

**University of Idaho**  
**ALUMNI SURVEY - 2006**  
**Classes of 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001**

	UI %				
<b>Number of respondents</b>	n = 482				
<b>PART I. University Experiences</b>					
<b>PERCENT OF RESPONSES</b>					
<b>A1</b> Overall, how satisfied were you with your educational experiences at the University of Idaho?	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	
	>1	4	52	44	
<b>A5</b> In general, how <b>satisfied</b> are you with the quality of the following aspects of your life and education at UI?					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	
Undergraduate education in general	0	5	62	33	
Education in my major field	1	8	52	40	
Campus life: intellectual & cultural environment	1	8	63	29	
Cost of UI education (relative to other options)	1	2	41	56	
Availability of specialized academic programs	1	13	71	16	
Quality of students attending UI	1	6	70	23	
Academic reputation of UI	1	12	63	24	
Quality of teaching	1	9	62	28	
Opportunity to get to know diverse people	4	24	58	14	
Opportunity to learn/use current technology	1	12	60	28	
<b>A3</b> If you could do your undergraduate work over, what <b>changes</b> would you make?					
Same major, no or few changes	66				
Different major	29				
Different university	5				
<b>A4</b> How satisfied were you with the following aspects of your UI experience?					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Not Applicable
Convenience of UI campus I attended	>1	3	39	57	0
Attractiveness of UI campus I attended	>1	2	32	66	0
Instructional facilities	>1	10	64	26	0
Instructional technology and equipment	1	10	61	28	0
Study space available	1	10	58	31	0
Critical thinking and problem solving	1	6	68	26	0

	UI %				
<b>A2</b> Below are some possible outcomes of undergraduate education. For each skill or ability, please indicate the quality of your growth/development during your UI program.					
<b>Growth/Development at UI:</b>	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not Taken at UI/NA
Creative thinking	2	10	54	32	1
Leadership/management skills	3	16	47	30	4
Teamwork/collaboration	>1	11	40	49	0
Interpersonal communication	1	12	51	36	0
Working with persons from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds	15	32	34	15	4
Accessing and using information from print	>1	11	54	34	>1
Accessing and using information from electronic sources (e.g., web)	2	12	37	48	1
Independent and continued learning	2	14	44	33	8
Confidence in my abilities	1	10	39	50	>1
Understanding current global and societal issues	5	29	45	17	3
Acting on ethical principles, values	3	13	48	35	1
Adapting/responding to new challenges in life/at work	2	13	46	39	1
<b>A6</b> Listed below are some fields of study included in many UI degree programs. Based on your life experience since completing your degree, please indicate your view of each with respect to: (a) its importance and the emphasis the field of study should have for students at the UI, and (b) the quality of the coursework and other experiences you had in it, if any. Please mark a choice for both desired emphasis and quality for each field of study.					
<b>Emphasis this should have at UI</b>	More	Less	Same	Don't Know	
Written Communications	44	>1	53	2	
Oral communications, speaking/presentation skills	52	1	44	3	
Social Sciences	18	7	66	9	
Literature	14	9	65	12	
Philosophy/Ethics	22	7	58	13	
Fine Arts	19	10	54	18	
Physical Sciences	19	3	68	10	
Biological/Life Sciences	19	2	65	14	
Mathematics	23	3	65	9	
Statistics	16	5	63	15	
Computers/Technology	56	>1	38	6	
Foreign Languages	29	4	44	24	
Curriculum integration/interdisciplinary courses	40	4	37	18	

