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### Forward

This comprehensive employment survey of James Madison University graduates is designed to meet the diverse career information needs of the faculty, administration, students, and parents. It includes information on the employment and graduate school pursuits of August 2009, December 2009, and May 2010 graduates during their first 60 days after graduation. Documented are Bachelor's degree recipients in programs from all colleges on campus.

Outlined in the survey highlights section for each college is information about the percentage of employed graduates in full-time and part-time positions. For additional information concerning the survey, please contact JMU Office of Institutional Research at 540.568.6830.

### Methodology

The Office of Institutional Research collected data collection via the web and by phone of August and December 2009 and May 2010 graduates. The purpose of this study was to gain information about their graduate school and employment experiences and to provide information to several JMU colleges for accreditation reporting. OIR contacted alumni by email and by phone to encourage them to respond to the survey.

We organized undergraduate information initially by college and then by major. Response rates to each question may vary, as the total number of respondents did not answer all questions.

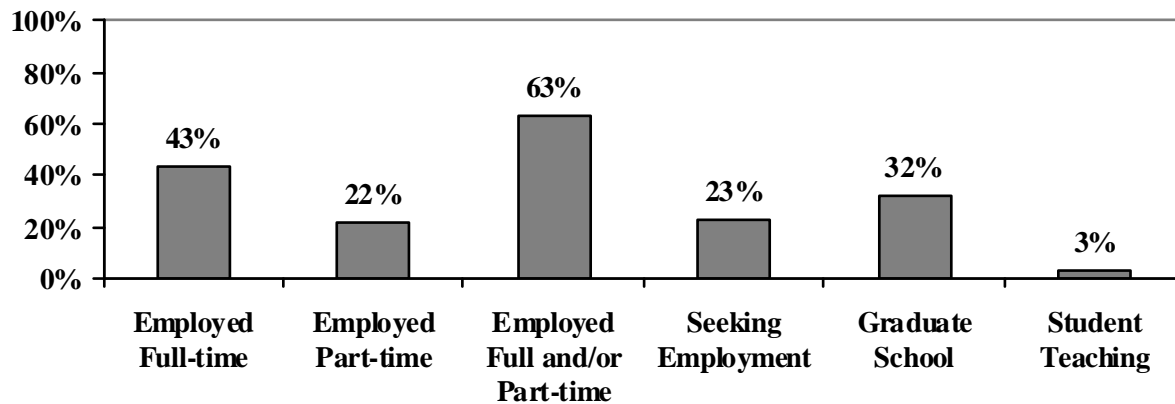


## Class of 2010 Highlights

The Class of 2009-2010 awarded 3,733 undergraduate degrees to 3,700 individuals. This report contains information on 911 graduates, a response rate of 25%. Also, note that the number of graduates represents those recorded as graduating at the time the data were extracted for this survey. Official graduation statistics are located in the JMU Statistical Summary published by the Office of Institutional Research ([http://www.jmu.edu/institresrch/statsum/2010\\_11/T3-3\\_2010.pdf](http://www.jmu.edu/institresrch/statsum/2010_11/T3-3_2010.pdf)).

The graph below displays the percentage of respondents who indicated current employment, graduate school attendance (completed, attending, or will attend), or student teaching. These are not mutually exclusive. For example, some graduates are employed full-time and attending graduate school.

Class of 2010



- ◆ Forty-three percent (43%) are employed full-time and 22% part-time. Sixty-three percent (63%) are employed full- and/or part-time. Some individuals hold both full- and part-time jobs, so the total number employed is less than the full- and part-time employed totaled.
- ◆ Twenty-three percent (23%) are seeking employment.
- ◆ Thirty-two percent (32%) are pursuing graduate studies, either full-time or part-time. For more details on graduate school enrollment, see our searchable database: <http://oirsacs.jmu.edu/alumni/alumempl.asp>.
- ◆ Law school enrollment showed 13 graduates with 9 different majors attending 13 different schools. For more details on law school enrollment, see page 19.
- ◆ The number of graduates obtaining admission into Medicine (7), Nursing (1), Occupational Therapy (5), Physical Therapy (12), Physician Assistant Program (3), and Veterinary Medicine (1) totaled 29.
- ◆ Ninety-three percent (93%) of alumni would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



