



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Graduate Follow-Up Study
Fall 2011 & Spring 2012 Senior Survey

The Senior Survey (SS) has been administrated at The Florida State University since 2006 as a part of the Graduate Follow-Up Study. Each semester the Student Affairs Office of Research and the Career Center administer a web-based survey to seniors prior their graduation. The survey instrument includes questions about their collegiate experiences, post-graduation plans, and other items related to their time at FSU. The Spring 2012 SS was distributed to **6,086 seniors** from both fall 2011 and spring 2012 graduating seniors in April 2012, and **1,824 students** submitted responses yielding in a **30% response rate**.

I. The Profile of Graduating Seniors

Student Characteristics				Principle/Primary Plans after Graduation	
		Population	SS Sample		
Gender	Male	43%	37%		
	Female	57%	63%		
Race	White	70%	72%		
	Hispanic	13%	12%		
	Black	11%	10%		
	Asian	3%	3%		
Residency	Florida	96%	96%		
	Non-Florida	4%	4%		
Major	Single Major	80%	79%		
	Double Major	20%	21%		
GPA	Mean	3.20	3.31		
	25 Percentile	2.88	3.01		
	50 Percentile	3.25	3.37		
	75 Percentile	3.58	3.68		
Total Number of Graduates		6,086	1,824		

FSU Experiences

- 78% participated in a student organization
- 73% participated in community service or volunteer work
- 60% employed part-time OFF campus
- 55% completed an internship, practicum, field experience, or clinical assignment
- 51% volunteered for a community agency, non-profit, or other commitment of time to help the local community
- 43% competed in intramural sports
- 36% held a leadership position in a student organization or Student Government

Impact of Career Services

- 67% of the total survey respondents used at least one of the services provided by the Career Center. (n=1, 824)
- The majority of respondents who indicated they used the Career Center services rated them positively (response = “very effective” + “effective”) on the following specific services:
 - Resume Preparation 88%
 - Internships 86%
 - Career Center Online Resources 84%
 - On-campus Interviewing 82%
 - Mock Interviews 81%

II. Employment

Current Employment Status			Annual Salary	
	(n)	(%)		
Actively Seeking Employment	373	40%	Unpaid Internship	6%
Employed	557	60%	Less than \$20,000	14%
Classification of the Employed Students	Yes	No	\$20,000 - \$29,999	20%
	• Full-time employment	91%	9%	\$30,000 - \$49,999
• Self-employed	4%	96%	\$50,000 - \$69,999	18%
• Employed in Florida	64%	36%	\$70,000 or more	3%
• Employment requires a college degree	75%	25%	Preferred not to Say	6%
• Employment related to major	79%	21%	Total Respondents (%)	100%
			Total Respondents (n)	347

Top Lists on Employment

Top 5 Industry/Field Graduating Seniors Hope to Work	Top 5 Ways Graduating Seniors Found Employment Opportunities	Top 3 Employers
1. Hospital and Healthcare (24%) 2. Education (21%) 3. Law and Legal Services (20%) 4. Government (13%) 5. Non-profit (9%)	1. Internship (24%) 2. Family, Friends (24%) 3. FSU Career Center services (18%) 4. Internet (17%) 5. Academic department (14%)	1. Walt Disney Company 2. Florida State University 3. Teach for America
Total Respondents=402	Total Respondents=344	Total Respondents=515

III. Continuing Education

Current Continuing Education Status			Further Education or Advanced Degree Plans	
	(%)	(n)		
Attending an institution for continuing education	3%	30	Master's Degree	62%
Received admission offer (s)	46%	476	Other	10%
Waiting for admission decisions	15%	154	MD., D.O., D.D.S.,...	10%
Plan to apply in the future	36%	367	J.D.	9%
Total Respondents	100%	1,027	Ph.D. or EdD.	8%
			B.D. or M.Div.	1%

Top Lists on Continuing Education

Top 5 Institutions Seniors are Currently Attending or Planning to Attend	Top 5 BROAD Fields of Study in Graduate or Professional Schools	Top 3 SPECIFIC Programs of Study in Graduate or Professional Schools
1. Florida State University (34%) 2. University of Florida (6%) 3. University of Central Florida (3%) 4. University of Miami (3%) 5. Nova Southeastern University (2%)	1. Health Professions and Related Programs (19%) 2. Legal Professions and Studies (17%) 3. Business, Management Marketing, and Related Support Services (12%) 4. Education (8%) 5. Social Sciences (8%)	1. Medicine 2. Law 3. Social Work
Total Respondents=388	Total Respondents=344	Total Respondents=397