



WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

SURVEY OF BACCALAUREATE GRADUATES

PERSONAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION

SECTION 1 – EMPLOYMENT

1. Are you currently employed (including self-employed)?

- 1. Yes, full time
- 2. Yes, part time

- 3. No, but am seeking employment →
- 4. No, and am not seeking employment →

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2. Position Title _____ Date Hired (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Employer Name _____ Work Address _____

Work City _____ Work State _____ Work Zip Code _____

Work Email _____

(Your response will be provided to the WIU Alumni Office.)

3. How would you classify your primary employer?

- 1. Self-employed or private practice
- 2. Business (industrial, commercial or service)
- 3. Professional firm (e.g., engineering, law)
- 4. College or university
- 5. Public elementary/secondary school
- 6. Private elementary/secondary school
- 7. Health agency (e.g., hospital, clinic)
- 8. Federal, state, or local government
- 9. Armed services
- 10. Non-profit (non-government)
- 11. Other (please specify):

4. How satisfied are you with your current job?

- 1. Very satisfied
- 2. Satisfied
- 3. Somewhat satisfied
- 4. Somewhat dissatisfied
- 5. Dissatisfied
- 6. Very dissatisfied

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

- 1. Closely Related
- 2. Related
- 3. Unrelated

If you marked "3" (unrelated), is this by choice? 1. Yes 2. No

6. Please indicate on the list below your primary occupation. This listing is intended for students one, five, and nine years after graduation. For some occupations, such as doctors, the occupation is not appropriate for students one year after earning a baccalaureate degree.

<p>1. Management (such as top executives; health services administrators; educational administrators; Managers in the areas of: marketing, public relations, finance, human resources, administrative services, sales, purchasing, computer & information systems, construction, architectural & engineering, industrial production, farmers & other agricultural)</p> <p>2. Business Operations (such as buyers & purchasing agents; insurance claims adjusters/examiners; human resources, training, & labor relations specialists; logisticians; management analysts; event/fundraiser planners; market research analyst and marketing specialists)</p> <p>3. Financial Specialists (such as accountants, auditors, assessors, appraisers, budget, financial, & credit analysts/advisors, loan counselors/officers; tax collectors/preparers)</p> <p>4. Computer Specialists (such as computer & information scientists, programmers, software specialists; web developers; database & network administrators and analysts)</p> <p>5. Mathematical Scientists and Technicians (such as mathematicians, statisticians, actuaries, mathematical technicians and operations or procedure analysts)</p> <p>6. Architects, Surveyors, and Cartographers</p> <p>7. Engineers and Related Technicians (such as aerospace, agricultural, civil, chemical, biomedical, environmental, nuclear, computer hardware, electrical, industrial, mechanical, materials & construction, and surveying & mapping)</p> <p>8. Life and Physical Scientists and Technicians (such as agricultural, animal, conservationist, atmospheric & space, environmental, plant & soil, and medical scientists and related technicians; biologists, chemists, and physicists)</p> <p>9. Social Scientists (such as economists, psychologists, survey researchers, geographers, historians, sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists and urban planners)</p> <p>10. Health: Doctors (such as physicians, surgeons, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, veterinarians, psychiatrists, & chiropractors)</p> <p>11. Health: Registered Nurses</p> <p>12. Health: Therapists (such as occupational, physical, recreational, and speech therapists)</p> <p>13. Health: Other Health Practitioners, Professionals, and Support Workers (such as pharmacists, dieticians, physician assistants, and all other technicians/assistants/aides)</p> <p>14. Community and Social Service (such as counselors, social workers, community & religious workers, probation officers)</p> <p>15. Legal: Attorneys/Judges</p> <p>16. Legal: Legal Support Workers</p> <p>17. Education : Early Childhood Teachers (such as day care, pre-school, & kindergarten teachers)</p>	<p>18. Education: Elementary School Teachers</p> <p>19. Education: Middle School Teachers</p> <p>20. Education: Secondary School Teachers</p> <p>21. Education: Special Education Teachers</p> <p>22. Education: Other, <u>except</u> Administrators (see #1) such as postsecondary teachers; vocational teachers; teaching & research assistants; other teachers, trainers, & assistants)</p> <p>23. Library Occupations (such as librarians, archivists, curators, and museum technicians and conservators)</p> <p>24. Arts and Design Workers (such as art directors; designers; multimedia, fine and craft artists)</p> <p>25. Entertainers, Performers, Sports and Related Workers (such as musicians, singers, dancers, actors, producers, directors, composers, athletes, coaches and referees)</p> <p>26. Media and Communication Workers (such as writers & editors, announcers, news analysts & reporters, public relations specialists, photographers, media & communications equipment workers, and interpreters & translators)</p> <p>27. Sales (such as real estate, retail, insurance & securities sales agents, wholesale & manufacturing sales representatives, telemarketers)</p> <p>28. Office and Administration (such as clerical & support personnel, clerks, tellers, distribution workers)</p> <p>29. Protective Services (such as firefighters, correctional officers, police, life guards, security guards, investigators)</p> <p>30. Food Preparation and Serving (such as cooks, bartenders, food service workers & servers)</p> <p>31. Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance (such as janitors, cleaners, landscaping & groundskeeping laborers)</p> <p>32. Personal Care and Services (such as flight attendants, child care workers, hairstylists & personal care workers, recreation workers, hotel & travel industry workers)</p> <p>33. Farming, Fishing, and Forestry (such as farmworkers, animal care workers, foresters, loggers)</p> <p>34. Construction and Extractive (such as carpenters; electricians; painters, construction, oil & mining workers; plumbers)</p> <p>35. Installation, Maintenance, and Repair (such as telecommunications workers; auto repairers; heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers)</p> <p>36. Production (such as electrical & electronic equipment assemblers; food, metal, plastic, printing, & photography industry technicians & workers)</p> <p>37. Transportation and Material Moving (such as pilots, drivers, air traffic controllers)</p> <p>38. Military (such as officers & enlisted personnel)</p>
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7. When did you secure your first job following receipt of your bachelor's degree?

