

# Course Data Fact Sheet: Graduate destination data

## What is this data?

All universities are required to survey their graduates six months after the completion of their course to find out whether they have gained employment or progressed to further study, to elicit the nature of their employment or study, and to explore how well the course had prepared them for employment or further study.

The results of the survey are sent to the Higher Education Statistics Agency and also shared within the University of Suffolk to help monitor and enhance our provision. The data is collected during the early months of each year and distributed throughout the University of Suffolk in June; the data presented should not be shared outside the University of Suffolk.

## How the data is presented

Results sheets are provided in the format illustrated to the right for each course where the sample of graduates surveyed is large enough to preserve anonymity.

## Interpreting the data

Key elements of the results are shared with course committees as Destination Data reports through the RiME processes. The data is presented under four headings:

- **Response data:** indicates the response rate achieved. For comparison, in 2016 the overall response rate for our institution's 2014-15 graduates was 84.7%.
- **Activity data:** graduates fall into four possible categories: working, studying, working and studying, or neither working or studying. Numbers of graduates in each of the first three categories are reported along with the overall proportion who are working or studying (or both).
- **Job types:** to allow course teams to gain overall insight into the levels of employment that graduates progress onto, we report on the number of students who gain professional or managerial roles within six months of graduation.
- **Preparation for work and for further study:** graduates are asked to indicate how well the course has prepared them for employment, further study and self-employment. Many students indicate that they 'can't tell', giving rise to apparent low response rates to these questions and making the interpretation of these results difficult.

### RiME Destination Data

#### Destination Data

The data below is that resulting from surveying students who graduated in the spring following the specified academic year and is derived from data we provide to HESA on an annual basis in the DLHE return.

Centre	UCS Ipswich
School	Leisure Studies
Division	Practical Hobbies
Course Code(s)	IFD11CAM
Course Title	Campanology
Subject Heading *	Leisure

Academic year of graduation	2011-12	2010-11	2009-10
<b>Response data</b>			
Number of students surveyed	13	15	11
Number of student responses	12	14	9
Response rate	92.3%	93.3%	81.8%
<b>Activity data for respondents</b>			
Number working only	2	3	2
Number studying only	6	7	3
Number working and studying	3	4	3
Total number working or studying	11	14	8
Percentage working or studying	91.7%	100%	88.9%
<b>Job types of those working</b>			
Number of students working	8	7	5
Number in professional or managerial jobs	2	3	1
Percentage in professional or managerial jobs	25%	42.9%	20%
<b>Preparation for work and/or further study</b>			
Number saying HE prepared for employment	3	N/A	N/A
Number saying HE didn't prepare for employment	3	N/A	N/A
Number saying HE prepared for further study	4	N/A	N/A
Number saying HE didn't prepare for further study	0	N/A	N/A
Number saying HE prepared for self-employment	2	N/A	N/A
Number saying HE didn't prepare for self-employment	4	N/A	N/A

\* Provided to enable comparison with national benchmark figures.