

Northeastern Illinois University
Survey of 2006 Master's Graduates (1 Year Out)

Degree Program Group	College of Business		College of Education		College of Arts&Sciences		University	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Total Master's Graduates	40		398		154		592	
Total Survey Respondents	12		138		56		206	
	N		N		N		N	
	%		%		%		%	
Section I: Career Preparation and Employment Experiences								
1. Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?								
Yes, working full time	11	91.7%	113	81.9%	31	55.4%	155	75.2%
Yes, working part time			10	7.2%	19	33.9%	29	14.1%
No, but am seeking employment			6	4.3%	2	3.6%	8	3.9%
No, and am not seeking employment	1	8.3%	9	6.5%	4	7.1%	14	6.8%
3. How would you classify your current primary employer?								
Self - employed or private practice			3	2.4%	4	8.0%	7	3.8%
Business	5	45.5%	7	5.6%	4	8.0%	16	8.6%
Professional firm	2	18.2%			1	2.0%	3	1.6%
College or university			7	5.6%	17	34.0%	24	13.0%
Elementary/secondary school	1	9.1%	91	73.4%	11	22.0%	103	55.7%
Health agency			4	3.2%	2	4.0%	6	3.2%
Federal, state, or local government			5	4.0%	7	14.0%	12	6.5%
Armed services								
Non-Profit	3	27.3%	6	4.8%	1	2.0%	10	5.4%
Other			1	0.8%	3	6.0%	4	2.2%
4. How satisfied are you with your current job?								
Very satisfied	4	36.4%	59	48.0%	22	44.0%	85	46.2%
Satisfied	6	54.5%	40	32.5%	19	38.0%	65	35.3%
Somewhat satisfied	1	9.1%	15	12.2%	7	14.0%	23	12.5%
Somewhat dissatisfied			4	3.3%	2	4.0%	6	3.3%
Dissatisfied			5	4.1%			5	2.7%
Very dissatisfied								
5. How closely related is your current job to your degree from NEIU?								
Closely Related	5	45.5%	86	70.5%	36	72.0%	127	69.4%
Related	5	45.5%	20	16.4%	6	12.0%	31	16.9%
Unrelated	1	9.0%	16	13.1%	8	16.0%	25	13.6%
If "unrelated", is this by choice?								
Yes	1	100.0%	9	56.2%	6	75.0%	16	64.0%
No			7	43.8%	2	25.0%	9	36.0%
6. When did you secure your first job following receipt of your degree?								
Held the same job while enrolled	5	45.5%	75	60.5%	28	56.0%	108	58.4%
Secured job by time of graduation	1	9.1%	16	12.9%	10	20.0%	27	14.6%
Secured job after graduation	5	45.5%	33	26.6%	12	24.0%	50	27.0%
If you marked 'after graduation', how many months after graduation did you secure employment?								
Less than 1 month			7	21.2%	3	25.0%	10	20.0%
Between 1 and 3 months	3	60.0%	10	30.3%	5	41.7%	18	36.0%
Between 3 and 6 months	1	20.0%	6	18.2%			7	14.0%
Between 6 and 9 months	1	20.0%	5	15.2%	2	16.7%	8	16.0%
More than 9 months			5	15.2%	2	16.7%	7	14.0%
7. What is your annual earned income before taxes in your current job?								
Mean	\$65,500		\$51,298		\$49,728		\$51,796	
Median	\$53,500		\$48,000		\$52,500		\$48,000	
Minimum	\$38,000		\$10,000		\$2,400		\$2,400	
Maximum	\$150,000		\$150,000		\$140,000		\$150,000	

