

International and Global Studies Alumni, Survey 2011-12

In December 2011, we contacted **466 International and Global Studies alumni** via email to **better understand their post-graduation steps and solicit their feedback on the unique aspects of the International and Global Studies majors**. As of January 19, 177 alumni had responded for a **response rate of 38%**.

174 respondents were International Studies majors, and 3 respondents were Global Studies majors. 75% of respondents graduated in or after 2007; 25% graduated between 2000 and 2006.

- 91% of alumni reported that **taking courses from a range of disciplines to gain a multidisciplinary perspective** was beneficial (37%) or very beneficial (53%) to their post-graduation steps.
- 80% of alumni reported that **getting international experience** was very beneficial while another 13% reported that it was beneficial.
- 70% of alumni reported that **learning a foreign language** was very beneficial while another 19% reported that it was beneficial.
- 74% of alumni reported that **customizing their studies to their own interests/career path** was beneficial (23%) or very beneficial (51%).
- 81% of alumni reported that **study abroad was one of their most valuable experiences** as an undergraduate.

Alumni Advice for Current Students

- Learn another language to near native proficiency
- Take statistics, economics, public speaking, and technology courses
- Get to know your professors
- Learn a critical language
- Do distinction or other capstone research
- Study abroad for one year
- Use the Career Center and other career resources on campus
- Do at least one internship
- Get to know other Global Studies majors
- Find general education courses that relate to your major
- Meet often with your advisors

Current Jobs: Sector and Job Type

Business: Marketing Director, District Manager, Compliance Advisor, Entrepreneur, Strategic Analyst, Financial Assistant, Senior Associate, Office Manager, Account Executive, IT Coordinator, Senior Risk Analyst, Editorial Coordinator, Global Recruiter, HR Manager, Sales Rep, National Sales Director, Operations Manager, Senior Accountant, Product Manager

Government/Public Service: Foreign Service Officer, Associate Analyst, Head of Rule of Law, Data Systems Director, Special Agent, Cultural and Language Ambassador, Fulbright ETA, Social Media Director, Country Desk Officer

Education: Teacher, Outreach Representative, Associate Director, Study Abroad Coordinator, Admissions Officer, Sales Executive, Advisor, Course Administrator, Director, Foreign Expert, Project Coordinator, Outreach Representative

Nonprofit: Program Manager, Development Associate, Community Organizer, Caseworker, Labor Economist, Program and Operations Officer

