



Report for Campus Community

Graduating Senior Survey: 2010

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2010 May Graduating Senior Survey: Respondent Profile

Gender	#	%
Female	780	69%
Male	345	31%

Age Range	#	%
20-22	751	67%
23-25	248	22%
26 and over	126	11%

Admission Category	#	%
Freshman	614	55%
Re-Admit	10	1%
Second Degree	9	1%
Transfer	440	39%
Other	52	5%

GPA (New Paltz)	#	%
2.0 - 2.5	54	5%
2.51-3.0	238	21%
3.01 - 3.5	469	42%
Above 3.5	364	32%

Ethnicity	#	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	1%
Asian	35	4%
Black or African American	70	7%
Hispanic	54	6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0%
White	741	77%
International	55	6%

School	#	%
Business	130	12%
College of Liberal Arts & Science	592	53%
School of Education	181	16%
School of Fine & Performing Arts	147	13%
School of Science & Engineering	75	7%

Spring 2010 Graduating Senior Survey: General

Number of Respondents 1125

Question 1: What are your plans for your first year after leaving New Paltz?

Graduate school	173	15%
Both work and graduate school	208	18%
Work and then go to graduate school	229	20%
I have a professional job or job offer	68	6%
Peace Corps/AmeriCorps/other govt. sponsored volunteer	12	1%
Non-governmental volunteer	7	1%
Self-Employed	11	1%
Seeking an internship	23	2%
Seeking employment, no job offers yet	251	22%
Not seeking employment	4	0%
I have not started planning	12	1%
I am unsure of what I will	63	6%
Other	64	6%

Question 63: Did you graduate within four years or less from the time you first enrolled at SUNY New Paltz?

Yes	868	77%
No	251	22%

Question 64: What following circumstances extended your time to graduation (check all that apply)?

Availability of courses to fulfill major requirements	82	33%
Availability of courses to fulfill General Education requirements	30	12%
Some factor at the college	57	23%
Academic performance issues	46	18%
Loss of credits while transferring	47	19%
Change of major	81	32%
Work concerns	38	15%
Health concerns	46	18%
Financial difficulties	21	8%
Family concerns	51	20%
Other	56	22%

Question 57: If you could start over again would you choose to attend SUNY New Paltz? Mean 3.35

Definitely yes- 4	563	50%
Probably yes- 3	414	37%
Probably no- 2	113	10%
Definitely no- 1	30	3%

Question 58: If you could start over again would you choose the same major or field of study? Mean 3.24

Definitely yes- 4	551	49%
Probably yes- 3	340	30%
Probably no- 2	167	15%
Definitely no- 1	58	5%

Question 59: How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at SUNY New Paltz?

Very High=4	High=3	Average=2	Low & Very Low (0&1)	Mean
28%	46%	23%	26%	2.98

Question 60: How would you evaluate the quality of academic advising you have received at SUNY New

% Excellent or Good (4 or 3)	63%	Mean	2.74
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Spring 2010 Graduating Senior Survey: Grad School

Number of Respondents	1125	
Number of Respondents attending graduate school within first year after graduation:	381	34%

Question 2: What kind of graduate degree will you pursue?

M.A. or M.S.	250	66%
MSED	39	10%
MBA	28	7%
Law	6	2%
MD	6	2%
Ph.D.	13	3%
Other	38	10%

Question 3: Where do you intend to go to Graduate School?

SUNY Albany	19	5%
SUNY Stony Brook	13	3%
SUNY New Paltz	122	32%
Other SUNY school	17	4%
Hunter College (CUNY)	20	5%
Queens College (CUNY)	11	3%
Other CUNY school	15	4%
Marist College	1	0%
Columbia University	9	2%
Other private school	73	19%
Other	77	20%

Question 5: How important are each of the following items in considering a graduate school?

	Very Important		Important		Not Very Important		Not At All Important	
Quality of the program	306	80%	71	19%	2	1%	0	0%
Proximity to home	146	38%	144	38%	70	18%	14	4%
Convenience	155	41%	156	41%	51	13%	11	3%
Availability of tuition assistance	203	53%	128	34%	25	7%	8	2%
Other	18	5%	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%

Question 8: For each of the following statements, please indicate the level to which you agree or disagree

	Agree Strongly		Agree		Disagree		Disagree Strongly	
I think SUNY New Paltz offers high quality graduate programs	82	22%	237	62%	45	12%	6	2%
It is easy to find information about the graduate programs at SUNY New Paltz	109	29%	217	57%	38	10%	4	1%
I would recommend the graduate programs at SUNY New Paltz to others	86	23%	226	59%	48	13%	7	2%

Spring 2010 Graduating Senior Survey: Employment

Number of Respondents	1125	
Number of Respondents that plan to work after graduation	767	68%

Question 10: Do you have a part-time or a full-time job?

Part Time	316	66%
Full Time	160	34%

Question 11: Is this position in your field of study at SUNY New Paltz

Yes	175	37%
No	302	64%

Question 14: Please check all the resources you used in finding this job or job offer.

