



2005-2006 Exit Questionnaire for Residential Students

Executive Summary

A total of 107 students living in residential halls at OSU-Okmulgee completed the Exit Questionnaire for the semesters Fall 2005, Spring 2006, and Summer 2006. Students from all divisions were represented. Two-thirds of respondents were male, closely paralleling the campus population. Seventy-five percent of students exiting Residential Life were also leaving the school. The most frequent reasons for leaving were that it was too costly (23%), they preferred to live off campus (22%), they were transferring to another college or university (18%), or they were graduating (16%). Other reasons included moving home for personal reasons such as health or family issues.

Nearly all students (98%) rated the Residential Life staff as *good* or *great*. Similarly, 93% of students rated their room as *good* or *great*, and 85% would recommend living on campus to others. Responses to all three of these questions were significantly above the midpoint (single-sample t test, $\alpha \leq .05$). For the 15% of students who were not sure of or would not consider recommending living on campus to others, the most common reasons cited were living space and neighbors or roommates.

When asked to rate their overall experience at OSU-Okmulgee, students' mean response was significantly above the possible midpoint ($\alpha \leq .05$) with 73% rating it above average. Comments were largely positive and included: "Great experience, sorry I have to leave;" "Because this is the best school;" "Friendly staff..." Negative comments were few but included: "It's okay, but boring;" "too far from family;" and "[too] much too soon after wife's death."

Reasons for leaving did not differ by academic division, gender, semester, or enrollment status. Neither did these variables differentiate students in terms of how helpful they found Residential Life staff, satisfaction with their rooms, whether they would recommend living on campus to others, or their overall experience at the college. There was a pattern ($\alpha \leq .05$) in how positive or negative students responded in general. Those who rated any feature of Residential Life or the college positive were more likely to respond positively to all features. Similarly, student who responded negatively to one item were more likely to respond negatively to other items, indicating a "rusty halo effect."

In conclusion, students were largely satisfied with their experiences in the residential halls and with Residential Life staff. Cost was the largest factor in student departure, and many students preferred the autonomy of living off campus. The majority of students experienced positive affect for both Residential Life and the college overall.

Programs and Divisions

Program	Frequency	Percent
Automotive and HEVi Technologies	16	15.0%
<i>Automotive Collision Technology</i>	4	3.7%
<i>Automotive Service Technology</i>	6	5.6%
Chrysler	1	0.9%
General Motors ASEP	3	2.8%
Nissan/Infiniti	1	0.9%
Pro-Tech	1	0.9%
<i>Heavy Equipment and Vehicle Institute</i>	6	5.6%
ATC Freightliner	2	1.9%
Natural Gas Compression	4	3.7%
Construction Technology	10	9.4%
ACR-HVAC Technology	5	4.7%
Construction Management	2	1.9%
Construction Electrical	2	1.9%
Construction High Voltage	1	0.9%
Engineering Technologies	8	7.5%
Civil Engineering Technology	4	3.7%
Engineering Graphics	1	0.9%
Instrumentation Engineering	2	1.9%
Manufacturing Engineering	1	0.9%
Arts & Sciences	18	16.8%
Non-degree Seeking	13	12.1%
Pre-Education	3	2.8%
Business	2	1.9%
Hospitality Services	16	15.0%
Culinary Arts	16	15.0%
Information Technologies	14	13.1%
Information Technologies - AAS	10	9.3%
Information Technologies – AS	1	0.9%
Information Assurance & Forensics – BT	3	2.8%
Health & Environmental Technologies	5	4.7%
Orthotics & Prosthetics	4	3.7%
Nursing	1	0.9%
Visual Communications	14	13.1%
Graphic Design Technology	10	9.3%
Multimedia Technology	2	1.9%
Photography Technology	2	1.9%
Watchmaking & Microtechnology	6	5.6%
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Total Responding	107	100%

Gender

Gender	Frequency	Percent
Male	65	67.0%
Female	32	33.0%
Total Responding	97	100%

Semester

Semester	Frequency	Percent
Fall 2005	49	62.8%
Spring 2006	25	32.1%
Summer 2006	4	5.1%
Total	78	100

Enrollment Status

Enrollment Status	Frequency	Percent
Leaving the Residence Halls and Leaving School	79	75.2%
Leaving the Residence Halls but staying enrolled	26	24.8%
Total	105	100%

Reasons For Leaving Residence Halls

Reasons for Leaving	Number	Percent
Graduation	17	15.9%
Room Mate Conflicts	1	0.9%
No Support from Home	5	4.7%
Transferring to New Univ.	19	17.8%
Internship	9	8.4%
Trouble with Faculty	7	6.5%