Service Industry: Au-pair, Server

Health: Physician, Application Analyst, Program Manager, Interpreter

Military/Security: Army Officer

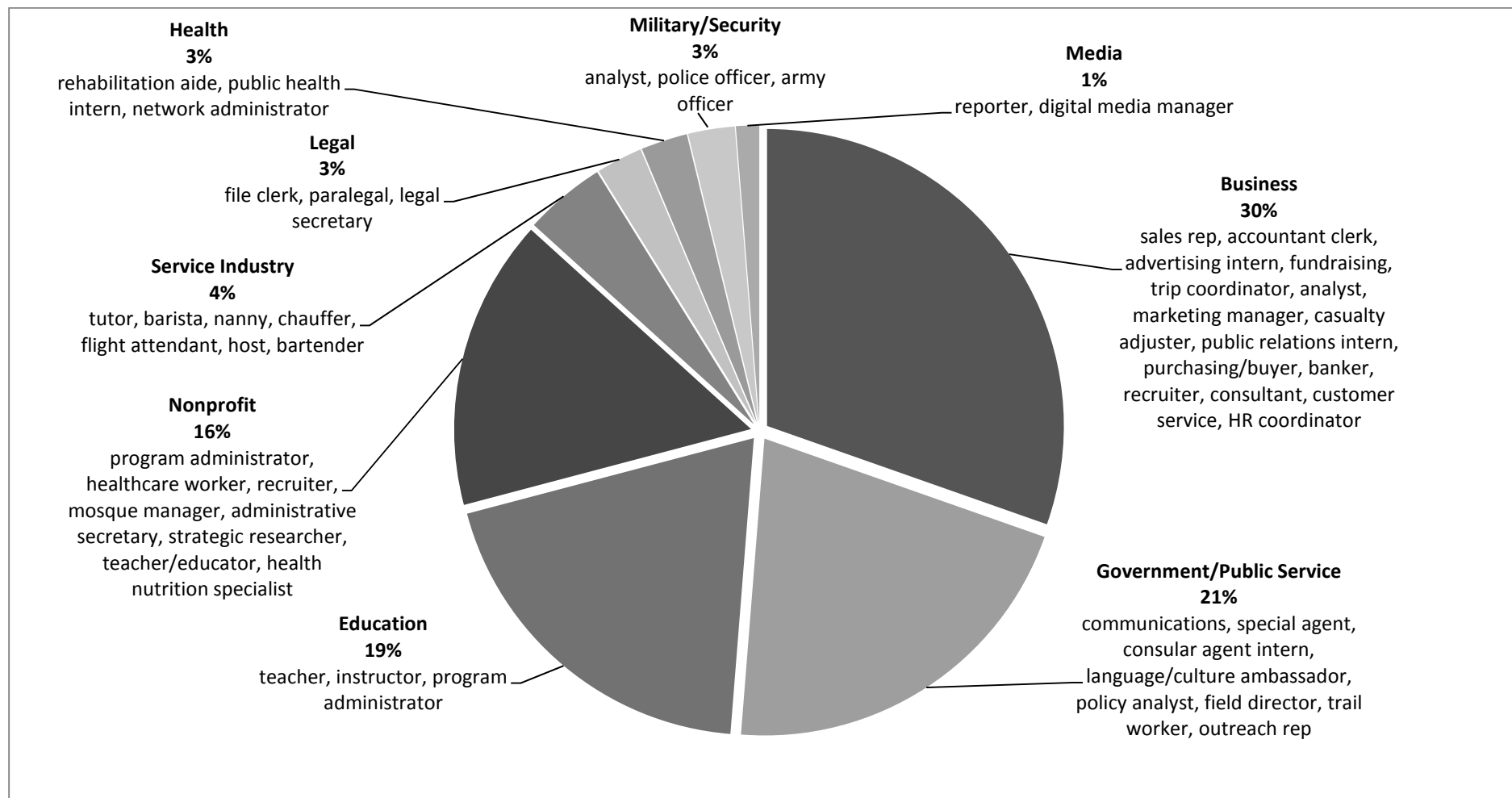
Legal: Attorney, Litigation Paralegal

Media: Technical Specialist, Writer

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First Jobs: Sector and Job Type

