

# B.C. University Student Outcomes 2006 Survey of 2004 Baccalaureate Graduates

Detailed Summary of Survey Results

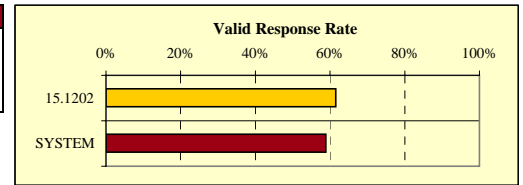
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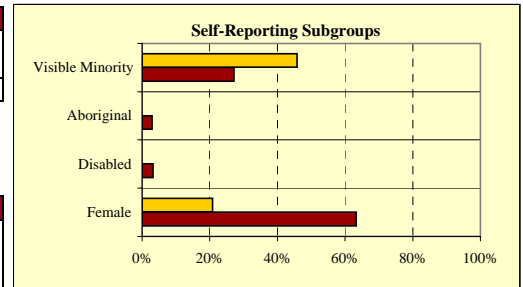
## RESPONSE RATE

1. Survey Response Rate:	15.1202	SYSTEM
2004 Baccalaureate Graduates Survey Cohort	40	15,605
Net Frame	39	13,595
Survey Respondents and Valid Response Rate	24 62%	8,009 59%



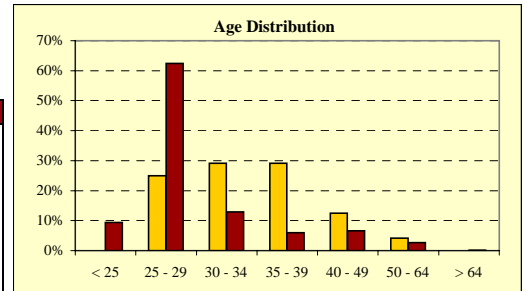
## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

2. Gender:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Male	19 79%	2,941 37%
Female	5 21%	5,067 63%
Total	24 100%	8,008 100%

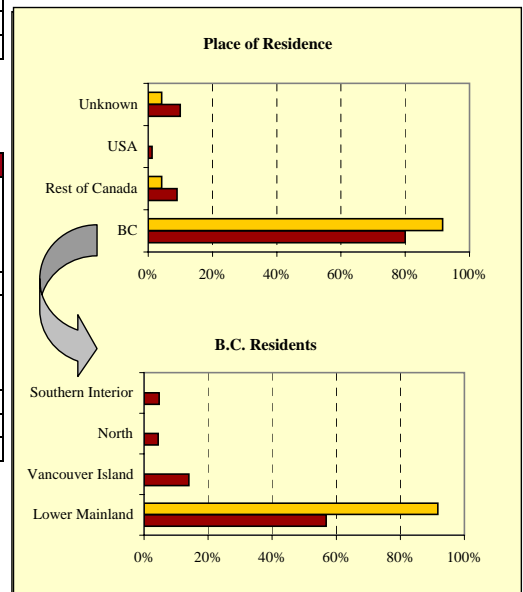


3. Self-Reporting Subgroups:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Disabled	- 0%	260 3%
Aboriginal	- 0%	232 3%
Visible Minority	11 46%	2,172 27%

4. Age (at time of survey):	15.1202	SYSTEM
< 25	- 0%	748 9%
25 to 29	6 25%	4,997 62%
30 to 34	7 29%	1,036 13%
35 to 39	7 29%	478 6%
40 to 49	3 13%	528 7%
50 to 64	1 4%	213 3%
> 64	- 0%	9 0%
Unknown	- 0%	- 0%
Total	24 100%	8,009 100%
Mean Age:	34.8	29.0



5. Place of Residence (at time of survey):	15.1202	SYSTEM
BC - Lower Mainland	22 92%	4,549 57%
BC - Vancouver Island	- 0%	1,124 14%
BC - North	- 0%	353 4%
BC - Southern Interior	- 0%	376 5%
BC Subtotal	22 92%	6,402 80%
Canada - Alberta	- 0%	310 4%
Canada - Ontario	1 4%	240 3%
Canada - Other	- 0%	164 2%
U.S.A.	- 0%	94 1%
Non-BC Subtotal	1 4%	808 10%
Unknown	1 4%	799 10%
Total	24 100%	8,009 100%



