

University of Idaho
SURVEY OF UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI- 2012
Classes of 2007, 2008 and 2009

	UI %			
Number of respondents	n = 432			
PART I. University Experiences				
	PERCENT OF RESPONSES			
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
A1 Overall, how satisfied were you with your educational experiences at the University of Idaho?	53	43	4	<1
	Yes	No		
A2 Would you refer the daughter or some of a friend, relative, or colleague to the University of Idaho?	95	5		
A3 If you could do your undergraduate work over, what changes would you make?				
Same major, no or few changes	64			
Different major	29			
Different university	8			
A4 In general, how satisfied are you with the quality of the following aspects of your life and education at UI?				
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Undergraduate education in general	38	57	4	<1
Education in my major field	46	44	9	<1
Campus life: intellectual & cultural environment	42	50	5	2
Cost of UI education (relative to other options)	54	40	5	1
Availability of specialized academic programs	26	61	11	2
Quality of students attending UI	24	61	11	3
Academic reputation of UI	27	58	13	2
Quality of teaching	34	56	8	1
Opportunity to get to know diverse people	31	53	16	3
Opportunity to learn/use current technology	37	52	9	2

A5 Listed below are some fields of study included in many UI degree programs. Based on your life experience since completing your degree, please indicate your view of each with respect to its importance and the emphasis the field of study should have for students at the UI.

Emphasis this should have at UI	More	Same	Less	Don't Know
Written Communications	51	47	<1	1
Oral communications, speaking/presentation skills	50	47	2	4
Social Sciences	13	72	10	4
Literature	12	71	13	4
Philosophy/Ethics	20	63	14	4
Fine Arts	17	56	20	7
Physical Sciences	24	66	5	5
Biological/Life Sciences	22	69	4	5
Mathematics	32	64	3	2
Statistics	27	60	8	5
Computers/Technology	50	46	2	2
Foreign Languages	33	54	5	9
Curriculum integration/interdisciplinary courses	42	46	7	4

A6 Below are some possible outcomes of undergraduate education. For each skill or ability, please indicate the quality of your growth/development during your UI degree program relative to its value for you in your activities following this program.

Growth/Development at UI:	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Taken at UI/NA
Creative thinking	29	53	13	3	3
Writing for professional purposes	30	46	20	3	1
Leadership/management skills	27	40	24	9	2
Teamwork/collaboration in professional situations	37	43	14	5	1
Interpersonal communication	27	52	18	2	1
Working with persons from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds	19	35	29	12	5
Accessing and using information from print	20	47	25	6	1
Accessing and using information from electronic sources	32	50	15	2	1
Independent and continued learning	28	46	19	6	2
Confidence in my abilities	37	46	14	4	0
Understanding current global and societal issues	19	38	31	10	2
Acting on ethical principles, values	21	52	20	5	1
Adapting/responding to new challenges in life/at work	24	49	21	5	1
Critical thinking and problem solving	39	46	12	3	0

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PART II. College and Departmental Experiences					
B1 Please select your UI undergraduate major from the list.					
B2 For the following items, please rate the quality of the curriculum in your major relative to its value for you in your work experience or graduate studies.					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Department-recommended UI core curriculum courses	29	45	18	6	4
Clear program objectives/learning outcomes	30	47	18	5	1
Use of pertinent technology	29	45	20	5	1
Applicability of content	36	43	16	5	1
B3 How satisfied were you with the following department offerings?					
	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
Theory courses related to my major	27	58	7	<1	7
Application courses related to my major	30	52	14	3	2
Faculty accessibility (kept office hours, responded to emails, etc.)	52	42	4	2	1
Opportunities for participation in faculty or individual research	27	35	20	3	15
Laboratory experiences	17	47	10	2	24
Field experiences/practica	22	33	22	5	19
Internships	17	28	26	8	23
Availability of clubs/professional activities in the major	24	47	15	2	11
Seminars, colloquia, presentations	20	49	21	2	8
Computer support for undergraduate work in the major	23	55	11	2	9
Facilities and equipment preparing you for career/employment	23	46	20	6	5
Help with career selection	13	36	28	11	12
Facilities and equipment preparing you for graduate or professional school	18	45	19	4	16
Items B4 to B7 are requested to enable us to monitor our Affirmative Action program and to insure equal opportunity. While completing the next few items is optional, your cooperation is appreciated.					
B4 Date of graduation?					
August 2006	<1				
December 2006	1				
May 2007	2				
August 2007	1				

