools were helpful for me to reach my goal	87.9	6.8	5.3
6.	The online components were helpful and useful	86.8	11.1	2.7
7.	The examinations helped me to improve and reach my goals	98.9	1.1	0
8.	I believe I can face the challenges in the job market with the knowledge & skills I obtained	90.0	6.3	3.7

Section B2: Soft skills development

	Statement	Strongly Agree/ Agree %	No opinion %	Disagree/ Strongly disagree %
1.	I learnt how to manage my time effectively while studying for this degree	94.2	3.7	2.1
2.	The self-study techniques I learnt at OUSL will be useful for me in the future	98.9	1-1	0
3.	My knowledge of English has improved by being a student at OUSL	91.5	5.3	3.2
4.	My computer skills have improved by being a student at OUSL	73.7	17.9	7.4
5.	I developed analytical skills while I was reading for a degree at OUSL	93.1	5.3	1.6
6.	I have learnt how to effectively communicate ideas and concepts during this period	94.3	2.6	3.2

Section B3: Learner Support Services

	Statement	Strongly Agree/ Agree %	No opinion %	Disagree/ Strongly disagree %
1.	I am satisfied with the support received from academic staff during my studentship	97	5.3	3.7
2.	Academic counseling helped me to reach my goal	84.3	10.5	5.2
3.	I am satisfied with the assistance received from the administrative staff during my studentship	81.1	12.1	6.8
4.	I am satisfied with the computer / IT access in the university	66.9	22.1	11.1
5.	I am satisfied with the services provided to me by the library	87.9	10.5	1.6
6.	The EfIL programme helped me adjust to distance education	72.7	24.2	3.7
7.	The PASS program was useful (leave blank if not relevant) (139 responses)	78.4	15.1	6.5
8.	My OUSL was useful to me as a student	99.0	0	1.0
9.	The online/ e- Learn component of the courses were useful	93.7	4.7	1.6
10.	I am satisfied with the services provided by the TRF for short stays (175 responses)	65.7	28.6	5.7

Section B4: Overall, views on B.Sc. programme outcomes.

	Statement	Strongly Agree/ Agree %	No opinion %	Disagree/ Strongly disagree %
1.	I achieved the expectations I had when I enrolled for the degree	89.5	5.3	5,2
2.	I was able to get a degree at an affordable price	85.3	4.7	10.0
3.	I am satisfied with the time duration I had to spend to obtain the B.Sc. degree	45.8	17.9	36.3
4.	I am now able to work independently with confidence applying the knowledge I gained from the B.Sc. degree	90.0	8.4	1,6
5.	I feel that I can apply the skills I developed during the B.Sc. if an opportunity is given to me	95.8	3.7	0.5
6.	I can effectively work in a group after my experience at OUSL	94.8	3.7	1.5
7.	I feel that I am more adaptable to situations and can face challenges with greater confidence	96.3	2.6	1.1
8.	I have developed long term goals that I wish to accomplish in my life	91.6	6.3	2.1
9.	I believe education is a lifelong process and feel confident to meet future changes and challenges	96.8	3.2	0
10.	I am as good as any other B.Sc. degree holder of a State University	89.0	8.9	2.2
11.	I am proud to be an OUSL graduate	97.4	1.6	1.0

C. Open-ended questions

1. Mention any specific strengths you see in the OUSL B.Sc. degree programme

Comment	Number of responses
Self-study system	20
Distant learning facility	13
Direction towards self-improvement/face challenges	15
Lecturers are friendly & helpful	12
Flexibility of study while working	9
Good study material	8
Unity of students/ team work to improve skills	7
Everything good	6
Good practical sessions/field sessions	5
PASS sessions	2
Good environment	1
Good opportunity for those who miss government universities	1
Total	90

2. Specific weaknesses you would like to see improved in the OUSL B.Sc. degree programme

Comment	Number of responses
Extending academic year due to issues	18
Low no. of day-schools/Increase no. with question discussion classes/Have more day-schools with lesser duration	10
Time spent on practical session not enough/practical session too congested/continuous 5 to 7-day practicals	7
Online component not maintained well	6
Difficulty in communication with staff	4
Inadequate/improper guidance for better results	4
No repeat exams	3
2- 3 CA tests per day/ At the middle of practical days	3
Difficulty to get course material/Late issuing of books	3
Practical sessions do not improve practical skills	2
Day schools during working hours of weekdays	2
Some subjects are not updated	2
Too much content in course material	1
Cannot understand course material without day schools	1
Day schools must be improved	1
Should develop research opportunities	1
Introduce research methodology course	1
No internship experience	1
Lecturers not good	1
Comments not directly relevant to B.Sc. degree programme	17
Total	88

3. Any other comments

Comment	Number of responses
Thank OUSL	16
Happy to have a degree from OUSL	8
Value the OUSL experience	2
No idea about job market	1
Correct errors in course material	1
Need to guide students more	1
Do not neglect poor and weak students	1
Online day schools are good	1
Pass activities are not good in all subjects	1
Monitor the lecturers teaching method	1
Improve laboratory facilities in Regional Centres	1
Improve library facilities	1
Zoology & Botany academic staff is friendly	1
Faculty needs to have a Facebook page	1
Comments mentioned in Question 2	6
Total	43