

Northeastern Illinois University
Survey of 2005 Baccalaureate Graduates (1 Year Out)

Degree Program Group	College of Business		College of Education		Non Traditional Degrees		College of Arts&Sciences		University	
Total Baccalaureate Graduates	233		265		224		578		1,300	
Total Survey Respondents	44		50		64		87		245	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Section I: Career Preparation and Employment Experiences										
1. Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?										
Yes, working full time	40	90.9%	37	74.0%	43	69.4%	61	70.9%	181	74.8%
Yes, working part time	2	4.5%	4	8.0%	9	14.5%	10	11.6%	25	10.3%
No, but am seeking employment	2	4.5%	7	14.0%	9	14.5%	11	12.8%	29	12.0%
No, and am not seeking employment			2	4.0%	1	1.6%	4	4.7%	7	2.9%
3. How would you classify your current primary employer?										
Self - employed or private practice	1	2.4%	2	4.7%	2	3.9%	3	4.2%	8	3.8%
Business	29	69.0%	4	9.3%	14	27.5%	23	31.9%	70	33.7%
Professional firm	6	14.3%			1	2.0%	2	2.8%	9	4.3%
College or University	2	4.8%	2	4.7%	4	7.8%	5	6.9%	13	6.3%
Elementary/secondary school			33	76.7%	9	17.6%	11	15.3%	53	25.5%
Health agency	1	2.4%			5	9.8%	4	5.6%	10	4.8%
Federal, state, or local government	2	4.8%			10	19.6%	6	8.3%	18	8.7%
Armed services							1	1.4%	1	0.5%
Non-Profit			2	4.7%	3	5.9%	13	18.1%	18	8.7%
Other	1	2.4%			3	5.9%	4	5.6%	8	3.8%
4. How satisfied are you with your current job?										
Very satisfied	12	28.6%	23	54.8%	21	41.2%	14	18.9%	70	33.5%
Satisfied	19	45.2%	10	23.8%	11	21.6%	26	35.1%	66	31.6%
Somewhat satisfied	9	21.4%	7	16.7%	13	25.5%	17	23.0%	46	22.0%
Somewhat dissatisfied	1	2.4%			3	5.9%	7	9.5%	11	5.3%
Dissatisfied	1	2.4%			2	3.9%	7	9.5%	10	4.8%
Very dissatisfied			2	4.8%	1	2.0%	3	4.1%	6	2.9%
5. How closely related is your current job to your degree from NEIU?										
Closely Related	20	47.6%	32	74.4%	10	18.9%	22	29.7%	84	39.6%
Related	12	28.6%	5	11.6%	14	26.4%	21	28.4%	52	24.5%
Unrelated	10	23.8%	6	14.0%	29	54.7%	31	41.9%	76	35.8%
If "unrelated", is this by choice?										
Yes	4	40.0%	2	33.3%	19	67.9%	13	43.3%	38	51.4%
No	6	60.0%	4	66.7%	9	32.1%	17	56.7%	36	48.6%
6. When did you secure your first job following receipt of your degree?										
Held the same job while enrolled	21	50.0%	3	7.1%	39	72.2%	27	38.0%	90	43.1%
Secured job by time of graduation	5	11.9%	10	23.8%	1	1.9%	10	14.1%	26	12.4%
Secured job after graduation	16	38.1%	29	69.1%	14	25.9%	34	47.9%	93	44.5%
If you marked 'after graduation', how many months after graduation did you secure employment?										
Less than 1 month	1	6.3%	2	6.9%	3	21.4%	1	2.9%	7	7.5%
Between 1 and 3 months	6	37.5%	10	34.5%	2	14.3%	11	32.4%	29	31.2%
Between 3 and 6 months	6	37.5%	13	44.8%	2	14.3%	13	38.2%	34	36.6%
Between 6 and 9 months	3	18.7%	1	3.5%	3	21.4%	5	14.7%	12	12.9%
More than 9 months			3	10.3%	4	28.6%	4	11.8%	11	11.8%
7. What is your annual earned income before taxes in your current job?										
Mean	\$43,408		\$33,770		\$42,848		\$33,778		\$37,918	
Median	\$41,000		\$37,440		\$41,000		\$30,000		\$37,000	
Minimum	\$3,300		\$1,800		\$4,800		\$3,000		\$1,800	
Maximum	\$135,000		\$47,000		\$113,000		\$110,000		\$135,000	

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8. In general, how well did your degree program prepare you for your present job?

Very well	3	7.3%	15	36.6%	15	34.1%	14	20.6%	47	24.2%
Well	17	41.5%	16	39.0%	12	27.3%	20	29.4%	65	33.5%
Adequately	17	41.5%	6	14.6%	12	27.3%	25	36.8%	60	30.9%
Inadequately	1	2.4%	2	4.9%	4	9.1%	4	5.9%	11	5.7%
Poorly	1	2.4%	2	4.9%					3	1.5%
Very Poorly	2	4.9%			1	2.3%	5	7.4%	8	4.1%

Section II: Education

1. Have you enrolled in a college or university since earning your degree?

Yes, full-time	2	4.5%	4	8.0%	7	11.1%	15	17.9%	28	11.6%
Yes, part-time	8	18.2%	9	18.0%	17	27.0%	17	20.2%	51	21.2%
No	34	77.3%	37	74.0%	39	61.9%	52	61.9%	162	67.2%

2. Are you pursuing an additional degree since earning your degree at NEIU?

Yes	6	42.9%	13	48.1%	29	65.9%	30	63.8%	78	59.1%
No	8	57.1%	14	51.9%	15	34.1%	17	36.2%	54	40.9%

If you are pursuing(or have completed) another degree, Please indicate which degree below:

