

## Graduating Senior Survey 2012-2015

What do you plan to do your first year after leaving New Paltz? Please select the MOST relevant.	2012	2013	2014	2015
I have a professional job or job offer	12%	13%	15%	16%
I am going to graduate school	27%	25%	22%	21%
I will be self-employed	2%	2%	2%	2%
I am seeking employment	41%	42%	45%	42%
I am seeking an internship	6%	6%	5%	8%
I am going to volunteer	2%	2%	2%	2%
I am unsure of what I will do	10%	9%	9%	10%

### Employed or Has Job Offer

	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Employed, self-employed or job offer after graduation</b>	14%	15%	17%	18%

Of students with job, job offer, or self-employed, is this	2012	2013	2014	2015
Full time work	76%	79%	80%	85%
Related to your field of student	71%	68%	76%	73%
Full time work related to your field of study			62%	62%

	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total percent of students with a full-time job or job offer in their field of study</b>	7%	8%	10%	11%

What resources did you use to find this job? Please select all that apply.	2012	2013	2014	2015
Internship	20%	14%	18%	27%
Personal contacts (family, friend, etc.)	50%	32%	31%	37%
Employer event/job fair on the campus	6%	5%	5%	8%
Employer event/job fair off campus	3%	5%	2%	4%
Career Resource Center (resume, cover letter, etc.)	4%	5%	8%	6%
Professional or student club	1%	3%	1%	1%
Alum of SUNY New Paltz	3%	8%	7%	5%
Social networking sites such as LinkedIn	4%	3%	5%	8%
Faculty member (advisor or other)	10%	10%	9%	5%
Your own research/resources	39%	39%	39%	25%
Had this job prior to earning my degree		23%	18%	15%
Other, please specify	12%	8%	9%	8%

Satisfaction				
Overall, how satisfied were you with... % <i>Very Satisfied or Satisfied</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015
Availability of academic advising?	64%	56%	67%	63%
Academic advising in your major?	69%	62%	68%	68%
Availability of General Education (GE) courses?	60%	47%	54%	52%
Availability of courses in your major?	64%	51%	64%	59%
Variety of courses from which to choose?	62%	53%	59%	54%
Quality of instruction?	82%	75%	73%	72%
Academic advising from the Academic Advising Center?	38%	36%	48%	49%

Overall, how satisfied were you with the following? % <i>Very Satisfied or Satisfied</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015
Services of the Career Resource Center?	62%	58%	72%	67%
Availability of internships/field work opportunities?	59%	53%	56%	51%
Quality of faculty as researchers/scholars?	80%	74%	73%	74%
Job search assistance (regardless of whether you found employment)?	38%	40%	52%	47%
Availability of opportunities to engage in research with faculty?	52%	56%	56%	58%

How would you evaluate your entire educational experience?	2012	2013	2014*	2015
% Excellent	37%	38%	37%	34%
% Excellent or Good	85%	87%	84%	86%
Mean (scale of 1 to 5)	4.2	4.2		4.1

\*2014 results are from NSSE not the Senior Survey, which used a 4-point scale

If you could start over again, would you choose...	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>...to attend SUNY New Paltz?</b>				
Definitely Yes	48%	48%	47%	48%
Definitely Yes or Probably Yes	85%	86%	86%	86%
<b>...the same major or field of study?</b>				
Definitely Yes	46%	43%	45%	44%
Definitely Yes or Probably Yes	82%	78%	80%	80%

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?	2012	2013	2014	2015
Yes	80%	77%	80%	
<b>Which of the following circumstances extended your time to</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Availability of courses to fulfill major requirements	39%	37%	29%	38%
Availability of courses to fulfill General Education (GE) requirements	17%	19%	14%	15%
Financial issues	11%	10%	8%	14%
Academic performance issues	21%	22%	23%	22%
Personal issues	44%	39%	33%	38%
Loss of credits while transferring	20%	24%	24%	29%
Changed my major	42%	40%	43%	36%
Work/employment issues	15%	16%	15%	17%

Going to Graduate School				
What graduate degree will you seek?	2012	2013	2014	2015
Master's degree (MA, MS, MSED, MAT, MSW, etc.)	75%	72%	69%	68%
Master's of Business Administration (MBA)	10%	7%	10%	12%
Master's of Fine Arts (MFA)	3%	2%	2%	2%
First Professional (J.D., M.D., etc.)	5%	7%	6%	8%
Doctorate degree (Ph.D., Ed.D., Au.D., etc.)	5%	8%	7%	6%
Certificate		1%	2%	1%
Other, please specify	2%	4%	3%	3%

In considering a graduate school, how important to you is each of the following? % <i>Extremely Important or Important</i>	2012	2013	2014	2015
Convenience (e.g., courses offered on preferred days and times)	75%	79%	81%	79%
Location	88%	94%	93%	96%
Majors available	93%	96%	96%	97%
Length of program	77%	82%	84%	85%
Ability to attend part time	38%	43%	51%	43%
Quality of the program	97%	99%	98%	99%
Affordability	89%	95%	96%	94%
Faculty	85%	90%	92%	90%

If you are not going to SUNY New Paltz for graduate school, please indicate why not. Select all that apply.	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cost	4%	4%	5%	5%
Proximity to home/work	24%	17%	17%	19%
Program not available	52%	48%	46%	49%
Relocation to another area	21%	19%	20%	21%
Undecided		14%	19%	9%
Not accepted		4%	4%	8%
Other	19%	16%	13%	13%

Demographics of Respondents*				
	2012	2013	2014	2015
Of those respondents who started at New Paltz as a first-year student, what percent graduated within 4 years?	80%	68%	76%	
% of respondents who started at New Paltz as a transfer student	100%	100%	100%	100%
Of those respondents who started at New Paltz as a transfer student, what percent graduated within 3 years?	81%	82%	82%	

 Will calculate after May degrees are cleared.