

SERVICE LEARNING

While attending Western, did you participate in any internship, service learning courses, volunteer positions, or other type of experience that gave you work experience in your field? (N = 389)

Yes	No
47%	54%

DETAILS: Participated in internship, service learning or volunteer position (47% of 389, N = 181):

Please check all types of such experiences you have had while at Western.

	%							
Volunteering	49%							
Internships	44%							
Service Learning	30%							
Other (Please Specify:*	22%							
*Relevant on-campus job	5%							
*Undergraduate research	4%							
*Practica	4%							
*Relevant off-campus job	3%							
*Field Experience	2%							
*WWU experiential/teaching course	1%							

* Other responses included: apprenticeship, residence life job, student church council, tutor

How helpful have these experiences been in terms of preparing you to get a job once you graduate? (N = 181)

	Not at all	A little	Some-what	Very	Extre-mely			
	2%	9%	22%	31%	37%			

COURSE EXPERIENCE

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First, how many of each type of assignment listed below have you completed as part of your coursework this past academic year, excluding those you completed to meet your writing proficiency requirement.									
	N	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more	
Required presentations involving the use of media (e.g. overheads, powerpoint, slides, etc.)	389	14%	10%	16%	15%	11%	8%	26%	
Substantial essays of five pages or more	389	18%	15%	12%	13%	7%	10%	24%	
Library research papers of 5 pages or more	387	27%	16%	18%	12%	9%	6%	12%	
Scientific or primary source research papers of 5 pages or more	379	44%	18%	13%	10%	3%	4%	9%	
Service learning, internship or field projects	388	51%	18%	15%	8%	2%	1%	5%	
How often this past year did you do each of the following? (online version only)									
	N	Not At All	Once or Twice	Several Times	Often	Very Often			
Talk to a professor outside of class.	368	2%	16%	34%	22%	26%			
Attend learning events (such as the	368	27%	31%	26%	9%	8%			
Work with a professor outside of class on a research project.	364	52%	26%	9%	4%	9%			

CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE

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Have you taken a “capstone” course or seminar or completed a senior thesis or senior project as part of your major? (N = 389)									
		Yes	No						
		29%	71%						
DETAILS: Completed Capstone Course/Seminar or Senior Thesis/Project (29% of 389, N = 114):									
Did this course result in the production of a portfolio, major paper or artistic work that you could use as an example of your preparation for employment or graduate school?									
		N	Yes	No					
		104	74%	26%					
To what extent would you disagree or agree with each of the following statements about your capstone or senior thesis/project course?									
		N	Strongly Disagree	Disagree Somewhat	Disagree a Little	Neither/Don't Know	Agree a Little	Agree Somewhat	Strongly Agree
	It was a rewarding experience.	106	6%	2%	6%	11%	24%	23%	29%
	It provided me with an opportunity to pull together much of what I had learned from other courses in my major.	106	4%	8%	6%	4%	28%	26%	25%
	It gave me a feeling of completion.	105	7%	8%	9%	10%	14%	30%	22%
	It left me feeling like I had learned a lot from the courses in my major	106	7%	8%	3%	8%	23%	33%	19%
	It gave me a feeling of completion.	106	5%	5%	6%	8%	24%	33%	21%