

2010-2011 Graduating Senior Survey

Respondent Profile

Gender

Female	70%
Male	30%

Age Range

20-22	65%
23-25	22%
26 and over	13%

GPA (New Paltz)

2.0 - 2.5	4%
2.51-3.0	18%
3.01 - 3.5	47%
Above 3.5	31%

Admission Category

Freshman	51%
Transfer & Other	49%

Ethnicity

Asian	4%
Black or African American	5%
Hispanic	10%
Two or more races	2%
White	67%
International	2%
Unknown	8%

School/College of Major

Business	13%
Science & Engineering	8%
Education	18%
Fine & Performing Arts	14%
Liberal Arts & Science	47%

2010-2011 Graduating Senior Survey: General

Number of Respondents 1296

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

Graduate school	199	15%
Both work and graduate school	229	18%
Work and then go to graduate school	274	21%
I have a professional job or job offer	76	6%
Peace Corps/AmeriCorps/other govt. sponsored volunteer	15	1%
Non-governmental volunteer	8	1%
Self-Employed	18	1%
Seeking an internship	37	3%
Seeking employment, no job offers yet	258	20%
Not seeking employment	4	0%
I have not started planning	14	1%
I am unsure of what I will	80	6%
Other	84	6%

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

Yes	939	72%
No	349	27%

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

Availability of courses to fulfill major requirements	97	28%
Availability of courses to fulfill General Education requirements	46	13%
Some factor at the college	53	15%
Academic performance issues	45	13%
Loss of credits while transferring	59	17%
Change of major	113	32%
Work concerns	49	14%
Health concerns	35	10%
Financial difficulties	38	11%
Family concerns	49	14%
Other	97	28%

Question 57: If you could start over again would you choose to attend SUNY New Paltz? Mean 3.33

Definitely yes- 4	634	49%
Probably yes- 3	486	38%
Probably no- 2	128	10%
Definitely no- 1	40	3%

Question 58: If you could start over again would you choose the same major or field of study? Mean 3.26

Definitely yes- 4	627	48%
Probably yes- 3	413	32%
Probably no- 2	182	14%
Definitely no- 1	58	4%

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
27%	48%	22%	25%	2.96

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

% Excellent or Good (4 or 3)	66%	Mean	2.80
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2010-11 Graduating Senior Survey: Graduate School

Number of Respondents	1296	
Number of Respondents attending graduate school within first year after graduation:	428	33%

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

M.A. or M.S.	265	62%
MSED	38	9%
MBA	38	9%
Law	5	1%
MD	8	2%
Ph.D.	13	3%
Other	61	14%

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

SUNY Albany	14	3%
SUNY Stony Brook	7	2%
SUNY New Paltz	143	33%
Other SUNY school	26	6%
Hunter College (CUNY)	23	5%
Queens College (CUNY)	13	3%
Other CUNY school	17	4%
Marist College	6	1%
Columbia University	7	2%
Other private school	78	18%
Other	91	21%

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	362	85%	65	15%	1	0%	0	0%
Proximity to home	158	37%	162	38%	67	16%	27	6%
Convenience	208	49%	147	34%	57	13%	13	3%
Availability of tuition assistance	254	59%	117	27%	30	7%	13	3%
Other	17	4%	0	0%	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	99	23%	278	65%	32	7%	12	3%
It is easy to find information about the graduate programs at SUNY New Paltz	114	27%	250	58%	47	11%	8	2%
I would recommend the graduate programs at SUNY New Paltz to others	95	22%	248	58%	53	12%	16	4%

2010-11 Graduating Senior Survey: Employment

Number of Respondents	1296	
Number of Respondents that plan to work after graduation	855	66%

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

Part Time	339	65%
Full Time	181	35%

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

Yes	204	39%
No	324	63%

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

Your faculty advisor or faculty in your major	52	10%
Career Resource Center	36	7%
Want ads in print	20	4%
Want ads online	75	14%
EOP Staff or Counselors	4	1%
Personal contacts (family, friends, etc)	184	35%
An alum of SUNY New Patlz	26	5%
A professional or student club	11	2%
Employer event/job fair on campus	15	3%
Employer event/job fair in NYC	7	1%
An Internship	44	8%
Own research/resources	174	33%
Other	83	16%

