

Western Illinois University
2018 Undergraduate Alumni Survey (Class of 2009 - nine years out)

Response Rate

	Number of Surveys	Number of Responses
Survey Total		175
Response Rate (Percent)		18%

Distribution Method

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Email	175	100.0
Total	175	100.0

Gender

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Male	83	52.6
Female	92	47.4
Total	175	100.0

Ethnicity

	Frequency	Valid Percent
White	161	92.0
Black	4	2.3
Hispanic	3	1.7
Asian	2	1.1
Other	3	1.7
Pacific Islander	1	0.6
2 or more	1	0.6
Total	175	100.0

College

	Frequency	Valid Percent
College of Arts and Sciences	42	24.0
College of Business and Technology	35	20.0
College of Education and Human Services	59	33.7
College of Fine Arts and Communication	23	13.1
Missing	16	9.1
Total	175	100.0

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Degree Type		
	Frequency	Valid Percent
AS-BA	23	13.1
AS-BS	18	10.3
AS-BSW	3	1.7
ASE-BA	2	1.1
BOT-BA	16	9.1
BU-BB	24	13.7
BU-BS	10	5.7
ED-BS	40	22.9
ED-BSE	12	6.9
EDE-BS	4	2.3
FA-BA	17	9.7
FA-BS	2	1.1
FAE-BA	1	.6
ME-BM	1	0.6
MUS-BM	2	1.1
Total	175	100.0

Major		
	Frequency	Valid Percent
Accountancy	5	2.9
Agriculture	1	0.6
Art	2	1.1
Bilingual/Bicultural Education	1	.6
Biology	7	4.0
Board of Trustees Degree	16	9.1
Broadcasting	5	2.9
Communication	11	6.3
Communication Sciences & Disorders	2	1.1
Computer Science	1	0.6
Construction Management	2	1.1
Elementary & JR High Education	10	5.7
Emergency Management	4	2.3
Engineering Technology	1	.6
English	5	2.9
Family and consumer sciences	5	2.9
Finance	9	5.1
Forensic Chemistry	1	0.6
Geography	1	0.6
Geology	1	0.6
Graphic Communication	4	2.3
History	7	4.0
Instructional Designs & Technology	1	0.6
Journalism	1	.6
Kinesiology	3	1.7
Law Enforcement and Justice Administration	20	11.4

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Management	5	2.9
Marketing	5	2.9
Music	3	1.7
Physical Education K-12	3	1.7
Political Science	5	2.9
Psychology	8	4.6
Recreation, Park, & Tourism Administration	8	4.6
Social Work	3	1.7
Sociology	6	3.4
Spanish	1	0.6
Special Education	1	0.6
Telecommunications Mgmt/Network Technology	1	0.6
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Graduation date

	Frequency	Valid Percent
2009/05	104	59.4
2009/07	22	12.6
2009/12	49	28.0
Total	175	100.0

Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Yes, Full-Time	154	88.0
Yes, Part-Time	10	5.7
No, but am seeking employment	5	2.9
No, and am not seeking employment	6	3.4
Total	175	100.0
Missing System	0	
Total	175	

How would you classify your primary employer?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Self-employed or private practice	6	3.7
Business (industrial, commercial or service)	61	37.7
Professional firm (e.g., engineering, law)	2	1.2
College or University	12	7.4
Public elementary/secondary school	24	14.8
Private elementary/secondary school	1	.6
Health agency (e.g., hospital, clinic)	11	6.8
Federal, state, or local government	26	16.0
Armed services	2	1.2
Non-profit (non-government)	13	8.0
Other	4	2.5
Total	162	100.0
Missing System	13	
Total	175	

How satisfied are you with your current job?

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Very satisfied	76	46.3
Satisfied	54	32.9
Somewhat satisfied	23	14.0
Somewhat dissatisfied	8	4.9
Dissatisfied	3	1.8
Very Dissatisfied	0	0.0
Total	164	100.0
Missing System	11	
Total	175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Closely Related	73	44.5
	Related	39	23.8
	Unrelated	52	31.7
	Total	164	100.0
Missing	System	11	
Total		175	

If you marked unrelated, is this by choice?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	34	65.4
	No	18	34.6
	Total	52	100.0
Missing	System	123	
Total		175	

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Please indicate on the list below your primary occupation.