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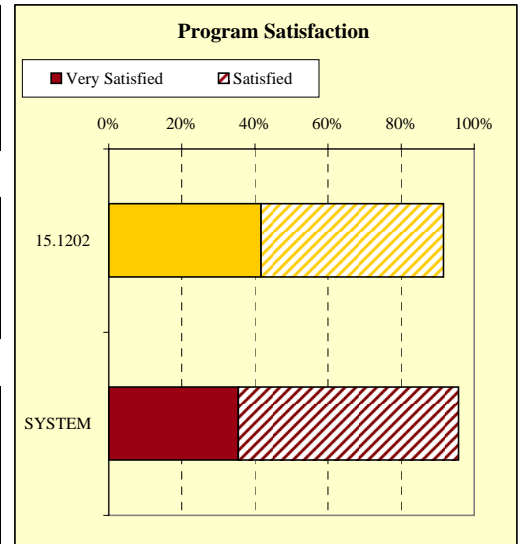
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EDUCATION EVALUATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

6. Usefulness of Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Acquired during Program in Work:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Very Useful	12 50%	2,934 44%
Somewhat Useful	12 50%	2,942 44%
Not Very Useful	- 0%	565 8%
Not at All Useful	- 0%	247 4%

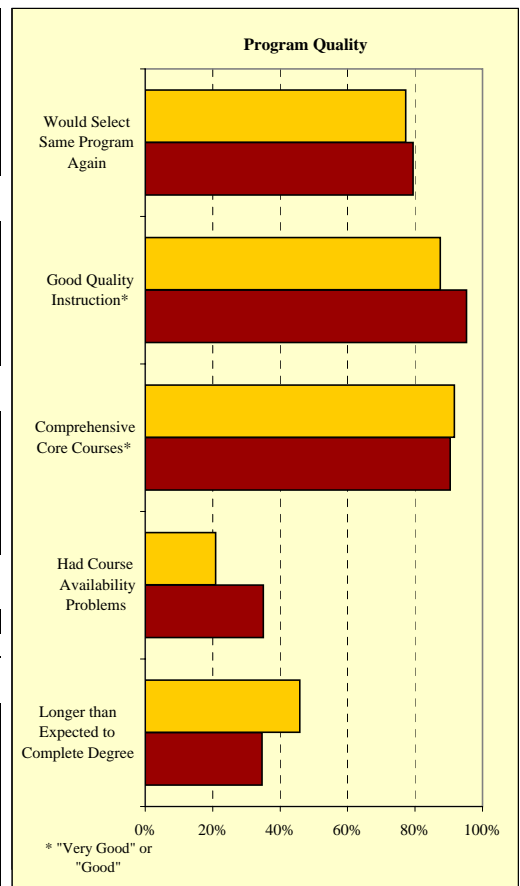
7. Usefulness of Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Acquired during Program in Day-to-day Life:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Very Useful	9 38%	2,013 30%
Somewhat Useful	10 42%	3,611 54%
Not Very Useful	4 17%	890 13%
Not at All Useful	1 4%	179 3%

8. Program Satisfaction:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Very Satisfied	10 42%	2,832 35%
Satisfied	12 50%	4,816 60%
Dissatisfied	2 8%	288 4%
Very Dissatisfied	- 0%	51 1%
Total	24 100%	7,987 100%



9. Would you select the same program again?	15.1202	SYSTEM
Yes	17 77%	6,053 79%
No, because . . . (multiple response question)	5	1,565
. . . interests have changed	2 15%*	468 17%*
. . . courses were not practical	1 8%*	597 22%*
. . . little or no career opportunities	1 8%*	505 18%*
. . . other	9 69%*	1,197 43%*