Your faculty advisor or faculty in your major	32	7%
Career Resource Center	20	4%
Want ads in print	28	6%
Want ads online	64	13%
EOP Staff or Counselors	7	1%
Personal contacts (family, friends, etc)	171	36%
An alum of SUNY New Patlz	15	3%
A professional or student club	9	2%
Employer event/job fair on campus	13	3%
Employer event/job fair in NYC	6	1%
An Internship	34	7%
Own research/resources	161	34%
Other	85	18%

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Out-of-Class Experiences

How much did the activities listed below provide you with a meaningful learning experience?

	Very Frequently-4		Frequently-3		Occasionally-2		Rarely-1		Never/Did not participate-0	
15. Work on a research or creative project under the guidance of a faculty member	154	14%	245	22%	277	25%	144	13%	296	27%
16. fieldwork?	179	16%	191	17%	185	17%	104	9%	456	41%
17. student teaching?	180	16%	57	5%	52	5%	26	2%	799	72%
18. study abroad?	64	6%	44	4%	51	5%	22	2%	929	84%
19. internship?	124	11%	136	12%	103	9%	39	4%	704	64%
20. leadership role in a campus organization?	210	19%	146	13%	122	11%	72	7%	557	50%
21. on-campus employment?	167	15%	124	11%	110	10%	53	5%	654	59%
22. collaborate with other students on assignments	410	58%	379	53%	251	35%	55	8%	55	8%

Experiences in Your Major

How often did you:	Very Often-3		Often 2		Sometimes 1		Never-0		Mean
23. Work harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations?	329	29%	474	42%	284	25%	30	3%	2.0
24. Work with faculty members on activities other than coursework?	133	12%	163	15%	355	32%	460	41%	1.0
25. Review your major plan of study with a faculty member or your advisor?	217	19%	352	32%	504	45%	41	4%	1.7
26. Prepare your schedule prior to meeting with your advisor?	676	61%	301	27%	119	11%	16	1%	2.5
27. Meet with your advisor in advance of registration?	513	46%	309	28%	234	21%	60	5%	2.1
28. Talk about career plans with a faculty member?	228	20%	309	23%	234	39%	60	17%	1.5
29. Talk about career plans with your academic advisor?	195	18%	220	20%	428	39%	266	24%	1.3
30. Talk about career plans with someone from the Career Resource Center?	69	6%	107	10%	381	34%	558	50%	0.7

Spring 2010 Graduating Senior Survey Experiences In the Major by Satisfaction

How satisfied were you with the:	<u>Very Satisfied or Satisfied</u>		<u>Very Dissatisfied or Dissatisfied</u>		<u>Mean (4 point scale)</u>
Question 31: availability of courses in your major?	895	80%	225	20%	2.92
Question 32: variety of courses to choose from?	807	72%	308	28%	2.81
Question 33: quality of instruction?	1000	90%	109	10%	3.15
Question 34: quality of faculty as scholars/researchers?	984	92%	88	8%	3.21
Question 35: availability of internship/co-op/fieldwork opportunities?	512	66%	267	34%	2.75
Question 36: Job search assistance?	388	60%	257	40%	2.60
Question 37: Services of the Career Resource Center?	523	83%	104	17%	2.98
Question 38: Help in finding part-time jobs by the Financial Aid Office?	162	49%	166	51%	2.41
Question 39: availability of opportunities to engage in research with faculty?	362	73%	137	27%	2.84
Question 40: Advising from the Academic Advising Center?	349	69%	158	31%	2.69
Question 41: academic advising in your major?	823	77%	243	23%	2.92
Question 42: availability of academic advising?	846	82%	183	18%	2.97
Question 43: availability of General Education courses?	855	82%	185	18%	2.93

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General Skills and Knowledge

How much has SUNY New Paltz contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?

	<u>Very Much-3</u>		<u>Quit a Bit-2</u>		<u>Some-1</u>		<u>Very Little-0</u>		<u>Mean</u>
44. Acquiring a broad general education?	527	47%	433	39%	131	12%	27	2%	2.31
45. Analyzing quantitative problems	359	32%	465	42%	214	19%	74	7%	2.00
46. Solving complex, real-word problems	378	34%	393	35%	393	22%	94	8%	1.95
	<u>Very Large-5 or Large Contribution-4</u>		<u>Moderate-3 or Small Contribution-2</u>		<u>No Contribution-1</u>				<u>Mean</u>
47. Acquiring job or work-related knowledge and skills	613	55%	442	40%	34	3%			3.64
48. Writing clearly and effectively	725	65%	358	32%	24	2%			3.80
49. Speaking clearly and effectively	712	64%	355	32%	34	3%			3.79
50. Thinking critically and analytically	832	75%	258	23%	19	2%			4.01
51. Using computing and information technology	597	54%	445	40%	53	5%			3.54
52. Working effectively with others	727	65%	352	32%	28	5%			3.81
53. Learning effectively on your own	823	74%	259	23%	28	3%			3.99
54. Understanding yourself	785	71%	272	24%	39	4%			3.96
55. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	670	60%	357	32%	59	5%			3.71
56. Contributing to the welfare of your community	566	51%	371	33%	95	9%			3.48