	Frequency	Valid Percent
Management	24	14.7
Business Operations	20	12.3
Financial Specialists	9	5.5
Computer Specialists	6	3.7
Mathematical Scientists and Technicians	1	0.6
Engineers and Related Technicians	2	1.2
Life and Physical Scientists and Technicians	1	0.6
Social Scientists	1	0.6
Health: Doctors	2	1.2
Health: Registered Nurses	1	0.6
Health: Therapists	2	1.2
Health: Other Health Practitioners, Professionals, and Support Workers	8	4.9
Community and Social Service	11	6.7
Legal: Attorneys/Judges	2	1.2
Legal: Legal Support Workers	1	.6
Education: Early Childhood Teachers	1	0.6
Education: Elementary School Teachers	4	2.5
Education: Middle School Teachers	6	3.7
Education: Secondary School Teachers	2	1.2
Education: Special Education Teachers	1	0.6
Education: Other, except Administrators	9	5.5
Arts and Design Workers	2	1.2
Media and Communication Workers	5	3.1
Sales	7	4.3
Office and Administration	10	6.1
Protective Services	17	10.4
Food Preparation and Serving	1	0.6
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2	1.2
Construction and Extractive	1	.6
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1	.6
Transportation and Material Moving	1	0.6
Military	2	1.2
Total	163	100.0
Missing System	12	
Total	175	

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When did you secure your first job following receipt of your bachelor's degree?			
		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Held the same job while enrolled	12	7.3
	Secured job by time of graduation	31	18.9
	Secured job after graduation	121	73.8
	Total	164	100.0
Missing	System	11	
Total		175	

How many months after graduation did you secure employment?			
		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Less than one month	10	8.3
	Between one and three months	26	21.7
	Between three and six months	28	23.3
	Between six and nine months	14	11.7
	More than nine months	42	35.0
	Total	120	100.0
Missing	System	55	
Total		175	

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	17	10.4
	Two	53	32.3
	Three to six	86	52.4
	More than six	8	4.9
	Total	164	100.0
Missing	System	11	
Total		175	

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In general, how well did your bachelor's degree prepare you for your present job?			
		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Very well	32	19.5
	Well	48	29.3
	Adequately	59	36.0
	Inadequately	19	11.6
	Poorly	2	1.2
	Very Poorly	4	2.4
	Total	164	100.0
Missing	System	11	
Total		175	

Have you enrolled in a college or university since earning your bachelor's degree?			
		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes, full-time	57	32.6
	Yes, part-time	31	17.7
	No	87	49.7
	Total	175	100.0
Missing	System	0	
Total		175	

Are you pursuing (or have you completed) an additional degree since earning your bachelor's?			
		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	72	81.8
	No	16	18.2
	Total	88	100.0
Missing	System	87	
Total		175	

If you are pursuing (or have completed) another degree, please indicate which degree below.			
		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Associate's	2	2.8
	Second Bachelor's	3	4.2
	Academic Master's (MA, MS, Med, etc.)	31	43.1
	Professional Master's (MBA, MSW, MFA, MPA, etc.) or Education Specialist	22	30.6
	Medicine (MD, DO)	1	1.4
	Law (LLB, JD)	2	2.8
	Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, etc.)	2	2.8
	Other	9	12.5
	Total	72	100.0
Missing	System	103	
Total		175	

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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	30	41.7
	Well	26	36.1
	Adequately	14	19.4
	Inadequately	2	2.8
	Total	72	100.0
Missing	System	103	
Total		175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly positive	52	29.7
	Positive	77	44.0
	Somewhat positive	30	17.1
	Somewhat negative	14	8.0
	Negative	1	0.6
	Strongly negative	1	0.6
	Total	175	100.0
Missing	System	0	
Total		175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly positive	50	28.7
	Positive	62	35.6
	Somewhat positive	39	22.4
	Somewhat negative	12	6.9
	Negative	5	2.9
	Strongly negative	6	3.4
	Total	174	100.0
Missing	System	1	
Total		175	

If you could start over, would you attend WIU?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Yes	143	82.2
	No - different institution	25	14.4
	No - would not attend college	6	3.4
	Total	174	100.0
Missing	System	1	
Total		175	

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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	73	42.0
	No - a related major	34	19.5
	No - a totally different major	67	38.5
	Total	174	100.0
Missing	System	1	
Total		175	

I would recommend WIU to a prospective student.

