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Post-Graduate Survey Class of 2012 Highlights

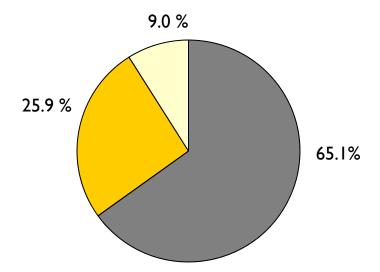
About the Survey

The Class of 2012 Post-Graduate Survey, conducted by Southwestern University Career Services, was completed in early March 2013. Graduating seniors were contacted beginning in April 2012 via email, in person at Commencement in May, with a follow-up email in October, via two phonathon sessions in December 2012 and February 2013 and with repeated follow-up emails and phone calls into March 2013. Of the 284 graduates from December 2011, May 2012 and August 2012 who make up this reporting class, Career Services obtained responses from 278 (98 percent of the class).

If you would like more information, please contact Career Services at career.services@southwestern.edu or 512.863.1346.

Where is the Class of 2012 now?

Respondents reported their primary activity after graduation as:



65.1 %	Employed
25.9 %	Graduate/Professional School or Advanced Coursework
9.0 %	Other (Seeking/Volunteering)

Responses by school / division

Forty-six graduates earned two or more majors. Double-majors were tallied in each major for a look at responses by major and corresponding division/school. Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

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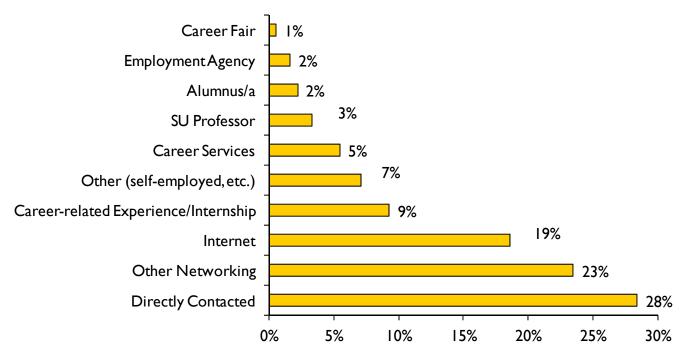
	Employed	Professional School / Advanced Coursework	Other
Brown College of Arts and Sciences	. ,		
Division of Humanities	60.0 %	30.6 %	9.4 %
Division of Natural Sciences	49.2 %	45.9 %	4.9 %
Division of Social Sciences	70.0 %	21.5 %	8.5 %
Sarofim School of Fine Arts	65.4 %	23.1 %	11.5 %
Independent / Interdisciplinary majors	78.3 %	17.4 %	4.3 %

Employment

Just over 65 percent of all survey respondents reported entering the world of work upon graduation.

How did they locate positions?

For employed graduates who reported the method by which they secured their positions, directly contacting employers rose to the top of the list of methods, for the first time surpassing networking with family, friends, neighbors, and other contacts. Networking followed closely behind, however, and is still the most impactful search strategy when including alumni, professors and Career Services together with other contacts. These two strategies continue to be the most effective for grads.



Where are they working?

The majority (82 percent) of respondents work in Texas, while 13 percent work in 19 other states and 5 percent work internationally in Austria, Cambodia, Chile, China, France, Germany, Peru and South Korea.

The most frequently represented work locations are:

- 82 % Texas
- I % Alabama
- I % Georgia
- I % Missouri
- 1% New York
- 1% Wisconsin
- 1% China

When did they begin their search?

Grads employed or seeking employment who responded about their job search process reported beginning:

- 24 % Before senior year
- 22 % Fall semester of senior year
- 25 % Beginning of spring of senior year
- 18 % End of spring of senior year
- II % After graduation

What do they earn?

