

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES SUMMARY: UNLV CAREER OUTCOMES 2008 - 2009

Summary of the Career Outcomes Survey conducted by Career Services within two months after graduation

Top 4 Majors of Respondents

1. Biological Sciences
2. Biochemistry
3. Mathematical Sciences
4. Physics

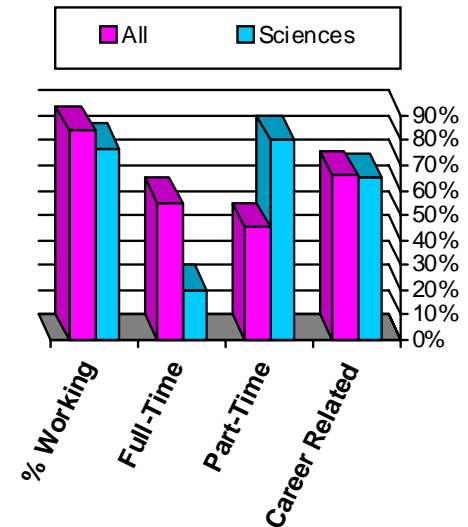
Total Respondents from College of Sciences = 26

Undergraduates: $21/26 = 81\%$
 Graduates: $5/26 = 19\%$

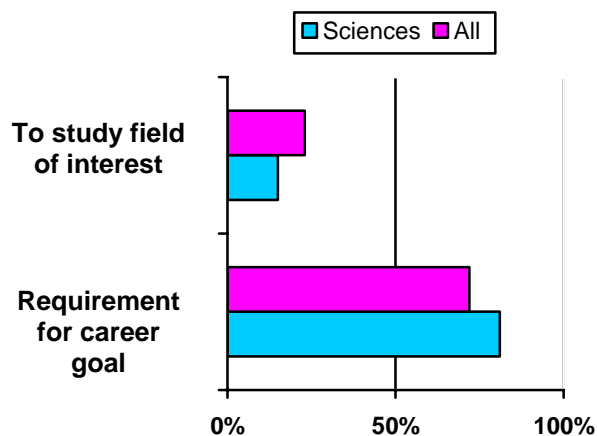
Percentage of College of Sciences Graduating Class (202) Represented by Survey

All: $26/202 = 13\%$
 Undergraduates: $21/154 = 14\%$
 Graduates: $5/48 = 10\%$

Employment Status While in School



Primary Reason for Pursuing a Degree



CAREER EXPERIENCE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

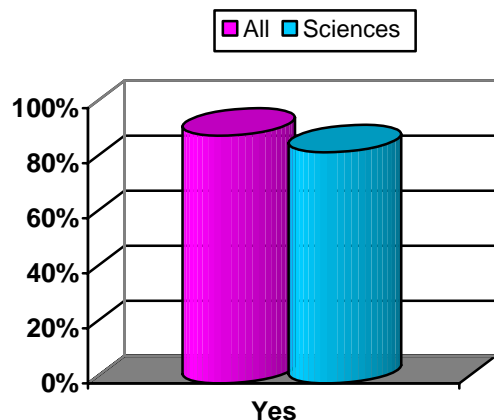
For College of Sciences graduates, **77% of all respondents indicated they worked while attending school**, below last year (89%) and the average for all respondents (84%). **Of those who did work, only 20% characterized their work as primarily full-time**, lower than last year (37%) and significantly lower than the average (55%) for all students.

Of those who reported working while in school, 65% said their pre-graduation employment was related to their field of study, lower than last year (73%) but about average for all (66%). Students with career-related experience develop marketable skills and employer contacts leading to greater success in their career searches upon graduation.

