2011 Grad Survey Highlights

The response rate for the cohort of May, August, and December 2011 undergraduate degree recipients was 68% (956 respondents / 1,425 graduates).

SATISFACTION MEASURES
Respondents were asked to “indicate your level of satisfaction with each of the following” where V=Very Satisfied, S=Satisfied, N=Neutral, D=Dissatisfied, VD=Very Dissatisfied.

OVERALL ACADEMIC STUDIES (of 683)
VS=27%; S=66%; N=5%; D=1%    VD=0%
QUALITY OF FACULTY IN MAJOR (of 603)
VS=39%; S=45%; N=6%; D=1%    VD=2%
QUALITY OF FACULTY OUTSIDE MAJOR (of 683)
VS=9%; S=65%; N=20%; D=6%    VD=1%
ACCESS TO FACULTY SUPPORT IN MAJOR (of 683)
VS=41%; S=48%; N=8%; D=1%    VD=1%
AVAILABILITY OF MAJOR DEPARTMENT FACULTY OUTSIDE CLASS (of 678)
VS=28%; S=58%; N=26%; D=3%    VD=1%
QUALITY OF FACULTY ADVISEMENT (of 673)
VS=29%; S=42%; N=14%; D=11%    VD=5%
PRESERVATION FOR FURTHER EDUCATION (of 658)
VS=19%; S=52%; N=21%; D=2%    VD=1%
ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (of 473)
VS=21%; S=50%; N=26%; D=3%    VD=1%

FIELD EXPERIENCE PARTICIPATION & SATISFACTION
-88% of students participate in at least one form of experiential education.
-Respondents were asked “how satisfied are you with how the following activities helped prepare you for life and work after Cortland?” where:
V=Very Satisfied, S=Satisfied, N=Neutral, D=Dissatisfied, VD=Very Dissatisfied.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT
Respondents were asked to “rank the extent to which SUNY Cortland helped you develop the following skills” where: E=Extremely, M=Moderately, S=Somewhat, V=Very Little, and NAA=Not at All.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS (of 670)
E=30% M=46% S=16% V=9% NAA=0%
LEADERSHIP SKILLS (of 670)
E=28% M=57% S=15% V=3% NAA=0%
PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS (of 667)
E=27% M=41% S=12% V=0% NAA=0%
TECHNOLOGY SKILLS (of 667)
E=25% M=51% S=24% V=1% NAA=0%
TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS (of 666)
E=32% M=49% S=20% V=0% NAA=0%
WRITING SKILLS (of 67)
E=28% M=52% S=19% V=1% NAA=0%

AVERAGE EDUCATIONAL DEBT:
76% of respondents had student loans
$27,276 - average debt of those with student loans

SALARY:
$32,492 - average full-time starting salary

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION
for 917 providing an employment category:
35% employed in major or minor field
27% continuing education full-time
20% employed, seeking job related to major/minor
10% employed in an unrelated field by choice
8% unemployed, seeking job related to major/minor
1% unemployed, not seeking employment

MAJOR DATA
All- Adolescence Ed. Biology (4)
Employed full-time 1
Employed part-time 1
Enrolled in grad school full-time 1
Enrolled in grad school part-time 2
Average starting salary ($): $40,000

AEM- Adolescence Ed. Mathematics (3)
Employed full-time 6
Employed part-time 4
Enrolled in grad school full-time 3
Enrolled in grad school part-time 7
Average starting salary ($): $36,500

AEN- Adolescence Ed. English (10)
Employed full-time 7
Employed part-time 5
Enrolled in grad school full-time 3
Enrolled in grad school part-time 1
Average starting salary ($): $10,000

AES- Adolescence Ed. Earth Science (2)
Employed part-time 2
Enrolled in grad school full-time 1
Enrolled in grad school part-time 1

ANT- Anthropology (2)
Employed full-time 1
Enrolled in grad school full-time 1
Enrolled in grad school part-time 1

APM- Adolescence Ed. Physics & Math (2)
Employed part-time 2
Enrolled in grad school full-time 2

ART- (3)
Employed full-time 1
Employed part-time 2
Enrolled in grad school part-time 1
Average starting salary ($) $50,000

ASP- Adolescence Ed. Earth Spanish (8)
Employed full-time 2
Employed part-time 4
Enrolled in grad school full-time 3
Enrolled in grad school part-time 3
Average starting salary ($) $45,000

ATR- Athletic Training (6)
Employed full-time 5
Employed part-time 1
Enrolled in grad school full-time 1
Average starting salary ($) $38,500

BIAS-Art Studio (1)
Employed part-time 1

BIO- Biology (28)
Employed full-time 7
Employed part-time 7
Enrolled in grad school full-time 13
Enrolled in grad school part-time 1
Average starting salary ($) $31,133

BMS- Biomedical Sciences (2)
Employed full-time 1
Enrolled in grad school full-time 1

BUSE-Business Economics (49)
Employed full-time 31
Employed part-time 9
Enrolled in grad school full-time 6
Enrolled in grad school part-time 3
Average starting salary ($) $38,054

CHEA-Community Health (4)
Employed full-time 8
Employed part-time 3
Enrolled in grad school full-time 5
Enrolled in grad school part-time 1
Average starting salary ($) $30,980

CHM-Chemistry (4)
Employed full-time 1
Employed part-time 1
Enrolled in grad school full-time 3
Average starting salary ($) $35,000

COM-Communication Studies (50)
Employed full-time 25
Employed part-time 12
Enrolled in grad school full-time 8
Enrolled in grad school part-time 2
Average starting salary ($) $36,613

CON-Conservation Biology (5)
Employed full-time 1
Employed part-time 1
Enrolled in grad school full-time 2

CRM-Criminology (27)
Employed full-time 12
Employed part-time 5
Enrolled in grad school full-time 4
Enrolled in grad school part-time 1
Average starting salary ($) $29,691

EDC/CHD-Childhood Education (14)
Employed full-time 35
Employed part-time 46
Enrolled in grad school full-time 56
Enrolled in grad school part-time 21
Average starting salary ($) $29,250

EDD/DEC-Childhood & Early Childhood Ed. (40)
Employed full-time 13
Employed part-time 18
Enrolled in grad school full-time 21
Enrolled in grad school part-time 9
Average starting salary ($) $25,333

EDE/JEC-Early Childhood Ed. (14)
Employed full-time 5
Employed part-time 6
Enrolled in grad school full-time 5
Enrolled in grad school part-time 3

ENG-English (6)
Employed full-time 7
Employed part-time 7
Enrolled in grad school full-time 3
Enrolled in grad school part-time 2
Average starting salary ($) $24,600
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