PART I  GENERAL INFORMATION

SECTION A  ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Degrees Held
1. Bachelors in ________________________  2. Masters in ________________________
3. Ph.D. in ___________________________  4. Other __________________________
Which of the above did you obtain at WIU? (circle)  1  2  3  4
Year(s) the degree were obtained?  1 _______  2 _______  3 _______  4 _______
Minor program at WIU? ________________________________________________________
Where did you earn any non-WIU degrees? (please specify degrees and granting institution)
Master of Arts ___________________________  MBA ________________________________
Master of Science ________________________  Ph.D. ________________________________
Other, please specify ____________________________________________________________
Are you presently enrolled in graduate school? YES_____ NO_____ 
If so, where and in what program are you enrolled? __________________________________
Estimated program completion date? ___________________________

SECTION B  OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION

1. Your present occupation ________________________________________________________
2. Title/Position __________________________________________________________________
3. Number of years with current employer ______________________
4. In which of the following vocational categories are you now employed? (circle all that apply)
   Managerial/Executive  Journalism/Media Professional Personnel
   Sales/Marketing  Teaching Professional  Clerical
   Production/Operations  Legal Professional  Factory
   Financial/Economic Analyst  Other Professional  Retired
5. Are you employed full time? ______ employed part time? ______
unemployed? ______ seeking employment? ______
in school? ______ other? ______

6. In which economic sector are you employed? (please check one which applies)
manufacturing ______ business/information service ______
retail/wholesale______ legal service ______
financial service ______ public sector ______

7. In which type of firm or agency are you employed? (please check one which applies)
federal government ______ corporation ______
state government ______ small business ______
local government ______ self-employed/firm owner ______

8. What is your annual salary category? (please check on which applies)
$0 to $25,000 ______ 70K to $79,999 ______
$30K to $39,999 ______ 80K to $89,999 ______
$40K to $49,999 ______ 90K to $99,999 ______
$50K to $59,999 ______ 100K to $149,999 ______
$60K to $69,999 ______ over $150,000 ______
Other (please specify) ______________________

9. Are you satisfied with your decision to major in economics? YES ____ NO ____

Circle the number that best represents the extent of your agreement with each of the following statements. (SA = Strongly Agree; A = Agree; N = neither agree nor disagree; D = Disagree; SD = Strongly Disagree; NA = Not Applicable)

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PART II EVALUATION OF GRADUATE PROGRAM

Please skip this section if you did not earn your graduate degree in economics at Western Illinois University.
Why did you choose economics as a graduate major?

Why did you choose WIU as the place to pursue your graduate degree?

Circle the number that best represents the extent of your agreement with each statement.
(EX = Excellent; AA = Above Average; A = Average; F = Fair; P = Poor)

1. My impression of the overall quality of the graduate program in economics at WIU is - ..................................... 5 4 3 2 1
2. My impression of the overall quality of the faculty in economics at WIU is - .................................................. 5 4 3 2 1
3. My impression of the overall quality of faculty at WIU is - ............ 5 4 3 2 1
4. My impression of the education received at WIU is - ................ 5 4 3 2 1

Circle the number that best represents the extent of your agreement with each of the following statements. (SA = Strongly Agree; A = Agree; N = neither agree nor disagree; D = Disagree; SD = Strongly Disagree; NA = Not Applicable)

5. I was pleased with my academic advising at the time. ........ 5 4 3 2 1 0
6. The economics courses I took were valuable preparation for the career I was intending to pursue at the time I took them. . . 5 4 3 2 1 0
7. The economics courses I took were valuable preparation for the career I actually entered. ............................ 5 4 3 2 1 0
8. My economics courses developed my:
   a. analytical/critical thinking skills. .................... 5 4 3 2 1 0
   b. quantitative skills ................................. 5 4 3 2 1 0
   c. written communication skills ..................... 5 4 3 2 1 0
   d. oral communication skills ....................... 5 4 3 2 1 0
   e. ability to work with computer software .......... 5 4 3 2 1 0
   f. ability to locate data/information ............... 5 4 3 2 1 0
   g. ability to analyze data ............................ 5 4 3 2 1 0
   h. ability to keep up with the field ............... 5 4 3 2 1 0
9. Which of the above skills do you think that we ought to put MORE emphasis on? If you can, be specific. (For example, if you think we should have emphasized computer skills can you tell us what it is we should have done?)

10. Which of the above skills do you think we should have put LESS emphasis on?

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11. What do you think we should do to improve the graduate economics programs at WIU?

12. What should we have asked that we didn’t?

Circle the number that best represents the extent of your agreement with each statement.
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13. How well did the knowledge/skills you acquired in the graduate program at WIU translate to your country’s conditions? .............. 5 4 3 2 1
Please mail the survey to:

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