



Graduate Survey

Master's Degree Respondents

Spring Graduates 2012

67 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	
70%	47	30%	20	A Employed 35 or more hours per week
7%	5	93%	62	B Employed in a full-time temporary position (six months or less duration)
16%	11	84%	56	C Employed less than 35 hours per week
21%	14	79%	53	D Actively seeking full-time employment
4%	3	96%	64	E Enrolled in an educational institution
6%	4	94%	63	F Serving an internship required for state or other professional licensing
6%	4	94%	63	G Voluntarily unemployed (e.g., managing home, rearing children)
6%	4	94%	63	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	64%	41	E	5%	3	Missing	3
B	3%	2	F	0%	0	Total	67
C	9%	6	G	5%	3		
D	13%	8	H	2%	1		

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

Yes	N	No	N	
31%	21	69%	46	I do not plan to go to school again
I plan to attend school some time in the future for the purpose of:				
25%	17	75%	50	Taking interesting classes
18%	12	82%	55	Acquiring job skills
22%	15	78%	52	Obtaining a license authorizing the practice of an occupation
0%	0	100%	67	Obtaining a teaching credential
1%	1	99%	66	Obtaining a second bachelor's degree
1%	1	99%	66	Obtaining a master's degree
37%	25	63%	42	Obtaining a professional or doctor's degree (e.g., medicine, Ph.D., law)
4%	3	96%	64	Other: please describe: _____

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

	Yes	N	
77%	47		Very strongly
16%	10		Somewhat strongly
7%	4		Not strongly at all
missing	6		
total	67		

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	
30%	20	70%	47	Above average G.P.A.
58%	39	42%	28	Academic major
1%	1	99%	66	Double major
3%	2	97%	65	Competence in foreign language
27%	18	73%	49	Competence in English (e.g., literacy, composition)
1%	1	99%	66	Competence in mathematics
18%	12	82%	55	Competence in computers
64%	43	36%	24	Work experience or internship/volunteer experience
16%	11	84%	56	An effective job search campaign
27%	18	73%	49	Extra-curricular experiences providing skills sought by employers
57%	38	43%	29	Personality or interpersonal skills
21%	14	79%	53	Knowing someone who was able to influence the hiring decision
6%	4	94%	63	Other: please describe: _____

7.) What type of organization employs you?

N		
30%	17	Business or industry
19%	11	Government agency (not in education)
30%	17	Educational institution
19%	11	Non-profit organization (not government operated)
0%	0	Self-employed
2%	1	Other; please describe: _____
missing	10	
total	67	

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

\$3,770	Mean starting monthly salary
1,802	Standard Deviation
50	N
17	Missing
67	Total

Starting monthly salary

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

\$4,363	Mean starting monthly salary
1,576	Standard Deviation
36	N
31	Missing
67	Total

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

N		
36%	20	Yes
64%	36	No
missing	11	
total	67	

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

N		
77%	44	Directly related
14%	8	Somewhat related
9%	5	Not related at all
missing	10	
total	67	

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		
27%	4	Could not find a job in my field
0%	0	Better pay than a job in my field
7%	1	Better opportunity for advancement than my field
0%	0	To see if I liked this kind of work
13%	2	Opportunity to help people or be useful to society
0%	0	Geographical location appealed to me
33%	5	Best opportunity among available jobs
20%	3	Other; please describe: _____
missing	52	
total	67	

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

N		
52%	29	Master's degree
30%	17	Bachelor's degree
5%	3	Some college
13%	7	No college required
missing	11	
total	67	

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

N		
72%	41	A great deal
18%	10	Somewhat
11%	6	Not at all
missing	10	
total	67	

14.) Where is your present job located?

N		
89%	50	California
11%	6	Another state or U.S. possession
0%	0	Another country
missing	11	
total	67	

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

N		
2%	1	Not very satisfied
32%	18	Pretty satisfied
66%	37	Completely satisfied
missing	11	
total	67	

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

N		
59%	38	Yes
41%	26	No
missing	3	
total	67	

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

N		
45%	17	1-2 hours per week
16%	6	3-4 hours per week
16%	6	5-6 hours per week
0%	0	7-8 hours per week
5%	2	9-10 hours per week
0%	0	11-15 hours per week
8%	3	16-20 hours per week
11%	4	More than 20 hours per week
missing	29	
total	67	

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

19.3	Mean months
17.7	Standard Dev.
32.0	N
35.0	Missing
67	Total

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

N		
42.9%	24	Other
28.6%	16	Education
8.9%	5	Computers/Information Technology
8.9%	5	Medical/Nursing
8.9%	5	Management/Supervision
1.8%	1	Engineering
Missing	11	Not Employed/No Current Job Title Listed
total	67	

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	
17%	7	48%	20	36%	15	17.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the humanities and fine arts.
11%	4	53%	19	36%	13	18.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the biological and physical sciences.
2%	1	38%	17	60%	27	19.) Acquiring a background and an understanding of the behavioral and social sciences.
7%	3	37%	17	57%	26	20.) Acquiring background and specialization for further education in a professional/scientific/scholarly field.
10%	5	39%	19	51%	25	21.) Acquiring vocational training (knowledge and skills directly applicable to a job).
4%	2	20%	11	76%	42	22.) Your ability to write clearly, correctly, and effectively.
2%	1	16%	9	82%	45	23.) Your ability to reason, see relationships, raise questions, examine contrary views, and think critically.
2%	1	18%	9	80%	40	24.) Your ability to participate effectively as a citizen.
0%	0	27%	14	73%	38	25.) Your ability to do university work.
2%	1	19%	11	79%	45	26.) The effort you put into your university education.
2%	1	29%	17	69%	40	27.) Your involvement with faculty.
5%	3	39%	22	55%	31	28.) Your access to faculty outside of the classroom.
5%	3	22%	13	73%	43	29.) Your major course of study.
10%	6	25%	15	64%	38	30.) The quality of your degree program.
3%	2	46%	27	51%	30	31.) Instruction at CSU, Chico.
9%	5	30%	17	61%	34	32.) Your learning opportunities outside of the classroom.
12%	6	42%	22	46%	24	33.) The technology learning environment.
13%	7	36%	20	51%	28	34.) Your ability to take scheduled classes for your major in a timely way.
16%	7	33%	15	51%	23	35.) Your involvement with community service activities.
21%	7	52%	17	27%	9	36.) Your opportunity to participate in university governance.
35%	11	42%	13	23%	7	37.) Your involvement in athletics.
14%	6	50%	22	36%	16	38.) Academic advising.
9%	5	32%	18	59%	33	39.) The value of your CSU, Chico education.
5%	3	36%	21	59%	34	40.) CSU, Chico as a whole.
11%	6	29%	16	60%	33	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 2012 was 28.2%. Please be cautious in interpreting items with a low response rate.