Quality of my coursework/experiences	UI %				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Not taken/ NA
Written Communications	1	14	62	22	2
Oral communications, speaking/presentation skills	3	22	53	17	5
Social Sciences	2	18	58	13	9
Literature	3	20	49	11	16
Philosophy/Ethics	4	26	40	11	19
Fine Arts	4	17	39	11	29
Physical Sciences	2	13	55	18	12
Biological/Life Sciences	3	10	47	18	22
Mathematics	6	19	46	18	11
Statistics	7	18	42	13	21
Computers/Technology	4	23	41	22	11
Foreign Languages	3	9	23	9	55
Curriculum integration/interdisciplinary courses	6	19	36	13	27
<b>PART II. College and Departmental Experiences</b>					
<b>B1</b> Using the enclosed list of college majors and degrees, please fill in the three-digit code for the department from which you graduated.					
<b>B2</b> For the following items, please rate the quality of the curriculum in your major relative to its value for you in your work experience or graduate studies.					
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
Department-recommended UI core curriculum courses	1	16	48	31	3
Clear program objectives/learning outcomes	3	16	47	32	2
Use of pertinent technology	1	20	40	33	2
Applicability of content	4	15	43	36	2
<b>B3</b> How satisfied were you with the following department offerings?					
	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Not Applicable
Courses in the major	1	7	55	38	0
Opportunities for participation in faculty or individual research	2	18	39	21	20
Laboratory experiences	1	11	46	22	20
Field experiences/practica	4	18	37	29	13
Internships	6	18	25	20	31
Availability of clubs/professional activities in the major	3	17	45	23	12
Seminars, colloquia, presentations	4	19	50	18	10

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Computer support for undergraduate work in the major	3	16	48	26	7
Facilities and equipment preparing you for career/employment	6	19	50	22	2
Help with career selection	9	26	38	16	10
Facilities and equipment preparing you for graduate or professional school	3	15	39	13	30
<b>B4</b> For each of the following aspects, what is your perception of the quality of advising you received through the department?					
	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know
Planning your course of study/program	12	21	35	31	1
Overall helpfulness of adviser	13	21	30	36	>1
Counseling about study strategies	20	25	24	17	14
<b>Items B5 to B7 are requested to enable us to monitor our Affirmative Action program and to insure equal opportunity. While completing the next few items is optional, your cooperation is appreciated.</b>					
<b>B5 Sex</b>					
Female	54				
Male	46				
<b>B6 Date of graduation?</b>					
1997	10				
1998	25				
1999	22				
2000	28				
2001	14				
May	64				
August	7				
December	29				
<b>B7 Race/Ethnicity:</b>					
African American	>1				
Asian American/Pacific Islander	1				
Caucasian American	92				
Hispanic American	2				
Indian/Alaskan Native	1				
International	1				
Mixed Race	2				
Other	1				

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<b>B8</b> Which of the following best describes your primary occupation?	
Employed Full-time (35+ hours per week)	70
Self-employed	9
In Military Service	2
Employed Part-time	4
Employed more than 50% and continuing with education	1
Graduate student	3
Student earning second bachelor's degree, or professional certification/license	1
Caring for a home/family/dependents	8
Unemployed	>1
Other	1

### **PART III. Employed Graduates and Those in Military Services**

If you answered a, b, c, or d in B8, please complete Part III. Otherwise, please go to the Comments page.

#### **C1** How many hours per week are you currently employed?

Full-time (35 or more hours/week)	90
21-34 hours/week	6
1-20 hours/week	4

#### **C2** How long have you held your current position?

Less than 6 months	8
6-11 months	7
12-23 months	15
24-35 months	13
35 months or more	57

#### **C3** How closely are the knowledge and skills you developed at UI related to your job?

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Very Closely
Education related to current job	10	22	34	34
Education related to first job after bachelor's degree, if different than current job	18	13	27	42

#### **C4** Did you use Career Services/Placement at UI to find and apply for your job?

Yes	9
No	91

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
<b>C5</b> If yes, how satisfied are/were you with these services?	18	18	36	27

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<b>PART IV. Graduates in Graduate Studies, Second Bachelor's Degree, or Earning A Certificate/License</b>	
If you answered e, f, or g to B8, please complete Part IV. Otherwise, please go to the Comments page.	
<b>D1</b> What was the major reason you decided to continue your education?	
Extend my expertise in my major field	54
Satisfy job requirements	4
Obtain a professional license or certification	27
Unable to find employment with undergraduate degree/major	14
<b>D2</b> How did you select the school for your advanced or continuing studies?	
Convenience of location	38
Most appropriate program for my needs	38
Affordability	3
Reputation in my field	14
Potential for professional employment/career	0
Advice of friend/adviser	7
<b>D3</b> How well did your undergraduate program at UI prepare you for your advanced studies?	
Poorly	10
Some 'gaps'	26
Adequately	6
Quite well	26
Very Well	23
Don't know	10

Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding error.

Response percentages reported are valid percentages for those responding to each item.

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