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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	201	16%	289	22%	309	24%	134	10%	355	28%
16. fieldwork?	274	21%	215	17%	171	13%	114	9%	511	40%
17. student teaching?	233	18%	72	6%	54	4%	54	4%	866	68%
18. study abroad?	87	7%	54	4%	60	5%	27	2%	1047	82%
19. internship?	152	12%	140	11%	115	9%	55	4%	810	64%
20. leadership role in a campus organization?	197	15%	154	12%	148	12%	76	6%	706	55%
21. on-campus employment?	155	12%	153	12%	120	9%	59	5%	783	62%
22. collaborate with other students on assignments	467	57%	447	54%	272	33%	78	10%	78	10%

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?	423	33%	551	43%	286	22%	26	2%	2.1
24. Work with faculty members on activities other than coursework?	139	11%	199	15%	394	31%	552	43%	0.9
25. Review your major plan of study with a faculty member or your advisor?	224	17%	447	35%	534	42%	80	6%	1.6
26. Prepare your schedule prior to meeting with your advisor?	785	61%	349	27%	133	10%	20	2%	2.5
27. Meet with your advisor in advance of registration?	586	46%	386	30%	238	19%	75	6%	2.2
28. Talk about career plans with a faculty member?	268	21%	386	23%	238	37%	75	19%	1.5
29. Talk about career plans with your academic advisor?	221	17%	305	24%	435	34%	324	25%	1.3
30. Talk about career plans with someone from the Career Resource Center?	63	5%	113	9%	409	32%	700	54%	0.6

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Experiences In the Major by Satisfaction

How satisfied were you with the:	<u>Very Satisfied-4 or Satisfied-3</u>		<u>Very Dissatisfied-2 or Dissatisfied-1</u>		<u>Mean (4 point scale)</u>
Question 31: availability of courses in your major?	1028	80%	260	20%	2.93
Question 32: variety of courses to choose from?	932	73%	349	27%	2.81
Question 33: quality of instruction?	1139	89%	144	11%	3.12
Question 34: quality of faculty as scholars/researchers?	1118	92%	98	8%	3.20
Question 35: availability of internship/co-op/fieldwork opportunities?	608	68%	288	32%	2.77
Question 36: Job search assistance?	426	60%	282	40%	2.57
Question 37: Services of the Career Resource Center?	558	82%	120	18%	2.96
Question 38: Help in finding part-time jobs by the Financial Aid Office?	206	55%	166	45%	2.46
Question 39: availability of opportunities to engage in research with faculty?	439	73%	162	27%	2.80
Question 40: Advising from the Academic Advising Center?	418	71%	172	29%	2.70
Question 41: academic advising in your major?	966	79%	264	21%	2.98
Question 42: availability of academic advising?	987	82%	215	18%	3.00
Question 43: availability of General Education courses?	939	79%	250	21%	2.90

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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?	608	47%	483	38%	159	12%	38	3%	2.29
45. Analyzing quantitative problems	417	32%	559	43%	237	18%	74	6%	2.02
46. Solving complex, real-word problems	444	35%	498	39%	498	20%	90	7%	2.01
	<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	710	55%	480	37%	56	4%			3.61
48. Writing clearly and effectively	837	65%	420	33%	23	2%			3.79
49. Speaking clearly and effectively	820	64%	416	32%	43	3%			3.74
50. Thinking critically and analytically	959	75%	307	24%	10	1%			3.99
51. Using computing and information technology	690	54%	520	41%	50	4%			3.57
52. Working effectively with others	844	66%	396	31%	35	4%			3.81
53. Learning effectively on your own	957	75%	287	22%	32	2%			4.02
54. Understanding yourself	898	70%	301	24%	57	4%			3.93
55. Understanding people of other racial and ethnic backgrounds	797	62%	363	28%	74	6%			3.76
56. Contributing to the welfare of your community	633	49%	446	35%	106	8%			3.46