Associate's										
Second Bachelor's					1	3.7%	2	6.3%	3	3.8%
Academic Master's	1	14.3%	9	69.2%	13	48.1%	18	56.3%	41	51.9%
Professional Master's	5	71.4%	4	30.8%	8	29.6%	9	28.1%	26	32.9%
Medicine										
Health Professional							2	6.3%	2	2.5%
Theology										
Law	1	14.3%			1	3.7%			2	2.5%
Doctorate										
Other					4	14.8%	1	3.1%	5	6.3%

3. In general, how well did your degree prepare you for your additional degree program?

Very well	2	25.0%	2	13.3%	16	48.5%	16	45.7%	36	39.6%
Well	2	25.0%	6	40.0%	11	33.3%	10	28.6%	29	31.9%
Adequately	3	37.5%	5	33.3%	4	12.1%	7	20.0%	19	20.9%
Inadequately	1	12.5%	1	6.7%	2	6.1%	1	2.9%	5	5.5%
Poorly			1	6.7%					1	1.1%
Very Poorly							1	2.9%	1	1.1%

Section III: Satisfaction

1. What is your present attitude towards Northeastern Illinois University?

Strongly positive	4	9.1%	10	20.4%	20	32.8%	26	30.2%	60	25.0%
Positive	20	45.5%	25	51.0%	32	52.5%	34	39.5%	111	46.3%
Somewhat positive	16	36.4%	8	16.3%	4	6.6%	17	19.8%	45	18.8%
Somewhat negative	2	4.5%	4	8.2%	4	6.6%	6	7.0%	16	6.7%
Negative	1	2.3%	2	4.1%			3	3.5%	6	2.5%
Strongly negative	1	2.3%			1	1.6%			2	0.8%

2. What is your present attitude towards your degree major?

Strongly positive	14	31.8%	30	61.2%	18	30.5%	30	35.3%	92	38.8%
Positive	19	43.2%	14	28.6%	29	49.2%	26	30.6%	88	37.1%
Somewhat positive	6	13.6%	4	8.2%	8	13.6%	23	27.1%	41	17.3%
Somewhat negative	4	9.1%	1	2.0%	3	5.1%	5	5.9%	13	5.5%
Negative							1	1.2%	1	0.4%
Strongly negative	1	2.3%			1	1.7%			2	0.8%

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Section IV: Educational Effectiveness										
1. Professors accessible										
Very Often	10	23.3%	21	42.0%	24	37.5%	40	46.5%	95	39.1%
Often	20	46.5%	18	36.0%	33	51.6%	25	29.1%	96	39.5%
Sometimes	8	18.6%	9	18.0%	4	6.3%	17	19.8%	38	15.6%
Infrequently	4	9.3%	2	4.0%	3	4.7%	4	4.7%	13	5.3%
Never	1	2.3%							1	0.4%
2. Work cooperatively										
Very Often	9	20.9%	23	46.0%	23	35.9%	26	30.6%	81	33.5%
Often	24	55.8%	17	34.0%	20	31.3%	26	30.6%	87	36.0%
Sometimes	9	20.9%	9	18.0%	15	23.4%	27	31.8%	60	24.8%
Infrequently	1	2.3%	1	2.0%	3	4.7%	6	7.1%	11	4.5%
Never					3	4.7%			3	1.2%
3. Challenge ideas										
Very Often	5	11.6%	16	32.0%	31	48.4%	30	34.9%	82	33.7%
Often	13	30.2%	22	44.0%	20	31.3%	31	36.0%	86	35.4%
Sometimes	15	34.9%	10	20.0%	9	14.1%	19	22.1%	53	21.8%
Infrequently	7	16.3%			3	4.7%	5	5.8%	15	6.2%
Never	3	7.0%	2	4.0%	1	1.6%	1	1.2%	7	2.9%
4. Appropriate teaching activities										
Very Often	4	9.3%	21	42.0%	32	50.0%	32	37.2%	89	36.6%
Often	21	48.8%	22	44.0%	26	40.6%	33	38.4%	102	42.0%
Sometimes	11	25.6%	3	6.0%	2	3.1%	13	15.1%	29	11.9%
Infrequently	6	14.0%	4	8.0%	4	6.3%	6	7.0%	20	8.2%
Never	1	2.3%					2	2.3%	3	1.2%
5. High expectations										
Very Often	2	4.7%	24	48.0%	30	47.6%	30	34.9%	86	35.5%
Often	14	32.6%	17	34.0%	20	31.7%	27	31.4%	78	32.2%
Sometimes	16	37.2%	6	12.0%	10	15.9%	22	25.6%	54	22.3%
Infrequently	8	18.6%	2	4.0%	3	4.8%	6	7.0%	19	7.9%
Never	3	7.0%	1	2.0%			1	1.2%	5	2.1%
6. Timely feedback										
Very Often	5	11.6%	17	34.0%	24	37.5%	30	34.9%	76	31.3%
Often	19	44.2%	23	46.0%	32	50.0%	36	41.9%	110	45.3%
Sometimes	12	27.9%	7	14.0%	4	6.3%	15	17.4%	38	15.6%
Infrequently	5	11.6%	2	4.0%	3	4.7%	5	5.8%	15	6.2%
Never	2	4.7%	1	2.0%	1	1.6%			4	1.6%
7. Importance of preparation										
Very Often	11	25.6%	23	46.0%	34	53.1%	40	46.5%	108	44.4%
Often	12	27.9%	17	34.0%	22	34.4%	22	25.6%	73	30.0%
Sometimes	11	25.6%	8	16.0%	5	7.8%	18	20.9%	42	17.3%
Infrequently	7	16.3%			3	4.7%	4	4.7%	14	5.8%
Never	2	4.7%	2	4.0%			2	2.3%	6	2.5%