*Class of 2010 Employment Status*

College	Total Graduates	Responses	Response Rate	Employed Full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full and/or part-time	Seeking Employment	Graduate School	Student Teaching
College of Arts & Letters	1,088	274	25%	45%	28%	69%	31%	24%	2%
College of Business	720	185	26%	73%	9%	80%	24%	16%	1%
College of Integrated Science & Technology	1,156	275	24%	37%	21%	59%	19%	39%	1%
College of Science & Mathematics	245	62	25%	19%	23%	42%	16%	53%	3%
College of Visual & Performing Arts	249	55	22%	31%	36%	64%	38%	18%	5%
Outreach & Engagement	21	1	5%	0%	100%	100%	0%	100%	0%
University Studies	221	59	27%	8%	17%	25%	5%	75%	24%
Grand Total	3,700	911	25%	43%	22%	63%	23%	32%	3%



For purposes of this report, we categorized undergraduate students by their declared primary major. Two-hundred and seven (207) bachelor's degree recipients completed requirements for a second major. The following is a list of the second majors among the 54 graduates with second majors who responded to the survey.

*Class of 2010 Second Majors*

Major	Number of alumni	Major	Number of alumni
Modern Foreign Languages	14	Political Science	2
Economics	6	Communication Sciences & Disorders	1
English	6	Communication Studies	1
Mathematics	5	Computer Information Systems	1
Philosophy & Religion	3	Geographic Science	1
Accounting	2	History	1
Biology	2	International Affairs	1
Finance	2	Psychology	1
Marketing	2	Writing, Rhetoric & Technical Communication	1
Media Arts & Design	2		
		Total	54

Alumni reported employment in a widespread geographic area with 68% residing (or employed, or attending graduate school, in that order if data is missing) in Virginia and 32% in locations out-of-state.

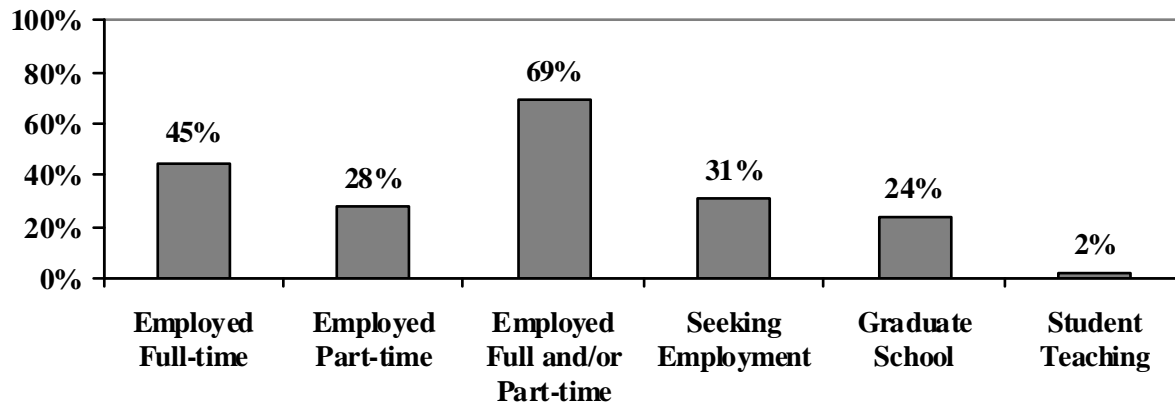


## College of Arts and Letters Survey Highlights

The College of Arts and Letters granted undergraduate degrees to 1,088 individuals in 2009-2010. We contacted these graduates and had 274 respondents for a response rate of 25%.

The graph below displays the percentage of respondents who indicated current employment, graduate school attendance (completed, attending, or will attend), or student teaching. These are not mutually exclusive. For example, some graduates are employed full-time and attending graduate school.

