

**DALTON STATE COLLEGE
DIVISION OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS
2001 BS GRADUATES SURVEY RESULTS REPORT**

Number of BS Graduates for 2001: 7

Section I Demographics

1. While a student at Dalton State College, I was mainly enrolled:

Full-time	6	86%
Part-time	1	14%

2. How long did it take you to complete your MIS degree program at Dalton State College?

4 years	4	57%
5 years	1	14%
7 years or more	1	14%
No reply	1	14%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

3. What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Obtain further education	1	14%
Obtain full-time employment	6	86%

4. If your plans are to continue your education, do you plan to eventually...

Attend graduate/professional school	1	14%
No Reply	6	86%

5. How well did Dalton State College prepare you for continuing your education?

Extremely well	1	14%
No Reply	6	86%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

6. What is the highest degree or certificate do you eventually plant to obtain?

Doctoral degree	1	14%
Not applicable	6	86%

7. What is your current employment status?

Unemployed, seeking employment	3	43%
Working full-time at the job I had before I graduated	2	29%
Work full-time at a new job I recently obtained	2	29%

8. If employed, what is your job title?

Credit Manager	1	14%
Management Trainee Program	1	14%
Did not indicate	3	43%
Program Analyst	1	14%
No Reply	1	14%

9. Name of employer

Shaw Industries	2	29%
T.V.A.	1	14%
Did not indicate	3	43%
No Reply	1	14%

10. What is your organization's primary business activity?

Government	1	14%
Carpet and rugs	2	29%
Data processing services	1	14%
No Reply	3	43%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

11. What ONE method best characterizes the way you obtained your job?

Continued in job held prior to DSC	1	14%
Hired by organization where I did an internship/co-op/volunteer work	3	43%
No Reply	3	43%

12. What is your starting salary?

\$30,001 - \$40,000	1	14%
\$40,001 – \$45,000	2	29%
No Reply	4	57%

13. How closely related is your job to your degree major?

Highly related	3	43%
Not related	1	14%
No Reply	3	43%

14. How important do you feel your MIS degree was in obtaining your position?

Very important	3	43%
Not important	1	14%
No Reply	3	43%

15. In your opinion, how difficult was it to obtain a job in your degree major?

Average	3	43%
Easy	1	14%
No Reply	3	43%

16. How well did your experiences at DAC prepare you for your job?

Fully prepared	1	14%
Moderately prepared	3	43%
No Reply	3	43%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

17. How satisfied are you with your job placement?

Very satisfied	3	43%
No Reply	4	57%

Section III Performance Skills and Competencies

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being at the low end and 5 being at the high end, please indicate your assessment on how your education at DSC helped you achieve the following performance skills and competencies necessary to show proficiency as an MIS graduate. (If any skills area should receive a score below 3, the program related courses of study would require further review.)

18. Personal productivity software

Four	3	43%
Five	4	57%

19. Computer technology

Four	5	71%
Five	2	29%

20. Special topics in management information systems

Two	1	14%
Three	3	43%
Four	1	14%
Five	2	29%

21. Computer programming, logic and design

Two	2	29%
Three	1	14%
Four	3	43%
Five	1	14%

Section III Performance Skills and Competencies

22. Systems analysis and design methodology

Two	1	14%
Three	4	57%
Five	2	29%

23. Data communications hardware and protocols

One	1	17%
Three	1	17%
Four	3	50%
Five	1	17%

24. Computer hardware and operating systems

Two	1	14%
Three	3	43%
Four	2	29%
Five	1	14%

25. Management of information resources

Two	1	14%
Three	2	29%
Four	2	29%
Five	2	29%

26. Database management systems

Two	1	14%
Three	2	29%
Four	2	29%
Five	2	29%

Section III Performance Skills and Competencies

27. Development and support of web-based MIS applications

Two	1	14%
Three	2	29%
Four	2	29%
Five	2	29%

Section IV Learning Outcomes

To determine if the student learning outcomes of the MIS program were met, please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

Now that I have completed the MIS degree program, I am able to ...

