

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY (2013-14)

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Key Findings

Time to Degree

- More than half of all students indicated that they graduated in the expected amount of time.

Educational Experiences

- Based on the mean, students acquired 'a great deal' or 'fair amount' of the specified skills and knowledge. In fact, more than 50% of students indicated that they acquired 'a great deal' of most of the skills and knowledge.
- Just over a quarter of all students engaged in an internship, community-based learning, or research or creative activity with faculty outside of the class. Students were less likely to engage in service learning.

Satisfaction

- Nearly three-fourths of students indicated that they were 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their experience at CSUB.

Post-Graduation Plans

- Half of all students indicated that their most important plan was to 'pursue employment.'

Application Process

- Undergraduate students were more likely to indicate that they have accepted an offer of admission, whereas graduate students were more likely to indicate that they have not begun the application process. Students were equally likely to indicate that they have begun, but not finished the application process.

Job Search

- More than one-third of students indicated that they were looking for employment, but have not received any offers. Graduate students were more likely to indicate that they were planning to stay in their current job after graduation.

Data Analysis

Student Characteristics

Survey Respondents				
	U_Grad (n=820)		Grad (n=204)	
	%	n	%	n
Matriculated as:				
First-Time Student	33.0%	271	91.7%	187
Transfer Student	67.0%	549	8.3%	17
Race/Ethnicity				
African American	6.3%	52	7.8%	16
American Indian	1.0%	8	.5%	1
Asian	5.6%	46	5.4%	11
Hispanic/Latino	38.8%	318	23.5%	48
Pacific Islander	.7%	6	1.0%	2
White	32.1%	263	42.6%	87
Two or more races	5.2%	43	5.4%	11
Other	3.9%	32	2.5%	5
Decline to state*	6.3%	52	11.3%	23
Age				
18-23	41.1%	337	5.4%	11
24-29	34.1%	280	29.4%	60
30-35	9.8%	80	22.5%	46
36-39	2.8%	23	12.3%	25
40-49	5.9%	48	13.7%	28
50+	2.8%	23	9.8%	20
Decline to state*	3.5%	29	6.9%	14
Gender				
Male	33.7%	276	32.8%	67
Female	62.4%	512	60.3%	123
Decline to state*	3.9%	32	6.9%	14
Note: 'Decline to state' category includes those who did not respond				

Time to Degree

Compared with what you expected when you first enrolled at CSUB, how long did it take you to graduate?				
	U_Grad (n=820)		Grad (n=204)	
	%	n	%	n
Less time than I expected	7.3%	60	12.3%	25
The amount of time I expected	53.4%	438	65.2%	133
More time than I expected	37.9%	311	20.6%	42
Decline to state	1.3%	11	2.0%	4
Note: 'Decline to state' category includes those who did not respond				

Educational Experiences

To what extent do you think you acquired the following skills and knowledge through your studies at CSUB?		
	U_Grad	Grad
	Mean	Mean
Knowledge of your major discipline	3.6	3.6
Knowledge related to disciplines outside your major	2.9	2.7
Learning about careers	2.7	2.7
Applying what you've learned to real life problems	3.1	3.4
Working independently	3.4	3.4
Critical reasoning and problem solving	3.4	3.4
Using technology for problem solving	3.2	3.0
Understanding of how to conduct research and analysis	3.4	3.3
Understanding how to locate and manage information	3.4	3.3
Adopting an ethical framework	3.4	3.4
Understanding of diverse groups and cultures	3.4	3.3
Competency working with numerical data	3.0	3.0
Scale: A great deal= 4, A fair amount= 3, A little= 2, Not at all= 1, Decline to state= 0		

