

2018 Salem State Graduating Senior Survey

Campus Summary

Undergraduate Graduates (Summer 2017, Fall 2017, and Spring 2018): 1667

Survey Respondents: **676**; Response Rates: **40.6%**

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
	48%	42%	6%	4%	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	22.2%	42.2%	29.1%	5.3%	1.2%	3.8
Speaking clearly and effectively	24.0%	42.8%	26.3%	5.5%	1.5%	3.8
Thinking critically and analytically	32.0%	45.7%	20.0%	1.6%	0.7%	4.1
Solving complex real world problems	25.7%	41.6%	25.7%	4.9%	2.1%	3.8
Analyzing numerical and statistical information	20.6%	33.1%	31.1%	10.5%	4.7%	3.5
Ethical decision making	29.6%	41.6%	22.0%	5.3%	1.5%	3.9
Being an informed and active member of society	27.7%	36.1%	26.6%	7.8%	1.8%	3.8
Information literacy: locating, organizing and evaluating information	25.6%	43.5%	25.0%	4.3%	1.6%	3.9
Working effectively with others on teams	29.6%	40.1%	21.9%	5.8%	2.7%	3.9
Being innovative and creative	28.1%	40.7%	24.0%	5.0%	2.2%	3.9
Understanding people from different backgrounds	40.7%	38.0%	16.0%	3.3%	2.1%	4.1
Acquiring job or work related knowledge or skills	32.0%	37.3%	22.5%	5.0%	3.3%	3.9
Skills for lifelong learning	35.5%	38.5%	20.0%	4.3%	1.8%	4.0
Please indicate whether or not you participated in each of the following while enrolled at Salem State.	Yes	No				
Study abroad	5%	95%				
Practicum, internship, student teaching, field experience, or clinical assignment	66%	34%				
Work with faculty member(s) on a research project	36%	64%				
Culminating senior experience, e.g., capstone course, senior project, thesis	58%	42%				
Community service or volunteer work outside of class	50%	50%				
Courses which include community-based projects (service learning)	37%	63%				
Held a formal leadership position in a student organization or group	26%	74%				

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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	53.3%	34.3%	6.7%	4.1%	1.6%	4.3
The accessibility of faculty in your major	53.1%	33.1%	8.9%	3.1%	1.8%	4.3
Academic advising in major	45.4%	26.6%	10.4%	9.3%	8.3%	3.9
Availability of needed classes in your major	37.3%	33.3%	11.5%	12.6%	5.3%	3.8
The concern of faculty in your major for your academic progress	49.1%	30.6%	11.1%	5.5%	3.7%	4.2
Knowledge specific to your major (theories or ideas)	52.4%	36.5%	8.0%	1.8%	1.3%	4.4
Access to affordable course materials	32.7%	32.4%	18.8%	11.4%	4.7%	3.8
Career preparation or guidance	35.8%	34.0%	16.9%	7.5%	5.8%	3.9
Your overall experience in your major	50.1%	36.4%	7.8%	3.8%	1.8%	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=676	26%	9%	49%	3%	1%	12%

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=214	34%	23%	16%	14%	6%	7%

What is the location of your job?	MA	Other NE States	NY or NJ	Other U.S. location	Outside the U.S.
N=222	95%	1%	0%	2%	1%

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=632	26%	46%	28%

What degree will you be seeking, e.g., MA, MBA, MSW, PhD?	MBA	MSW	Other Master Degrees	Law degree	Doctoral degree	Other
N=168 (Duplicated counts)	11%	10%	71%	3%	6%	3%

The May 2018 survey was administered online to seniors who were eligible to graduate during the periods of summer 2017, fall 2017, and spring 2018. The survey was available from April 30 to June 15, 2018.