\* Percent of total responses, among those who would not take program again



10. Quality of Instruction:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Very Good	6 25%	2,490 31%
Good	15 63%	5,096 64%
Poor	3 13%	348 4%
Very Poor	- 0%	28 0%
Total	24 100%	7,962 100%

11. Comprehensiveness of Core Courses:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Very Good	8 33%	2,045 26%
Good	14 58%	5,069 64%
Poor	2 8%	704 9%
Very Poor	- 0%	53 1%
Total	24 100%	7,871 100%

12. Course Availability:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Encountered course availability problems	5 21%	2,753 35%

13. Degree Completion:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Took longer than expected to complete degree	11 46%	2,770 35%
<b>Top 4 reasons for prolonged degree completion (multiple response question):</b>		
Personal or family reasons	2 10%*	401 8%*
Financial reasons / work	- 0%*	468 9%*
Change of major/program/specialization	1 5%*	403 8%*
Involvement in co-op program extended completion time	1 5%*	451 9%*
Other reason(s)	16 80%*	3,253 65%*

\* Percent of total responses, among those who took longer than expected to complete degree

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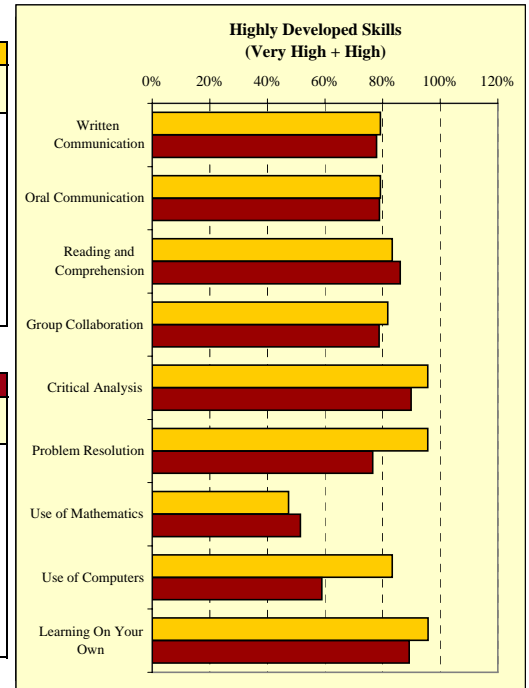
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SKILL DEVELOPMENT

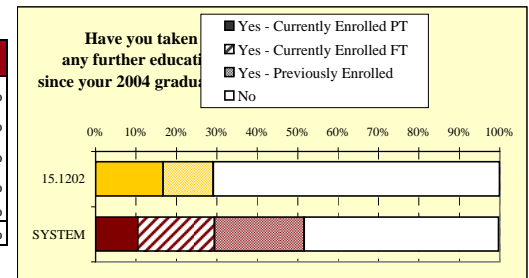
14a. To what degree did program help you develop the following skills?	15.1202					# Resp.
	Very High	High	Low	Very Low		
	Written Communication	33%	46%	21%	0%	
Oral Communication	38%	42%	21%	0%	24	
Reading and Comprehension	33%	50%	17%	0%	24	
Group Collaboration	36%	45%	18%	0%	22	
Critical Analysis	57%	39%	4%	0%	23	
Problem Resolution	57%	39%	4%	0%	23	
Use of Mathematics Appropriate to Field	5%	42%	53%	0%	19	
Use of Computers Appropriate to Field	54%	29%	13%	4%	24	
Learning On Your Own	63%	33%	4%	0%	24	

14b. To what degree did program help you develop the following skills?	SYSTEM					# Resp.
	Very High	High	Low	Very Low		
	Written Communication	24%	54%	19%	3%	
Oral Communication	23%	56%	19%	2%	7,662	
Reading and Comprehension	31%	55%	12%	2%	7,627	
Group Collaboration	32%	46%	18%	3%	7,670	
Critical Analysis	41%	49%	9%	1%	7,885	
Problem Resolution	21%	55%	21%	2%	7,577	
Use of Mathematics Appropriate to Field	17%	35%	35%	14%	5,873	
Use of Computers Appropriate to Field	20%	39%	31%	10%	6,615	
Learning On Your Own	38%	52%	9%	2%	7,713	