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8. In general, how well did your degree program prepare you for your present job?								
Very well	4	40.0%	42	35.3%	19	38.8%	65	36.5%
Well	4	40.0%	54	45.4%	23	46.9%	81	45.5%
Adequately	2	20.0%	20	16.8%	5	10.2%	27	15.2%
Inadequately			1	0.8%			1	0.6%
Poorly					1	2.0%	1	0.6%
Very Poorly			2	1.7%	1	2.0%	3	1.7%
Section II: Education								
1. Have you enrolled in a college or university since earning your degree?								
Yes, full-time			3	2.2%	5	9.1%	8	3.9%
Yes, part-time	2	16.7%	23	16.8%	3	5.5%	28	13.7%
No	10	83.3%	111	81.0%	47	85.5%	168	82.4%
2. Are you pursuing an additional degree since earning your degree at NEIU?								
Yes	1	12.5%	26	37.1%	8	32.0%	35	34.0%
No	7	87.5%	44	62.9%	17	68.0%	68	66.0%
If you are pursuing(or have completed) another degree, Please indicate which degree below:								
Associate's								
Second Bachelor's			1	3.7%			1	2.8%
Academic Master's	1	100.0%	14	51.9%	3	37.5%	18	50.0%
Professional Master's			2	7.4%			2	5.6%
Medicine								
Health Professional								
Theology								
Law								
Doctorate			6	22.2%	4	50.0%	10	27.8%
Other			4	14.8%	1	12.5%	5	13.9%
3. In general, how well did your degree prepare you for your additional degree program?								
Very well	1	50.0%	16	57.1%	3	37.5%	20	52.6%
Well	1	50.0%	7	25.0%	2	25.0%	10	26.3%
Adequately			4	14.3%	1	12.5%	5	13.2%
Inadequately								
Poorly								
Very Poorly			1	3.6%	2	25.0%	3	7.9%
Section III: Satisfaction								
1. What is your present attitude towards Northeastern Illinois University?								
Strongly positive	4	33.3%	42	30.4%	15	26.8%	61	29.6%
Positive	6	50.0%	67	48.6%	30	53.6%	103	50.0%
Somewhat positive	2	16.7%	18	13.0%	4	7.1%	24	11.7%
Somewhat negative			6	4.3%	5	8.9%	11	5.3%
Negative			5	3.6%			5	2.4%
Strongly negative					2	3.6%	2	1.0%
2. What is your present attitude towards your degree major?								
Strongly positive	6	50.0%	68	49.3%	23	41.1%	97	47.1%
Positive	5	41.7%	54	39.1%	24	42.9%	83	40.3%
Somewhat positive	1	8.3%	11	8.0%	7	12.5%	19	9.2%
Somewhat negative			2	1.4%			2	1.0%
Negative			1	0.7%			1	0.5%
Strongly negative			2	1.4%	2	3.6%	4	1.9%

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Section IV: Educational Effectiveness								
1. Professors accessible								
Very Often	2	16.7%	54	39.1%	24	42.9%	80	38.8%
Often	7	58.3%	56	40.6%	24	42.9%	87	42.2%
Sometimes	3	25.0%	24	17.4%	6	10.7%	33	16.0%
Infrequently			3	2.2%	2	3.6%	5	2.4%
Never			1	0.7%			1	0.5%
2. Work cooperatively								
Very Often	6	50.0%	58	42.0%	16	28.6%	80	38.8%
Often	5	41.7%	56	40.6%	18	32.1%	79	38.3%
Sometimes	1	8.3%	21	15.2%	13	23.2%	35	17.0%
Infrequently			2	1.4%	8	14.3%	10	4.9%
Never			1	0.7%	1	1.8%	2	1.0%
3. Challenge ideas								
Very Often	2	16.7%	54	39.1%	20	35.7%	76	36.9%
Often	5	41.7%	50	36.2%	25	44.6%	80	38.8%
Sometimes	4	33.3%	28	20.3%	10	17.9%	42	20.4%
Infrequently	1	8.3%	5	3.6%	1	1.8%	7	3.4%
Never			1	0.7%			1	0.5%
4. Appropriate teaching activities								
Very Often	4	33.3%	58	42.0%	23	41.1%	85	41.3%
Often	6	50.0%	59	42.8%	23	41.1%	88	42.7%
Sometimes	2	16.7%	18	13.0%	9	16.1%	29	14.1%
Infrequently			3	2.2%	1	1.8%	4	1.9%
Never								
5. High expectations								
Very Often	2	16.7%	56	40.6%	18	32.1%	76	36.9%
Often	7	58.3%	59	42.8%	21	37.5%	87	42.2%
Sometimes	3	25.0%	18	13.0%	12	21.4%	33	16.0%
Infrequently			4	2.9%	5	8.9%	9	4.4%
Never			1	0.7%			1	0.5%
6. Timely feedback								
Very Often	3	25.0%	67	48.6%	20	35.7%	90	43.7%
Often	7	58.3%	60	43.5%	24	42.9%	91	44.2%
Sometimes	1	8.3%	8	5.8%	9	16.1%	18	8.7%
Infrequently	1	8.3%	2	1.4%	3	5.4%	6	2.9%
Never			1	0.7%			1	0.5%
7. Importance of preparation								
Very Often	4	33.3%	57	41.3%	21	37.5%	82	39.8%
Often	6	50.0%	50	36.2%	24	42.9%	80	38.8%
Sometimes	2	16.7%	22	15.9%	8	14.3%	32	15.5%
Infrequently			8	5.8%	3	5.4%	11	5.3%
Never			1	0.7%			1	0.5%