

UW Alumni Survey Results

2017-2018 MASTERS Degree Recipients

Geography A&S Social Sciences Arts & Sciences UW Seattle

Graduates Surveyed

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total	18	100%	196	100%	571	100%	3923	100%
Women	8	44%	114	58%	292	51%	2110	54%
Men	10	56%	82	42%	279	49%	1813	46%
African American	0	0%	7	4%	15	3%	133	3%
American Indian	0	0%	3	2%	7	1%	44	1%
Asian American	1	6%	16	8%	53	9%	536	14%
Caucasian	16	89%	115	59%	325	57%	2033	52%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%	22	1%
Hispanic/Latino	1	6%	10	5%	24	4%	249	6%
Other/Not Indicated	0	0%	45	23%	146	26%	906	23%
International	0	0%	43	22%	136	24%	839	21%

Survey Response Rates

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total	6	33%	69	35%	193	34%	1330	34%
Women	1	17%	40	58%	105	54%	745	56%
Men	5	83%	29	42%	88	46%	585	44%
African American	0	0%	2	3%	4	2%	45	3%
American Indian	0	0%	2	3%	3	2%	20	2%
Asian American	0	0%	6	9%	13	7%	171	13%
Caucasian	6	100%	47	68%	128	66%	732	55%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	10	1%
Hispanic/Latino	0	0%	2	3%	5	3%	84	6%
Other/Not Indicated	0	0%	10	14%	39	20%	268	20%
International	0	0%	9	13%	36	19%	251	19%

Current Status

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Employed for pay full time	5	83%	32	46%	83	43%	971	73%
Employed for pay part time	0	0%	4	6%	20	10%	65	5%
Participating in a volunteer or service program	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Serving in the U.S. military	0	0%	4	6%	4	2%	9	1%
Enrolled in a program of continuing education	0	0%	14	20%	51	26%	116	9%
Planning to continue education	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%	9	1%
Seeking employment	1	17%	11	16%	20	10%	98	7%
Not seeking employment or continuing education	0	0%	1	1%	4	2%	15	1%
Other	0	0%	3	4%	10	5%	40	3%

Employed Full Time or Part time**Type of employment**

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Employee working for a company or organization	5	100%	29	85%	72	74%	862	87%
Entrepreneur/self-employed	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	11	1%
Temporary/contract work assignment	0	0%	3	9%	5	5%	33	3%
Freelance	0	0%	0	0%	2	2%	4	0%
Postgraduate internship or fellowship	0	0%	1	3%	3	3%	23	2%
Faculty tenure track position	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	7	1%
Faculty non-tenure track position	0	0%	1	3%	9	9%	19	2%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	4	4%	35	4%

Career related

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	3	60%	27	79%	84	88%	936	95%
No	2	40%	7	21%	12	13%	53	5%

Job location

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
King, Pierce, Snohomish counties	3	60%	24	71%	55	57%	677	68%
Other Washington	1	20%	1	3%	4	4%	44	4%
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon	0	0%	1	3%	2	2%	36	4%
California, Hawaii	0	0%	0	0%	5	5%	77	8%
Mountain states	0	0%	1	3%	3	3%	20	2%
Central states	0	0%	0	0%	6	6%	32	3%
Eastern states	1	20%	4	12%	14	15%	61	6%
International	0	0%	3	9%	7	7%	44	4%

Type of employer

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
For-profit company	1	20%	10	29%	37	42%	478	51%
Non-profit/NGO	0	0%	7	21%	10	11%	158	17%
Government	3	60%	15	44%	36	40%	263	28%
Other	1	20%	2	6%	6	7%	30	3%

Search time (weeks)

N	1	15	43	536
Mean	1.0	11.1	9.4	10.8
SD		15	12	10
Range	1 1	0 52	0 52	0 52

Salary

N	4	25	56	719
Mean	68,000	79,837	78,631	84,660
SD	26,038	97,443	69,784	49,771
Range	39,000 90,000	24,000 500,000	24,000 500,000	13,000 500,000

Participating in a Volunteer or Service Program

Program location

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
King, Pierce, Snohomish counties	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	3	43%
Other Washington	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	14%
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
California, Hawaii	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Mountain states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Central states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Eastern states	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	14%
International	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	29%

Serving in the US Military

Service branch

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Air Force	0	0%	1	25%	1	25%	4	44%
Army	0	0%	2	50%	2	50%	3	33%
Coast Guard	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%
Marine Corps	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Navy	0	0%	1	25%	1	25%	1	11%

Status

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Active duty	0	0%	4	100%	4	100%	9	100%
Reserve	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
National Guard	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

Enrolled in Educational Program

Degree program

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Certificate	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	1%
Associate (AA/AS)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Bachelor (BA/BS)	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Masters (MA/MS) – terminal degree	0	0%	2	15%	2	4%	5	5%
Masters (MA/MS) – leading to doctorate	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Doctorate (PhD/EdD)	0	0%	11	85%	44	92%	93	85%
Professional (JD, MD, DDS, PharmD)	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	9	8%
Other	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

School location

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
King, Pierce, Snohomish counties	0	0%	11	85%	37	80%	88	83%
Other Washington	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Alaska, Idaho, Oregon	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
California, Hawaii	0	0%	2	15%	2	4%	6	6%
Mountain states	0	0%	0	0%	2	4%	2	2%
Central states	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	3	3%
Eastern states	0	0%	0	0%	3	7%	6	6%
International	0	0%	0	0%	1	2%	1	1%

All Respondents

Authorized to permanently work in the U.S.

