

Report for Campus Community

Graduating Senior Survey: 2005



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**May 2005 Graduating Senior Survey
Respondents' Profile**

	#	%
Gender		
Female	606	68%
Male	282	32%
Total	888	100%
Ethnicity		
White non-hispanic	577	65%
Black non-hispanic	68	8%
Hispanic	68	8%
Asian/Pacific Island	34	4%
American Indian Alaskan	3	0%
Non-resident Alien	34	4%
Unknown	104	12%
Total	888	100%
G. P. A.		
Below 2.00	0	0%
2.00-2.50	58	7%
2.51-3.00	227	26%
3.01-3.50	350	39%
3.51-4.00	253	28%
Total	888	100%
Age Distribution		
Below 20	0	0%
20-22	350	39%
23-25	357	40%
26 and over	181	20%
Total	888	100%
School		
Business	127	14%
Education	114	13%
Fine & Performing Arts	133	15%
Liberal Arts & Sciences	466	52%
Sciences and Engineering	48	5%
Total	888	100%
Admission Category*		
Freshman	473	53%
Transfer	412	46%
Other	3	0%
Total	888	100%

*Freshman includes re-admit students ($n = 32$) and Transfer includes internal transfer students ($n = 1$).

2005 Graduating Senior Survey: After Graduation Plans and Out of Class Experience Summary

Campus

	#	%
Graduates (calculated as of 06.01.06)	929	100%
Respondents	888	96%

I#	General Questions	#	%
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1 What are your plans immediately following graduation?

A Education

Full-time study	392	45%
Part-time study	254	29%
Will not be pursuing further education	227	26%
Total	873	100%

Note: % = percent of total responding to Education

B Employment

Full-time work	555	64%
Part-time work	120	14%
Volunteer service	5	17%
Seeking employment	146	17%
Will not be seeking employment	18	2%
Other	29	3%
Total	873	100%

Note: % = percent of total responding to Employment.

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

A No, I graduated on time.	512	58%
B Availability of courses to fulfill major requirements	115	13%
C Availability of courses to fulfill General Education requirements	68	8%
D Financial difficulties	65	7%
E Work concerns	99	11%
F Family concerns	73	8%
G Other	161	18%

Note: % = percent of survey respondents ($n = 888$)

2005 Graduating Senior Survey: After Graduation Plans and Out of Class Experience Summary

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)

14	Research project with a faculty member	155	17%	3.41
15	Fieldwork	271	31%	3.47
16	Student teaching	176	20%	3.77
17	Study abroad	115	13%	3.58
18	Internship	175	20%	3.54
19	Leadership role in a campus organization (student organization, academic clu	243	27%	3.37
20	On-campus employment	287	32%	2.99

Note: % = percent of survey respondents ($n = 888$); M = mean

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

Yes	598	67%
No	94	11%
Unsure	160	18%

B would choose the same major or field of study?

Yes	592	67%
No	109	12%
Unsure	146	16%

Note: % = percent of survey respondents ($n = 888$)

2005 Graduating Senior Survey: Experiences in the Major Summary

Campus

Graduates (calculated as of 06.01.06)	#	%
	929	100%
Respondents	#	%
	888	96%

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)

21	have courses that set high expectations to learn?	853	2.92	0.72
22	interact with a faculty member outside of class?	847	2.43	0.82
23	review your major plan of study?	850	2.64	0.80
24	prepare your schedule prior to meeting with your advisor?	843	3.43	0.83
25	meet with your advisor in advance of registration?	849	3.12	1.00
26	consult with a faculty member for career advice?	854	1.98	0.84
27	have a group or cooperative learning experience?	849	2.40	0.91

Note: M = mean; SD = standard deviation

How satisfied were you with...

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

		#	% NO	M	SD
28	availability of courses needed to fulfill major requirements?	849	1%	2.85	0.82
29	availability of courses at the time you wanted?	847	2%	2.65	0.80
30	variety of courses to choose from?	847	3%	2.68	0.81
31	quality of classroom experiences?	848	1%	3.12	0.63
32	quality of faculty as scholars/researchers?	848	4%	3.25	0.65
33	quality of internship/co-op/fieldwork opportunities?	841	33%	2.58	0.97
34	availability of opportunities to engage in research with faculty?	843	51%	2.63	0.95
35	information from your academic advisor?	847	6%	2.84	0.99
36	availability of courses needed to fulfill General Education requirements	846	11%	2.73	0.84

Note: % NO = percent "No opinion" (respondents per item); "No opinion" was not included in calculating mean.

2005 Graduating Senior Survey: Experiences in the Major Summary

General Skills and Knowledge

M SD

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)

37 Write coherently	842	3.04	0.90
38 Deliver an effective oral presentation	840	2.94	0.94
39 Develop mathematical skills	839	2.26	1.05
40 Work cooperatively in team or group	843	3.01	0.92
41 Articulate ethical principals	840	2.89	0.95
42 Appreciate artistic expression in the arts, literature, and music	842	2.86	1.05
43 Identify fallacies or flaws in an argument	842	2.72	0.94
44 Locate sources of information online	837	3.14	0.89
45 Understand issues and problems facing the world	839	3.03	0.91
46 Evaluate the quality of an information source	834	2.87	0.90
47 Understand the process of science	837	2.40	1.02
48 Understand diverse cultures and perspectives	843	3.14	0.87
49 Understand the present as it relates to historical events/processes	838	2.88	0.91

Note: I# = item number