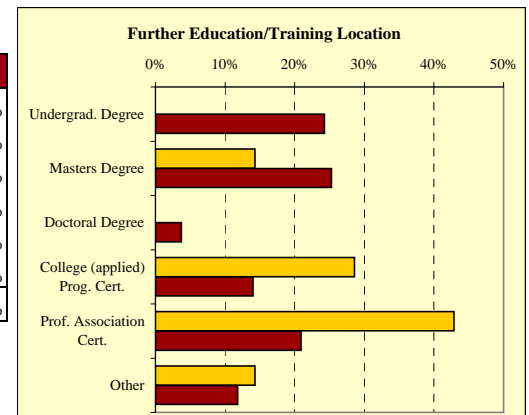


FURTHER EDUCATION

15. Took further education since 2004 graduation	15.1202	SYSTEM
Yes:		
Not currently enrolled	7	4,158
Currently enrolled full-time	3	1,779
Currently enrolled part-time	-	1,520
No	17	3,851
Total	24	8,009



16. Type of Formal Post-Secondary Education	15.1202	SYSTEM
Undergraduate Degree	-	995
Masters Degree	1	1,036
Doctoral Degree	-	152
College (applied) Program Certification	2	575
Professional Association Certification	3	858
Other	1	485
Total Respondents	7	4,101



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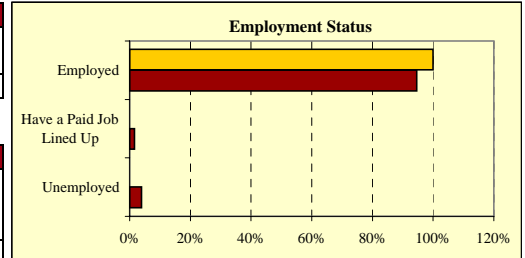
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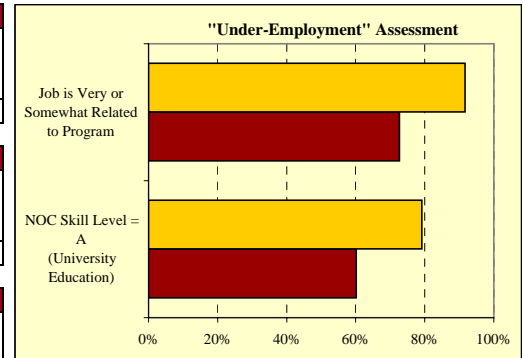
EMPLOYMENT

17. Labour Force Status:	15.1202	SYSTEM
In Labour Force (working or seeking work)	24 100%	7,092 89%
Not in Labour Force	- 0%	905 11%
Grand Total	24 100%	7,997 100%



18. Employment Status of those IN Labour Force:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Employed	24 100%	6,707 95%
Have a Paid Job Lined Up	- 0%	109 2%
Unemployed	- 0%	276 4%
Total Labour Force	24 100%	7,092 100%

19. Status of Graduates NOT in Labour Force:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Attending School FT	N/A	677 75%
Attending School PT	N/A	32 4%
Other	N/A	196 22%
Total NOT in Labour Force	-	905 100%

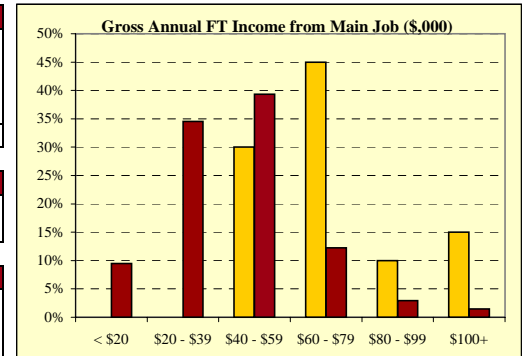


20. Employment Type:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Paid worker	22 92%	6,048 90%
Self-employed	- 0%	356 5%
Both a paid worker and self-employed	2 8%	300 4%
Total Employed	24 100%	6,707 100%

