

**Miami University Graduation Survey**  
**2017-2018 College of Liberal Arts and Applied Science Bachelor's Degree Recipients**

- The Graduation Survey asks degree candidates about their experiences while attending Miami and their post-graduation plans. Participants included 238 students who received a bachelor's degree from the College of Liberal Arts and Applied Science (CLAAS) in 2017-18 (62.8% response rate).
- Detailed results for the CLAAS bachelor's degree recipients, including historical comparisons, are attached. Results for other degree recipients are available at:  
[www.miamioh.edu/oir/Surveys/GraduationSurvey](http://www.miamioh.edu/oir/Surveys/GraduationSurvey).

**Future Plans**

- *Because students complete the Graduation Survey prior to graduation, all information about their future plans is considered preliminary. Complete information on graduates' career and educational placement is available through the New Alumni Success Project (see [www.miamioh.edu/oir/surveys/post-graduation](http://www.miamioh.edu/oir/surveys/post-graduation)).*
- When asked about their plans for the fall, 18.5% plan to attend graduate school, 1.3% professional school, and 1.3% plan to pursue additional undergraduate study. Of those planning to attend graduate or professional school:
  - 86.7% plan to pursue a master's-level degree, 6.7% plan to pursue a research doctoral degree (e.g., PhD, EdD), and 4.4% plan to pursue a professional doctoral degree (e.g., MD, JD, DVM).
  - 68.9% of regional campus bachelor's recipients who plan to attend graduate or professional school during the fall had not yet applied to a program by their final semester at Miami, down from 84.2% in 2016-17. In comparison, only 25.8% of Oxford bachelor's recipients who plan to attend graduate or professional school in the fall were still waiting to apply.
  - As the regional campus bachelor's programs expand, the need for additional support for students planning to pursue graduate degrees may also increase.
- The majority of students (90.8%) also plan to work after graduation: 79.0% plan to work full-time in their field of study, and 10.9% plan to work full-time outside their field of study.
  - Among students who had begun searching for employment, 64.8% had received at least one offer of employment or were already working by the time they completed the survey, including 3.1% who planned to be self-employed or start their own business after graduation.
  - Among students who had accepted an offer of employment or were working at the company where they would be employed after graduation, 85.2% had been previously employed with the company; 53.1% had been previously employed with the company as a full-time employee (up from 41.7% last year).
  - 60.0% of students with a job or job offer had obtained a position that required a bachelor's degree.
  - Among participants who had secured a full-time position, the median salary range was \$50,000-\$59,999 per year, consistent with last year. However, the range of salaries included

more graduates in the low end of the salary scale (6.6% earning \$29,999 or below compared with 0.0% last year).

- 86.2% of the students plan to live in Ohio after graduation.

### **Experiences at Miami**

- 91.5% of students were satisfied or very satisfied with the freedom to express their own ideas, opinions, and points of view.
- 70.6% of students often or very often had discussions with people of a different background (including those who differ in race/ethnicity, economic background, religious belief, or political views) during the past school year.
- Many students participated in educationally beneficial activities while at Miami University. For example:
  - 36.0% worked on an independent study project.
  - 31.4% participated in an internship or co-op.
  - 33.6% completed a field experience.
- 17.4% of students reported being an active participant in a student organization/club.
- Many students reported working while attending Miami: 14.7% worked part-time on campus, 45.5% worked part-time off-campus, and 46.9% worked full-time while attending classes.

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<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>2014-2015</b>	<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
<b>Sample Size</b>	N = 145	N = 177	N = 186	N = 193	N = 238
<b>Response Rate</b>	57.1%	55.5%	58.9%	62.9%	62.8%
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	40.0%	42.4%	35.5%	33.7%	39.5%
Female	60.0%	57.6%	64.5%	66.3%	60.5%
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>					
White	88.3%	84.2%	89.8%	81.3%	81.5%
Minority (Domestic)	10.3%	13.6%	8.1%	15.5%	12.2%
Non-Resident Alien	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%	3.4%
Unknown	1.4%	2.3%	2.2%	1.0%	2.9%
<b>Division<sup>1</sup></b>					
Arts and Science	1.4%	1.1%	1.6%	3.6%	5.0%
Business	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Creative Arts	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%
Education, Health and Society	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	2.1%
Engineering and Computing	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%
Liberal Arts and Applied Science	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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What do you plan to be doing next fall? Next fall, I plan to: all that apply)	(Mark				
Attend school (total), including:	26.9%	21.5%	25.3%	21.2%	21.0%
Attend graduate school	22.1%	19.8%	22.0%	18.1%	18.5%
Attend professional school	2.8%	0.6%	2.7%	1.6%	1.3%
Pursue additional undergraduate study	4.8%	2.8%	2.2%	2.1%	1.3%
Work (total), including:	92.4%	93.8%	93.0%	88.6%	90.8%
Work full-time in my field of study	84.1%	80.8%	87.1%	79.3%	79.0%
Work full-time outside my field of study	10.3%	13.0%	8.1%	13.0%	10.9%
Working part-time	8.3%	NA2	NA	NA	NA
Work part-time as part of a graduate or professional program (e.g., GA, TA, RA or similar position)	NA	2.8%	1.1%	2.6%	0.8%
Working part-time (not as part of a graduate/professional program)	NA	5.6%	4.8%	4.1%	NA
Work part-time in my field of study (not as part of a graduate/professional	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.8%
Work part-time outside of my field of study	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.6%
Participate in a volunteer or service program (e.g., Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, etc.)	1.4%	2.3%	1.6%	NA	NA
Serve in the Armed Forces	0.7%	1.7%	1.6%	NA	NA
Doing volunteer work	13.8%	8.5%	9.7%	NA	NA
Starting or raising a family	15.9%	15.8%	15.6%	NA	NA
Other	NA	NA	NA	2.6%	4.6%
No current plans/unsure	8.3%	4.0%	3.8%	9.3%	6.7%