**College of Arts and Letters Class of 2010**



- ◆ Forty-five percent (45%) are employed full-time and 28% part-time. Sixty-nine percent (69%) are employed full- and/or part-time. Some individuals hold both full- and part-time jobs, so the total number employed is less than the full- and part-time employed totaled.
- ◆ Thirty-one percent (31%) of the graduates reported to be still seeking employment at the time of the survey.
- ◆ The percentage of graduates pursuing or having completed further study, full-time or part-time, is 24%. For more details on graduate school enrollment, see page 19.
- ◆ The geographic location of 2010 College of Arts and Letters graduates is 68% remaining in Virginia and 32% living out-of-state.
- ◆ Ninety-one percent (91%) of College of Arts and Letters alumni would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



*2010 College of Arts and Letters Employment Status*

College	Total Graduates	Responses	Response Rate	Employed Full-time	Employed Part-time	Employed full and/or part-time	Seeking Employment	Graduate School	Student Teaching
Anthropology	40	9	23%	33%	56%	89%	22%	22%	0%
Communication Studies	190	53	28%	49%	25%	74%	32%	13%	2%
English	105	18	17%	22%	50%	72%	44%	33%	0%
History	103	18	17%	33%	33%	67%	22%	33%	6%
Interdisciplinary Social Science	9	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
International Affairs	94	26	28%	35%	35%	62%	38%	31%	0%
Justice Studies	90	24	27%	46%	50%	88%	13%	25%	4%
Media Arts & Design	161	55	34%	53%	18%	65%	44%	13%	0%
Modern Foreign Languages	43	8	19%	13%	25%	38%	13%	38%	13%
Philosophy & Religion	25	6	24%	33%	17%	50%	33%	50%	17%
Political Science	104	27	26%	52%	15%	63%	26%	30%	0%
Public Administration	38	8	21%	63%	25%	88%	0%	38%	0%
Sociology	49	16	33%	50%	19%	69%	38%	31%	0%
Writing, Rhetoric & Technical Communication	37	6	16%	67%	17%	67%	0%	33%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,088</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>2%</b>

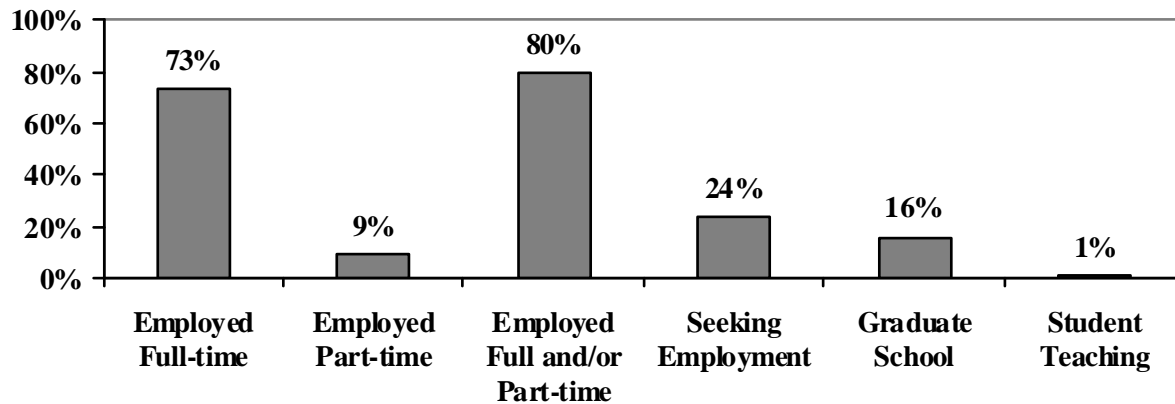


## College of Business Survey Highlights

The College of Business granted undergraduate degrees to 720 individuals in 2009-2010. We contacted these graduates and had 185 respondents for a response rate of 26%.

The graph below displays the percentage of respondents who indicated current employment, graduate school attendance (completed, attending, or will attend), or student teaching. These are not mutually exclusive. For example, some graduates are employed full-time and attending graduate school.