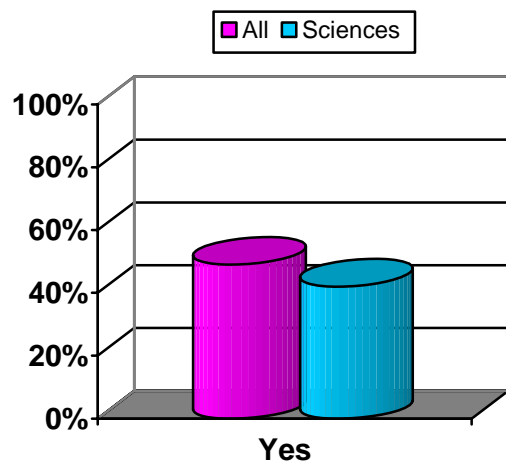
TOP 5 CAREER SERVICES UTILIZED BY SCIENCES STUDENTS

- #1 UNLV CareerLink (Online Recruiting System)
- #2 UNLV Career Day (Spring)
- #3 Met with Career Counselor
- #4 Walk-In Resume Critique
- #5 Career Services Main Webpage

Do you believe your UNLV education has prepared you for your chosen profession?



Did your recent degree contribute to your employment status?



JOB OUTCOMES

OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES RESPONDENTS TO OUR SURVEY, 42% of graduates reported they were currently employed or had accepted a job offer, compared to 67% last year and the average of 68%; 42% of those jobs/offers were related to their field of study, compared to 59% last year and well below the average of 75%. Most (75%) reported they were continuing their current employment (jobs held while attending school); the rest were hired for a new position (25%).

Of respondents, 84% felt their UNLV education prepared them for their chosen profession, below the average (90%), and 42% felt their recent degree contributed to their employment status, also below the average (49%). Of those reporting they were not currently employed, 24% were actively seeking employment (average was 59%), while 53% were enrolled in or seeking Graduate School (average 21%), the highest percentage of all the schools and colleges.

For details see the “Career, Salary Offers & Job Status of Respondents by College” chart below. **These outcomes less favorable than last year**, due to the decreased job market for 2008-2009 graduates, which resulted in fewer employer visits to campus as well as job postings seeking UNLV students and alumni.

National employer surveys, such as those conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), continue to cite On-Campus Recruiting (OCR) as one of the most effective methods for quality staffing. Overall, OCR for 2008-2009 saw a 45% decrease in employers visiting campus.

Responding students from this college identified our online recruiting system, UNLV CareerLink, as the number one most useful Career Services’ program they used, followed UNLV Career Day and meeting with a Career Counselor. **Our Career Counselors recommend students and alumni utilize all available tools in their job searches**, including online postings, Resume Books, and On-Campus Recruiting which are part of UNLV CareerLink, which is available to all registered students, as well as graduates who are members of the UNLV Alumni Association. Career Services hosted three career fairs during the year, as well as two targeted mixers; all had very good turnouts by students/alumni and employers.

NEED MORE INFO?
<http://hire.unlv.edu>

Access the 2008–2009 Graduating Students Survey Response Database via the Career Services’ main web page (<http://hire.unlv.edu>). Click “Reports” in upper right. We use the commercial software program “Survey Monkey” to gather data / report responses from our graduates. This system enables filtering by college, major, graduation date, etc., allowing viewing only the responses in which you are interested. The previous year’s database and reports are also available.

CAREER, SALARY OFFERS & JOB STATUS OF RESPONDENTS FOR THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES

| | All | Sciences |
|---|------------|------------------|
| Currently Employed | 68% | 42% |
| Career-related Current Employment | 75% | 42% |
| Salary Offers – High: | \$125,000 | \$104,000 |
| Average: | \$44,000 | \$46,200 |
| Low: | \$12,000 | \$20,000 |
| Actively Pursuing Graduate Studies | 21% | 53% |

Listing of Job Offers Accepted

| Company Name | Job Title | City | State | Salary |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Fiamma (MGM Grand) | Food Server | Las Vegas | NV | \$104,000 |
| Hospital Clinical Services Group | Clinical Tech | Las Vegas | NV | \$20,000 |
| Silver State Analytical Laboratory | Chemist | Las Vegas | NV | \$30,000 |
| Southwest Gas | Construction Tech | Trucell | CA | \$30,680 |