

Western Illinois University
2017 Undergraduate Alumni Survey (Class of 2012 - five years out)

Response Rate

	Number of Surveys	Number of Responses
Survey Total	977	241
Response Rate (Percent)		25%

Distribution Method

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Email	218	90.5
Postcard (via U.S. Mail)	23	9.5
Total	241	100.0

Gender

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Male	115	47.7
Female	126	52.3
Total	241	100.0

Ethnicity

	Frequency	Valid Percent
White	197	81.7
Black	18	7.5
Hispanic	13	5.4
Asian	3	1.2
Other	6	2.5
2 or more	4	1.7
Total	241	100.0

College

	Frequency	Valid Percent
College of Arts and Sciences	56	10.4
College of Business and Technology	55	23.2
College of Education and Human Services	78	22.8
College of Fine Arts and Communication	27	32.4
Other (i.e., General Studies)	25	11.2
Total	241	100.0

Degree Type

	Frequency	Valid Percent
AS-BA	21	8.7
AS-BS	26	10.8
AS-BSW	10	4.1
ASE-BA	7	2.9
ASE-BS	1	.4
BGS-BA	25	10.4
BLAS	1	.4
BSN	4	1.7

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BU-BB	29	12.0
BU-BS	22	9.1
ED-BS	46	19.1
ED-BSE	18	7.5
EDE-BS	4	1.7
FA-BA	15	6.2
FA-BS	3	1.2
ME-BM	4	1.7
MUS-MM	1	1.7
MUS-BM	4	0.4
Total	241	100.0

Major

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Accountancy	9	3.7
Agriculture	9	3.7
Anthropology	1	.4
Athletic Training	2	.8
Bilingual/Bicultural Education	1	.4
Biology	11	4.6
Broadcasting	6	2.5
Communication	6	2.5
Communication Sciences & Disorders	3	1.2
Community Health	2	0.8
Computer Science	4	1.7
Construction Management	5	2.1
Economics	1	.4
Elementary & JR High Education	12	5.0
Emergency Management	2	0.8
Engineering	1	.4
Engineering Technology	1	.4
English	4	1.7
Exercise Science	2	0.8
Family and consumer sciences	3	1.2
Finance	4	1.7
Forensic Chemistry	2	0.8
General Studies	25	10.4
Geography	1	.4
Geology	3	1.2
Health Services Management	1	0.4
History	9	3.7
Human Resource Management	1	0.4
Information Systems	3	1.2
Instructional Designs & Technology	3	1.2
Journalism	1	0.4
Law Enforcement and Justice Administration	24	10.0
Liberal Arts & Sciences	1	.4
Management	6	2.5
Marketing	2	0.8

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Meteorology	1	0.4
Music	11	4.6
Nursing	4	1.7
Philosophy	1	0.4
Physical Education K-12	4	1.7
Political Science	1	0.4
Psychology	9	3.7
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Administration	7	2.9
Religious Studies	1	0.4
Social Work	10	4.1
Sociology	3	1.2
Spanish	3	1.2
Special Education	5	2.1
Supply Chain Management	4	1.7
Telecommunications Management	2	.8
Theater	1	.4
Women's Studies	3	1.2
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Graduation date

	Frequency	Valid Percent
2015/05	131	54.4
2012/07	31	12.9
2012/12	79	32.8
Total	241	100.0

Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Yes, Full-Time	205	85.1
Yes, Part-Time	13	5.4
No, but am seeking employment	15	6.2
No, and am not seeking employment	8	3.3
Total	241	100.0
Missing System	0	
Total	241	

How would you classify your primary employer?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Self-employed or private practice	5	2.5
Business (industrial, commercial or service)	48	38.8
Professional firm (e.g., engineering, law)	12	6.0
College or University	21	10.4
Public elementary/secondary school	23	11.4
Private elementary/secondary school	2	1.0
Health agency (e.g., hospital, clinic)	20	10.0
Federal, state, or local government	20	10.0
Armed services	2	1.0
Non-profit (non-government)	15	7.5
Other	3	1.5
Total	201	100.0
Missing System	40	
Total	241	

How satisfied are you with your current job?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Very satisfied	87	43.3
Satisfied	64	31.8
Somewhat satisfied	34	16.9
Somewhat dissatisfied	10	5.0
Dissatisfied	4	2.0
Very Dissatisfied	42	1.0
Total	201	100.0
Missing System	40	
Total	241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Closely Related	88	43.8
	Related	49	24.4
	Unrelated	64	31.8
	Total	201	100.0
Missing	System	40	
Total		241	

