

Report for Campus Community

Graduating Senior Survey: 2004



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**May 2004 Graduating Senior Survey
Respondents' Profile**

	#	%
Gender		
Female	599	67%
Male	293	33%
Total	892	100%
Ethnicity		
White non-hispanic	613	69%
Black non-hispanic	67	8%
Hispanic	67	8%
Asian/Pacific Island	31	3%
American Indian Alaskan	2	0%
Non-resident Alien	33	4%
Unknown	79	9%
Total	892	100%
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Below 2.00	5	1%
2.00-2.50	57	6%
2.51-3.00	245	27%
3.01-3.50	389	44%
3.51-4.00	196	22%
Total	892	100%
Age Distribution		
Below 20	2	0%
20-22	464	52%
23-25	271	30%
26 and over	155	17%
Total	892	100%
School		
Business	109	12%
Education	117	13%
Fine & Performing Arts	107	12%
Liberal Arts & Sciences	508	57%
Sciences and Engineering	51	6%
Total	892	100%
Admission Category*		
Freshman	458	51%
Transfer	431	48%
Other	3	0%
Total	892	100%

*Freshman includes re-admit students ($n = 26$) and Transfer includes internal transfer students ($n = 3$).

2004 Graduating Senior Survey
After Graduation Plans and Out of Class Experience Summary (Campus)

	#	%
Graduates	1023	100%
Respondents	892	87%

I# General Questions	#	%
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A Select the situation that BEST describes your plans following graduation.

Full-time study	106	12%
Full-time study and part-time work	136	15%
Full time study and part-time work	27	3%
Part-time work and part-time study	96	11%
Full-time study and full-time work	126	14%
Other	395	45%
Total	886	100%

Note: % = percent of total responding to A

B Did any of the following circumstances extend your time to graduation?

1 Yes. Availability of courses to fulfill major requirements.	151	17%
2 Yes. Financial difficulties.	69	8%
3 Yes. Work concerns.	79	9%
4 Yes. Family concerns.	80	9%
5 Yes. Reasons that are not on this list.	220	25%
6 No. I graduated on time.	477	53%

Note: % = percent of survey respondents ($n = 892$)

Out of Class Experiences	#	%	M
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For those items that you've participated in, identify the degree to which each has provided you with a meaningful learning experience.

(Scale: 1 - not at all, 2 - a little, 3 - moderately, 4 - greatly)

19 Research project with a faculty member	185	21%	3.62
20 Fieldwork	249	28%	3.49
21 Student teaching	180	20%	3.72
22 Study abroad	110	12%	3.82
23 Internship	171	19%	3.62
24 Leadership role in a campus organization (student organization, academic club, RA)	261	29%	3.56
25 On-campus employment	287	32%	2.92

Note: % = percent of survey respondents ($n = 892$); M = mean

54 If you could start over again...	#	%
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A would you choose to attend SUNY New Paltz?

Yes	601	67%
No	91	10%
Unsure	188	21%

B would choose the same major or field of study?

Yes	613	69%
No	115	13%
Unsure	152	17%

Note: % = percent of survey respondents ($n = 892$)

**2004 Graduating Senior Survey
Major Experience Summary (Campus)**

	#	%
Graduates	1023	100%
Respondents	892	87%

I# Experiences in the Major	#	M	SD
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How often did you:

(Scale: 1 - never, 2 - occasionally, 3 - very often, 4 - almost always)

26 have courses that set high expectations to learn?	868	2.90	0.69
27 interact with a faculty member outside of class?	868	2.44	0.81
28 review your major plan of study?	864	2.58	0.80
29 prepare your schedule prior to meeting with your advisor?	867	3.39	0.82
30 meet with your advisor in advance of registration?	868	3.07	0.99
31 consult with a faculty member for career advice?	864	2.04	0.91
32 have a group or cooperative learning experience?	863	2.44	0.90

Note: M = mean; SD = standard deviation

Rate your satisfaction with the following.

(Scale: 1 - very dissatisfied, 2 - generally dissatisfied, 3 - generally satisfied, 4 - very satisfied, 5 - no opinion)

33 availability of courses needed to fulfill major requirements	870	2.88	0.76
34 availability of courses at the time I wanted	870	2.67	0.80
35 variety of courses to choose from	867	2.68	0.78
36 quality of classroom experiences	866	3.15	0.61
37 quality of faculty as scholars/researchers	871	3.23	0.66
38 quality of internship/co-op/fieldwork opportunities	538	2.62	1.01
39 availability of opportunities to engage in research with faculty	850	2.60	0.97
40 information from your academic advisor	810	2.88	0.99

Note: "No opinion" was not included in calculating mean.

General Skills and Knowledge	#	M	SD
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Indicate the extent to which your capacity was enhanced in each of the following by your experience at New Paltz.

(Scale: 1 - not at all, 2 - a little, 3 - moderately, 4 - greatly)

41 Ability to write coherently	874	3.06	0.87
42 Ability to deliver an effective oral presentation	872	2.97	0.95
43 Mathematical ability	872	2.33	1.03
44 Work cooperatively in team or group	874	3.09	0.90
45 Articulate ethical principals	870	2.93	0.96
46 Appreciate artistic expression in the arts, literature, and music	872	2.82	1.01
47 Identify fallacies or flaws in an argument	869	2.78	0.92
48 Locate sources of information online	876	3.16	0.89

49	Understand issues and problems facing the world	870	3.01	0.90
50	Evaluate the quality of an information source	872	2.86	0.90
51	Understand the process of science	870	2.38	0.99
52	Understand diverse cultures and perspectives	870	3.14	0.88
53	Understand the present as it relates to historical events/processes	868	2.98	0.90

Note: I# = item number