Failing Academic	8	7.5%
Living Off Campus	23	21.5%
Health	4	3.7%
Lonely	7	6.5%
Too Costly	25	23.4%
Other (See Comments Below)	32	29.9%
<i>Students were allowed to check all reasons that applied.</i>		

Comments

- Move home to work
- Close to home
- Family problem, girlfriend pregnant
- Mother passed away
- Miss home
- Campus size, not ready to be from home
- Personal Reasons (death of child)
- Dads sick
- Room mate sucked and too costly.
- Thanks for the great lodgings
- finances
- proble with my enrollmentand finacial aid.
- Financial reasons, classes taking won't transfer
- Lost wife one year
- Father had a heart attack
- Apartment too small with roommate.
- Just health problems.
- Alcohol
- cost to much to live here.
- moms failing health. I need to move into her home to take care of her. Both arms are broken.
- my family is going to Missouri
- o.k.
- It's been great just cost too much
- lives in supulpa and is going to stay at home and go to TCC.
- MEH...Play Halo 1
- Moving home to tulsa. Going to TCC IN SPRING. Did not like classes I was taking. No support.
- Mom and Dad live in Tulsa going to move home. Want to be closer to friends.
- will possibly re-enroll in the fall
- Don't want to go to college right now. Going back home to work at job I had for a long time.

Was the Res Life staff helpful?

Rating	Frequency	Percent
Poor (1)	2	1.9 %
Good (2)	32	30.5%
Great (3)	71	67.6%
Total	105	100%

(Mean average rating = 2.7 on a scale of 1 to 3. Statistically significant from midpoint at the alpha = .01 level.)

How was your room?

Rating	Frequency	Percent
Poor (1)	7	6.7%
Good (2)	57	54.3%
Great (3)	41	39.0%
Total	105	100%

(Mean average rating = 2.3 on a scale of 1 to 3. Statistically significant from midpoint at the alpha = .01 level.)

Would you recommend living on campus to others?

Rating	Frequency	Percent
Yes	90	84.9%
No	15	14.2%
Maybe	1	0.9%
Total	106	100%

(Mean average rating = 2.3 on a scale of 1 to 3. Statistically significant from midpoint at the alpha = .01 level.)

If no, why?

- I've never had a good clean roommate.
- Not if you are older than 19, too noisy, no privacy.
- Nice place.
- too small- noisy neighbors
- my jail cell was bigger.

- too cramped
- because it's safe environment
- too costly and need to resident life members
- Facilities too small for long periods of time
- strict and unfair
- small to much \$
- noisy, can't study
- The people here lie!
- too small
- too much crap.
- Too many rules, nothing going on, not much in Okm. Town

Rate your overall experience here at OSU-Okmulgee

Rating	Frequency	Percent
1 (worst)	2	1.9
2	5	4.8
3	21	20.2
4	59	56.7
5 (best)	17	16.3
Total	104	100%

(Mean average rating = 3.8 on a scale of 1 to 5. Statistically significant from midpoint at the alpha = .01 level.)

Why?

- Too far from family
- Great experience, sorry I have to leave
- It was great, but not for me.
- Just because
- I learned a lot.
- Because everyone helped when you needed it.
- Need broader choices with classes.
- roommate sucked both of em. Got a room not needed.
- The teachers are very knowable..
- good
- Additional papers outlining procedures such as graduation would have been helpful but overall everything was great.
- It was awesome!
- convenience
- wonderful classes but trouble with room mate.
- Fun!

- overall it was good, but the rooms were too cold
- poor housing, unsatisfied with teachers.
- I love photography
- Because this is the best school
- It was fun
- people that worked here/teachers didn't have to cook
- Because I experienced by meeting new friends and by being a CA
- no ones perfect
- To much too soon after wifes death.
- Great people work @ this university
- It was ok
- everyone is very nice
- friendly staff & great culinary classes & Instructors
- Because I said so
- Room mates were very inconsiderate; otherwise, everything was great
- I go to school 3 days a week and have to be here five. Lackey is a dundegeon
- Great school and student life
- town sucks
- placed on housing probation for conduct.
- would stay on campus if mom's health had not declined.
- Everyone was very friendly an helpful.
- n/a (student was arrested for B/E and concelly amd pot.
- It's okay, but boring.
- good school
- had to walk
- Cost too much
- Bad Roomates
- friendly people nice rooms
- I did not like it.
- It was good but I had to keep leaving for personal reasons.
- Never went to RHA Events. Knew about them, "Didn't feel like it." Left home to get away from rules and to be on my own.
- the staff was helpful. And the room wasn't bad, I just decided to move off campus.
- I miss Tulsa and my friends that's the only negative.
- ????
- nothing res life could have done to help me stay.