

**Western Illinois University**  
**2016 Undergraduate Alumni Survey (Class of 2015 - one year out)**

**Response Rate**

	Number of Surveys	Number of Responses
Survey Total	1750	396
Response Rate (Percent)		23%

**Distribution Method**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Email	359	90.7
Postcard (via U.S. Mail)	37	9.3
Total	396	100.0

**Gender**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Male	173	43.7
Female	223	56.3
Total	396	100.0

**Ethnicity**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
White	298	75.3
Black	37	9.3
Hispanic	24	6.1
Other/Unknown	22	5.6
Foreign	6	1.5
2 or more	9	2.3
Total	396	100.0

**College**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
College of Arts and Sciences	100	25.3
College of Business and Technology	87	22.0
College of Education and Human Services	145	36.6
College of Fine Arts and Communication	43	10.9
Other (i.e., General Studies)	21	5.3
Total	396	100.0

**Degree Type**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
AS-BA	33	8.3
AS-BS	58	14.6
AS-BSW	2	.5
ASE-BA	2	.5
ASE-BS	1	.3
BGS-BA	21	5.3
BLAS	2	.5
BSN	4	1.0

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BU-BB	45	11.4
BU-BS	41	10.4
ED-BS	116	29.3
ED-BSE	20	5.1
ED-BSW	5	1.3
EDE-BS	3	.8
FA-BA	25	6.3
FA-BFA	1	.3
FA-BS	5	1.3
ME-BM	7	1.8
MUS-BM	5	1.3
Total	396	100.0

**Major**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Accountancy	11	2.8
African American Studies	1	.3
Agriculture	16	4.0
Anthropology	3	.8
Art	3	.8
Athletic Training	1	.3
Biology	22	5.6
Broadcasting	11	2.8
Chemistry	5	1.3
Communication	10	2.5
Communication Sciences & Disorders	5	1.3
Computer Science	10	2.5
Construction Management	4	1.0
Economics	2	.5
Elementary & JR High Education	1	.3
Elementary Education	10	2.5
Emergency Management	5	1.3
Engineering	1	.3
Engineering Technology	3	.8
English	4	1.0
Exercise Science	10	2.5
Family and consumer sciences	5	1.3
Family and Consumer Sciences	5	1.3
Finance	5	1.3
Fire Protection Services	1	.3
Foreign Languages and Cultures	2	.5
Forensic Chemistry	4	1.0
General Studies	21	5.3
Geography	2	.5
Graphic Communication	1	.3
Health Services Management	4	1.0
History	8	2.0
Human Resource Management	4	1.0
Information Systems	5	1.3

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Instructional Technology & Communications	1	.3
Journalism	5	1.3
Law Enforcement and Justice Administration	62	15.7
Liberal Arts & Sciences	2	.5
Management	9	2.3
Marketing	7	1.8
Mathematics	4	1.0
Media and Instructional Technology	3	.8
Meteorology	4	1.0
Music	13	3.3
Nursing	4	1.0
Physical Education K-12	3	.8
Physics	1	.3
Political Science	7	1.8
Psychology	17	4.3
Public Health	1	.3
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Administration	18	4.5
Social Work	7	1.8
Sociology	3	.8
Spanish	2	.5
Special Education	9	2.3
Supply Chain Management	7	1.8
Telecommunications Management	1	.3
Theater	1	.3
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**Graduation date**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
2015/05	203	51.3
2015/07	68	17.2
2015/12	125	31.6
Total	396	100.0

**Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Yes, Full-Time	242	61.3
Yes, Part-Time	85	21.5
No, but am seeking employment	46	11.6
No, and am not seeking employment	22	5.6
Total	395	100.0
Missing System	1	
Total	396	

**How would you classify your primary employer?**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Self-employed or private practice	11	3.8
Business (industrial, commercial or service)	118	40.7
Professional firm (e.g., engineering, law)	11	3.8
College or University	23	7.9
Public elementary/secondary school	31	10.7
Private elementary/secondary school	2	.7
Health agency (e.g., hospital, clinic)	19	6.6
Federal, state, or local government	28	9.7
Armed services	6	2.1
Non-profit (non-government)	17	5.9
Other	24	8.3
Total	290	100.0
Missing System	106	
Total	396	

**How satisfied are you with your current job?**

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Very satisfied	102	35.1
Satisfied	105	36.1
Somewhat satisfied	56	19.2
Somewhat dissatisfied	11	3.8
Dissatisfied	11	3.8
Very Dissatisfied	6	2.1
Total	291	100.0
Missing System	105	
Total	396	

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**How closely related is your current job to your bachelor's degree major?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Closely Related	128	44.0
	Related	77	26.5
	Unrelated	86	29.6
	Total	291	100.0
Missing	System	105	
Total		396	

**If you marked unrelated, is this by choice?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	49	57.0
	No	37	43.0
	Total	86	100.0
Missing	System	310	
Total		396	

