

# Maritime Student Distance Education Survey

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**Please confirm your name to be entered into the draw for 1 of 3 chances to win a \$200 Future Shop gift card. Please complete the survey only ONCE.**

**Student Name:**

**1. What is the highest level of education completed by your father?**

- Some high school or less
- High school diploma
- Some post-secondary education
- Community college certificate or diploma
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree
- Unknown

**2. What is the highest level of education completed by your mother?**

- Some high school or less
- High school diploma
- Some post-secondary education
- Community college certificate or diploma
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree
- Unknown

**3. Do you have brothers or sisters currently attending a post-secondary institution?**

- Yes
- No

**4. Do you have brothers or sisters who have graduated from a post-secondary program (i.e., university, college or trades program)?**

- Yes
- No

**5. Do you have any brothers or sisters who also attended Memorial University?**

- Yes
- No

**6. Listed below are factors that students often consider when choosing a university. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not important at all' and 5 being 'very important' please rate how important the following factors were to you in making your choice to study at Memorial University.**

**a. Total cost**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**b. Availability of financial aid based on your need (e.g., student loans)**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**c. Availability of scholarships**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**d. Distance of program/institution from your home**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**e. Distance from your friends or relatives**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**f. Availability of student housing (e.g., residence)**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**g. Availability of the program**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**h. Preparation for graduate school (e.g., Master's degree)**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**i. Memorial University's reputation**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**j. Reputation of Newfoundland and Labrador**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**7. Which one of these factors was the MOST IMPORTANT influence on your decision to study at Memorial University? Select one response.**

- Total cost
- Availability of financial aid based on your need (e.g., student loans)
- Availability of scholarships
- Distance of program/institution from your home
- Distance from your friends or relatives
- Availability of student housing (e.g., residence)
- Availability of the program
- Preparation for graduate school (e.g., Master's degree)
- Memorial University's reputation
- Reputation of Newfoundland and Labrador
- Other (please indicate):

**8. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being 'very much encouraged' and 5 being 'very much discouraged', to what extent did the following people encourage or discourage you to attend Memorial University?**

**a. Father/male guardian**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**b. Mother/female guardian**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**c. Sister(s) and/or brother(s)**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**d. Teacher(s)**

- 1  2  3  4  5

**e. School counselor(s)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**f. Friend(s)**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**9. Was Memorial University your first choice?**

- Yes
- No, another institution in my home province was my first choice
- No, another institution elsewhere in the Maritimes (NS, NB, PEI) was my first choice
- No, another institution elsewhere in Canada was my first choice
- No, an institution outside of Canada was my first choice

**10. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being 'not important at all' and 5 being 'very important' how important of a factor were tuition fees in your selection of Memorial University?**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

**11. Which of the following is the MOST important source you use to finance your education:**

- Yourself (includes savings and employment earnings)
- Spouse or partner
- Parents
- Other family members
- Scholarships, bursaries and/ or awards
- Student line of credit/ credit cards
- Government student loans
- Other (please indicate):

**12. Which is the SECOND MOST important source you use?**

- Yourself (includes savings and employment earnings)
- Spouse or partner
- Parents
- Other family members
- Scholarships, bursaries and/ or awards
- Student line of credit/ credit cards
- Government student loans
- Other (please indicate):

**13. Which is the THIRD MOST important source?**

- Yourself (includes savings and employment earnings)
- Spouse or partner
- Parents
- Other family members
- Scholarships, bursaries and/ or awards
- Student line of credit/ credit cards
- Government student loans
- Other (please indicate):

**14. Are you currently the recipient of any scholarship, bursary or monetary award?**

- Yes
- No

**15. Which statement best describes your current accommodations?**

- I live in the university residence
- I live in accommodations that I rent

- I live in accommodations that I or my parents own
- I live with relatives/friends and pay rent to them
- I live with relatives/friends and do NOT pay rent to them
- Other

**16. What best describes your employment status?**

- Employed, and NOT looking for more or different work
- Employed, but looking for more or different work
- Unemployed (i.e., looking for work)
- Not employed and NOT looking for work

**17. How many jobs do you currently have?**

Answer here:

**18. Please select the option that best describes your work environment (if you hold more than one job, select all that apply).**