If you marked unrelated, is this by choice?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	45	71.4
	No	18	28.6
	Total	63	100.0
Missing	System	178	
Total		241	

Please indicate on the list below your primary occupation.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Management	32	16.2
	Business Operations	23	11.7
	Financial Specialists	12	6.1
	Computer Specialists	9	4.6
	Mathematical Scientists and Technicians	1	0.5
	Architects, Surveyors, and Cartographers	1	0.5
	Engineers and Related Technicians	4	2.0
	Life and Physical Scientists and Technicians	7	3.6
	Social Scientists	1	.5
	Health: Doctors	1	0.5
	Health: Registered Nurses	4	2.0
	Health: Therapists	3	1.5
	Health: Other Health Practitioners, Professionals, and Support Workers	7	3.6
	Community and Social Service	17	8.6
	Legal: Attorneys/Judges	1	.5
	Education: Early Childhood Teachers	1	0.5
	Education: Elementary School Teachers	11	5.6
	Education: Middle School Teachers	1	0.5
	Education: Secondary School Teachers	6	3.0
	Education: Special Education Teachers	4	2.0
	Education: Other, except Administrators	7	3.6
	Library Occupations	1	.5
	Entertainers, Performers, Sports and Related Workers	1	0.5
	Media and Communication Workers	1	0.5
	Sales	10	5.1
	Office and Administration	8	4.1
	Protective Services	9	4.6
	Food Preparation and Serving	2	1.0
	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	2	1.0
	Construction and Extractive	2	1.0
	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1	0.5

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	Production	3	1.5
	Transportation and Material Moving	3	1.5
	Military	1	0.5
	Total	197	100.0
Missing	System	44	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Held the same job while enrolled	19	9.5
	Secured job by time of graduation	43	21.5
	Secured job after graduation	138	69.0
	Total	200	100.0
Missing	System	41	
Total		241	

How many months after graduation did you secure employment?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Less than one month	20	14.5
	Between one and three months	39	28.3
	Between three and six months	25	18.1
	Between six and nine months	14	10.1
	More than nine months	40	29.0
	Total	138	100.0
Missing	System	103	
Total		241	

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	47	23.6
	Two	80	40.2
	Three to six	67	33.7
	More than six	5	2.5
	Total	199	100.0
Missing	System	42	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Very well	43	21.6
	Well	59	29.6
	Adequately	70	35.2
	Inadequately	9	4.5
	Poorly	8	4.0
	Very Poorly	10	5.0
	Total	199	100.0
Missing	System	42	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes, full-time	57	25.7
	Yes, part-time	26	11.7
	No	139	62.6
	Total	222	100.0
Missing	System	19	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	76	91.6
	No	7	8.4
	Total	83	100.0
Missing	System	158	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Associate's	2	2.6
	Second Bachelor's	2	2.6
	Academic Master's (MA, MS, Med, etc.)	48	63.2
	Professional Master's (MBA, MSW, MFA, MPA, etc.) or Education Specialist	15	19.7
	Medicine (MD, DO)	2	2.6
	Law (LLB, JD)	1	1.3
	Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, etc.)	1	2.6
	Other	4	5.3
	Total	76	100.0
Missing	System	165	
Total		241	

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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	32	42.1
	Well	26	34.2
	Adequately	16	21.1
	Inadequately	2	2.6
	Total	76	100.0
Missing	System	165	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly positive	80	36.0
	Positive	97	43.7
	Somewhat positive	28	12.6
	Somewhat negative	11	5.0
	Negative	5	2.3
	Strongly negative	1	0.5
	Total	222	100.0
Missing	System	19	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly positive	81	36.5
	Positive	88	39.6
	Somewhat positive	34	15.3
	Somewhat negative	8	3.6
	Negative	4	1.8
	Strongly negative	7	3.2
	Total	222	100.0
Missing	System	19	
Total		241	

If you could start over, would you attend WIU?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	184	82.9
	No - different institution	31	14.0
	No - would not attend college	7	3.2
	Total	222	100.0
Missing	System	19	
Total		241	

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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	113	50.9
	No - a related major	34	15.3
	No - a totally different major	75	33.8
	Total	222	100.0
Missing	System	19	
Total		241	