1. Held the same job while enrolled
2. Secured job by time of graduation
3. Secured job after graduation

If you marked "3," how many months after graduation did you secure employment?

1. Less than one month
2. Between one and three months
3. Between three and six months
4. Between six and nine months
5. More than nine months

8. For how many different employers (companies, firms, agencies, schools, etc. – not individual “bosses”) have you worked since you earned your bachelor’s degree?

1. One
2. Two
3. Three to six
4. More than six

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

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

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Adequately
4. Inadequately
5. Poorly
6. Very poorly

SECTION II – EDUCATION

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

1. Yes, full-time 2. Yes, part-time 3. No →

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

1. Yes 2. No →

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

1. Associate’s
2. Second Bachelor’s
3. Academic Master’s (MA, MS, Med, etc.)
4. Professional Master’s (MBA, MSW, MFA, MPA, etc.) or Education Specialist
5. Medicine (MD, DO)
6. Health Professional (dentistry, pharmacy, podiatry, optometry, etc.)
7. Theology/Divinity
8. Law (LLB, JD)
9. Doctorate (PhD, EdD, DA, DBA, etc.)
10. Other, please specify _____

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

1. Very well
2. Well
3. Adequately
4. Inadequately
5. Poorly
6. Very poorly

SECTION III - SATISFACTION

14. What is your present attitude toward the University (*campus*)?
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| 1. Strongly positive | 4. Somewhat negative |
| 2. Positive | 5. Negative |
| 3. Somewhat positive | 6. Strongly negative |
15. What is your present attitude toward your bachelor's degree major?
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| 1. Strongly positive | 4. Somewhat negative |
| 2. Positive | 5. Negative |
| 3. Somewhat positive | 6. Strongly negative |
16. If you could start over, would you attend WIU?
1. Yes
 2. No – different institution
 3. No – would not attend college
17. If you could start over (assuming that you would attend college), would you elect the same major?
1. Yes
 2. No – a related major
 3. No – a totally different major
18. I would recommend WIU to a prospective student.
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| 1. Strongly disagree | 4. Slightly agree |
| 2. Disagree | 5. Agree |
| 3. Slightly disagree | 6. Strongly agree |
19. Considering my circumstances, I am satisfied with the amount of time it took me to complete my degree.
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| 1. Strongly disagree | 4. Slightly agree |
| 2. Disagree | 5. Agree |
| 3. Slightly disagree | 6. Strongly agree |
20. I believe my degree from WIU represents a good value for the investment I made.
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| 1. Strongly disagree | 4. Slightly agree |
| 2. Disagree | 5. Agree |
| 3. Slightly disagree | 6. Strongly agree |

SECTION IV – EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES

21. Listed below are some abilities often mentioned as important for personal and professional success. Please check one box for each ability listed.

<i>In your view, how effective were your University experiences in...</i>	Extremely Helpful	Very Helpful	Moderately Helpful	Slightly Helpful	Not Helpful
...successfully transitioning you to college? (i.e., first year experience)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...helping you acquire skills for academic achievement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...helping you to better develop your ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written forms?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...helping you to better develop your critical thinking ability?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...helping you to better develop your sense of ethics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...contributing to a greater understanding of people with different backgrounds, habits, values, appearances and abilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...preparing you to utilize modern technology in your day-to-day activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...improving the quality of your life aside from financial benefits?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. There has been increasing concern as to the amount of debt students must incur in order to complete their education. If you incurred debt in your undergraduate degree program, how did this affect you after you left the University? Please exclude debt that did not aid you in completing your undergraduate degree.

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| 1. Serious financial problem | 3. Minor financial problem |
| 2. Moderate financial problem | 4. Not a financial problem |

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

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey!