

2013-2014 Graduating Senior Survey Results

Number of graduates eligible to participate	1,808
Respondents to survey:	1,549
Response rate	86%

What do you plan to do your first year after leaving New Paltz? Please select the MOST relevant.	N	%
I have a professional job or job offer	221	15%
I am going to graduate school	328	22%
I will be self-employed	32	2%
I am seeking employment	679	45%
I am seeking an internship	69	5%
I am going to volunteer	23	2%
I am unsure of what I will do	141	9%

Time to Graduation

Did you graduate within four years, if you entered as a first year student, or within an appropriate time if you entered as a transfer student?	N	%
Yes	1172	80%
No	292	20%

Which of the following circumstances extended your time to graduation? Please check all that apply.	N	%
Academic performance issues	65	23%
Personal issues	95	33%
Changed my major	122	43%
Availability of courses to fulfill major requirements	83	29%
Financial issues	24	8%
Work/employment issues	44	15%
Loss of credits while transferring	69	24%
Availability of courses to fulfill General Education (GE) requirements	40	14%

Any comment regarding your time to graduation?

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Going to Graduate School

What graduate degree will you seek?	N	%
Master's degree (MA, MS, MSED, MAT, MSW, etc.)	223	69%
Master's of Business Administration (MBA)	34	10%
Master's of Fine Arts (MFA)	8	2%
First Professional (J.D., M.D., etc.)	18	6%
Doctorate degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., Au.D., etc.)	24	7%
Certificate	6	2%
Other, please specify	11	3%

In considering a graduate school, how important to you is each of the following?	N	Extremely Important 5	Important	Neither Important nor Unimportant	Unimportant	Not at all Important 1	Mean
Convenience (e.g., courses offered on preferred days and times)	316	39%	42%	12%	4%	3%	4.1
Location	319	48%	45%	5%	2%	1%	4.4
Majors available	320	70%	26%	3%	0%	0%	4.7
Length of program	318	36%	48%	14%	1%	1%	4.2
Ability to attend part time	306	26%	25%	26%	11%	13%	3.4
Quality of the program	319	68%	30%	2%	0%	0%	4.7
Affordability	321	68%	27%	3%	1%	0%	4.6
Faculty	318	51%	41%	7%	1%	0%	4.4

If you are not going to SUNY New Paltz for graduate school, please indicate why not. Select all that apply.	N	%
Cost	12	5%
Proximity to home/work	41	17%
Program not available	111	46%
Relocation to another area	49	20%
Undecided	46	19%
Not accepted	10	4%
Other, please specify	31	13%

Employed

Is this full time or a part time work?	N	%
Full time	197	80%
Part time	50	20%

Is this work related to your field of study?	N	%
Yes	188	76%
No	59	24%

Where are you/will you be working? (name of employer/company)

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What resources did you use to find this job? Please select all that apply.	N	%
Internship	44	18%
Personal contacts (family, friend, etc.)	76	31%
Employer event/job fair on the campus	13	5%
Employer event/job fair off campus	4	2%
Career Resource Center (resume, cover letter, etc.)	19	8%
Professional or student club	3	1%
Want ads in print	2	1%
Alum of SUNY New Paltz	16	7%
Networking event	12	5%
Industry-related job board	5	2%
Informational interview	3	1%
Social networking sites such as LinkedIn	12	5%
Faculty member (advisor or other)	21	9%
Your own research/resources	96	39%
Want ads online	17	7%
Had this job prior to earning my degree	45	18%
Other, please specify	21	9%

Satisfaction							
Overall, how satisfied were you with...	N	Very Satisfied			Very Dissatisfied		Mean
		5	Satisfied	Average	Dissatisfied	1	
Availability of academic advising?	1463	21%	46%	24%	7%	3%	3.8
Academic advising in your major?	1456	33%	35%	20%	8%	3%	3.9
Availability of General Education (GE) courses?	1452	15%	39%	30%	12%	4%	3.5
Availability of courses in your major?	1458	21%	43%	23%	10%	4%	3.7
Variety of courses from which to choose?	1460	18%	41%	30%	9%	3%	3.6
Quality of instruction?	1455	27%	46%	22%	4%	1%	3.9
Academic advising from the Academic Advising Center?	1449	14%	34%	40%	8%	4%	3.5

Overall, how satisfied were you with the following? If you did not participate, choose N/A.	N	Very Satisfied			Very Dissatisfied		Mean
		5	Satisfied	Average	Dissatisfied	1	
Services of the Career Resource Center?	974	29%	43%	21%	5%	2%	3.9
Availability of internships/field work opportunities?	1041	20%	36%	27%	13%	4%	3.5
Quality of faculty as researchers/scholars?	1221	27%	45%	22%	4%	1%	3.9
Job search assistance (regardless of whether you found employment)?	908	17%	35%	30%	12%	6%	3.4
Availability of opportunities to engage in research with faculty?	914	21%	36%	29%	11%	4%	3.6

How much of a contribution did SUNY New Paltz make to your knowledge, skills and personal development in the following areas?	N	Very Much			Very Little		Mean
		4	Quite a Bit	Some	1		
Analyzing quantitative problems	1463	29%	39%	27%	5%	2.9	
Acquiring a broad, general education	1461	39%	40%	18%	3%	3.2	
Solving complex, real-world problems	1461	31%	37%	24%	8%	2.9	

If you could start over again, would you choose...	N	Definitely Yes		Definitely No		Mean
		4	Probably Yes	Probably No	1	
...to attend SUNY New Paltz?	1462	47%	38%	11%	3%	3.3
...the same major or field of study?	1460	45%	35%	16%	4%	3.2