**Please indicate on the list below your primary occupation.**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Management	32	11.6
	Business Operations	24	8.7
	Financial Specialists	10	3.6
	Computer Specialists	13	4.7
	Engineers and Related Technicians	7	2.5
	Life and Physical Scientists and Technicians	8	2.9
	Social Scientists	2	.7
	Health: Doctors	4	1.4
	Health: Registered Nurses	4	1.4
	Health: Therapists	4	1.4
	Health: Other Health Practitioners, Professionals, and Support Workers	10	3.6
	Community and Social Service	13	4.7
	Legal: Attorneys/Judges	1	.4
	Legal: Legal Support Workers	1	.4
	Education: Early Childhood Teachers	4	1.4
	Education: Elementary School Teachers	8	2.9
	Education: Middle School Teachers	3	1.1
	Education: Secondary School Teachers	6	2.2
	Education: Special Education Teachers	8	2.9
	Education: Other, except Administrators	6	2.2
	Library Occupations	2	.7
	Arts and Design Workers	3	1.1
	Entertainers, Performers, Sports and Related Workers	5	1.8
	Media and Communication Workers	9	3.3
	Sales	20	7.2
	Office and Administration	15	5.4
	Protective Services	19	6.9
	Food Preparation and Serving	11	4.0
	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	1	.4
	Personal Care and Services	8	2.9
	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	2	.7

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	Construction and Extractive	2	.7
	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	3	1.1
	Production	3	1.1
	Transportation and Material Moving	1	.4
	Military	4	1.4
	Total	276	100.0
Missing	System	120	
Total		396	

**When did you secure your first job following receipt of your bachelor's degree?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Held the same job while enrolled	60	21.3
	Secured job by time of graduation	74	26.2
	Secured job after graduation	148	52.5
	Total	282	100.0
Missing	System	114	
Total		396	

**How many months after graduation did you secure employment?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Less than one month	34	23.0
	Between one and three months	62	41.9
	Between three and six months	28	18.9
	Between six and nine months	15	10.1
	More than nine months	9	6.1
	Total	148	100.0
Missing	System	248	
Total		396	

**For how many different employers (companies, firms, agencies, schools, etc. - not individual "bosses") have you worked since you earned your first bachelor's degree?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	One	189	68.5
	Two	68	24.6
	Three to six	19	6.9
	Total	276	100.0
Missing	System	120	
Total		396	

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**In general, how well did your bachelor's degree prepare you for your present job?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Very well	64	23.4
	Well	98	35.9
	Adequately	75	27.5
	Inadequately	18	6.6
	Poorly	7	2.6
	Very Poorly	11	4.0
	Total	273	100.0
Missing	System	123	
Total		396	

**Have you enrolled in a college or university since earning your bachelor's degree?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes, full-time	65	18.8
	Yes, part-time	18	5.2
	No	262	75.9
	Total	345	100.0
Missing	System	51	
Total		396	

**Are you pursuing (or have you completed) an additional degree since earning your bachelor's?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	74	89.2
	No	9	10.8
	Total	83	100.0
Missing	System	313	
Total		396	

**If you are pursuing (or have completed) another degree, please indicate which degree below.**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Associate's	1	1.4
	Second Bachelor's	3	4.1
	Academic Master's (MA, MS, Med, etc.)	46	62.2
	Professional Master's (MBA, MSW, MFA, MPA, etc.) or Education Specialist	16	21.6
	Health Professional (denistry, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, etc.)	3	4.1
	Theology/Divinity	1	1.4
	Law (LLB, JD)	1	1.4
	Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, etc.)	1	1.4
	Other	2	2.7
	Total	74	100.0
Missing	System	322	
Total		396	

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**In general, how well did your bachelor's degree prepare you for your additional degree program?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Very well	29	39.2
	Well	21	28.4
	Adequately	22	29.7
	Inadequately	1	1.4
	Poorly	1	1.4
	Total	74	100.0
Missing	System	322	
Total		396	

**What is your present attitude toward the University (campus)?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly positive	92	26.7
	Positive	154	44.8
	Somewhat positive	63	18.3
	Somewhat negative	17	4.9
	Negative	14	4.1
	Strongly negative	4	1.2
	Total	344	100.0
Missing	System	52	
Total		396	

**What is your present attitude toward your bachelor's degree major?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly positive	161	46.8
	Positive	113	32.8
	Somewhat positive	45	13.1
	Somewhat negative	14	4.1
	Negative	3	.9
	Strongly negative	8	2.3
	Total	344	100.0
Missing	System	52	
Total		396	

**If you could start over, would you attend WIU?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	284	83.0
	No - different institution	55	16.1
	No - would not attend college	3	.9
	Total	342	100.0
Missing	System	54	
Total		396	



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**If you could start over (assuming that you would attend college), would you elect the same major?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	240	69.8
	No - a related major	40	11.6
	No - a totally different major	64	18.6
	Total	344	100.0
Missing	System	52	
Total		396	