Respondents working full-time who reported annual salaries earn:

- 55 % less than \$30,000
- 39 % \$30,000 to \$50,000
- 6 % more than \$50,000

Employment

Selected employing organizations and positions of the Class of 2012

Alta Mesa Services, LP, Drilling Engineer

Austin Chamber of Commerce, Director of Business Retention & Expansion

Austin Shakespeare, Actor

Banfield Pet Hospital, Veterinary Technician

BestGrips.com, Accountant

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, Match Support Specialist

Blackbeard Data Services, Consultant

BMC Software, Data Analyst

BSD Consulting Inc., Account Manager

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Public Health*Associate

Cerilliant Corporation, Synthesis Laboratory Technician

Child Advocates, Inc., Community Outreach Team Assistant

Coca Cola, Account Manager

Communities in Schools (via AmeriCorps), Tutor/Mentor

ConocoPhillips, Accountant

Corpus Christi ISD, 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher

Edward Jones, Financial Advisor Trainee

Electronic Arts, Business Analyst, Level 1

English First (China), English Teacher

Epic, Project Manager

Fair Share Alliance, Assistant Campaign Director

Fidelity Investments, Financial Representative

FosterQuan, LLP, Legal Assistant

French Ministry of Education, English Teaching Assistant

Front Point Security, Director of Business Development

Fulbright US Student Program, English Teaching Assistant

First United Methodist Church Georgetown, Junior High Youth

Director

GHG Corporation, Software Engineer

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, Job Trainer and Coordinator

Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Collections Docent

Killeen ISD, Middle School Theatre Teacher

LegalZoom, Sales Specialist

Literacy Council of Williamson County (via AmeriCorps),

Outreach Coordinator

MediMobile, Marketing Specialist

NALCO Energy Services, Business Solutions Analyst

National Instruments, Global Database Marketing Coordinator

Plano ISD, Special Education Teacher

Quest Diagnostics, Forensic Scientist

Rudd and Wisdom, Inc., Actuarial Analyst

Samsung, Senior Associate

Southwestern University, Program Coordinator

Teach For America, Secondary Social Studies Teacher

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Child

Protection Specialist

Texas Hospital Association, Meeting Planner

Webvega, SEO Specialist

WhaleShark Media, Inc., Merchandising Coordinator

World Financial Group, Associate

A liberal education prepares students broadly for many kinds of jobs. In general, majors do not correlate directly with specific job titles. Instead, graduates evaluated their satisfaction with their outcomes, and how well their outcomes match their expectations and meet their interests. Those who reported on these questions stated:

Is the work in their field of interest?

- 57 % Completely
- 30 % Somewhat
- 13 % Not at all

How satisfied are they with their outcome?

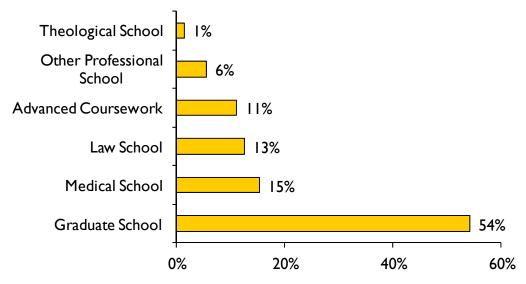
- 51 % Very happy
- 35 % Satisfied
- 12 % Slightly unsatisfied
- 2 % Completely unsatisfied

How well does their outcome match their expectations?

- 35 % Meets expectations
- 33 % Close to meeting expectations
- 30 % Does not match but is happy
- 2 % Does not match and is unhappy

Graduate / Professional School and Advanced Coursework

Nearly 26 percent of the Class of 2012 continued their education directly after graduation from Southwestern in graduate and professional programs or through advanced coursework such as prerequisite coursework for graduate study, additional coursework toward teacher certification, a second Bachelor's degree or other programs. Of those continuing their studies, they did so in the following ways:



Where are they studying?

