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College of Social Science

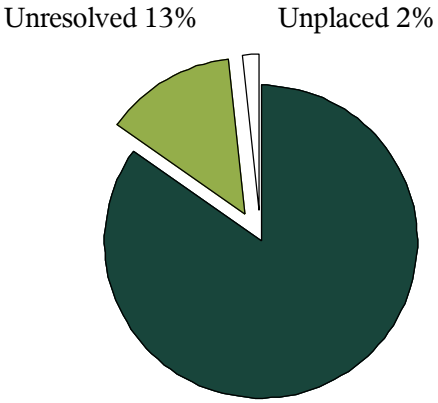
Knowledge Rate: 73%

As of February 2016, data from 906 of 1,234 graduating students receiving a bachelor's degree had been collected, via the survey or other means, resulting in a knowledge rate of 73%. The majority of graduates reported that they were headed into the workforce.

Social Science - Table 1		
Report Outcomes of 2015 Graduates		
Outcome	#	%
Employed	454	50%
Continuing Education	301	33%
Starting a business	4	0%
Pursuing Other Commitments	9	1%
Unplaced	16	2%
Unresolved	122	13%
Total	906	100%

*See the Destination Survey introduction for additional information on each outcome category.

Figure 1



Career Outcomes Rate - 85%

Of the 237 students who identified the type of employment chosen, 226 (95%) indicated their position was either a) career-related (149 = 63%) or b) a stepping stone toward their ultimate career goal (77 = 32%). A list of organizations that hired graduates in 2015 can be found in the appendix.

Salary Information

One hundred forty-one (141) of the graduates that indicated employment also reported salary information. Of these, eleven (11) graduates reported receiving a signing bonus.

Social Science - Table 2						
Report Salary Data for 2015 Graduates						
Reported Salaries	Average	Low	25th Percentile	50th Percentile	75th Percentile	High
141	$36,599	$7,100	$27,497	$35,000	$42,000	$100,000

Top Industries
- Health Care & Social Service
- Education
- Public Administration
- Finance & Insurance

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Employment Search Method

Social Science - Table 3		
Method Used to Find Employment		
Program	**#**	**%**
Previous Internship/Co-op	33	15%
Previous Work Experience	31	14%
Other Job Posting Source	58	26%
MySpartanCareer	10	4%
On-Campus Interview	6	3%
Career Fair	21	9%
Personal Network/Family/Friend	49	22%
Social Networking	16	7%
Other	0	0%
Total	224	100%

Table 3 - Highlights the method that graduates identified as the way they found current job.

Out of Classroom Experience

Social Science - Table 4		
Supplemental Experiences		
Program	**#**	**%**
Out of Classroom Experience [a]	645	71%
Career Based [b]	511	56%
Skill Based [c]	466	51%
Study Abroad [d]	149	16%
Research [e]	165	18%
Volunteer [f]	220	24%

Table 4 - Identifies any supplemental activities or experiences that graduates participated in during their time as a student. Graduates could select more than one option and not all graduates responded. Superscript letters link supplemental experience programs to co-curricular activities in Table 6.

Geographic Distribution

A total of 416 graduates reported their employment location. Of those, 70% (290) were employed in Michigan and 81% (335) reported employment in the Midwest. In addition, of the three hundred fifty-four (354) students originally from Michigan that reported their employment location, 77% (272) were employed in Michigan and 86% (304) reported employment in the Midwest.

