

2015-2016 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. 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. The survey was administered June 2016 through January 2017, six to nine months after students received their respective degrees in conformance with reporting requirements of the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). The primary focus is identifying the 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 2015 through Spring 2016 as recorded in the UW Student Database. A total of 16,954 degrees were awarded to 15,701 graduates. The UW Alumni Association provided email addresses for 15,697 (99.9%) of the total population; the final sample was made up of 10,325 undergraduate and 5,372 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 sets 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 approximately six months after receipt of degree. Alumni who received their degrees in autumn 2015, winter 2016, or spring 2016 were surveyed six months after graduation; and summer 2015 graduates were surveyed nine months after graduation. We sent four emails to undergraduate degree recipients and four 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 overall response rate was 31.7% (28.9% for undergraduate and 37.0% 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	1,626	1,490	1,490	1,454	403	27.0%
Autumn2014	1,384	1,251	1,250	1,228	318	25.4%
Winter2015	1,627	1,444	1,444	1,408	414	28.7%
Spring2015	6,914	6,144	6,141	5,944	1,851	30.1%
Subtotal	11,552	10,329	10,325	10,034	2,986	28.9%
Advanced Degree(s)						
Summer2014	839	837	837	794	287	34.3%
Autumn2014	634	631	631	610	231	36.3%
Winter2015	729	724	724	699	261	36.0%
Spring2015	3,200	3,180	3,180	3,090	1,210	38.0%
Subtotal	5,402	5,372	5,372	5,193	1,989	37.0%
OVERALL TOTAL	16,954	15,701	15,697	15,227	4,975	31.7%

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
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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	Masters
- Interactive Media Design	Undergraduate	
- Physical Science	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	Masters

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	Doctoral
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	Doctoral
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		Doctoral
Spanish & Portuguese Studies	Undergraduate	Masters	
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	Doctoral
Law, Societies, & Justice	Undergraduate		
Philosophy	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Political Science	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Sociology	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Women's Studies	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral

College of A&S, Other

Dean's Office	Undergraduate		
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	

School of Business

Accounting	Undergraduate	Masters	
Business Administration	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral

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	

College of Education

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		

Information School

Information School	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
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Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs

Design Use Build		Masters	
Health Administration		Masters	
Interdisciplinary Pathobiology Group		Masters	Doctoral
Molecular & Cellular Biology			Doctoral
Molecular Engineering & Sciences		Masters	
Museology		Masters	
Near & Middle Eastern Studies			Doctoral
Neurobiology & Behavior		Masters	Doctoral
Quantitative Ecology & Resources Mgmt		Masters	Doctoral
Urban Design & Planning			Doctoral

Inter-School/Inter-College Programs

Bioengineering	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
Global Health		Masters	Doctoral

School of Law

School of Law		Masters	Doctoral
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School of Medicine

Biochemistry		Masters	Doctoral
Genome Sciences		Masters	Doctoral
Immunology		Masters	Doctoral
Laboratory Medicine	Undergraduate	Masters	
MEDEX Northwest	Undergraduate	Masters	
Medical Education		Masters	Doctoral
Medical History and Ethics		Masters	
Medicine			Doctoral
Microbiology		Masters	Doctoral
Pathology		Masters	Doctoral
Pharmacology		Masters	Doctoral
Physiology & Biophysics			Doctoral
Rehabilitation Medicine		Masters	Doctoral

School of Nursing

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 Public Policy & Governance

Public Policy & Governance		Masters	Doctoral
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School of Social Work

School of Social Work	Undergraduate	Masters	Doctoral
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