	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Yes	5	100%	57	89%	150	84%	1048	84%
No	0	0%	7	11%	29	16%	194	16%

Amount UW academic program ADVANCED LEARNING

1=Not at all; 2=Somewhat; 3=Moderately; 4=Very much

	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
Acquiring deep knowledge in your chosen field of study	5	2.8	62	3.2	172	3.3	1181	3.3
Writing effectively	5	2.2	62	3.0	172	2.8	1174	2.9
Speaking effectively about ideas, projects, and plans	5	2.0	61	2.7	170	2.7	1177	3.0
Critically analyzing the research, technical literature, and/or performance in your field	5	2.2	62	3.0	171	3.1	1177	3.2
Identifying important questions in your field	5	2.6	62	3.2	171	3.1	1178	3.3
Identifying and using the best methods for answering specific questions in your field	5	2.2	62	2.9	170	3.0	1176	3.1
Knowing how to generate original/creative ideas, solutions, and research directions	5	2.2	62	2.9	171	2.9	1176	3.0
Knowing how to put research ideas into practice in your field	5	2.4	62	2.7	171	2.8	1177	2.9
Understanding ethics and ethical practice in your field	5	1.8	61	2.8	170	2.6	1175	3.0
Understanding, evaluating, and using the quantitative methods relevant to your field	5	2.6	62	2.6	171	2.9	1175	3.0
Mastering specialized instruments, computer programs, or materials important to your field	5	2.8	62	2.2	171	2.6	1174	2.6
Learning independently	5	1.8	62	3.0	171	3.2	1172	3.2
Working collaboratively with others within your field	5	1.8	62	2.7	171	2.9	1174	3.2
Working collaboratively with interdisciplinary groups	5	1.6	62	2.6	171	2.5	1174	2.9
Understanding and valuing diverse people and cultures	5	1.8	62	3.1	171	2.9	1173	3.2
Using self-reflection and self-assessment to guide next directions	5	1.4	62	2.6	171	2.7	1175	3.0

IMPORTANCE to current work and life

1=Not at all; 2=Somewhat; 3=Moderately; 4=Very

	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
Acquiring deep knowledge in your chosen field of study	5	2.8	61	3.3	160	3.5	1124	3.5
Writing effectively	5	3.0	61	3.3	160	3.2	1121	3.4
Speaking effectively about ideas, projects, and plans	5	2.8	61	3.5	160	3.4	1121	3.5
Critically analyzing the research, technical literature, and/or performance in your field	5	2.6	61	2.9	159	3.2	1115	3.3
Identifying important questions in your field	5	3.2	61	3.2	160	3.3	1115	3.4
Identifying and using the best methods for answering specific questions in your field	5	3.0	61	3.4	160	3.5	1115	3.5
Knowing how to generate original/creative ideas, solutions, and research directions	5	2.8	61	3.4	160	3.5	1113	3.5
Knowing how to put research ideas into practice in your field	5	2.8	61	3.1	159	3.3	1111	3.3
Understanding ethics and ethical practice in your field	5	2.6	61	3.2	159	3.1	1113	3.4
Understanding, evaluating, and using the quantitative methods relevant to your field	5	3.0	61	2.8	159	3.2	1109	3.2
Mastering specialized instruments, computer programs, or materials important to your field	5	3.0	61	2.9	159	3.1	1112	3.2
Learning independently	5	2.8	60	3.2	159	3.4	1111	3.5
Working collaboratively with others within your field	5	3.0	61	3.5	158	3.4	1111	3.7
Working collaboratively with interdisciplinary groups	5	2.8	61	3.3	160	3.2	1113	3.6
Understanding and valuing diverse people and cultures	5	3.4	61	3.3	159	3.3	1112	3.5
Using self-reflection and self-assessment to guide next directions	5	3.0	61	3.2	160	3.4	1113	3.4

Overall UW experience

1=Poor; 2=Fair; 3=Good; 4=Excellent

	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
The help you received from your graduate thesis (MA/MS graduates) or dissertation (PhD graduates) committee members	5	2.4	60	2.8	153	2.9	1060	2.9
The help you received from graduate student colleagues	5	2.4	61	2.9	162	3.0	1134	3.2
The help you received navigating the job market	5	1.4	61	2.1	156	2.1	1117	2.3
Your overall learning experience at the UW	5	2.6	61	3.0	162	3.0	1142	3.2

1=Strongly Disagree; 2=Disagree; 3=Agree; 4=Strongly Agree

	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
Faculty treated students respectfully - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, and country of origin.	5	3.2	62	3.5	163	3.5	1141	3.5
Students in my major treated each other respectfully - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, and country of origin.	5	2.4	62	3.4	163	3.5	1141	3.5
Classrooms, labs, and other campus spaces were accessible.	5	2.6	62	3.5	162	3.4	1136	3.4
If I had to make my college choice over again, I would choose to attend UW.	5	2.6	62	3.0	163	3.0	1142	3.3

1=Strongly Dissatisfied; 2= Dissatisfied; 3= Satisfied; 4= Strongly Satisfied

	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean
How satisfied are you with your overall experience at UW?	5	2.6	61	3.0	158	3.0	1128	3.2

Current activity roster**Employed Full Time or Part time**

Job title	Employing organization
GIS Specialist	Kittitas County Conservation District
Analyst	
Project Manager	
Strategic Coordinator	AFSCME