n = 160



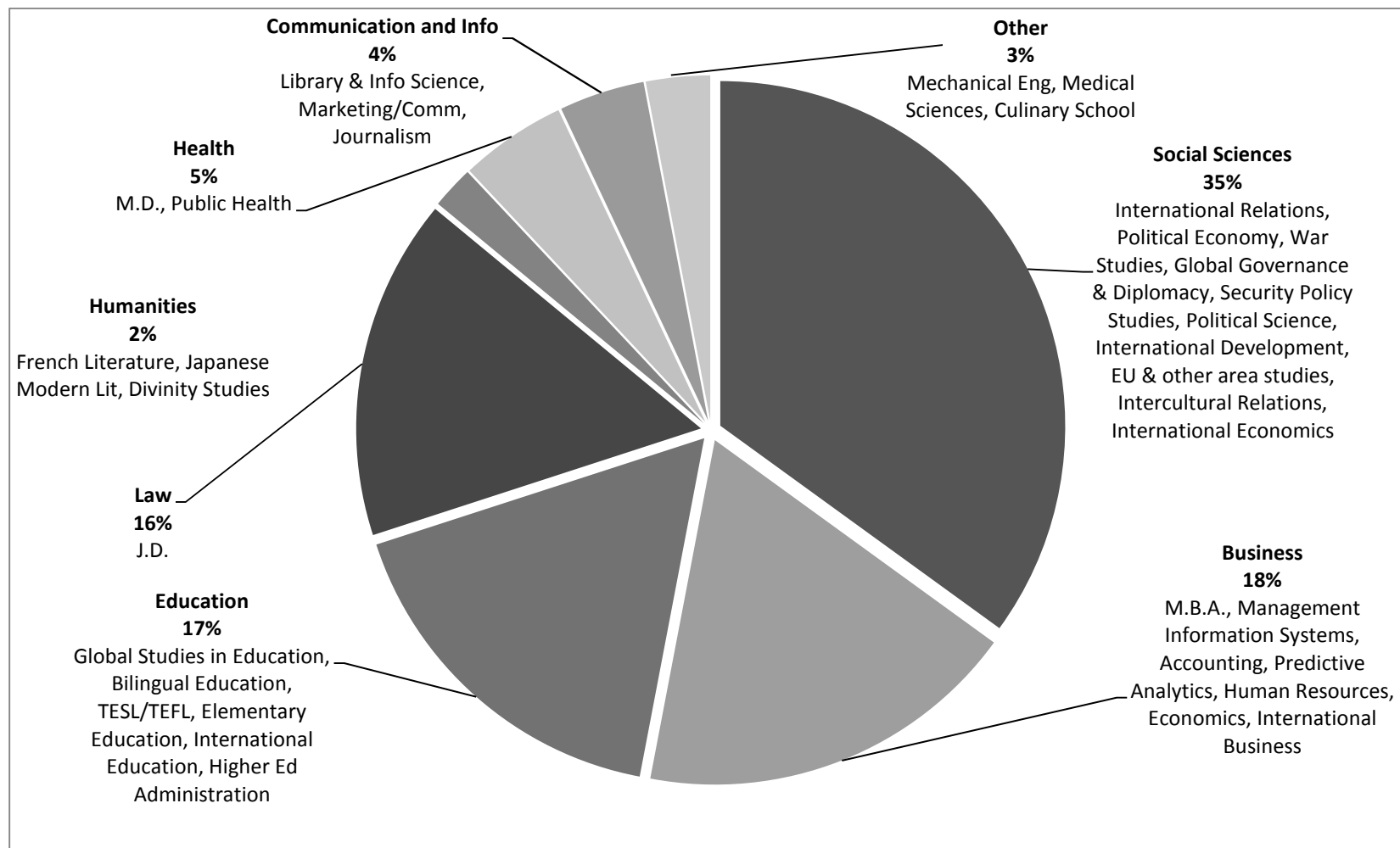
Locations: Illinois = 51%; Other US States = 23%; International = 26%

Examples: Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Boston, NYC, Washington, DC, Houston, Spain, Guatemala, South Korea, Azerbaijan, China, Ecuador, Paraguay, Egypt, Austria, Germany, Kenya, Turkey, Singapore, France, Cambodia, Moldova, Senegal, Japan, Sudan, Chile, Argentina

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Further Education

n = 100



Institutions

U.S.: Boston U, Brandeis, Cornell U, CUNY-City College, DePaul U, Eastern Illinois U, Fordham U, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Kellogg School of Management, Loyola, Monterey Institute of International Studies, New York U, Northeastern Illinois U, Northern Illinois U, Northwestern U, Pepperdine U, Southern Illinois U, Syracuse U, The George Washington U, The John Marshall Law School, U Arizona, U California-Berkeley, U California-San Diego, U of Chicago, U Connecticut, U Florida, U Illinois, U Illinois at Chicago, U Maryland-Baltimore, U Michigan, U Minnesota, U Nevada-LV, Webster U

International: U Amsterdam, King's College-London, Graduate Institute of Geneva, Tel Aviv U, U Buenos Aires, U Oxford, Wien U