

## Abstract

This survey investigated the opinions of graduate students in the academic year 2001. Of the 1,265 students who were accepted for graduate study, 1,020 answered the survey.

74% of the population were female, and 26% were male. They were single (88.1%), married (11.1%), or divorced (0.4%). The respondents were aged 20-25 years old (55%), 21-30 years old (12.9%), 36-40 years old (4.7%), or higher than 40 years old (3.4%). They were government officers (37.9%), employees (11.8%), state enterprise officers (1.9%), or unemployed (47.2%). Most of the respondents had enrolled in a Master's degree in regular programs (64%), international programs (26%), and special programs (7.6%). They had graduated from government universities (78.8%), nursing colleges (12.6%), private universities (3.5%), or Rajabhat universities (2.8%).

The respondents were highly satisfied with Mahidol University's academic quality. They thought that graduate students of Mahidol University were respected in society (65.2%), and had many research papers that had been published in international journals. A significant problem, however, for many of graduate students was that they did not want to write the thesis in English (29.5%).

Most of students learnt about the admission process about one month before the due date for applications from friends, senior students, alumni, and program instructors. 72.8% of students thought that there was not enough publicity in some areas, and that announcements were not attractive, not clear, and were delayed. The respondents suggested that the announcements and the venues for announcement should be improved, and the time allotted to publicity for enrollments should be increased.

During their studying at Mahidol University, 55.3% of the respondents were supported by their own money, and 54.3% were supported by their family's money. They also said that they would prefer to be able to pay the required fees for their studies in installments and that this method would give greater educational opportunities to poorer people.

Regarding the development of services, most students (82.8%) thought that the timetable for selling application forms was appropriate because students studying in their last semester could apply. The respondents found it is very convenient to buy the application forms from bookstores. However, 37% of students said that there was too much information to give on the application form and there were too many documents to submit. 60.4% of the respondents thought the officers' service was fairly good, and 28.4%, very good.

The results showed that 78.2% of students chose to study in a graduate level in Mahidol University because the subjects taught here fitted their needs and interests, and because of the quality of teaching, the potential for their own progress, and the reputation of Mahidol University.