In which state (or country, if you plan to move abroad) will you be living next fall?					
Ohio	87.1%	87.8%	88.2%	86.0%	86.2%
U.S. state other than Ohio	6.0%	4.3%	6.6%	8.9%	8.4%
American territory or foreign country	0.9%	1.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.9%
Undecided	6.0%	6.5%	4.6%	5.1%	4.4%

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<b>[Of those planning to attend graduate school or professional school next fall]</b>					
<b>In which type of degree program will you be enrolled?</b>					
Certificate Program (Graduate Level)	3.2%	3.1%	2.3%	5.4%	2.2%
Master's or Master's Equivalent	58.1%	53.1%	53.5%	78.4%	86.7%
Doctoral - Research/Scholarship (e.g., PhD, EdD)	12.9%	12.5%	9.3%	2.7%	6.7%
Doctoral - Professional (e.g., MD, JD, DVM)	12.9%	15.6%	11.6%	8.1%	4.4%
Unsure/Unknown	16.1%	18.8%	23.3%	5.4%	0.0%

<b>[Of those planning to attend graduate school or professional school next fall]</b>					
<b>Which of the following best describes the current state of your educational plans?</b>					
Have not yet applied to a program, but plan to do so within the next year	77.1%	77.1%	83.3%	84.2%	68.9%
Accepted an offer	11.4%	0.0%	4.8%	2.6%	13.3%
Have received at least one offer, but have not yet accepted	5.7%	5.7%	0.0%	5.3%	2.2%
Have not received any offers yet, but have been placed on at least one waiting list	0.0%	5.7%	2.4%	2.6%	0.0%
Have not received any offers yet and/or still waiting for responses	5.7%	11.4%	9.5%	5.3%	15.6%
<i>Among students who are within 30 days of graduating:</i>					
Have not yet applied to a program, but plan to do so within the next year	70.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Accepted an offer	10.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Have received at least one offer, but have not yet accepted	0.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Have not received any offers yet, but have been placed on at least one waiting list	0.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Have not received any offers yet and/or still waiting for responses	20.0%	NA	NA	NA	NA

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<i>[Of those currently looking for employment]</i>					
<b>Which best describes the current state of your employment plans?</b>					
Have applied for at least one job, but no offers yet	36.0%	33.6%	28.1%	34.6%	35.2%
Have received at least one offer of employment, but have not yet accepted a position	15.1%	12.6%	17.8%	19.5%	11.7%
Accepted an offer of employment or are already working at the company/institution where they will be employed after graduation	48.8%	53.8%	52.6%	44.4%	50.0%
Will be self-employed or starting/running my own business	NA	NA	1.5%	1.5%	3.1%
<i>Among students who are within 30 days of graduating:</i>					
Have applied for at least one job, but no offers yet	38.1%	27.3%	28.6%	29.0%	40.9%
Have received at least one offer of employment, but have not yet accepted a position	9.5%	4.5%	10.7%	12.9%	4.5%
Accepted an offer of employment or are already working at the company/institution where they will be employed after graduation	52.4%	68.2%	60.7%	58.1%	54.5%
Will be self-employed or starting/running my own business	NA	NA	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