- On-campus, related to your area of study
- On-campus, NOT related to your area of study
- Off-campus, related to your area of study
- Off-campus, NOT related to your area of study

**19. At the time you applied to Memorial University, did you have any relatives residing in Newfoundland and Labrador?**

- Yes
- No

**20. At the time you applied to Memorial University, did you have any relatives attending the university?**

- Yes
- No

**21. At the time you applied to Memorial University, did you have any friends residing in Newfoundland and Labrador?**

- Yes
- No

**22. At the time you applied to Memorial University, did you have any friends attending or considering applying to the institution?**

- Yes
- No

**23. Have you attended any post-secondary institutions other than Memorial University?**

- Yes
- No

**24. Which best describes your average grade in high school?**

- 40%
- 45%
- 50%
- 55%
- 60%
- 65%
- 70%

- 75%
- 80%
- 85%
- 90%
- Over 90%

**25. The next series of questions asks about your experience at Memorial University. For each statement, please indicate whether you Strongly Disagree, Somewhat Disagree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Somewhat Agree, or Strongly Agree.**

**a. The tuition fees I pay at Memorial University are reasonable.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

**b. Overall, I am satisfied with my experience at Memorial University.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

**c. I would recommend Memorial University to others.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

**d. Overall, I am satisfied with the services available to out-of -province students at Memorial University.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

**e. I plan to live in my home community after graduation.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

**f. I would consider staying in Newfoundland and Labrador following graduation.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

**g. I would be willing to re-locate to Newfoundland and Labrador for a job.**

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

**26. During the period of September 2010 to August 2011, how many months do you intend to live in Newfoundland?**

Answer here:

**27. Which of the following BEST describes what you plan to do upon completion of your current program:**

- Enroll in another program at Memorial University
- Enroll in another program at a different institution in Atlantic Canada
- Enroll in another program at a different institution in Canada, but outside of Atlantic Canada
- Find employment in your home province
- Find employment in Newfoundland and Labrador
- Find employment in Atlantic Canada
- Find employment in Canada, outside of Atlantic Canada
- Find employment in another country outside of Canada
- Undecided

**28. Have your distance education courses been on-line courses, correspondence courses, or both types?**

- On-line (i.e., web-based format)
- Correspondence (i.e., paper-based format)
- Both

**29. Why did you decide to take a distance education course (or courses)? Check all that apply.**

- I was not living near the university campus.
- My work schedule conflicted with the on-campus section of the course.
- My class schedule conflicted with the on-campus section of the course.
- I prefer distance courses over on-campus courses.
- I had family responsibilities.
- There was no on-campus section of the course.
- It gave me more flexibility.
- It was more convenient.

Other reasons (please specify)?

**30. The next series of questions asks about your learning experiences in distance education courses. For each statement, please indicate whether you Strongly Disagree, Somewhat Disagree, Neither Agree nor Disagree, Somewhat Agree, or Strongly Agree.**

**I believe I can learn the same amount in either distance or on-campus courses.**

- Strongly Disagree    Somewhat Disagree    Neither Agree nor Disagree    Somewhat Agree  
 Strongly Agree

**I believe I can earn the same grade in distance and on-campus courses.**

- Strongly Disagree    Somewhat Disagree    Neither Agree nor Disagree    Somewhat Agree  
 Strongly Agree

**I enjoy studying by distance.**

- Strongly Disagree    Somewhat Disagree    Neither Agree nor Disagree    Somewhat Agree  
 Strongly Agree

**I would prefer distance education for courses I take in the future.**

- Strongly Disagree    Somewhat Disagree    Neither Agree nor Disagree    Somewhat Agree  
 Strongly Agree

**Overall, I am satisfied with distance education at Memorial University.**

- Strongly Disagree    Somewhat Disagree    Neither Agree nor Disagree    Somewhat Agree  
 Strongly Agree

**31. If you have any other comments, concerns, or feedback about studying at Memorial University, please note them in the space below:**

**32. Would you like to be entered into the draw for 1 of 3 chances to win a \$200 Future Shop**

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- Yes
- No

**33. Would you be willing to participate in a follow-up interview?**

- Yes
- No

**Please confirm your student number (type in the space below):**

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