28. Know the current topics and issues in MIS.

Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	4	57%

29. Understand the pros and cons of major MIS topics and issues.

Agree	2	29%
Strongly Agree	5	71%

30. Use all forms of personal productivity software applications.

Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	4	57%

31. Use on-line Help topics and other resources to expand skill base.

Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	4	57%

32. Understand and use an extensive MIS vocabulary.

Agree	2	29%
Strongly Agree	5	71%

Section IV Learning Outcomes

33. Recognize the advantages and disadvantages of data communications.

Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	4	57%

34. Know the major networking topologies and their advantages and disadvantages.

Agree	4	57%
Strongly Agree	3	43%

35. Apply the three basic logic structures in their preparation of MIS applications software.

Strongly Disagree	1	14%
Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	3	43%

36. Understand the basic concepts of object-oriented programming.

Strongly Disagree	1	14%
Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	3	43%

37. Write simple and complex computer programs in several computer languages.

Strongly Disagree	1	14%
Disagree	2	29%
Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	1	14%

38. Demonstrate proficiency in the design and analysis of typical business applications.

Disagree	2	29%
Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	2	29%

Section IV Learning Outcomes

39. Demonstrate knowledge of contemporary topics in information resources management.

Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	4	57%

40. Understand the design and implementation issues of web-based applications.

Disagree	1	14%
Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	3	43%

41. Prepare simple and complex SQL queries for typical business application databases.

Agree	4	57%
Strongly Agree	3	43%

42. Design and normalize a typical business application database.

Agree	4	57%
Strongly Agree	3	43%

43. As a result of the education I received toward my degree in MIS, I feel I possess the necessary academic skills and competencies to be gainfully employed and be productive.

Strongly Disagree	1	14%
Disagree	4	57%
Agree	2	29%

44. As a result of my education at DSC, I learned to think critically.

Agree	4	57%
Strongly Agree	3	43%

45. As a result of my education at DSC, I learned to analyze and interpret statistical data.

Agree	5	71%
Strongly Agree	2	29%

Section IV Learning Outcomes

46. As a result of my education at DSC, I learned to perform basic mathematical operations.

Strongly Disagree	1	14%
Agree	4	57%
Strongly Agree	2	29%

47. As a result of my education at DSC, I learned to utilize computers and personal productivity application software to increase my effectiveness on the job.

Agree	3	43%
Strongly Agree	4	57%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects of the Division of Business & Technology?

48. Quality of instruction by faculty

Fair	1	14%
Good	4	57%
Excellent	2	29%

49. Academic advising

Fair	1	14%
Good	4	57%
Excellent	2	29%

50. Clarity of program requirements

Poor	1	14%
Fair	2	29%
Good	2	29%
Excellent	2	29%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

51. Availability of faculty advisor

Fair	2	29%
Good	2	29%
Excellent	3	43%

52. Career counseling and advising

Poor	3	43%
Good	3	43%
Excellent	1	14%

53. Quality of instruction in laboratories

Good	4	57%
Excellent	3	43%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects of the Division of Business & Technology?

54. Accessibility of faculty

Fair	1	14%
Good	3	43%
Excellent	3	43%

55. Availability of needed courses

Poor	1	14%
Good	4	57%
Excellent	2	29%

56. Range of courses form which to choose

Poor	1	14%
Fair	3	43%
Good	3	43%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

57. Information about course requirements

Poor	1	14%
Fair	2	29%
Good	4	57%

58. Testing/grading system

Fair	2	29%
Good	5	71%

59. Class size

Fair	1	14%
Good	6	86%

60. Classroom and teaching facilities

Good	1	14%
Excellent	6	56%

61. Relevance of classes to career goals and objectives

Fair	1	14%
Good	3	43%
Excellent	3	43%

Section VI General Satisfaction

62. Overall, how would you rate your level of satisfaction with the MIS degree programs received at DSC?

Very satisfied	2	29%
Satisfied	5	71%

63. Would you recommend the Bachelor of Science degree program to someone who would want to major in MIS?

Yes	6	86%
Don't know	1	14%

64. If you could start all over again, would you choose a different major for your degree?

Yes	5	71%
Don't know	2	29%