Harris Poll Graduates Study

Each year, the WGU-Harris Poll Graduates Study shows how graduates rate their overall experience with WGU’s academic programs, whether they possess the competencies required in their field of work, and their employment status after graduation.

The 2021 Graduates Study was conducted online from Oct. 7 to Dec. 1, 2021. Harris Poll surveyed 1,252 WGU graduates and 2,342 national, non-WGU graduates in each of the four degree fields WGU offers: teaching, business, information technology, and nursing.

Academic Programs

- **Satisfied with overall experience (Includes “very satisfied” and “extremely satisfied”)**
  - WGU: 84%
  - NATL: 74%

- **Extremely satisfied with overall experience**
  - WGU: 54%
  - NATL: 37%

- **Have recommended university to others**
  - WGU: 95%
  - NATL: 80%

- **Would choose university again**
  - WGU: 95%
  - NATL: 89%

- **Possess majority of competencies related to work**
  - WGU: 87%
  - NATL: 69%

Current Employment

- **Total employed**
  - WGU: 96%
  - NATL: 96%

- **Employed in degree field**
  - WGU: 87%
  - NATL: 87%

- **Employed full time**
  - WGU: 88%
  - NATL: 79%

- **Average income increase for WGU graduates**
  - Within two years of graduation: $18,200
  - Within four years of graduation: $25,900