Post-Graduation Report: 2009-2010 bachelor's degree graduates

Report for: Building Construction in College of Architecture and Urban Studies

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Results compiled: 3/7/2011

What graduates are doing after graduation:

Status up to 6 months following degree completion

72 Total graduates in Building Construction in College of Architecture and Urban Studies
53 74% Respondents

TAKING TIME OFF after graduation (more than 1 month, less than 1 year)
After graduation, but before employment or graduate school, are you taking time off - for more than one month, but less than one year - to travel, do service work, or do other recreational or family activities?

28 53% No
22 42% Yes, one to less than three full months
2 4% Yes, three to less than six full months
1 2% Yes, six months to less than a full year

PLANS or STATUS AFTER GRADUATION
Which best describes your plans or situation after graduation (and after taking time off, if you are doing so)?

1 2% 1. Doing a year or more of service work (such as with Peace Corps).
0 0% 2. Self-employed or working in a family-owned business.
0 0% 3. Looking at options: seeking employment and applying to graduate or professional school.
0 0% 4. Plan to seek employment, but have not yet started to job-hunt.
11 21% 5. Currently seeking employment, but don't yet have a job offer.
2 4% 6. Have a job offer (or offers), but have not yet decided to accept.
38 72% 7. Have a job offer (or offers), and have accepted or will accept.
0 0% 8. Plan to attend graduate or professional school (or other additional education) full time, but details not firm yet.
1 2% 9. Have accepted full-time admission to graduate or professional school (or other additional education).
0 0% 10. Other

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Graduate or professional school:

1 2% Plan to attend OR have accepted admission (Plans/status 8. & 9. above)
GRADUATE or PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL (or other) DEGREES being pursued
View list showing degree / program / institution / location

ADVICE SOURCES about graduate or professional school (check ALL that apply)
From what sources did you seek advice about graduate or professional school (or other additional education)?
1 100% Print information such as books or magazines.
1 100% Web sites / online information.
1 100% Professors at Virginia Tech.
1 100% Academic advisors at Virginia Tech.
0 0% Pre-professional school advisors at Virginia Tech.
1 100% People who work in the field or profession I'd like to pursue.
1 100% Parents and/or other adult relatives or family friends.
1 100% Peers such as friends and/or brothers or sisters.
0 0% Career Services.
1 100% Faculty or staff at graduate or professional schools you considered.
0 0% Other

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Employment:

39 74% Number / percent of respondents reporting they are employed (Plans/status 1., 2. & 7. above)
Not all grads who reported employment indicated whether employment is full- or part-time. Those who did indicate this are as follows:

37 100% Number / percent of total employed who are employed full-time
0 0% Number / percent of total employed who are employed part-time

EMPLOYERS, JOB TITLES, LOCATIONS
View list showing undergraduate major, name of employing organization, job title, and location

SALARY DATA for graduates who accepted FULL-TIME employment
Those with full-time employment (but not long-term service work) were asked to state annual salary; survey stated that we collect salary information only to show ranges and averages for colleges and for majors; we don't publish individual salaries.

36 92% Number / percent of employed reporting salaries
25th percentile (25% make this amount or less): $44,000
Median: 50th percentile (50% make this amount or less; 50% make more): $50,000
75th percentile (75% make this amount or less; 25% make more): $54,000 (Percentiles not reported if fewer than 12 graduates reported salary)

BONUS w/JOB OFFER
Did your job offer include a signing bonus?

37 95% Number / percent of employed who reported whether or not they received bonuses
6 16% Yes
31 84% No
25th percentile (25% of bonuses were this amount or less): **
Median: 50th percentile (50% of bonuses were this amount or less; 50% make more): $2,750
75th percentile (75% of bonuses were this amount or less; 25% make more): **
(Percentiles not reported if fewer than 12 graduates reported a bonus)

Employment RELATED to CAREER GOALS
Do you consider your job to be related to your career goals and/or to be an entry-level avenue to reach your career goals?

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<td>86% VERY related to career goals</td>
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<td>14% SOMEWHAT related to career goals</td>
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Employment RELATED to MAJOR
Do you consider your job to be related to your college major?

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<td>33</td>
<td>89% VERY related to major</td>
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<td>3% SOMEWHAT related to major</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>8% NOT related to major</td>
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JOB / EMPLOYER SOURCE
Which best describes the source of your first contact with the employer (organization, company, agency) whose job you accepted?

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<td>38% Worked for this employer (person or organization) in the past (through volunteer work, a part-time job, summer job, internship, co-op, undergraduate research project or other type of work relationship).</td>
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Referral or contact through:

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<td>0</td>
<td>0% Current or former employer.</td>
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<td>0% Professor or other faculty or staff member in your department.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>16% Friend or family member.</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>0% Alumnus/alumna (a graduate) of Virginia Tech.</td>
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<td>0% Fellow member of club, sorority or fraternity to which you belong.</td>
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<td>0% E-mail or posted information from your academic department.</td>
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<td>35% Career fair or job fair.</td>
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<td>0% On-Campus Interviewing Program or Hokies4Hire.</td>
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<td>3% The employer (organization, company, agency) web site.</td>
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<td>3% Web site for job seekers (such as Monster.com, on-line newspaper classifieds, etc.).</td>
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<td>0% Print publication (newspaper, etc.).</td>
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<td>5% Other</td>
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WHEN JOB SEARCH STARTED
About when did you actively start your job search for your post-graduation job? (Asked of employed graduates and those with an offer or offers.)

