**Exiting Graduate Student Survey**

The Political Science Department appreciates all of your efforts in completing your graduate degree. We have tried to make your experience both personally and professionally rewarding. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. All responses will remain anonymous and will be used for program evaluation and improvement.

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1. What is your major for graduate school?
2. What were your areas of specialty within that program?
3. What were the primary reasons for your selection of these areas of specialty?
4. What were the primary reasons for your decision to pursue a masters degree?
5. What features of the political science graduate program prompted you to apply to the program?
6. If you plan on seeking acceptance to a doctoral program upon graduation, please answer the following questions:
   1. What discipline have you selected for your doctoral studies?
   2. What universities have you applied to?
   3. Have you been accepted into a doctoral program and if so at what university?
   4. Do you feel that your academic training has given you the skills necessary to pursue doctoral study?
   5. If you answered yes to 6d, please tell us what aspect of the political science graduate program helped prepare you for doctoral study. If you answered no to 6d, please tell us why you think the political science graduate program failed to prepare you for doctoral study.
7. If you plan on seeking professional employment, please answer the following questions:
   1. Have you obtained professional employment?
   2. (Optional Question) If so, what is your position title and who is your employer?
   3. (Optional Question) What is your beginning salary?
   4. Do you feel that your academic training has given you the skills necessary to pursue professional employment?
   5. If you answered yes to 7d, please tell us what aspect of the political science graduate program helped you gain the skills necessary to pursue professional employment. If you answered no to 7d, please tell us why you think the political science graduate program failed to provide you the skills necessary to pursue professional employment.
8. What were your expectations of the graduate program and did the graduate program meet those expectations?
9. What are the strengths of the graduate program?
10. What are the weaknesses of the graduate program and what suggestions to you have for overcoming these weaknesses?
11. Do you feel you have acquired a greater understanding of issues, ideas and practices within your field of study?
12. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the graduate program?
13. We would like to keep in contact with you. Please give us an email address and/or phone number where we can contact you.

Thank you for completing the graduate exit survey.

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