



# Graduate Survey

## Master's Degree Respondents

### Spring Graduates 2005

97 Respondents (51% Response Rate)\*

#### Employment

1.) What main activities are you engaged in at the present time? (mark all that apply) (Yes = marked; No = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
68%	66	32%	31	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
7%	7	93%	90	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
13%	13	87%	84	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
14%	14	86%	83	D Actively seeking full-time employment
5%	5	95%	92	E Enrolled in an educational institution
3%	3	97%	94	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
3%	3	97%	94	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
12%	12	88%	85	H Other, please describe: _____

2.) Which one of the above (Question 1) is your **principle activity**? Please mark the corresponding letter that best describes your principal activity at the current time.

	Yes	N		Yes	N
A	69%	66	E	2%	2
B	7%	7	F	1%	1
C	7%	7	G	4%	4
D	4%	4	H	5%	5

Missing	1
Total	97

3.) What are your plans for future educational activities? (mark all that apply) (Yes = marked; No = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
29%	28	71%	69	I do <b>not</b> plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
32%	31	68%	66	Taking interesting classes
24%	23	76%	74	Acquiring job skills
10%	10	90%	87	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
4%	4	96%	93	Obtaining a teaching credential
1%	1	99%	96	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
3%	3	97%	94	Obtaining a master's degree
34%	33	66%	64	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
5%	5	95%	92	Other: please describe: _____

4.) When you chose your major, how strongly did you expect to obtain a job directly related to it?

Yes	N	
72%	69	Very strongly
23%	22	Somewhat strongly
5%	5	Not strongly at all
missing	1	
total	97	

**IF YOU ARE NOT EMPLOYED, PLEASE SKIP TO QUESTION #17 ON THE LAST PAGE.**

5.) What is your current job title? (Please see responses on page 3)

6.) Which factors listed below assisted you in finding your present job? (mark all that apply) (Yes = marked; No = not marked)

Yes	N	No	N	
35%	34	65%	63	Above average G.P.A.
64%	62	36%	35	Academic major
3%	3	97%	94	Double major
5%	5	95%	92	Competence in foreign language
24%	23	76%	74	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
8%	8	92%	89	Competence in mathematics
27%	26	73%	71	Competence in computers
62%	60	38%	37	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
14%	14	86%	83	An effective job search campaign
20%	19	80%	78	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
64%	62	36%	35	Personality or interpersonal skills
13%	13	87%	84	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
12%	12	88%	85	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
26%	23	Business or industry
21%	19	Government agency (not in education)
31%	28	Educational institution
15%	13	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
2%	2	Self-employed
4%	4	Other; please describe: _____
missing	8	
total	97	

8.) What was your starting monthly salary before deductions? (all respondents)

\$3,490	Mean starting monthly salary
1,637	Standard Deviation
81	N
16	Missing
97	Total

Starting monthly salary

(Principal activity is "Employed 35 or more hours per week")

\$3,893	Mean starting monthly salary
1,561	Standard Deviation
62	N
35	Missing
97	Total

9.) Were you working at your present job before you completed your most recent degree?

N		
34%	30	Yes
66%	59	No
missing	8	
total	97	

10.) To what extent is your job related to your major field of study?

N		
75%	67	Directly related
20%	18	Somewhat related
4%	4	Not related at all
missing	8	
total	97	

11.) If your job is not "directly related" to your major field (i.e., "Somewhat related" or "Not related at all" was marked in Question 10 above), what was your main reason for taking it? (mark only one)

N		
21%	4	Could not find a job in my field
0%	0	Better pay than a job in my field
16%	3	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
5%	1	To see if I liked this kind of work
5%	1	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
11%	2	Geographical location appealed to me
26%	5	Best opportunity among available jobs
16%	3	Other; please describe: _____
missing	78	
total	97	

12.) What level of education was required for your present job?

N		
47%	42	Master's degree
36%	32	Bachelor's degree
4%	4	Some college
12%	11	No college required
missing	8	
total	97	

13.) To what extent do you feel that your present job contributes to attaining your career goals?

N		
72%	64	A great deal
22%	20	Somewhat
6%	5	Not at all
missing	8	
total	97	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
90%	80	California
9%	8	Another state or U.S. possession
1%	1	Another country
missing	8	
total	97	

15.) How satisfied are you with your ability to work in a diverse and multicultural workplace?

