

2014-2015 University of Washington Graduates, Six Months After Graduation: Overview

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INTRODUCTION

This report provides results of the UW Alumni Survey of 2014-2015 University of Washington (UW) degree recipients. The survey was administered in Spring 2016, six to nine months after students received their respective degrees. This survey is the continuation of an on-going program of alumni surveys conducted by the UW Office of Educational Assessment (OEA) annually or biennially since 1978. While previous versions of the survey have been carried out one year post-graduation, this administration inaugurates a new timeframe in conformance with requirements of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). Survey content has been modified slightly from previous administrations but the primary focus is still on identifying the primary post-graduation activities of both undergraduate and advanced degree recipients and obtaining graduate perceptions of their educational outcomes. This document provides links to the survey instruments and to several summary tables.

METHOD

Population

The original population was comprised of all University of Washington graduates who received one or more undergraduate or graduate degrees Summer 2014 through Spring 2015 as recorded in the UW Student Database. A total of 16,630 degrees were awarded to 15,376 graduates. The UW Alumni Association provided email addresses for 15,362 (99.9%) of the total population; the final sample was made up of 9,893 undergraduate and 5,469 graduate and professional students.

Instruments

The survey was administered solely online. Students received one of two versions of the questionnaire, depending on their degree level. Both the [undergraduate questionnaire](#) and the [advanced degree questionnaire](#) were composed of set of forced-choice questions relating to graduates' current educational and occupational status, their overall satisfaction with the UW, the degree to which their UW education advanced their learning with respect to general learning goals, and the importance of those goals to their current primary activity. A final open-ended question asked students if they would like to comment on any aspect of their experience at the UW. Several temporary questions were added to the undergraduate version of the questionnaire relating to initiatives of current or special interest; responses to these questions are not included in overall summary reports.

Procedures

NACE procedures require that graduates be surveyed six months after receipt of degree. In the future, UW alumni surveys will be conducted on ongoing, year-round basis, but for this first iteration, all 2014-2015 UW graduates were surveyed simultaneously. Between March 17 and April 12, 2016, we sent five [emails to undergraduate degree recipients](#) and five [emails to advanced degree recipients](#). The messages provided a link to the survey, described its importance to the University, and notified recipients that they would be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card. The survey was closed April 25. The overall response rate was 31.9% (28.6% for undergraduate and 37.9% for advanced degree recipients).

Students Surveyed and Survey Response Rates

	Degrees awarded	Students awarded degrees	Students surveyed	Students w/ valid emails	Completed Questionnaires	Response Rate
Undergraduate Degree(s)						
Summer2014	1,608	1,466	1,464	1,387	370	25.3%
Autumn2014	1,262	1,136	1,131	1,111	292	25.8%
Winter2015	1,597	1,416	1,414	1,398	384	27.2%
Spring2015	6,634	5,885	5,884	5,776	1,783	30.3%
Subtotal	11,101	9,903	9,893	9,672	2,829	28.6%
Advanced Degree(s)						
Summer2014	816	809	808	748	289	35.8%
Autumn2014	695	692	692	669	280	40.5%
Winter2015	676	672	673	643	280	41.6%
Spring2015	3,342	3,318	3,315	3,198	1,226	37.0%
Subtotal	5,529	5,473	5,469	5,239	2,075	37.9%
OVERALL TOTAL	16,630	15,376	15,362	14,911	4,904	31.9%

Note: *Students awarded degrees* are represented in the quarterly totals for each degree received, but only once in the respective subtotal or overall total. *Students surveyed* exclude those who were deceased or for whom we were not able to obtain an email address. Students who received degrees in multiple quarters were surveyed only once, in the first quarter in which they received a degree. *Students with valid emails* include students for whom we did not receive hard bounces. *Response rate* was calculated by dividing the number of *Completed Questionnaires* by *Students surveyed*.

RESULTS

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Overall	Undergraduate	Masters	see UW Seattle
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UW Bothell

Overall	Undergraduate	Masters
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Departments

Business	Undergraduate	Masters
Educational Studies		Masters
Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences	Undergraduate	Masters
Nursing and Health Studies	Undergraduate	Masters
STEM		
- Biological Science	Undergraduate	
- Computing & Software Systems	Undergraduate	Masters
- Engineering & Mathematics	Undergraduate	
- Interactive Media Design	Undergraduate	

UW Tacoma

Overall	Undergraduate	Masters
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Departments