The majority (65 percent) of respondents continued their studies in Texas, while 32 percent are enrolled in 14 other states. Two studied internationally in England and Scotland. The most frequently represented locations are:

- 65 % Texas
- 4 % Georgia
- 4 % Kansas
- 4 % Pennsylvania

Selected institutions / programs of study

Auburn University, PhD in Counseling Psychology

Baylor School of Law, JD

Emory University, PhD in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Kent State University, DPM

Oklahoma City University, MM in Musical Theater

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, MS in Library and Information Science

Savannah College of Art and Design, MFA in Painting

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, MDiv

Southern Methodist University, PhD in Theoretical High-Energy Physics

St. Andrew's University, Master of Letters in Women, Writing and Gender

St. John's College, MA in Eastern Classics

Syracuse University College of Law, JD

Texas A&M University, MS in Civil Engineering

Texas Christian University, MS in Conservation Biology

University of Chicago, MA in Social Work

University of Houston, OD

University of Kansas, MS in Bioengineering

University of Pittsburgh, PhD in Cultural and Critical Studies in English

University of Texas at Austin, Master of Public Affairs

University of Texas at Austin School of Law, JD

University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, Master of Occupational Therapy

University of Texas Medical Branch, MD

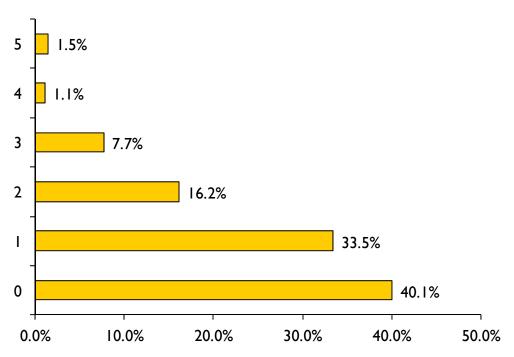
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, MD

University of Washington, PhD in Astrobiology

Yeshiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, JD

Internships

Fifty-seven percent of the Class of 2012 (60 percent of survey respondents) reported completing at least one internship experience. Twenty-five percent of the class (27 percent of respondents) reported completing two or more internships. Those respondents reported on their internship experiences:



Number of internships for academic credit*

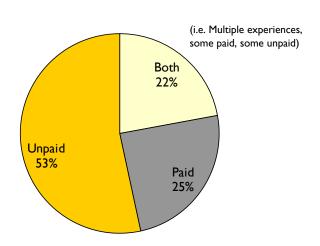
- I 80.7 %
- 2 or more 19.3 %

Number of internships for experience only*

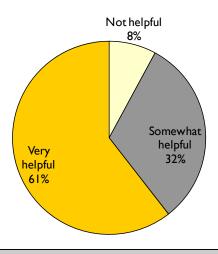
- I 60.5 %
- 2 or more 39.5 %

*Percentages are out of graduates reporting having this type of internship experience.

Pay for internships



Helpfulness of internships



Evaluation

In addition to the evaluation of satisfaction with their outcome and the closeness of the match between their outcome and their expectations, graduates reported on their satisfaction with their interaction with Career Services as well as their overall satisfaction with their Southwestern University education.

Satisfaction with Career Services

Graduates reported their responses to the question, "How satisfied were you with Career Services regarding guidance provided helping with your career development leading toward securing your job/grad school acceptance?" Interactions with Career Services can include individual advising appointments, participation in group workshops/events, utilizing the resource library, etc. More detailed evaluations of each of these components are available through Career Services. Of students who reported using Career Services, respondents were:

40 % Very happy50 % Satisfied

• 9 % Slightly unsatisfied

• I % Completely unsatisfied

Satisfaction with Southwestern

Graduates reported their responses to the question, "Based on your SU experience, how satisfied are you with your preparation for your [intended] job/graduate school program?" Of students who answered this question, respondents were:

47 % Very happy43 % Satisfied

• 7 % Slightly unsatisfied

2 % Completely unsatisfied