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Alumni Survey: Graduating Class of 2015–2016

The Alumni Survey is a homegrown survey designed to assess alumni’s current educational plans, satisfaction with Chapman University, and employment history. The Alumni Survey is administrated annually to undergraduate (UG) and graduate (GR) degree recipients one year out of college. A total of 416 surveys were completed, yielding a response rate of 21.5 percent for the graduating class of 2015–2016.

EMPLOYMENT

Offered a position of employment:

Before Graduation
 0–3 months after graduation
 4–6 months after graduation
 7 or more months after graduation
 No offers yet
 Not applicable, already employed, was not seeking employment

	UG	GR
Before Graduation	30.6%	26.5%
0–3 months after graduation	30.2%	25.7%
4–6 months after graduation	11.5%	9.7%
7 or more months after graduation	9.0%	10.6%
No offers yet	6.9%	7.1%
Not applicable, already employed, was not seeking employment	11.8%	20.4%



Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

	UG	GR
Employed	77.8%	81.4%
Self Employed	6.0%	8.8%
Unemployed	16.2%	9.7%

RESOURCES FOR JOB SEARCHING

Which resource did you use in your job search?

	UG	GR
Contacts Through Friends	37.7%	31.9%
Online Job Boards/Employer Websites	37.0%	37.9%
Faculty Contacts	33.0%	25.9%
Social Media (e.g., LinkedIn)	31.3%	23.3%
Internship/Prior Job/Student Teaching	30.7%	21.6%
Job Posting Through Professional Organization(s)	27.0%	28.4%

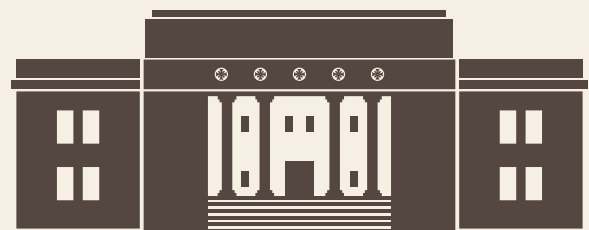
Is your position in the same field as your degree?

	UG	GR
Yes	63.2%	82.2%
No	28.5%	12.9%
Not Sure	8.3%	5.0%



Does your current job require a degree?

	UG	GR
Yes	65.1%	83.2%



How relevant was your education at Chapman University to your position?

	UG	GR
Relevant	96.0%	100%



If you are currently employed,
is your position:

UG 77.4% Full-Time GR 86.0%

CURRENT EDUCATIONAL STATUS

Which of the following best describes
your current education status?

	UG	GR
Currently enrolled and pursuing another advanced degree	27.7%	2.6%
Not pursuing more education but plan to do so in the future	45.0%	29.3%
Not pursuing more education and have no plans to do so in the future	27.3%	68.1%

DIVERSITY

Percent reporting "Somewhat Agree" or "Strongly Agree"

Chapman University is an institution that values diversity.

UG 49.0% GR 69.5%



CHAPMAN EXPERIENCE

Preparedness

Mean scores on a five-point Likert scale of 1 "Not Prepared" to 5 "Very Prepared"

How well you believe Chapman prepared you for:	UG	GR
Your Career	3.99	4.01
Further Education	4.35	4.38

Quality of Academic/Social Experience

Mean scores on a five-point Likert scale of 1 "Low Quality" to 5 "High Quality"

Indicate the overall quality of:	UG	GR
Your educational experience at Chapman/department or program	4.43	4.32
Your social experiences at Chapman/department or program	3.97	4.12
Instruction in your major/field of study	4.31	4.36
Course content in your major/field of study	4.24	4.25

Growth and Development

Mean scores on a five-point Likert scale of 1 "None" to 5 "Quite a Bit"

Attributed to the Chapman experience:

The ability to critically examine ideas and issues	4.18	4.07
The ability to relate knowledge with practice	4.01	4.11
The ability to integrate knowledge from several different fields of study	4.18	3.96
The ability to express ideas, opinions, beliefs, and facts to others in writing	4.05	3.89
Information literacy skills: The ability to locate, evaluate, and effectively use information for any given need	4.03	3.86



★★★★★ SATISFACTION ★★★★★

Mean scores on a five-point Likert scale of 1 "Strongly Disagree" to 5 "Strongly Agree"

	UG	GR
Overall, I am satisfied with my Chapman University experience.	4.22	4.07
I would recommend Chapman University to my friends and family.	4.29	4.17
Chapman University provided me a personalized education of distinction.	4.17	3.95
I am satisfied with the mentoring I received from my faculty advisor.	4.35	4.41
Faculty members in my department or program were accessible outside of the classroom.	4.35	4.41