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December 2007	9
May 2008	20
August 2008	2
December 2008	12
May 2009	23
Other	29
B5 Sex	
Female	45
Male	55
B6 What is your ethnicity?	
Hispanic or Latino	4
Not Hispanic or Latino	96
Race/Ethnicity (Check all that apply):	
Black or African American	2
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2
Asian	4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1
White	88
B7 Which of the following best describes your current primary activity?	
Employment	80
Education	12
Other	7
PART III. Employed Graduates and Those in Military Services	
N=346	
C1 Primarily, you are	
Employed Full-time (35+ hours per week)	86
Employed Part-time	10
In Military Service	2
Self-employed	2
C2 Indicate your current primary employer from the following categories:	
Advertising/Marketing	3
Agriculture	4
Architecture/Urban Planning	4
Aviation/Aerospace	1
Biotech/Pharmaceutical/Medical Devices	1
Business Economics	2
Business/Financial Services	8
Communications/Media	1
Education	19
Energy/Petroleum	2
Engineering/Technology	12
Entertainment/Art	1
Environment	1
Government/Public Administration	7
Health Care	4
Law Enforcement & Security	<1

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Manufacturing	4				
Natural Resources	5				
Non-Profit/Philanthropy	4				
Other	10				
Retail/Sales	4				
Science/Research	3				
Sports & Recreation	1				
Telecommunications	0				
Travel/Tourism/Hospitality	<1				
C3 How closely are the knowledge and skills you developed at UI related to your job current employment?					
Highly	43				
Moderately	31				
Slightly	15				
Not at all	11				
C4 How long did it take you to find employment?					
Had a job at time of graduation	40				
Had a job offer at time of graduation	8				
0-6 months	34				
7-12 months	8				
More than one year	11				
C5 How many jobs have you had since graduation?					
0	1				
1-2	75				
3-4	21				
5 or more	4				
C6 Did you use Career Services/Placement at UI to find and apply for your job?					
Yes	14				
No	86				
If you answered yes to C6, please indicate the quality of Career Center services/resources that you experienced:					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Did Not Use
Career advising services	31	26	16	10	16
Career development events & presentations (workshops, etiquette dinners, employer information session, etc.)	16	26	12	12	33
Career Fairs	18	35	22	8	16
Internship & job posting	20	39	22	14	4
C7 How did you find your first job after graduation?					
Position listed through the UI Career Center	1				
UI Career Fair	6				
Worked for employer prior to graduation (internship, summer job, volunteer, etc.)	27				

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Referred by a professor, advisor, friend, or family member who knew this employer	16
Internet	26
Ad in the newspaper or journal	2
Flyer or job posting in my college or department	1
Contacted the company on my own	19
Temp/Employment Agency	1
C8 Have you also pursued further education since graduating with your undergraduate degree at the University of Idaho?	
Yes	46
No	54
PART IV. Alumni Graduate Studies, Second Bachelor's Degree, or Earning A Certificate/License	
N=54	
D1 Primarily, you	
Are enrolled as a student in a graduate program	40
Are earning a second bachelor's degree, or professional certification/license	9
Have completed a graduate degree program, second bachelor's degree, or received professional certification	51
D2 How well did your undergraduate program at UI prepare you for your advanced studies? (Please mark only one.)	
Very Well	28
Quite Well	34
Adequately	26
Some "gaps"	7
Poorly	4
Don't know	<1
D3 Which institution are you attending/did you attend for further studies?	
D4 Which field of study did you enter?	
D5 If you are neither employed nor in school, please check your current occupation below.	
Primarily, you are	
Caring for a home/family/dependents	46
Unemployed	54
In transition, or other (please specify).	
D6 Would you be willing to talk to prospective or current students about your experiences at UI and your career path after graduation?	
Yes	39
No	61

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding error. Response percentages reported are valid percentages for those responding to each item.