To what extent do you think you acquired the following skills and knowledge through your studies at CSUB?				
	U_Grad (n=820)		Grad (n=204)	
	%	n	%	n
Knowledge of your major discipline	60.4%	495	63.2%	129
Knowledge related to disciplines outside your major	22.9%	188	21.6%	44
Learning about careers	21.3%	175	24.5%	50
Applying what you've learned to real life problems	38.8%	318	51.0%	104
Working independently	54.1%	444	56.9%	116
Critical reasoning and problem solving	52.8%	433	51.0%	104
Using technology for problem solving	41.5%	340	36.8%	75
Understanding of how to conduct research and analysis	51.5%	422	51.0%	104
Understanding how to locate and manage information	50.2%	412	49.5%	101
Adopting an ethical framework	51.2%	420	55.4%	113
Understanding of diverse groups and cultures	55.9%	458	53.4%	109
Competency working with numerical data	34.5%	283	34.8%	71
Note: Table includes only those who selected 'a great deal'. The other categories in the survey were 'a fair amount', 'a little', 'not at all', and 'decline to state.'				

Did you ever engage in any of the following class activities while a student at CSUB? Please select all that apply.				
	U_Grad		Grad	
	%	n	%	n
Service learning	22.6%	185	11.8%	24
Internship	25.5%	209	36.3%	74
Community-based learning	30.9%	253	38.7%	79
Research or creative activity with faculty outside the class	26.3%	216	25.0%	51
Note: Percentages were calculated using the total number of survey respondents				

Satisfaction

How satisfied are you with your experience at CSUB?				
	U_Grad (n=820)		Grad (n=204)	
	%	n	%	n
Very satisfied	34.3%	281	38.2%	78
Satisfied	46.0%	377	43.1%	88
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	10.6%	87	9.3%	19
Dissatisfied	5.7%	47	2.9%	6
Very dissatisfied	1.1%	9	1.5%	3
Decline to state	2.4%	19	4.9%	10
Note: 'Decline to state' category includes those who did not respond				

Post-Graduation Plans

What do you plan to do after graduation? Select all that apply.				
	U_Grad		Grad	
	%	n	%	n
Pursue employment	75.6%	620	60.3%	123
Start/raise a family	24.3%	199	17.2%	35
Enter the military/armed services	1.3%	11	0.0%	0
Pursue volunteer service	13.7%	112	6.4%	13
Pursue additional undergraduate program	18.2%	149	2.9%	6
Pursue Graduate degree or other higher education program	53.8%	441	17.2%	35
Pursue other activities than those listed above	17.1%	140	32.8%	67
Decline to state	1.7%	14	5.9%	12
Note: Percentages were calculated using the total number of survey respondents				

Which of your future plans is most important? Select only one.				
	U_Grad (n=820)		Grad (n=204)	
	%	n	%	n
Pursue employment	53.0%	435	50.0%	102
Start/raise a family	8.4%	69	11.8%	24
Enter military/armed services	.4%	3	0.0%	0
Pursue volunteer service	.4%	3	0.0%	0
Pursue additional higher education	29.8%	244	7.4%	15
Other activities not listed above	4.5%	37	21.6%	44
Decline to state	3.6%	29	9.3%	19
Note: 'Decline to state' category includes those who did not respond				

Note: Skip logic was used for the following two questions

Application Process

What is the current state of your application process?				
	U_Grad (n=244)		Grad (n=15)	
	%	n	%	n
I have accepted an offer of admission	25.8%	63	6.7%	1
I am currently considering an offer(s) of admission	11.1%	27	0.0%	0
I applied but was not accepted for fall	2.5%	6	0.0%	0
I have begun, but not finished the application process	26.2%	64	26.7%	4
I have not begun the application process	27.5%	67	60.0%	9
Decline to state	7.0%	17	6.7%	1
Note: 'Decline to state' category includes those who did not respond				

Job Search

Which of the following best describes your current state of employment?				
	U_Grad (n=435)		Grad (n=102)	
	%	n	%	n
Planning to stay in my current job after graduation	17.7%	77	33.3%	34
Accepted an offer of employment	11.5%	50	17.6%	18
Received an offer for a position, but declined	.9%	4	1.0%	1
Currently considering an offer	8.0%	35	6.9%	7
Looking, but no offers yet	38.4%	167	33.3%	34
Planning to work, but not actively looking for a position	20.9%	91	7.8%	8
Not planning to work for pay after graduation	.5%	2	0.0%	0
Decline to state	2.0%	9	0.0%	0

Note: 'Decline to state' category includes those who did not respond

Appendix

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY

WELCOME

Congratulations on your impending graduation from CSUB! Your satisfaction and evaluation of your experiences at CSUB are important to us. Please take a moment to complete this survey. Your answers will assist us in improving the educational experience for all students.

We greatly appreciate your time and input.

Your Degree

* 1. Which degree have you earned?

Bachelors/Undergraduate

Masters/Graduate

Graduate Students

* 2. Did you begin at CSUB as a new graduate student, or as a transfer student?

I began CSUB as a graduate student

I transferred to CSUB as a graduate student from another college.

Undergraduate Students

* 3. Did you begin at CSUB as a first-time freshman, or as a transfer student?

I began CSUB as a freshman.

I transferred to CSUB from another college.

Expected Time to Graduation

* 4. Compared with what you expected when you first enrolled at CSUB, how long did it take you to graduate?

Less time than I expected

The amount of time I expected

More time than I expected

Decline to state

Educational Experiences

Please select the answer that best describes your educational experience at CSUB.

*5. To what extent do you think you acquired the following skills and knowledge through your studies at CSUB?

	A great deal	A fair amount	A little	Not at all	Decline to state
Knowledge of your major discipline					
Knowledge related to disciplines outside your major					
Learning about careers					
Applying what you've learned to real life problems					
Working independently					
Critical reasoning and problem solving					
Using technology for problem solving					
Understanding of how to conduct research and analysis					
Understanding how to locate and manage information					
Adopting an ethical framework					
Understanding of diverse groups and cultures					
Competency working with numerical data					

6. Did you ever engage in any of the following class activities while a student at CSUB? Please select all that apply.

Service learning (an organized service activity such as neighborhood clean up, graffiti removal, grant and/or evaluation writing)

Internship (short-term, supervised work experience)

Community-based learning (observing/reflecting upon a "community", such as classroom observation, sometimes called "field education")

Research or creative activity with faculty outside the classroom

Satisfaction

*7. How satisfied are you with your experience at CSUB?

Very satisfied

Satisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

Decline to state

Plans After Graduation

Please select the answer that best describes your plans after graduation.

*8. What do you plan to do after graduation? Select all that apply.

Pursue employment

Start/raise a family

Enter the military/armed services

Pursue volunteer service

Pursue additional undergraduate program (e.g. credential, second baccalaureate)

Pursue Graduate degree or other higher education program

Pursue other activities than those listed above

Decline to state

*9. Which of your future plans is most important? Select only one.

Pursue employment

Start/raise a family

Enter military/armed services

Pursue volunteer service

Pursue additional higher education

Other activities not listed above

Decline to state

Application Process

* 10. What is the current state of your application process?

I have accepted an offer of admission

I am currently considering an offer(s) of admission

I applied but was not accepted for fall

I have begun, but not finished the application process

I have not begun the application process

Decline to state

Current Employment Status

* 11. Which of the following best describes your current state of employment?

Planning to stay in my current job after graduation

Accepted an offer of employment

Received an offer for a position, but declined

Currently considering an offer

Looking, but no offers yet

Planning to work, but not actively looking for a position

Not planning to work for pay after graduation

Decline to state

ABOUT YOU

Please select the answers that best describe you.

* 12. What is your race/ethnicity?

African American

American Indian

Asian

Hispanic/Latino

Pacific Islander

White

Two or more races

Decline to state

Other (please specify)

* 13. What is your age?

18-23

24-29

30-35

36-39

40-49

50+

Decline to state

* 14. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Decline to state