<i>[Of those currently looking for employment]</i>					
<b>How many job offers (if any) have you received?</b>					
None	37.9%	42.1%	36.0%	47.1%	45.6%
1	39.4%	34.7%	38.7%	29.8%	31.6%
2	10.6%	11.6%	18.0%	14.9%	12.7%
3	9.1%	5.3%	2.7%	8.3%	7.6%
4	0.0%	2.1%	1.8%	0.0%	1.3%
5	1.5%	2.1%	0.9%	0.0%	0.6%
6 or more	1.5%	2.1%	1.8%	0.0%	0.6%
<i>Among students who are within 30 days of graduating:</i>					
None	37.5%	30.0%	32.0%	44.8%	47.6%
1	25.0%	40.0%	32.0%	34.5%	19.0%
2	18.8%	20.0%	24.0%	17.2%	16.7%
3	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	3.4%	9.5%
4	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	2.4%
5	6.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%
6 or more	0.0%	10.0%	8.0%	0.0%	2.4%

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*[Among students who have accepted an offer of employment or are working at the company where they will be employed after graduation]*

**Were you employed with this company prior to graduation?**

No, I was not employed at this company previously	2.5%	5.0%	12.5%	15.0%	14.8%
Yes, I was previously employed at this company (total):	97.5%	95.0%	87.5%	85.0%	85.2%
As a part-time or seasonal employee	22.5%	15.0%	26.4%	30.0%	24.7%
As a full-time employee	70.0%	76.7%	52.8%	41.7%	53.1%
As an intern or co-op student	12.5%	8.3%	8.3%	15.0%	13.6%
As a student teacher	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	1.2%
In another capacity not already specified	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%	5.0%	1.2%

**Is your position a full-time or a part-time position?**

Full-time	89.7%	90.0%	82.2%	83.6%	NA
Part-time	10.3%	10.0%	17.8%	16.4%	NA

**Does this position require a college degree? If so, please mark the type of degree required.**

No degree required	20.0%	16.4%	12.3%	19.7%	21.3%
Associate's	22.5%	31.1%	17.8%	14.8%	15.0%
Bachelor's	55.0%	49.2%	63.0%	62.3%	60.0%
Master's	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Doctoral	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%
Professional (e.g., MD, JD)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	2.5%	1.6%	6.8%	1.6%	3.8%

**Please provide an estimate of your salary.<sup>3</sup>**

Less than \$20,000 per year	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%
\$20,000-29,999 per year	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	0.0%	6.6%
\$30,000-39,999 per year	11.1%	13.6%	12.0%	15.0%	11.5%
\$40,000-49,999 per year	5.6%	31.8%	16.0%	15.0%	19.7%
\$50,000-59,999 per year	44.4%	9.1%	16.0%	30.0%	36.1%
\$60,000-69,999 per year	5.6%	18.2%	16.0%	20.0%	16.4%
\$70,000 or more per year	33.3%	27.3%	32.0%	20.0%	9.8%

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**[All Students]**

<b>My classes at Miami were intellectually challenging.</b>					
Strongly disagree	NA	3.0%	NA	1.7%	NA
Disagree	NA	3.0%	NA	3.5%	NA
Agree	NA	49.7%	NA	59.0%	NA
Strongly agree	NA	44.3%	NA	35.8%	NA

<b>Miami prepared me to work with others from different cultures.</b>					
Strongly disagree	NA	3.0%	NA	2.9%	NA
Disagree	NA	4.9%	NA	8.8%	NA
Agree	NA	51.2%	NA	49.7%	NA
Strongly agree	NA	40.9%	NA	38.6%	NA

<b>My instructors pushed me to go further in developing arguments, research, design or performances.</b>					
Strongly disagree	6.4%	NA	3.6%	NA	NA
Disagree	4.8%	NA	6.1%	NA	NA
Agree	64.0%	NA	53.9%	NA	NA
Strongly agree	24.8%	NA	36.4%	NA	NA

<b>During my time at Miami, I developed a sense of personal ethics or responsibility.</b>					
Strongly disagree	5.6%	NA	3.6%	NA	NA
Disagree	4.8%	NA	7.3%	NA	NA
Agree	55.2%	NA	44.2%	NA	NA
Strongly agree	34.4%	NA	44.8%	NA	NA

<b>How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at Miami?</b>					
Excellent	39.6%	NA	39.6%	NA	35.2%
Good	51.1%	NA	46.7%	NA	50.0%
Fair	7.2%	NA	11.5%	NA	14.0%
Poor	2.2%	NA	2.2%	NA	0.8%



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How satisfied were you with the freedom to express your own ideas, opinions, concerns, and points of view?					
Very dissatisfied	NA	0.6%	NA	2.7%	2.6%
Dissatisfied	NA	4.6%	NA	5.3%	6.0%
Satisfied	NA	62.4%	NA	59.4%	54.9%
Very satisfied	NA	32.4%	NA	32.6%	36.6%

During the past school year, how often have you had discussions with people of a different background (including those who differ in race/ethnicity, economic background, religious beliefs, or political views)?					
Very often	NA	32.4%	34.6%	31.7%	35.3%
Often	NA	28.9%	34.1%	36.0%	35.3%
Sometimes	NA	37.0%	28.6%	29.0%	26.0%
Never	NA	1.7%	2.7%	3.2%	3.4%