I would recommend WIU to a prospective student.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	14	6.3
	Disagree	6	2.7
	Slightly Disagree	8	3.6
	Slightly Agree	22	9.9
	Agree	89	40.1
	Strongly Agree	83	37.4
	Total	222	100.0
Missing	System	19	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	6	2.7
	Disagree	4	1.8
	Slightly Disagree	6	2.7
	Slightly Agree	19	8.6
	Agree	100	45.2
	Strongly Agree	86	38.9
	Total	221	100.0
Missing	System	20	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	10	4.5
	Disagree	17	7.7
	Slightly Disagree	8	3.6
	Slightly Agree	26	11.7
	Agree	89	40.1
	Strongly Agree	72	32.4
	Total	222	100.0
Missing	System	19	
Total		241	

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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	11	5.0
	Slightly Helpful	24	11.0
	Moderately Helpful	63	28.8
	Very Helpful	79	36.1
	Extremely Helpful	42	19.2
	Total	219	100.0
Missing	System	22	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	3	1.4
	Slightly Helpful	18	8.2
	Moderately Helpful	56	25.5
	Very Helpful	98	44.5
	Extremely Helpful	45	20.5
	Total	220	100.0
Missing	System	21	
Total		241	

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	2	0.9
	Slightly Helpful	13	6.0
	Moderately Helpful	52	23.9
	Very Helpful	87	39.9
	Extremely Helpful	64	29.4
	Total	218	100.0
Missing	System	23	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	5	2.3
	Slightly Helpful	9	4.1
	Moderately Helpful	47	21.6
	Very Helpful	89	40.8
	Extremely Helpful	68	31.2
	Total	218	100.0
Missing	System	23	
Total		241	

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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	9	4.2
	Slightly Helpful	19	8.8
	Moderately Helpful	55	25.6
	Very Helpful	81	37.7
	Extremely Helpful	51	23.7
	Total	215	100.0
Missing	System	26	
Total		241	

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	5	2.3
	Slightly Helpful	13	6.0
	Moderately Helpful	34	15.6
	Very Helpful	94	43.1
	Extremely Helpful	72	33.0
	Total	218	100.0
Missing	System	23	
Total		241	

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	12	5.5
	Slightly Helpful	22	10.1
	Moderately Helpful	55	25.2
	Very Helpful	79	36.2
	Extremely Helpful	50	22.9
	Total	218	100.0
Missing	System	23	
Total		241	

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	7.4
	Slightly Helpful	22	10.1
	Moderately Helpful	52	24.0
	Very Helpful	74	34.1
	Extremely Helpful	53	24.4
	Total	217	100.0
Missing	System	24	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Serious financial problem	44	20.5
	Moderate financial problem	67	31.2
	Minor financial problem	30	14.0
	Not a financial problem	74	34.4
	Total	215	100.0
Missing	System	26	
Total		241	

Employment Information - Work Zip Code

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	NORTHEAST REGION	3	1.9
	EASTERN REGION	1	.6
	SOUTHERN REGION	8	5.1
	CENTRAL REGION (EXCLUDES IL)	27	17.1
	WESTERN REGION	9	5.7
	CHICAGO	14	8.9
	CHICAGO AREA (EXCLUDES CHICAGO)	34	21.5
	WESTERN ILLINOIS	33	20.9
	OTHER ILLINOIS	29	18.4
	Total	158	100.0
Missing	System	83	
Total		241	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	\$10,000 OR LESS	6	3.3
	\$10,001-\$20,000	9	5.0
	\$20,001-\$30,000	23	12.7
	\$30,001-\$40,000	35	19.3
	\$40,001-\$50,000	43	23.8
	\$50,001-\$60,000	27	14.9
	\$60,001-\$70,000	19	10.5
	\$70,001-\$80,000	7	3.9
	\$80,001 OR MORE	12	6.6
	Total	181	100.0
Missing	System	60	
Total		241	

What was the approximate total debt you incurred before graduation?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	\$10,000 OR LESS	60	29.6
	\$10,001-\$20,000	34	16.7
	\$20,001-\$30,000	34	16.7
	\$30,001-\$40,000	29	14.3
	\$40,001-\$50,000	18	8.9
	\$50,001-\$60,000	9	4.4
	\$60,001-\$70,000	4	2.0
	\$70,001-\$80,000	7	3.4