



Graduate Survey

Master's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2009

82 Respondents*

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	
67%	55	33%	27	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
4%	3	96%	79	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
21%	17	79%	65	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
13%	11	87%	71	D Actively seeking full-time employment
7%	6	93%	76	E Enrolled in an educational institution
10%	8	90%	74	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
5%	4	95%	78	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
4%	3	96%	79	H Other, please describe: _____

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

	Yes	N		Yes	N		
A	63%	48	E	7%	5	Missing	6
B	1%	1	F	3%	2	Total	82
C	7%	5	G	5%	4		
D	13%	10	H	1%	1		

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

Yes	N	No	N	
26%	21	74%	61	I do not plan to go to school again
				I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:
33%	27	67%	55	Taking interesting classes
13%	11	87%	71	Acquiring job skills
11%	9	89%	73	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
1%	1	99%	81	Obtaining a teaching credential
1%	1	99%	81	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
4%	3	96%	79	Obtaining a master's degree
44%	36	56%	46	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
4%	3	96%	79	Other: please describe: _____

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

	Yes	N	
80%	66		Very strongly
18%	15		Somewhat strongly
1%	1		Not strongly at all
missing	0		
total	82		

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	
16%	13	84%	69	Above average G.P.A.
51%	42	49%	40	Academic major
2%	2	98%	80	Double major
11%	9	89%	73	Competence in foreign language
17%	14	83%	68	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
5%	4	95%	78	Competence in mathematics
24%	20	76%	62	Competence in computers
62%	51	38%	31	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
9%	7	91%	75	An effective job search campaign
17%	14	83%	68	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
46%	38	54%	44	Personality or interpersonal skills
18%	15	82%	67	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
17%	14	83%	68	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
17%	13	Business or industry
31%	23	Government agency (not in education)
29%	22	Educational institution
17%	13	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
1%	1	Self-employed
4%	3	Other; please describe: _____
missing	7	
total	82	

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

\$3,350	Mean starting monthly salary
25	Standard Deviation
68	N
14	Missing
82	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$4,125	Mean starting monthly salary
1,339	Standard Deviation
43	N
39	Missing
82	Total

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

N		
51%	38	Yes
49%	36	No
missing	8	
total	82	

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

N		
84%	62	Directly related
11%	8	Somewhat related
5%	4	Not related at all
missing	8	
total	82	

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		
0%	0	Could not find a job in my field
0%	0	Better pay than a job in my field
25%	3	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
8%	1	To see if I liked this kind of work
8%	1	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
0%	0	Geographical location appealed to me
33%	4	Best opportunity among available jobs
25%	3	Other; please describe: _____
missing	70	
total	82	

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

N		
39%	29	Master's degree
50%	37	Bachelor's degree
4%	3	Some college
7%	5	No college required
missing	8	
total	82	

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

N		
73%	54	A great deal
23%	17	Somewhat
4%	3	Not at all
missing	8	
total	82	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
89%	66	California
11%	8	Another state or U.S. possession
0%	0	Another country
missing	8	
total	82	

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

N		
3%	2	Not very satisfied
28%	21	Pretty satisfied
69%	51	Completely satisfied
missing	8	
total	82	

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

N		
42%	34	Yes
58%	47	No
missing	1	
total	82	

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

N		
24%	8	1-2 hours per week
24%	8	3-4 hours per week
9%	3	5-6 hours per week
3%	1	7-8 hours per week
6%	2	9-10 hours per week
3%	1	11-15 hours per week
21%	7	16-20 hours per week
12%	4	More than 20 hours per week
missing	48	
total	82	

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

26.5	Mean months
24.8	Standard Dev.
33	N
49	Missing
82	Total

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

N		
44.0%	33	Other
24.0%	18	Education
9.3%	7	Computers-Info Tech
9.3%	7	Management-Supervision
5.3%	4	Medical-Nursing
4.0%	3	Financial
2.7%	2	Retail
1.3%	1	Sales
Missing	7	Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed
total	82	

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	
6%	3	59%	32	35%	19	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
11%	6	65%	36	24%	13	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
2%	1	36%	24	62%	41	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
9%	6	32%	22	59%	41	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
15%	9	49%	30	36%	22	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
3%	2	28%	22	69%	54	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
3%	2	21%	16	77%	59	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
3%	2	21%	15	76%	54	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
3%	2	28%	21	69%	51	25.) Your ability to do university work.
1%	1	26%	20	73%	57	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
10%	8	33%	26	57%	45	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
8%	6	38%	29	55%	42	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
6%	5	33%	26	61%	48	29.) Your major course of study.
19%	15	36%	29	45%	36	30.) The quality of your degree program.
9%	7	44%	35	47%	37	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
11%	8	39%	29	51%	38	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
13%	9	45%	31	42%	29	33.) The technology learning environment.
10%	8	41%	32	49%	39	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
15%	8	33%	18	53%	29	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
24%	11	51%	23	24%	11	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
44%	18	39%	16	17%	7	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
27%	17	44%	27	29%	18	38.) Academic advising.
7%	5	43%	33	50%	38	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
5%	4	36%	28	59%	46	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
12%	10	26%	21	62%	50	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 2009 was 35.04%.** Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.