Hope College Graduate Survey

Hope graduates are educated to think about life’s most important issues with clarity, wisdom, and a deep understanding of the foundational commitments of the Christian faith. Graduates go on to do this at organizations, companies and graduate schools around the country and abroad. This summary of the annual Graduate Survey gives a six-month snapshot of the Class of 2013.

Class Overview 2011-2013

Employed
Grad School
Both Employed and in Grad School
Neither & Not Seeking
Neither & Seeking

93% Employed or in Grad School within six months
65% Employed
18% Graduate School
10% Grad School and Employed
6% Not Employed, Looking
1% Not Employed, Not Looking

Employment and Graduate School by Region

Class of 2013

Choice of Grad School

81% satisfied or very satisfied
90% in their first or second choice

Job Satisfaction

Very Satisfied
Satisfied
Neither
Dissatisfied

Sample Employers

Amway
Bethany Christian Services
Children’s Advocacy Center
ExxonMobil
FedEx
General Motors
Government of France
Grand Rapids Christian Schools
Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital
Holland Hospital
JP Morgan Chase
Library of Congress
Michigan House of Representatives
Peace Corps
Sojourners Magazine
Spectrum Health
Stryker Corporation
Teach for America
Universal Forest Products
Walt Disney World
Zeeland Public Schools

Sample Grad Schools

City University of London
University of Colorado
Duke University
Grand Valley State University
Harvard University
University of Iowa
University of Michigan
Michigan State University
Northwestern University
University of Notre Dame
Rice University

4% 7%
44% 22%
6% 8%
7% 8%
6% 8%
14% 12%
10% 22%
11% 19%
8% 19%
11% 12%
10% 14%
6% 8%
4% 2%
2013
72%
18%
7% 3%
Experiential Learning & Networking

- Over 90% of the Class of 2013 participated in experiential learning.
- 54% of the class had at least one internship experience. 21% had more than one.
- Of the members of the class that had an internship, 70% received academic credit. 39% of internships were paid.
- 17% had a domestic off-campus study experience and 33% studied abroad.
- 78% of those employed full-time are employed in their field of study.
- The value of a Hope degree, academic major, and internship experience were cited as the top three factors contributing to employment.
- 37% of all students reported that networking connections (often with alumni) helped them secure employment.

Experiential Learning Participation

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Top Majors (by participation)

- Education Certified (14% of the class)
- Psychology (12.4%)
- Management (9%)
- Communication (6.5%)
- Exercise Science (6.3%)
- Biology (6%)
- Nursing (5.3%)
- Chemistry (4.9%)
- Social Work (4%)
- Spanish (3.7%)

About the Graduate Survey

The Hope College Graduate Survey is administered annually by Alumni and Parent Relations, the Career Development Center and the Office of Admissions. Graduates are contacted five to six months after graduation by email, mail and telephone and asked to complete the online survey.

During October and November of 2013, 76% of the graduating Class of 2013 participated in the survey.

For departmental level data and analysis or to see survey data from previous years, please contact Herb Dershem, Director of Institutional Research, at dershem@hope.edu.