N		
1%	1	Not very satisfied
17%	15	Pretty satisfied
82%	72	Completely satisfied
missing	9	
total	97	

16.) Did you perform community service while you were enrolled at CSU, Chico?

N		
40%	39	Yes
60%	58	No
missing	0	
total	97	

If "Yes," number of MONTHS you performed community service while enrolled at CSU, Chico.

20.8	Mean months
23.4	Standard Dev.
34	N
63	Missing
97	Total

If "Yes," average HOURS PER WEEK you performed community service while enrolled at CSU, Chico.

N		
44%	16	1-2 hours per week
22%	8	3-4 hours per week
8%	3	5-6 hours per week
6%	2	7-8 hours per week
6%	2	9-10 hours per week
11%	4	11-15 hours per week
3%	1	16-20 hours per week
0%	0	More than 20 hours per week
missing	61	
total	97	

5.) What is your current job title? (Continued from page 1)

N		
11.5%	10	Teachers: Kindergarten, Elementary, Secondary, Includes Special Education
10.3%	9	Social Workers: Child, Family, School, Medical, Public Health
6.9%	6	Psychologists: Clinical, Counseling, School, Educational
6.9%	6	Postsecondary Teachers - All Areas
6.9%	6	Speech-Language Pathologists
5.7%	5	Managers: General/Operations, Administrative, Financial, Social/Community Service
4.6%	4	Computer Specialists: Information Scientists, Software Engineers, Systems Analysts
3.4%	3	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School
3.4%	3	Counselors: Substance Abuse/Behavioral Disorder, Educational, School
2.3%	2	Management Analysts
2.3%	2	Editors
2.3%	2	Dietitians and Nutritionists
2.3%	2	Sales: Advertising Sales, Sales and Related Workers, All Other
1.1%	1	Auditors
1.1%	1	Financial Analysts
1.1%	1	Database Administrators
1.1%	1	Electrical Engineers
1.1%	1	Architectural Drafters
1.1%	1	Surveying Technicians
1.1%	1	Biologists
1.1%	1	Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health
1.1%	1	Archeologists
1.1%	1	Biological Technicians
1.1%	1	Environmental Science and Protection Technicians
1.1%	1	Forensic Science Technicians
1.1%	1	Social and Human Service Assistants
1.1%	1	Directors, Religious Activities and Education
1.1%	1	Legal Support Workers, All Other
1.1%	1	Instructional Coordinators
1.1%	1	Interior Designers
1.1%	1	Coaches and Scouts
1.1%	1	Registered Nurses

1.1%	1	Therapists, All Other
1.1%	1	Pharmacy Aides
1.1%	1	Healthcare Support Workers, All Other
1.1%	1	Waiters and Waitresses
1.1%	1	Court Clerks
1.1%	1	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping
1.1%	1	Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks
1.1%	1	Military Enlisted Tactical Operations and Air-Weapons Specialists
missing	10	
total	97	

## Educational Satisfaction

Please rate your satisfaction with the following items. Leave blank any of the items you considered unimportant in regard to your educational plans.

Not very satisfied		Pretty satisfied		Completely satisfied		
%	N	%	N	%	N	
4%	2	59%	33	38%	21	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
11%	5	62%	28	27%	12	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
5%	3	45%	29	50%	32	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
5%	4	39%	29	55%	41	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
18%	12	50%	34	32%	22	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	4	33%	30	63%	57	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
4%	4	29%	27	66%	61	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
5%	4	31%	24	64%	50	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
2%	2	25%	21	73%	61	25.) Your ability to do university work.
1%	1	27%	25	72%	67	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
12%	11	27%	25	60%	55	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
9%	8	40%	37	51%	47	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
6%	6	31%	29	62%	58	29.) Your major course of study.
12%	11	40%	38	48%	46	30.) The quality of your degree program.
4%	4	53%	49	42%	39	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
15%	12	39%	31	46%	36	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
28%	23	51%	42	22%	18	33.) The technology learning environment.
10%	9	40%	37	51%	47	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
15%	8	59%	32	26%	14	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
38%	14	49%	18	14%	5	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
38%	13	41%	14	21%	7	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
20%	13	57%	37	23%	15	38.) Academic advising.
3%	3	40%	38	56%	53	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
1%	1	48%	44	51%	46	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
3%	3	42%	40	55%	52	41.) In general, the way you are spending your life these days?

\* Approximately five months after graduation the annual Graduate Survey is mailed to the previous semester's spring graduates. The survey response rate for master's degree respondents in spring 2005 was 51%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.