

2007 May Graduating Senior Survey: Quantitative Summary

SUNY New Paltz

Respondents: 857

1. What are your plans immediately following graduation?

A. Education			B. Employment		
	#	%		#	%
Full-time study	417	49%	Full-time work	536	63%
Part-time study	232	27%	Part-time work	117	14%
Will not be pursuing further education	208	24%	Volunteer service	9	1%
Total	857	100%	Seeking employment	147	17%
Note: % = percent of total responding to Education			Will not be seeking employment	28	3%
			Other	20	2%
			Total	857	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.	601	70%	D. Financial difficulties	34	4%
B. Availability of courses to fulfill major requirements	106	12%	E. Work concerns	50	6%
C. Availability of courses to fulfill General Education Requirements	43	5%	F. Family concerns	44	5%
			G. Other	100	12%
			Note: % = percent of survey respondents		

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

	#	%	M		#	%	M
14. Research project with a faculty member	152	18%	3.44	18. Internship	212	25%	3.51
15. Fieldwork	265	31%	3.44	19. Leadership role in a campus organization	283	33%	3.49
16. Student teaching	169	20%	3.70	20. On-campus employment	293	34%	2.91
17. Study abroad	130	15%	3.71	Note: % = percent of survey respondents; M = mean			

How often did you...

SCALE 1: never, 2: occasionally, 3: very often, 4: almost always

	#	M	SD		#	M	SD
21. have courses that set high expectations to learn?	837	2.86	0.74	25. meet with your advisor in advance of registration?	832	3.13	0.99
22. interact with a faculty member outside of class?	835	2.44	0.80	26. consult with a faculty member for career advice?	835	2.05	0.90
23. review your major plan of study?	834	2.64	0.83	27. have a group or cooperative learning experience?	835	2.34	0.87
24. prepare your schedule prior to meeting with your advisor?	833	3.42	0.85				

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?	835	2%	2.91	0.79
29. availability of courses at the time you wanted?	836	2%	2.72	0.78
30. variety of courses to choose from?	833	3%	2.76	0.75
31. quality of classroom experiences?	834	2%	3.11	0.64
32. quality of faculty as scholars/researchers?	831	4%	3.21	0.68
33. quality of internship/co-op/fieldwork opportunities?	834	35%	2.66	0.95
34. availability of opportunities to engage in research with faculty?	835	49%	2.64	0.94
35. information from your academic advisor?	836	6%	2.79	0.98
36. availability of courses needed to fulfill General Education requirements?	834	12%	2.88	0.79

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Indicate the extent to which your capacity was enhanced in each of the following by your experience at New Paltz.

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	#	M	SD		#	M	SD
37. Write coherently	831	3.04	0.86	45. Understand issues and problems facing the world	830	3.05	0.87
38. Deliver an effective oral presentation	832	2.94	0.93	46. Evaluate the quality of an information source	823	2.94	0.86
39. Develop mathematical skills	827	2.13	1.02	47. Understand the process of science	828	2.36	1.02
40. Work cooperatively in team or group	833	3.02	0.89	48. Understand diverse cultures and perspectives	833	3.17	0.90
41. Articulate ethical principles	833	2.97	0.94	49. Understand the present as it relates to historical events/processes	828	2.89	0.93
42. Appreciate artistic expression in the arts, literature, and music	831	2.80	1.07				
43. Identify fallacies or flaws in an argument	832	2.77	0.94				
44. Locate sources of information online	832	3.20	0.86				

50. If you could start over again...

	Yes		No		Unsure	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
A. would you choose to attend SUNY New Paltz?	593	69%	98	11%	153	18%
B. would you choose the same major or field of study?	565	66%	125	15%	150	18%

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