December 2009 graduates

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<td>18% During spring semester 2009 (more than 6 months prior to degree completion)</td>
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<td>27% Summer 2009 (4-6 months prior to degree completion)</td>
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<td>45% September or October 2009 (2-3 months prior to degree completion)</td>
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<td>0% November or December 2009 (0-1 month prior to degree completion)</td>
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<td>0% January, February or March 2010 (0-3 months after degree completion)</td>
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<td>9% After March 2010 (4 or more months after degree completion)</td>
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May - summer 2010 graduates

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<td>35% Between July and October 2009 (more than 6 months prior to May commencement)</td>
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<td>13</td>
<td>42% Between November 2009 and January 2010 (4-6 months prior to May commencement)</td>
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5 16% February or March 2010 (2-3 months prior to May commencement)
2  6% April or May 2010, prior to May commencement (0-1 month prior to commencement)
0  0% May commencement to August 2010 (0-3 months after commencement)
0  0% September 2010 or after (4 or more months after May commencement)
0  0% Other

NUMBER OF JOB OFFERS
To the best of your recollection, how many job offers have you received?
(Asked of employed graduates and those with an offer or offers.)
21 55% One
12 32% Two
  5 13% Three
  0  0% Four
  0  0% Five or more

WHEN OFFER RECEIVED
About when did you receive the job offer you accepted?

December 2009 graduates
  3 43% Before September 2009
  1 14% September or October 2009
  2 29% November or December 2009
  1 14% January, February or March 2010
  0  0% After March 2010
  0  0% Other

May - summer 2010 graduates
  7 26% Before January 2010
  9 33% January 2010 through Spring Break 2010
  9 33% After Spring Break 2010 - May 2010
  2  7% June, July or August 2010
  0  0% After August 2010
  0  0% Other

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Career-related learning and experience during college:

CAREER-RELATED EXPERIENCE DURING COLLEGE
Did you have any kind of career-related experience prior to graduation (types listed)?
  50 100% Yes
  0  0% No

TYPES OF CAREER-RELATED EXPERIENCE (check ALL that apply)
  50 94% Respondents to this question: number and percent of total respondents
What kind of experience did you have? (check ALL that apply)
  15 30% Volunteer work
  16 32% Part-time job
  26 52% Summer job
  2  4% Unpaid internship
43  86%  Paid internship
0    0%  Co-op
0    0%  Undergraduate research
1    2%  Field study
1    2%  Other

EXTENT to which graduates LEARNED JOB SEARCH SKILLS
Which best describes the extent to which you learned job search skills during college? (Such as how to write your resume and job-search correspondence, interviewing skills, professionalism skills, and where to look for jobs?)
I learned...
23  46%  Most job search skills I needed.
17  34%  Some job search skills, but not all I needed to know.
10  20%  Nothing or very little.

SOURCES of LEARNING JOB SEARCH SKILLS (check ALL that apply)
If you did learn job search skills, where do you believe you learned them? Please check all that apply.
16  42%  Career Services programs, publications, web site, advising, workshops, etc.
14  37%  Academic-credit course or seminar in your major department or college.
  9  24%  Not-for-credit programs or seminars in your major department or college.
22  58%  Advisors, professors or staff in your major department or college.
   3  8%  Other faculty or staff in the university, but not in your major department or college.
26  68%  Parents and/or other adult relatives or family friends.
20  53%  Peers such as friends and/or brothers or sisters.
12  32%  Web sites with job search advice (other than Career Services).
  5  13%  Books, magazines or other print materials.
  3  8%  Other

USED CAREER SERVICES during college
As best as you can recall, did you use any of Career Services' resources while in college?
(Could include, but not limited to: advising, web site, publication, resource library, presentations, programs, co-op program, on-campus interviewing, eRecruiting, mock interview, help with career decision-making, seeking experience, planning for graduate school, job search, etc.)
12  26%  Never
  9  20%  Don't recall or unsure
24  52%  Yes, but not often
  1  2%  Yes, often

WOULD YOU DO ANYTHING DIFFERENTLY? IF SO, WHAT?
If you had to do it over again, is there anything related to planning for life after college that you would do differently?
26  52%  No. For the most part, I did what I needed to do to achieve my goals.
  4  48%  Yes. I wish I had done something differently.
If yes, please check ALL that apply.
I wish I had...
  4  17%  Learned more about graduate or professional school earlier.
13  57%  Gotten more experience related to my major or career goals.
  7  30%  Learned more about career options and/or learned earlier.
11  48%  Started my job search earlier.
  4  17%  Used more or different job search resources.
7 30%  Asked professors and/or other advisors for advice (more often, earlier, or at all).
2 9%  Other

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Questions

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