Business	Undergraduate	Masters
Culture, Art & Communication	Undergraduate	
Education		Masters
Institute of Technology	Undergraduate	Masters
Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences	Undergraduate	Masters
Nursing & Healthcare Leadership	Undergraduate	Masters
Politics, Philosophy & Public Affairs	Undergraduate	
Science & Mathematics	Undergraduate	
Social & Historical Study	Undergraduate	
Social, Behavior and Human Science	Undergraduate	
Social Work	Undergraduate	Masters
Urban Studies	Undergraduate	

UW Seattle

Overall	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
College of A&S, Arts			
Art	Undergraduate	Masters	
Art History	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Dance	Undergraduate	Masters	
Drama	Undergraduate	Masters	
Music	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
College of A&S, Humanities			
Asian Languages & Literature	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Classics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Comparative History of Ideas	Undergraduate		
Comparative Literature	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
English	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
French & Italian Studies	Undergraduate	Masters	
Germanics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Linguistics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Near Eastern Languages & Civilization	Undergraduate	Masters	
Romance Languages & Literature	Undergraduate	Masters	
Scandinavian Studies	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Slavic Languages & Literature	Undergraduate		
Spanish & Portuguese Studies	Undergraduate		
College of A&S, Natural Sciences			
Applied & Computational Math Sciences	Undergraduate		
Applied Mathematics		Masters	Doctoral
Astronomy	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Biology	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Chemistry	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Computer Science	Undergraduate		
Mathematics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Microbiology	Undergraduate		
Neurobiology	Undergraduate		
Physics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Psychology	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Speech & Hearing Sciences	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Statistics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral

College of A&S, Social Sciences

American Ethnic Studies	Undergraduate		
American Indian Studies	Undergraduate		
Anthropology	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Communication	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Economics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Geography	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
History	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
International Studies	Undergraduate	Masters	
Law, Societies, & Justice	Undergraduate		
Philosophy	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Political Science	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Sociology	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Women's Studies	Undergraduate	Masters	

College of A&S, Other

Evening Degree Program	Undergraduate		
General Studies	Undergraduate		

College of Built Environments

Architecture	Undergraduate	Masters	
Architecture and Urban Planning	Undergraduate	Masters	
Built Environments		Masters	Doctoral
Construction Management	Undergraduate	Masters	
Landscape Architecture	Undergraduate	Masters	

College of Education

	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
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College of Engineering

Aeronautics & Astronautics	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Chemical Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Civil & Environmental Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Computer Science & Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Electrical Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Human Centered Design & Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Industrial Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Materials Science & Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Mechanical Engineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral

College of the Environment

Aquatic & Fishery Sciences	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Atmospheric Sciences	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Earth & Space Sciences	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Environmental and Forest Sciences	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Marine & Environmental Affairs		Masters	
Oceanography	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Program on the Environment	Undergraduate		

Evans School of Public Policy & Governance		Masters	Doctoral
Foster School of Business			
Accounting	Undergraduate	Masters	
Business Administration	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Information School	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs			
Design Use Build		Masters	
Health Administration		Masters	
Interdisciplinary Pathobiology Group		Masters	Doctoral
Molecular & Cellular Biology			Doctoral
Museology		Masters	
Near & Middle Eastern Studies			Doctoral
Neurobiology & Behavior			Doctoral
Quantitative Ecology & Resources Mgmt		Masters	Doctoral
Inter-School/Inter-College Programs			
Bioengineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Global Health		Masters	
School of Dentistry			
Dentistry			Doctoral
Endodontics		Masters	
Oral Health Sciences		Masters	Doctoral
Oral Medicine		Masters	
Orthodontics		Masters	
Pediatric Dentistry		Masters	
Periodontics		Masters	
Restorative Dentistry		Masters	
School of Law		Masters	Doctoral
School of Medicine			
Biochemistry			Doctoral
Genome Sciences		Masters	Doctoral
Immunology		Masters	Doctoral
Laboratory Medicine	Undergraduate	Masters	
MEDEX Northwest	Undergraduate	Masters	
Medical Education		Masters	Doctoral
Medicine			Doctoral
Microbiology		Masters	Doctoral
Pathology			Doctoral
Pharmacology		Masters	Doctoral
Physiology & Biophysics			Doctoral
Rehabilitation Medicine		Masters	Doctoral

School of Nursing	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
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School of Pharmacy			
Medicinal Chemistry			Doctoral
Pharmaceutics			Doctoral
Pharmacy		Masters	Doctoral

School of Public Health			
Biostatistics		Masters	Doctoral
Environmental Health	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Epidemiology		Masters	Doctoral
Health Services	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Public Health	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral

School of Social Work	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
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