21. Job Characteristics:	15.1202	SYSTEM
I hold more than one job	5 21%*	1,333 20%
My main job is full-time (>= 30 hours per week)	24 100%**	5,464 84%*

\* of total employed      \*\* of those who provided data on hours/week worked

22. How related is your main job to your program?:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Very Related	16 67%	3,006 45%
Somewhat Related	6 25%	1,865 28%
Not Very Related	1 4%	810 12%
Not At All Related	1 4%	1,020 15%
Total	24 100%	6,701 100%



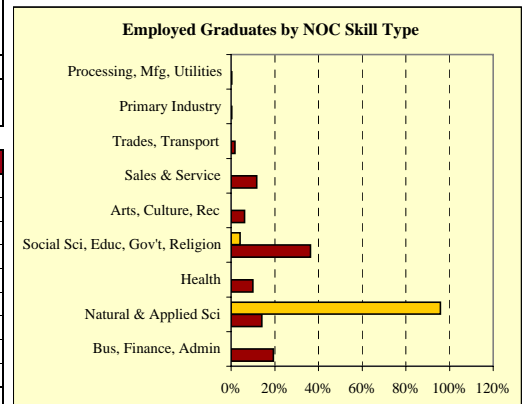
23. "Under-employment" Assessment:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Job is very or somewhat related to program	22 92%	4,871 73%
NOC Skill Level = A (University Education)	19 79%	3,972 60%

\* of total valid responses

24. Gross Annual Income from Main Job:*	15.1202	SYSTEM
Less than \$20,000	- 0%	552 9%
\$20,000 to \$39,999	- 0%	2,009 35%
\$40,000 to \$59,999	6 30%	2,290 39%
\$60,000 to \$79,999	9 45%	714 12%
\$80,000 to \$99,999	2 10%	171 3%
\$100,000 and Above	3 15%	85 1%
Total	20 100%	5,821 100%
Median Annual Income (full-time)	\$65,000	\$43,000
Average Annual Income (full-time)	\$68,550	\$46,444

\* where data provided

25. NOC Skill Type of Main Job:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Business, Finance and Administration	- 0%	1,274 19%
Natural and Applied Sciences and Related	23 96%	927 14%
Health	- 0%	650 10%
Social Sciences, Educ., Gov't Services, Religion	1 4%	2,389 36%
Arts, Culture, Recreation and Sport	- 0%	404 6%
Sales and Service	- 0%	772 12%
Trades, Transport and Equip. Operators and Related	- 0%	117 2%
Unique to the Primary Industry	- 0%	21 0%
Unique to Processing, Manufacturing and Utilities	- 0%	18 0%
Total	24 100%	6,572 100%



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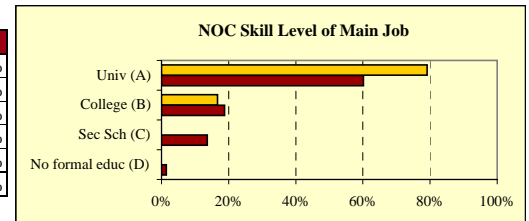
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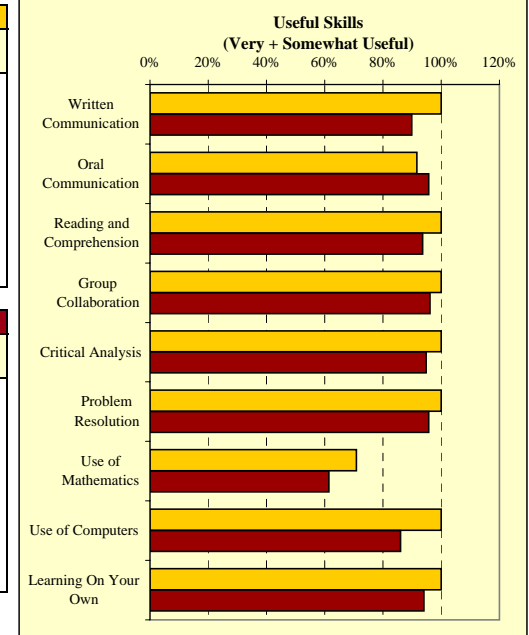
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26. NOC Skill Level of Main Job:	15.1202	SYSTEM
A. University education	19 79%	3,972 60%
B. College education/trade apprenticeship	4 17%	1,240 19%
C. Secondary school + job-specific training	- 0%	899 14%
D. No formal education	- 0%	92 1%
No skill level assigned (management)	1 4%	397 6%
Total	24 100%	6,600 100%



