

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY OF THE FINAL YEAR STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGIES

2021-2022

The aim of the survey: to reveal the fulfilment of student expectations during the whole study period and students' opinion about the preparation for the labour market.

The survey was conducted online in **January** and **June, 2022**, using the LimeSurvey survey system. The obtained data was processed using SPSS 20 for Windows software.

The questionnaire was sent to 250 final year students of the Faculty of Technology, the total number of 71 was returned (28.4 %). Research error is 9.9 percent.

SURVEY RESULTS (N=71)

The total number of 71 final year students of the Faculty of Technologies participated in the survey: 57 (80.3 %) full-time students and 14 (19.7 %) part-time students. 87.3 % of the respondents hold state-funded study places. Nearly half (46.4 %) of the respondents have jobs.

1. Rating the studies at Kaunas University of Applied Sciences:

Rating scale	1 Strongly disagree	2 Disagree	3 Partly agree	4 Agree	5 Strongly agree	Average
Statements						
The studies met my expectations	1.4 %	14.1 %	38.0 %	36.6 %	9.9 %	3.4
The knowledge and skills I acquired during my studies are in demand in the labour market	1.4 %	7.0 %	40.8 %	28.2 %	22.5 %	3.6
There is prevailing atmosphere of tolerance and non-discrimination	2.8 %	7.0 %	18.3 %	31.0 %	40.8 %	4
I had the possibility to select freely elective courses	4.2 %	11.3 %	19.7 %	23.9 %	40.8 %	3.9
The internships carried out during the studies were useful	4.2 %	15.5 %	33.8 %	32.4 %	14.1 %	3.4
Distance learning (live lectures online, lecture recordings, learning materials on Moodle or other platforms, etc.) was well organized	5.6 %	11.3 %	29.6 %	38.0 %	15.5 %	3.5
I had the opportunity to participate in mobility programs (Erasmus +, other bilateral exchanges)	5.6 %	9.9 %	18.3 %	29.6 %	36.6 %	3.8
The information sources in the library and databases and the access to the information sources met my needs	1.4 %	2.8 %	28.2 %	39.4 %	28.2 %	3.9
The lecture rooms are adapted for the implementation of the study program	1.4 %	4.2 %	23.9 %	45.1 %	25.4 %	3.9

Rating scale	1 Strongly disagree	2 Disagree	3 Partly agree	4 Agree	5 Strongly agree	Average
Statements						
I was able to use special equipment, laboratories, and other facilities to perform individual assignments	1.4 %	1.4 %	21.1 %	38.0 %	38.0 %	4.1
I had the opportunity to participate in applied research / art activities	1.4 %	5.6 %	29.6 %	33.8 %	29.6 %	3.9

2. Rating the adequacy of support and services for students during the entire study period at Kaunas University of Applied Sciences:

Rating scale	Not sure	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Partly agree	Agree	Strongly agree
Statements						
Academic support (study counselling) for students was sufficient	14.1 %	1.4 %	4.2 %	26.8 %	36.6 %	16.9 %
Psychological support for students was adequate	40.8 %	4.2 %	2.8 %	18.3 %	21.1 %	12.7 %
The career planning services provided by the Career Centre (consultations, seminars, internship and / or job advertisements, career days, etc.) were sufficient	39.4 %	1.4 %	9.9 %	8.5 %	23.9 %	16.9 %
Student occupation services (art groups, sports activities, events, etc.) were sufficient	39.4 %	2.8 %	5.6 %	12.7 %	22.5 %	16.9 %

3. Rating the chosen study program:

1 I am very dissatisfied with the study program	2 I am dissatisfied with the study program	3 I am neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with the study program	4 I am satisfied with the study program	5 I am very satisfied with the study program
4.2 %	9.9 %	32.4 %	49.3 %	4.2 %

4. Rating readiness for a professional career after graduation:

Sufficiently prepared to work in the field of my studies	25.4 %
Moderately prepared to work in the field of my studies	46.5 %
Insufficiently prepared, as it will be necessary to learn everything after employment	23.9 %
Insufficiently prepared, but I do not plan to work in the field of my studies	4.2 %
Other	0 %

5. Intentions to continue studies:

Yes	14.1 %
No	54.9 %
Not sure	31.0 %

6. Recommending the study program to a friend on a 10-point scale, where 1 – I would not recommend it at all, and 10 – I would definitely recommend.

1 I wouldn't recommend it at all	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 I would definitely recommend
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5.6 %	1.4 %	4.2 %	7.0 %	15.5 %	11.3 %	15.5 %	23.9 %	9.9 %	5.6 %

Students rated the possibility to use special equipment, laboratories, and other facilities to perform individual assignments with the highest scores: the average of the evaluations was 4.1. When assessing the adequacy of support and services at the institution, students rated academic support the best. Students would need more information about psychological support, employment opportunities and the services provided by the Career Centre.

More than a half of students (58.1%) are satisfied or completely satisfied with their studies. 71.9 percent of students feel ready for a professional career. 14.1 percent of respondents intend to continue their studies at universities. More than half (54.9 %) of the respondents chose the values of 7 to 10 when rating the study program recommendation.

It can be assumed that more attention should be paid to updating the content of studies, ensuring the quality of practices, improving communication between students preparing final theses and their supervising teachers, ensuring timely dissemination of information.

For more information on the measures being implemented in the light of the views expressed by students, see the *You said, we did* section.