College of Business Class of 2010



- ◆ Seventy-three percent (73%) are employed full-time and 9% part-time. Eighty percent (80%) are employed full- and/or part-time. Some individuals hold both full- and part-time jobs, so the total number employed is less than the full- and part-time employed totaled.
- ◆ Twenty-four percent (24%) of the graduates reported to be still seeking employment at the time of the survey.
- ◆ The percentage of graduates pursuing or having completed further study, full-time or part-time, is 16%. For more details on graduate school enrollment, see page 19.
- ◆ The geographic location of 2010 College of Business graduates is 69% remaining in Virginia and 31% living out-of-state.
- ◆ Ninety-six percent (96%) of alumni would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



*2010 College of Business Employment Status*

Major	Total Graduates	Responses	Response Rate	Employed Full-time (n)	Employed Part-time (n)	Employed Full or Part-time (n)	Seeking Employment (n)	Graduate School (n)	Student Teaching (n)
Accounting	118	32	27%	56%	0%	56%	19%	63%	0%
Computer Information Systems	49	20	41%	100%	0%	100%	0%	5%	0%
Economics	32	7	22%	57%	0%	57%	71%	0%	0%
Economics (Business)	18	5	28%	40%	20%	60%	40%	20%	0%
Finance	142	36	25%	81%	6%	83%	19%	3%	0%
Hospitality & Tourism Management	44	10	23%	90%	0%	90%	40%	0%	0%
International Business	36	5	14%	40%	60%	100%	20%	40%	20%
Management	122	27	22%	67%	22%	81%	26%	11%	0%
Marketing	146	37	25%	73%	14%	84%	35%	5%	0%
Quantitative Finance	13	6	46%	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Total	720	185	26%	73%	9%	80%	24%	16%	1%

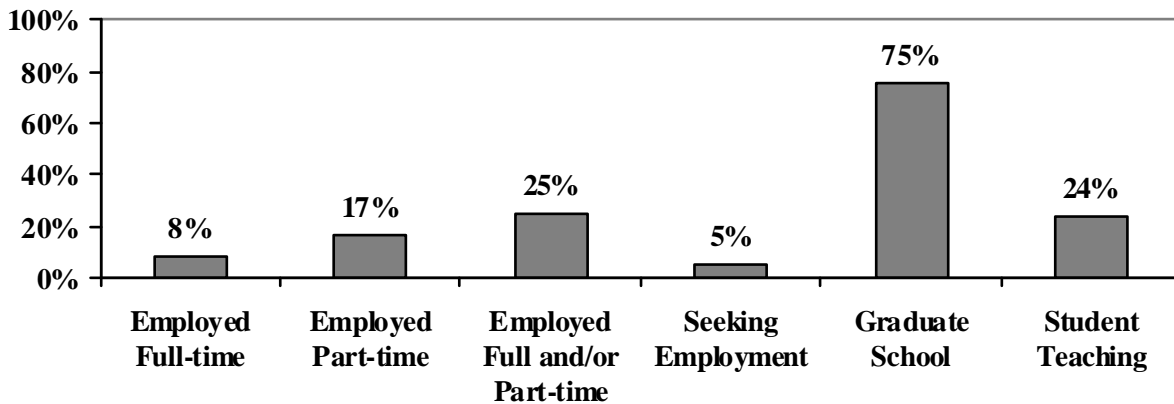


## University Studies Highlights

University Studies granted undergraduate degrees to 221 individuals in 2009-2010. We contacted these graduates and had 59 respondents for a response rate of 27%.

The graph below displays the percentage of respondents who indicated current employment, graduate school attendance (completed, attending, or will attend), or student teaching. These are not mutually exclusive. For example, some graduates are employed full-time and attending graduate school.

University Studies Class of 2010



- ◆ Eight percent (8%) are employed full-time and 17% part-time. Twenty-five percent (25%) are employed full- and/or part-time. Some individuals hold both full- and part-time jobs, so the total number employed is less than the full- and part-time employed totaled.
- ◆ Five percent (5%) of the graduates reported to be still seeking employment at the time of the survey.
- ◆ The percentage of graduates pursuing or having completed further study, full-time or part-time, is 75%. For more details on graduate school enrollment, see page 19.
- ◆ The geographic location of graduates is 84% remaining in Virginia and 16% living out-of-state.
- ◆ Ninety-three percent (93%) of alumni would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