27a. How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	15.1202					# Resp.
	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at all Useful		
Written Communication	79%	21%	0%	0%		24
Oral Communication	75%	17%	8%	0%		24
Reading and Comprehension	71%	29%	0%	0%		24
Group Collaboration	75%	25%	0%	0%		24
Critical Analysis	79%	21%	0%	0%		24
Problem Resolution	88%	13%	0%	0%		24
Use of Mathematics Appropriate to Field	29%	42%	29%	0%		24
Use of Computers Appropriate to Field	92%	8%	0%	0%		24
Learning On Your Own	75%	25%	0%	0%		24



27b. How useful are the following skills and abilities in doing your main job?	SYSTEM					# Resp.
	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at all Useful		
Written Communication	67%	23%	6%	4%		6,696
Oral Communication	77%	19%	3%	1%		6,696
Reading and Comprehension	70%	23%	4%	2%		6,696
Group Collaboration	79%	17%	3%	1%		6,699
Critical Analysis	74%	20%	3%	2%		6,698
Problem Resolution	75%	20%	3%	1%		6,693
Use of Mathematics Appropriate to Field	25%	36%	22%	17%		6,675
Use of Computers Appropriate to Field	56%	30%	8%	6%		6,688
Learning On Your Own	68%	26%	4%	2%		6,690

28a. Top 10 Full-time Occupations of 15.1202 Graduates:			15.1202
NOC	NOC Skill Level Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**	Median FT Salary
2174	A Computer Programmers/Interactive Media Developers	33%	\$65,000
2173	A Software Engineers	21%	\$72,000
2281	B Computer and Network Operators and Web Technicians	17%	\$50,000
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\*\*percentages cited are of those for whom occupational data was provided, full-time and part-time

28b. Top 10 Full-time Occupations of Graduates from All Institutions:			SYSTEM
NOC	NOC Skill Level Description	% Employed FT in this Occ.**	Median FT Salary
4141	A Secondary School Teachers	8%	\$42,000
4142	A Elem & Kindergarten Teacher	7%	\$40,000
3152	A Registered Nurses	5%	\$56,330
1111	A Financial Auditors & Acnts	3%	\$42,500
2174	A Computer Programmers/Interactive Media Developers	2%	\$50,000
5124	A Occhs in Public Relations & Comm	2%	\$42,000
4112	A Lawyers & Quebec Notaries	2%	\$70,000
1232	B Loan Officers	1%	\$40,000
2173	A Software Engineers	1%	\$56,000
4152	A Social Workers	1%	\$48,000

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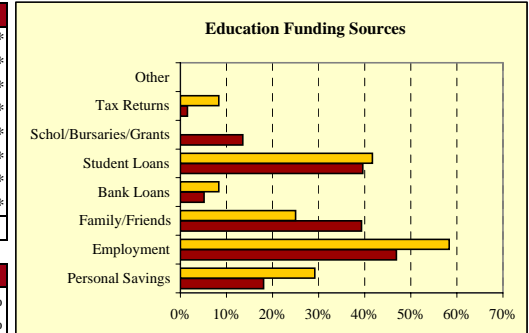
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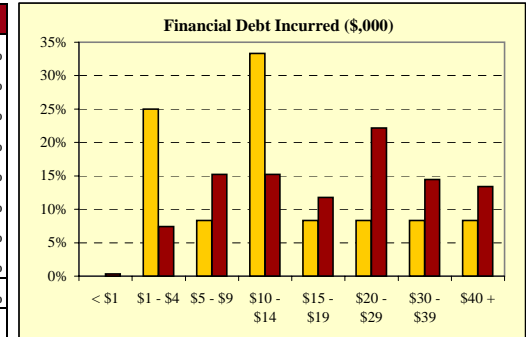
EDUCATION FINANCING