**I would recommend WIU to a prospective student.**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	23	6.7
	Disagree	9	2.6
	Slightly Disagree	24	7.0
	Slightly Agree	41	12.0
	Agree	132	38.6
	Strongly Agree	113	33.0
	Total	342	100.0
Missing	System	54	
Total		396	

**Considering my circumstances, I am satisfied with the amount of time it took me to complete my degree.**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	18	5.3
	Disagree	11	3.2
	Slightly Disagree	17	5.0
	Slightly Agree	32	9.4
	Agree	145	42.5
	Strongly Agree	118	34.6
	Total	341	100.0
Missing	System	55	
Total		396	

**I believe my degree from WIU represents a good value for the investment I made.**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	17	5.0
	Disagree	11	3.2
	Slightly Disagree	13	3.8
	Slightly Agree	51	15.0
	Agree	154	45.2
	Strongly Agree	95	27.9
	Total	341	100.0
Missing	System	55	
Total		396	

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**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in successfully transitioning you to college? (i.e., first year experience)**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	31	9.3
	Slightly Helpful	33	9.9
	Moderately Helpful	98	29.5
	Very Helpful	101	30.4
	Extremely Helpful	69	20.8
	Total	332	100.0
Missing	System	64	
Total		396	

**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in helping you acquire skills for academic achievement?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	9	2.7
	Slightly Helpful	23	6.9
	Moderately Helpful	84	25.1
	Very Helpful	139	41.6
	Extremely Helpful	79	23.7
	Total	334	100.0
Missing	System	62	
Total		396	

**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in helping you to better develop your ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written forms?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	6	1.8
	Slightly Helpful	23	6.9
	Moderately Helpful	80	24.0
	Very Helpful	129	38.6
	Extremely Helpful	96	28.7
	Total	334	100.0
Missing	System	62	
Total		396	

**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in helping you to better develop your critical thinking ability?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	8	2.4
	Slightly Helpful	19	5.7
	Moderately Helpful	70	20.9
	Very Helpful	121	36.1
	Extremely Helpful	117	34.9
	Total	335	100.0
Missing	System	61	
Total		396	

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**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in helping you to better develop your sense of ethics?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	15	4.5
	Slightly Helpful	32	9.6
	Moderately Helpful	78	23.3
	Very Helpful	114	34.0
	Extremely Helpful	96	28.7
	Total	335	100.0
Missing	System	61	
Total		396	

**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in contributing to a greater understanding of people with different backgrounds, habits, values, appearances and abilities?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	10	3.0
	Slightly Helpful	28	8.4
	Moderately Helpful	56	16.7
	Very Helpful	114	34.0
	Extremely Helpful	127	37.9
	Total	335	100.0
Missing	System	61	
Total		396	

**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in preparing you to utilize modern technology in your day-to-day activities?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	13	3.9
	Slightly Helpful	31	9.3
	Moderately Helpful	88	26.3
	Very Helpful	112	33.4
	Extremely Helpful	91	27.2
	Total	335	100.0
Missing	System	61	
Total		396	

**In your view, how effective were your University experiences in improving the quality of your life aside from financial benefits?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	16	4.8
	Slightly Helpful	36	10.8
	Moderately Helpful	77	23.1
	Very Helpful	118	35.4
	Extremely Helpful	86	25.8
	Total	333	100.0
Missing	System	63	
Total		396	

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**How much did debt affect you after your undergraduate degree program?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Serious financial problem	64	19.5
	Moderate financial problem	120	36.6
	Minor financial problem	49	14.9
	Not a financial problem	95	29.0
	Total	328	100.0
Missing	System	68	
Total		396	

**Employment Information - Work Zip Code**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	NORTHEAST REGION	5	2.3
	EASTERN REGION	1	.5
	SOUTHERN REGION	8	3.7
	CENTRAL REGION (EXCLUDES IL)	38	17.4
	WESTERN REGION	4	1.8
	CHICAGO	9	4.1
	CHICAGO AREA (EXCLUDES CHICAGO)	62	28.3
	WESTERN ILLINOIS	58	26.5
	OTHER ILLINOIS	34	15.5
	Total	219	100.0
Missing	System	177	
Total		396	

**What is your annual earned income before taxes in your current job?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	\$10,000 OR LESS	33	13.5
	\$10,001-\$20,000	32	13.1
	\$20,001-\$30,000	63	25.8
	\$30,001-\$40,000	57	23.4
	\$40,001-\$50,000	29	11.9
	\$50,001-\$60,000	18	7.4
	\$60,001-\$70,000	7	2.9
	\$70,001-\$80,000	4	1.6
	\$80,001 OR MORE	1	.4
	Total	244	100.0
Missing	System	152	
Total		396	

**What was the approximate total of the debt you incurred?**

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	\$3,000 OR LESS	4	1.6
	\$3,001-\$7,500	11	4.5
	\$7,500-\$10,000	9	3.7
	\$10,001-\$15,000	21	8.6
	\$15,000 OR MORE	198	81.5
	Total	243	100.0
Missing	System	153	
Total		396	