*2010 University Studies Employment Status*

Major	Total Graduates	Responses	Response Rate	Employed Full-time (n)	Employed Part-time (n)	Employed Full or Part-time (n)	Seeking Employment (n)	Graduate School (n)	Student Teaching (n)
Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies	221	59	27%	8%	17%	25%	5%	75%	24%
Total	221	59	27%	8%	17%	25%	5%	75%	24%

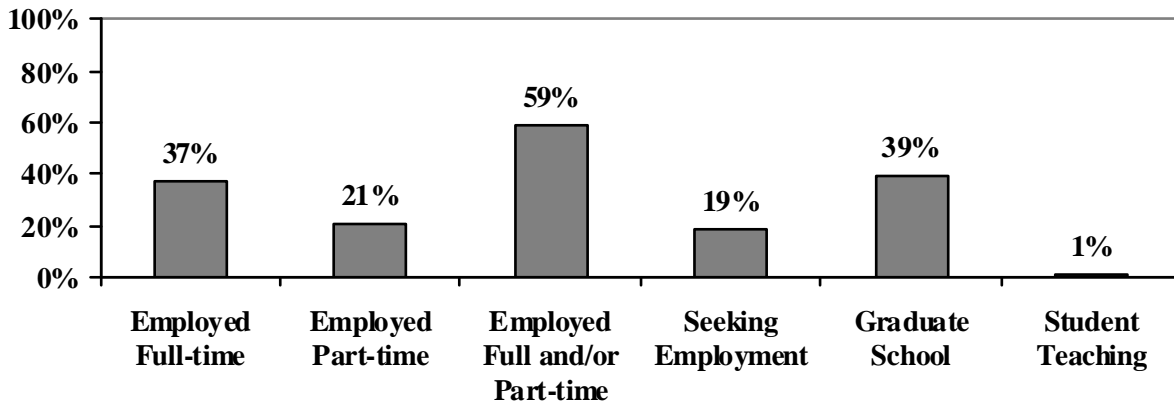


## College of Integrated Science and Technology Survey Highlights

The College of Integrated Science and Technology granted undergraduate degrees to 1,156 individuals in 2009-2010. We contacted these graduates and had 275 respondents for a response rate of 24%.

The graph below displays the percentage of respondents who indicated current employment, graduate school attendance (completed, attending, or will attend), or student teaching. These are not mutually exclusive. For example, some graduates are employed full-time and attending graduate school.

**College of Integrated Science and Technology Class of 2010**



- ◆ Thirty-seven percent (37%) are employed full-time and 21% part-time. Fifty-nine percent (59%) are employed full and/or part time. Some individuals hold both full- and part-time jobs, so the total number employed is less than the full- and part-time employed totaled.
- ◆ Nineteen percent (19%) of the graduates reported to be still seeking employment at the time of the survey.
- ◆ The percentage of graduates pursuing or having completed further study, full-time or part-time, is 39%. For more details on graduate school enrollment, see page 19.
- ◆ The geographic location of graduates is 64% remaining in Virginia and 36% living out-of-state.
- ◆ Ninety-three percent (93%) of alumni would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



*2010 College of Integrated Science and Technology Employment Status*

Major	Total Graduates	Responses	Response Rate	Employed Full-time (n)	Employed Part-time (n)	Employed Full or Part-time (n)	Seeking Employment (n)	Graduate School (n)	Student Teaching (n)
Athletic Training	14	7	50%	29%	57%	86%	0%	57%	0%
Communication Sciences & Disorders	67	13	19%	8%	23%	31%	8%	92%	0%
Computer Science	42	11	26%	73%	0%	73%	18%	0%	0%
Dietetics	36	7	19%	43%	57%	100%	0%	14%	0%
Geographic Science	33	7	21%	71%	14%	86%	14%	14%	0%
Health Sciences	256	56	22%	20%	18%	38%	20%	54%	2%
Health Services Administration	29	6	21%	67%	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%
Information Analysis	10	3	30%	67%	0%	67%	33%	0%	0%
Integrated Science & Technology	66	27	41%	56%	19%	74%	26%	15%	0%
Kinesiology	227	31	14%	23%	29%	52%	16%	48%	0%
Nursing	123	26	21%	85%	0%	85%	15%	0%	0%
Psychology	206	69	33%	23%	29%	52%	22%	54%	3%
Recreation	1	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Social Work	46	12	26%	50%	25%	75%	17%	25%	0%
Total	1,156	275	24%	37%	21%	59%	19%	39%	1%