29. Education Funding Sources (2 sources per respondent):	15.1202	SYSTEM
Personal Savings	7 29%*	1,444 18%*
Employment	14 58%*	3,752 47%*
Family/Friends	6 25%*	3,146 39%*
Bank Loans	2 8%*	409 5%*
Student Loans	10 42%*	3,168 40%*
Scholarships/Bursaries/Grants	- 0%*	1,082 14%*
Tax Returns	2 8%*	120 1%*
Other	- 0%*	- 0%*
Total Respondents	24	8,009

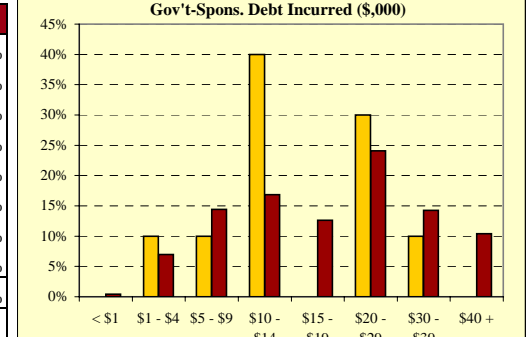


30. Financial Debt Incurred to Finance Univ. Education:	15.1202	SYSTEM
Incurred any form of financial debt	12 50%*	3,818 48%
Incurred government-sponsored student loan debt	10 42%*	3,190 40%

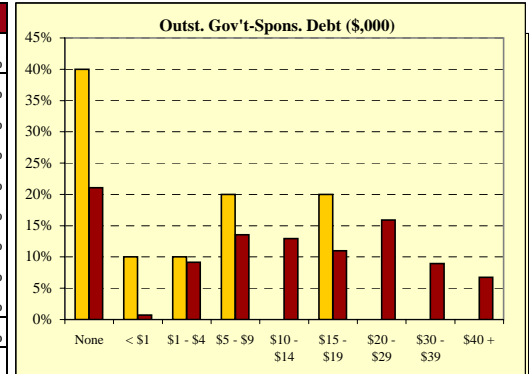
31. Financial Debt Amount:*	15.1202	SYSTEM
< \$1,000	- 0%	12 0%
\$1,000 to \$4,999	3 25%	284 7%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 8%	582 15%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4 33%	581 15%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	1 8%	449 12%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	1 8%	847 22%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1 8%	552 14%
\$40,000 or More	1 8%	511 13%
Total	12 100%	3,818 100%
Median Financial Debt	\$10,000	\$20,000



32. Government-Sponsored Student Loan Debt Amount:*	15.1202	SYSTEM
< \$1,000	- 0%	14 0%
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 10%	222 7%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	1 10%	460 14%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	4 40%	537 17%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	- 0%	402 13%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	3 30%	768 24%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	1 10%	455 14%
\$40,000 or More	- 0%	332 10%
Total	10 100%	3,190 100%
Median Gov't-Sponsored Student Loan Debt	\$11,000	\$18,000



33. Outstanding Gov't-Sponsored Loan Debt Amount:*	15.1202	SYSTEM
None - Loan repaid in full	4 40%	644 21%
< \$1,000	1 10%	22 1%
\$1,000 to \$4,999	1 10%	280 9%
\$5,000 to \$9,999	2 20%	414 14%
\$10,000 to \$14,999	- 0%	395 13%
\$15,000 to \$19,999	2 20%	336 11%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	- 0%	487 16%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	- 0%	273 9%
\$40,000 or More	- 0%	207 7%
Total	10 100%	3,058 100%
Median Gov't-Sponsored Loan Debt Outstanding	\$1,200	\$11,000



\*includes only cases where government-sponsored debt was incurred, and valid "amount remaining" was provided

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SPECIAL SECTION ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

42. In your employment since graduation, how important has it been for you to understand the following international skills/issues?

