

2019 Salem State Graduating Senior Survey

Summary

Undergraduate Graduates (Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and Spring 2019): 1,595

Survey Respondents: 701; Response Rates: **43.95%**

Overall experience -- How satisfied are/were you with your Salem State experience?	Very satisfied (5)	Somewhat satisfied (4)	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied (3)	Somewhat dissatisfied (2)	Very dissatisfied (1)	Item Mean
	44%	46%	6%	3%	1%	4.3
To what extent did your experiences at Salem State contribute to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in each of	A Great Deal (5)	Very Much (4)	Moderately (3)	A Little (2)	Not At All (1)	Item Mean
Writing clearly and effectively	31.7%	39.9%	25.2%	1.9%	1.3%	4.0
Speaking clearly and effectively	32.2%	41.2%	22.3%	2.7%	1.6%	4.0
Thinking critically and analytically	39.2%	43.4%	15.5%	0.6%	1.3%	4.2
Solving complex real world problems	32.1%	40.2%	20.8%	5.1%	1.7%	4.0
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	25.2%	33.4%	29.4%	7.3%	4.7%	3.7
Ethical decision making	36.7%	38.2%	19.8%	2.9%	2.4%	4.0
Being an informed and active member of society	33.8%	35.1%	22.8%	5.3%	3.0%	3.9
Information literacy: locating, organizing and evaluating information	34.1%	39.1%	22.0%	3.6%	1.3%	4.0
Working effectively with others on teams	37.1%	35.4%	21.5%	4.4%	1.6%	4.0
Being innovative and creative	33.8%	36.7%	24.3%	3.3%	2.0%	4.0
Understanding people from different backgrounds	46.6%	33.8%	16.0%	1.9%	1.7%	4.2
Acquiring job or work related knowledge or skills	35.9%	35.4%	20.0%	5.8%	2.9%	4.0
Skills for lifelong learning	40.5%	36.7%	18.0%	2.7%	2.1%	4.1
Please indicate whether or not you participated in each of the following while enrolled at Salem State.	Yes	No				
Study abroad	7%	93%				
Practicum, internship, student teaching, field experience, or clinical assignment	64%	36%				
Work with faculty member(s) on a research project	30%	70%				
Culminating senior experience, e.g., capstone course, senior project, thesis	66%	34%				
Community service or volunteer work outside of class	43%	57%				
Courses which include community-based projects (service learning)	30%	70%				
Held a formal leadership position in a student organization or group	22%	78%				

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Please rate your satisfaction with each of the following aspects of this major.	Very satisfied (5)	Somewhat satisfied (4)	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied (3)	Somewhat dissatisfied (2)	Very dissatisfied (1)	Item Mean
The quality of teaching in your major	51.1%	36.9%	5.1%	5.6%	1.3%	4.3
The accessibility of faculty in your major	52.8%	33.8%	7.7%	4.1%	1.6%	4.3
Academic advising in major	48.1%	27.0%	11.1%	8.3%	5.6%	4.0
Availability of needed classes in your major	37.9%	34.4%	14.6%	9.7%	3.4%	3.9
The concern of faculty in your major for your academic progress	46.4%	33.0%	13.0%	5.6%	2.1%	4.2
Knowledge specific to your major (theories or ideas)	49.5%	36.5%	10.7%	2.1%	1.1%	4.3
Access to affordable course materials	34.5%	30.0%	17.4%	13.0%	5.1%	3.8
Career preparation or guidance	35.0%	32.4%	17.4%	11.3%	4.0%	3.8
Your overall experience in your major	46.9%	38.7%	9.3%	3.4%	1.7%	4.3

Which of the following best describes your employment status post graduation?	full-time position	part-time position	seeking full-time	seeking part-time	not seeking	Other
N=701	28%	6%	47%	4%	2%	13%

Annual salary	Under \$30,000	\$30,000 to \$39,999	\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$59,999	\$60,000 to \$69,999	\$70K+
N=224	26%	25%	22%	15%	5%	6%

What is the location of your job?	MA	Other NE States	NY or NJ	Other U.S. location	Outside the U.S.
N=228	94%	2%	0%	3%	0%

Which of the following best describes your plans for graduate school?	Will enroll next year	Will enroll in the next few years	Have no plans for graduate school
N=658	26%	43%	31%

What degree will you be seeking, e.g., MA, MBA, MSW, PhD?	MBA	MSW	Other Master Degrees	Law degree	Doctoral degree	Other
N=178	11%	11%	60%	2%	9%	7%

The May 2019 survey was administered online to seniors who were eligible to graduate during the periods of summer 2018, fall 2018, and spring 2019. The survey was available from April 30 to June 15, 2019.