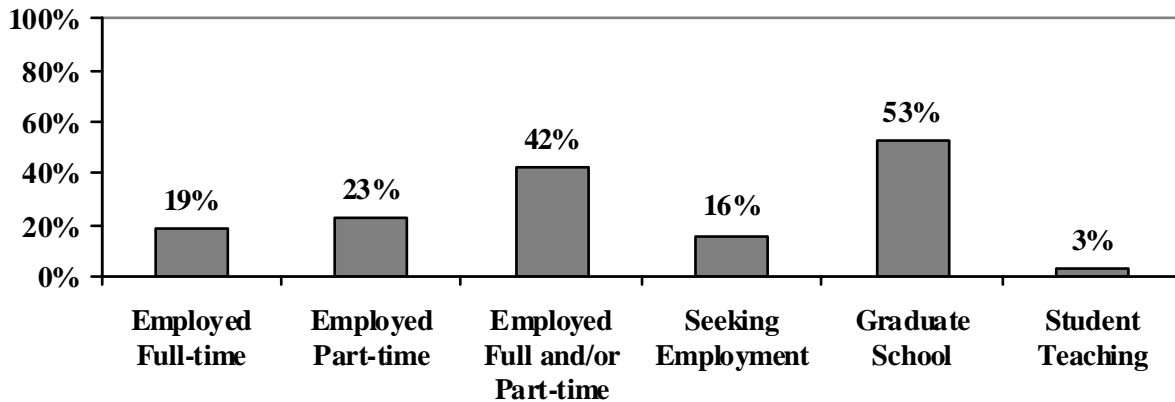


## College of Science and Mathematics Survey Highlights

The College of Science and Mathematics granted undergraduate degrees to 245 individuals in 2009-2010. We contacted these graduates and had 62 respondents for a response rate of 25%.

The graph below displays the percentage of respondents who indicated current employment, graduate school attendance (completed, attending, or will attend), or student teaching. These are not mutually exclusive. For example, some graduates are employed full-time and attending graduate school.

**College of Science and Mathematics Class of 2010**



- ◆ Nineteen percent (19%) are employed full-time and 23% part-time. Forty-two percent (42%) are employed full- and/or part-time. Some individuals hold both full- and part-time jobs, so the total number employed is less than the full- and part-time employed totaled.
- ◆ Sixteen percent (16%) of the graduates reported to be still seeking employment at the time of the survey.
- ◆ The percentage of graduates pursuing or having completed further study, full-time or part-time, is 53%. For more details on graduate school enrollment, see page 19.
- ◆ The geographic location of graduates is 64% remaining in Virginia and 36% living out-of-state.
- ◆ Eighty-nine percent (89%) of alumni would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



*2010 College of Science and Mathematics Employment Status*

Major	Total Graduates	Responses	Response Rate	Employed Full-time (n)	Employed Part-time (n)	Employed Full or Part-time (n)	Seeking Employment (n)	Graduate School (n)	Student Teaching (n)
Biology	140	32	23%	22%	31%	53%	22%	47%	3%
Biotechnology	14	2	14%	50%	50%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Chemistry	26	9	35%	0%	0%	0%	11%	89%	11%
Earth Science	5	1	20%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Geology	13	3	23%	0%	33%	33%	33%	33%	0%
Mathematics	23	9	39%	33%	22%	56%	11%	44%	0%
Physics	21	6	29%	17%	0%	17%	0%	67%	0%
Statistics	3	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	245	62	25%	19%	23%	42%	16%	53%	3%