During my time at Miami, I: (Mark all that apply)					
Worked on an independent study project(s)	39.7%	55.0%	42.1%	44.0%	36.0%
Worked with a faculty member on a research project	27.9%	32.2%	31.0%	27.5%	24.6%
Worked with a faculty member on a creative arts project	NA	6.4%	5.8%	9.9%	5.7%
Presented at a regional or national conference	11.8%	12.3%	16.4%	9.9%	14.5%
Authored or coauthored a publication (e.g., journal article, poetry)	8.8%	3.5%	4.7%	6.6%	6.6%
Participated in a service learning project as part of a course	66.9%	60.2%	59.6%	61.0%	52.2%
Frequently worked on assignments that required me to build understanding of course concepts on my own	86.4%	NA	86.5%	NA	NA
Learned how to support my ideas and beliefs with data and evidence	85.6%	NA	84.2%	NA	NA
Frequently worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas from various sources	89.4%	NA	88.9%	NA	NA
Frequently worked on projects that required me to collaborate with other students outside the classroom	NA	85.4%	NA	77.5%	NA
Frequently practiced my public speaking skills, either inside or outside of the classroom (e.g., classroom presentations, speaking to a fraternity/ sorority or other student organization, speaking in student government)	NA	80.1%	NA	73.1%	NA
Participated in a cultural event or organization	41.4%	47.4%	NA	40.7%	36.0%

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<b>During my time at Miami, I: (Mark all that apply)</b>					
Participated in an internship or co-op	26.3%	28.0%	34.8%	30.7%	31.4%
Completed a student teaching experience	10.0%	7.9%	10.4%	12.8%	9.4%
Completed a field experience	24.0%	34.1%	43.9%	42.5%	33.6%
Completed a practicum	24.0%	28.7%	32.3%	30.2%	24.7%
Held a leadership position in a college organization or was involved in leadership workshops, programs, or classes	27.0%	22.6%	26.8%	22.9%	21.5%
Participated in a study-abroad program	2.9%	7.3%	10.4%	4.5%	3.6%
Tutored other students	15.3%	15.2%	15.9%	NA	NA
Utilized the services of Career Services	10.9%	17.1%	20.7%	NA	NA
Was a research assistant, graduate assistant (GA), or teaching associate (TA) in my department	4.4%	4.3%	3.7%	NA	NA
Was a research assistant, graduate assistant (GA), or teaching associate (TA) outside my department	0.7%	1.2%	0.0%	NA	NA
Was a research assistant (RA) or graduate assistant (GA)	NA	NA	NA	2.8%	2.2%
Taught at least one course or served as an undergraduate teaching associate	1.5%	1.8%	1.2%	1.1%	4.9%

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During my time at Miami, I: (Mark all that apply)					
Was an active member of a fraternity or sorority	4.4%	2.4%	5.7%	6.0%	3.1%
Worked part-time <u>on</u> campus while attending classes	14.6%	18.3%	22.0%	19.2%	14.7%
Worked part-time <u>off</u> campus while attending classes	44.5%	41.4%	52.8%	48.4%	45.5%
Worked full-time while attending classes	46.7%	54.4%	52.2%	47.3%	46.9%
Participated in student government	2.9%	4.7%	2.5%	3.8%	2.7%
Was an active participant in a student organization/club	21.2%	26.6%	24.5%	21.4%	17.4%
Played varsity/intercollegiate athletics	4.4%	3.0%	3.1%	5.5%	6.7%
Played intramural or club sports	7.3%	6.5%	0.6%	7.7%	6.3%
Was a Residence Assistant	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%
Attended a fine arts presentation (Art, Music, Theatre, Art Museum, Performing Art Series)	29.2%	31.4%	28.9%	31.9%	NA
Was a participant in a fine arts presentation (Art, Music, Theatre)	3.6%	3.0%	4.4%	5.5%	3.1%
Did volunteer work as part of a student organization/club/fraternity or sorority	21.9%	25.4%	20.8%	18.7%	11.6%
Did volunteer work on my own	43.8%	47.3%	50.9%	41.2%	34.8%
Was a member of a student governing board, student programming board, or a student representative to a University committee	NA	4.7%	5.0%	3.8%	3.1%
Completed a certificate from Miami	NA	NA	NA	7.1%	NA

<sup>1</sup>Totals for the "Division" category may sum to more than 100% due to students receiving multiple degrees.

<sup>2</sup>Items marked NA are not available because either, 1) the question was not asked in that year, or, 2) the response size was too small to allow for analyses.

<sup>3</sup>Salaries listed are based on participants who will be working full-time and reported an annual salary.