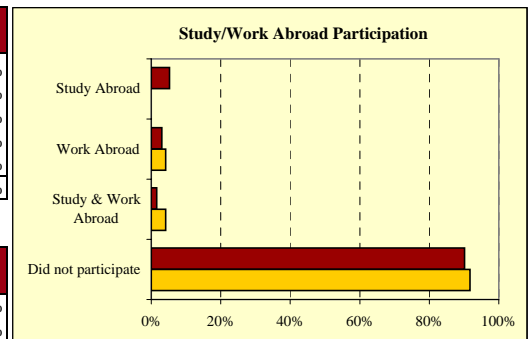
International Skill	15.1202						SYSTEM					
	Very Important	Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important	Not Applicable	Total Resp.	Very Important	Important	Not Very Important	Not at all Important	Not Applicable	Total Resp.
Speak a second language	29%	25%	21%	25%	0%	24	20%	22%	28%	28%	2%	7966
International Business Practices	21%	42%	21%	17%	0%	24	13%	27%	32%	28%	0%	7817
Global Issues	13%	58%	17%	13%	0%	24	26%	38%	22%	14%	0%	7835
Interconnections between local and global issues	17%	46%	25%	13%	0%	24	29%	41%	18%	12%	0%	7835
Knowledge and traditions of other countries and cultures	29%	33%	17%	21%	0%	24	40%	35%	16%	10%	0%	7840

43. How helpful was the institution in preparing you with the following international skills?

International Skill	15.1202						SYSTEM					
	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at all Helpful	Not Applicable	Total Resp.	Very Helpful	Helpful	Not Very Helpful	Not at all Helpful	Not Applicable	Total Resp.
Speak a second language	8%	13%	17%	29%	33%	24	5%	12%	18%	18%	48%	7985
International Business Practices	0%	29%	25%	46%	0%	24	6%	23%	34%	37%	0%	7838
Global Issues	0%	46%	25%	29%	0%	24	20%	47%	20%	13%	0%	7946
Interconnections between local and global issues	4%	42%	21%	33%	0%	24	19%	47%	22%	12%	0%	7930
Knowledge and traditions of other countries and cultures	8%	25%	29%	38%	0%	24	20%	46%	22%	11%	0%	7942

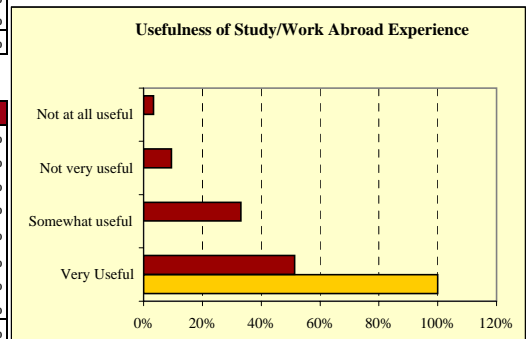
44. Did you study or work abroad during your program?

	15.1202	SYSTEM
Yes:		
Study Abroad	2	8%
Work Abroad	-	0%
Study and work abroad	1	4%
No	22	92%
Total	24	100%



45. Usefulness of study or work abroad experiences to current job:\*

	15.1202	SYSTEM
Very Useful	2	100%
Somewhat useful	-	0%
Not very useful	-	0%
Not at all useful	-	0%
Total	2	100%



46. Reasons why you did not study or work abroad:

	15.1202	SYSTEM
Not aware these opportunities exist	7	33%
Financial reasons	-	0%
Extended degree completion time	1	5%
Personal reasons (i.e. employment, family)	1	5%
No opportunities/Limited opportunities	8	38%
Not interested/ relevant/ required/ attractive	2	10%
Conflicts with schooling (course load too heavy)	1	5%
Other	1	5%
Total	21	100%

\*excludes cases where student has not had job since graduation