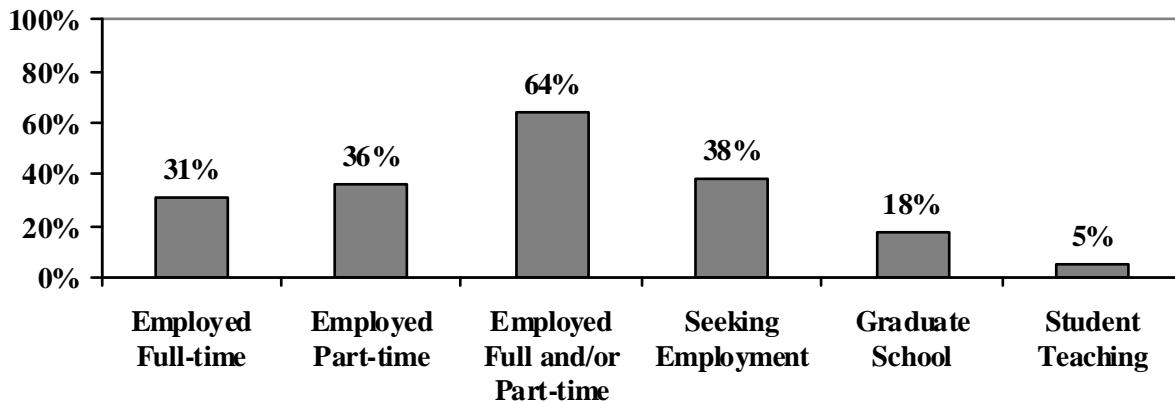


## College of Visual and Performing Arts Survey Highlights

The College of Visual and Performing Arts granted undergraduate degrees to 249 individuals in 2009-2010. We contacted these graduates and had 55 respondents for a response rate of 22%.

The graph below displays the percentage of respondents who indicated current employment, graduate school attendance (completed, attending, or will attend), or student teaching. These are not mutually exclusive. For example, some graduates are employed full-time and attending graduate school.

College of Visual and Performing Arts Class of 2010



- ◆ Thirty-one percent (31%) are employed full-time and 36% part-time. Sixty-four percent (64%) are employed full- and/or part-time. Some individuals hold both full- and part-time jobs, so the total number employed is less than the full- and part-time employed totaled.
- ◆ Thirty-eight percent (38%) of the graduates reported to be still seeking employment at the time of the survey.
- ◆ The percentage of graduates pursuing or having completed further study, full-time or part-time, is 18%. For more details on graduate school enrollment, see page 19.
- ◆ The geographic location of graduates is 78% remaining in Virginia and 22% living out-of-state.
- ◆ Ninety-three percent (93%) of alumni would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



*2010 College of Visual and Performing Arts Employment Status*

Major	Total Graduates	Responses	Response Rate	Employed Full-time (n)	Employed Part-time (n)	Employed Full or Part-time (n)	Seeking Employment (n)	Graduate School (n)	Student Teaching (n)
Art	134	27	20%	22%	48%	70%	41%	7%	11%
Art History	10	1	10%	100%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%
Music	67	13	19%	46%	8%	46%	23%	31%	0%
Theatre & Dance	38	14	37%	29%	43%	64%	50%	29%	0%
Total	249	55	22%	31%	36%	64%	38%	18%	5%



## Outreach and Engagement Survey Highlights

Outreach & Engagement granted undergraduate degrees to 21 individuals in 2009-2010. We contacted these graduates and had 1 respondent for a response rate of 5%. Because only one graduate responded, the information about that respondent has been reduced to a brief summary.

The respondent is attending graduate school, lives in Virginia, and is employed full time. The respondent would recommend JMU to a colleague, friend, or relative.



## Graduate and Professional School Attendance

### *2010 Majors and Schools Attending Law School*

Major (Sorted Alphabetically)	Schools Attended (Sorted Alphabetically Where Appropriate)
Chemistry	Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Economics (Business)	University of Richmond T.C. Williams school of law
English	Washington & Lee School of Law
International Affairs	Charlotte School of Law
	University of Maryland
Justice Studies	New York University School of Law
	Southwestern Law School
Music	Seton Hall, School of Law
Political Science	Missing
	Louisiana State University School of Law
	University of Miami
Psychology	University of Virginia
Public Administration	Michigan State University

### *2010 Graduates Enrolled in MBA Programs*

JMU Major	Schools Attended
Accounting	James Madison University
	Shenandoah University
International Affairs	Crummer School of Business
Management	University of Nevada, Reno
Sociology	Liberty University