

Student Follow-Up Study

Spring 2009

2007-08 Students: *One Year Later*

Appendix A

Transfer Student Survey Instrument

Please answer the following questions and return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope. No stamp is needed.

1. What was your major field of study when you left or graduated from Lane? _____
2. Why did you choose to attend Lane rather than another college or university? (Check all that apply.)
 - ☐ Specific degree or training program available at Lane
 - ☐ Lower cost at Lane
 - ☐ Higher quality of instruction at Lane
 - ☐ Location of Lane close to home
 - ☐ Enrollment restrictions at state colleges and universities
 - ☐ Other (please specify) _____
3. What was your primary reason for attending Lane? (Choose only one answer.)
 - ☐ To complete lower division classes for transfer to a four-year college
 - ☐ To prepare for a new job or career
 - ☐ General self-improvement
 - ☐ To earn a one- or two-year certificate/degree (not interested in transfer to four-year school)
 - ☐ To improve/update job skills for current position
 - ☐ Other (please specify) _____
4. To what extent did you achieve your goals or obtain what you wanted from your Lane education?
 - ☐ Very much so ☐ Somewhat ☐ Not at all

Was there anything you wanted to achieve while attending Lane but did not accomplish?

5. How likely would you be to take a class from Lane in the next 2-3 years? (Circle only one answer.)

<u>Very likely</u>		<u>Somewhat</u>		<u>Not at all likely</u>
5	4	3	2	1

6. If you participated in the Cooperative Education Program, how would you rate your Co-op assignment in terms of its *value* and *relevance* to your area of study? (Circle one answer for value and one answer for relevance.)

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>
Value:	5	4	3	2	1
Relevance:	5	4	3	2	1

Please comment (positive and negative) about your Co-op experience:

7. If you left Lane before receiving a degree or certificate, why did you leave? (Please check all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Accomplished what I wanted | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved out of the area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transferred to another college/university | <input type="checkbox"/> Desired courses were not offered when I could take them |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted a job | <input type="checkbox"/> Dissatisfied with the quality of teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Was unsure of my academic goals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Lost my financial aid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor academic preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Needed a break before returning to school again |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family/personal problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____ |

8. What is your **current** educational status? (Choose only one answer.)

- ☐ Attending school *full-time* (12+ credits)
☐ Attending school *part-time*
☐ Not attending school now, but have since leaving Lane
☐ Have not attended school since leaving Lane

If currently attending school, please provide the following information:

Name of school _____ City _____ State _____

9. **If you transferred** to a 4-year college or university from Lane, how well did Lane classes prepare you overall for classes at your new institution? (Circle only one answer.)

<u>Very well</u>		<u>Somewhat</u>		<u>Not at all well</u>
5	4	3	2	1

What specific reasons or experiences prompted you to answer as you did?

10. **If you transferred** to a 4-year college or university from Lane, how easy was the transfer between institutions? (Circle only one answer.)

<u>Very easy</u>		<u>Somewhat</u>		<u>Not at all easy</u>
5	4	3	2	1

Please specify which courses you *thought* would transfer but didn't.

11. **If you transferred**, how prepared were you for writing tasks in courses at a 4-year college or university? (Circle only one answer.)

<u>Very well</u>		<u>Somewhat</u>		<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>
5	4	3	2	1	0

12. What is your **current** employment status? (Choose only one answer.)

- ☐ Employed full-time
☐ Employed part-time
☐ Full-time military service
☐ Temporarily laid off (expect to be called back within 6 months)
☐ Unemployed (not employed, but actively seeking employment)
☐ Not in labor force (not employed & not seeking employment)

13. The purpose of general education at Lane is to foster wisdom through educational depth and breadth. How important are each of the following four core abilities and how effective overall was your coursework and training at Lane in helping you develop each core ability? (Circle one answer for *importance* and one answer for *effectiveness* for each core ability).

	<i>Importance</i>				<i>Effectiveness of Lane coursework / training</i>				
	Very Important	Not Important		Very Effective	Not Effective		Does not apply
A. Communicate effectively (Examples: effective writing skills, public communication skills, effective and respectful listening, interpersonal communication skills, understanding other points of view and multiple perspectives, understanding other cultures)	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Think critically, solve problems effectively (Examples: evaluate information, determine whether conclusions or solutions are reasonable, apply the scientific method, use appropriate mathematical skills, use graphs and charts, make inferences from data, estimate outcomes where appropriate, use technology appropriate to tasks)	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Understand the relationship between self and community; increase self-awareness and personal responsibility (Examples: make choices for optimal personal health, protect and preserve environmental resources, understand global, cultural and historical issues)	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Explore academic disciplines of liberal arts, social sciences, and physical sciences (Examples: value artistic expressions and human creativity, understand fundamental concepts of physical and life sciences, understand diverse roots of our nation and world civilizations)	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. **Please comment** on the learning environment at Lane (such as teaching, programs, services, students or facilities), **both positive and negative**.

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Thanks for your time and help!! Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope. **No stamp is needed.**

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