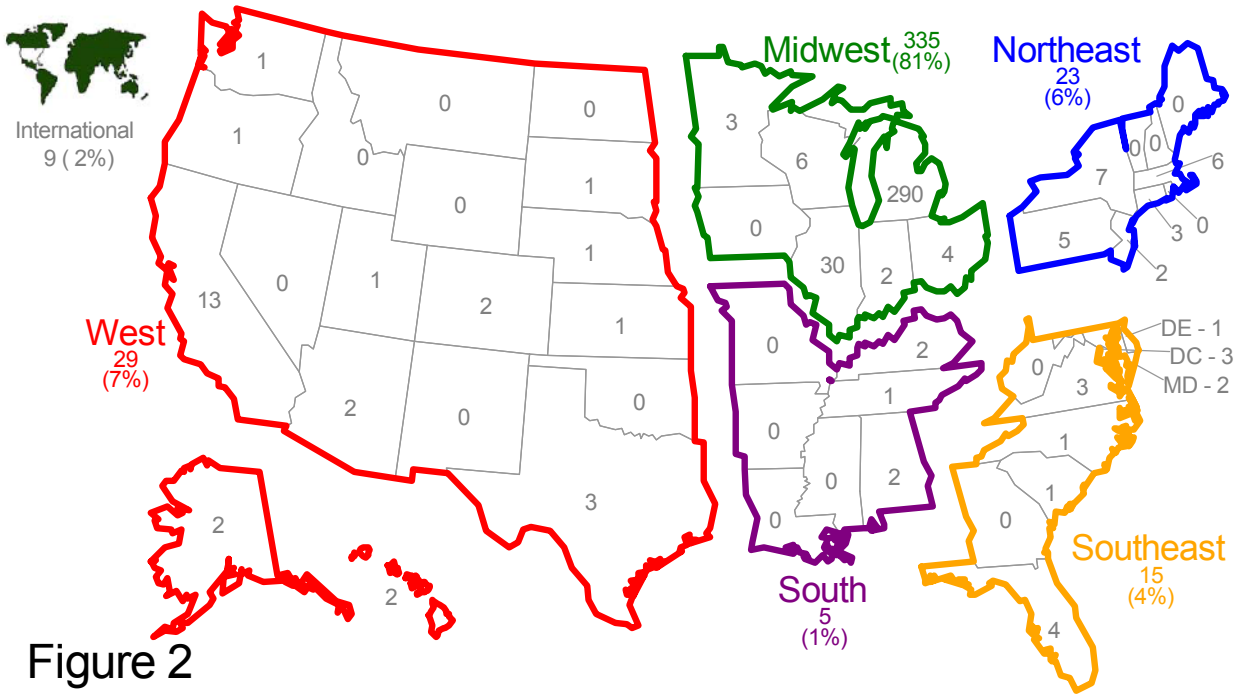

Figure 2

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Continuing Education

Of the three hundred one (301) students that reported continuing their education as their main pursuit immediately after graduation, two hundred ninety-three (293) reported the specific degree pursued. Graduates who indicated employment as well as continuing education were excluded from this table. This information is self reported and may lead to slight inaccuracies when it comes to certification. *See appendix for a listing of universities attended for continuing education.*

Social Science - Table 5		
Continuing Education Degrees Pursued by 2015 Graduates		
Outcome	**#**	**%**
Second Bachelors	19	6%
Health Professional (MD, DVM, PA, etc.)	7	2%
Law (JD)	31	11%
Masters	152	52%
MBA	0	0%
PhD	9	3%
Teacher Certification	58	20%
Certification Program: Other	5	2%
Other	12	4%
Total	293	100%

Note: For simplicity, percentages have been rounded to the nearest point. Cumulative percentage totals were calculated with floating point decimal places in the addends.

Co-Curricular Activities

The survey also includes questions about co-curricular activities in which students may have participated during their college career. All students were asked to indicate their involvement in a list of career related activities while at MSU (or a previous institution in the case of transfer students) regardless of their destination outcome.

Six hundred forty-five (645) students responded to this section. Table 6 shows the percentage of students that indicated each activity.

Social Science - Table 6		
Co-Curricular Activity Participation by 2015 Graduates		
Activity	**#**	**%**
Co-op/Intern – for credit [a,b]	305	47%
Co-op/intern – non-credit [a,b]	130	20%
Off-Campus Work – career related [a,b]	145	22%
Off-Campus Work – non-career related [a,c]	202	31%
On-Campus Work - volunteer [a,c]	0	0%
On-Campus Work – career related [a,b]	127	20%
On-Campus Work – for pay or credit [a,c]	178	28%
On-Campus Work – non-career related [a,c]	217	34%
Other [a]	16	2%
Research – PA/Project/Summer – MSU [a,e]	157	24%
Research – PA/Project/Summer – non-MSU [a,e]	16	2%
Service Learning/Volunteer Project – MSU [a,f]	186	29%
Service Learning/Volunteer Project – non-MSU [a,f]	81	13%
Study Abroad – MSU program [a,d]	136	21%
Study Abroad – non-MSU program [a,d]	19	3%
Summer Work - career related [a,b]	231	36%
Summer Work – non-career related [a,c]	261	40%
Work Abroad – career related [a,b]	0	0%
Work Abroad – non-career related [a,c]	4	1%

Notes: Superscript letters link co-curricular activities to supplemental experience programs in Table 4. Graduates could select more than one option.