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	12	6.9
	Disagree	2	1.1
	Slightly Disagree	5	2.9
	Slightly Agree	32	18.4
	Agree	67	38.5
	Strongly Agree	56	32.2
	Total	174	100.0
Missing	System	1	
Total		175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	7	4.0
	Disagree	2	1.1
	Slightly Disagree	8	4.6
	Slightly Agree	15	8.6
	Agree	75	42.9
	Strongly Agree	68	38.9
	Total	175	100.0
Missing	System	0	
Total		175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Strongly Disagree	10	5.7
	Disagree	5	2.9
	Slightly Disagree	9	5.1
	Slightly Agree	23	13.1
	Agree	72	41.1
	Strongly Agree	56	32.0
	Total	175	100.0
Missing	System	0	
Total		175	

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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	12	7.0
	Slightly Helpful	12	7.0
	Moderately Helpful	64	37.2
	Very Helpful	53	30.8
	Extremely Helpful	31	18.0
	Total	172	100.0
Missing	System	3	
Total		175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	2	1.2
	Slightly Helpful	10	5.8
	Moderately Helpful	63	36.6
	Very Helpful	66	38.4
	Extremely Helpful	31	18.0
	Total	172	100.0
Missing	System	3	
Total		175	

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	0	0.0
	Slightly Helpful	6	3.5
	Moderately Helpful	40	23.1
	Very Helpful	85	49.1
	Extremely Helpful	42	24.3
	Total	173	100.0
Missing	System	2	
Total		175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Not Helpful	1	0.6
	Slightly Helpful	7	4.0
	Moderately Helpful	46	26.6
	Very Helpful	78	45.1
	Extremely Helpful	41	23.7
	Total	173	100.0
Missing	System	2	
Total		175	

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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	5	2.9
	Slightly Helpful	14	8.1
	Moderately Helpful	55	31.8
	Very Helpful	72	41.6
	Extremely Helpful	27	15.6
	Total	173	100.0
Missing	System	2	
Total		175	

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	2.9
	Slightly Helpful	10	5.8
	Moderately Helpful	43	24.9
	Very Helpful	63	36.4
	Extremely Helpful	53	30.1
	Total	173	100.0
Missing	System	2	
Total		175	

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	7	4.1
	Slightly Helpful	16	9.3
	Moderately Helpful	59	34.3
	Very Helpful	53	30.8
	Extremely Helpful	37	21.5
	Total	172	100.0
Missing	System	3	
Total		175	

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	6	3.5
	Slightly Helpful	16	9.2
	Moderately Helpful	51	29.5
	Very Helpful	64	37.0
	Extremely Helpful	36	20.8
	Total	173	100.0
Missing	System	2	
Total		175	

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

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	Serious financial problem	25	14.8
	Moderate financial problem	60	35.5
	Minor financial problem	30	17.8
	Not a financial problem	54	32.0
	Total	169	100.0
Missing	System	6	
Total		175	

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	5	3.4
	\$10,001-\$20,000	6	4.0
	\$20,001-\$30,000	7	4.9
	\$30,001-\$40,000	19	12.9
	\$40,001-\$50,000	27	18.1
	\$50,001-\$60,000	28	18.8
	\$60,001-\$70,000	19	12.8
	\$70,001-\$80,000	15	10.1
	\$80,001 OR MORE	23	15.7
	Total	149	100.0
Missing	System	26	
Total		175	

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What was the approximate total debt you incurred before graduation?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
	\$10,000 OR LESS	54	32.5
	\$10,001-\$20,000	36	21.6
	\$20,001-\$30,000	33	19.8
	\$30,001-\$40,000	19	11.4
	\$40,001-\$50,000	10	6.0
	\$50,001-\$60,000	7	4.2
	\$60,001-\$70,000	2	1.2
	\$70,001-\$80,000	1	0.6
	\$80,001 OR MORE	4	2.4
	TOTAL	166	100.0
Missing	System	9	
	Total	175	