



**Graduating Student Survey
Class of 2019**

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The Graduating Student Survey was administered May-July 2019 to the class of 2019 via a Web link sent by email in the invitation to participate. It was launched a week before graduation, May 29, 2019. After several reminders, the survey closed the third week of July.

This report summarizes responses to questions on students' perceptions of their educational experiences at John Jay. There are questions on faculty and advising, personal and intellectual development, and current employment as well as future plans for employment or continuing education. Two items on military service were added so that veterans in our graduating class could be quantified.

Administration of this survey preceded the availability of the names and contact information in the IRDB, this office's database. Therefore, we relied on the registrar's office to provide us with the list of students in the graduating class. Their list contained 3814 students: 175 certificate and advanced certificate recipients, 3092 bachelor's degree recipients, and 547 master's degree recipients. Those responding to the survey were 362 bachelor's degree recipients, and 118 master's degree recipients. No certificate degree recipients responded this time. Data for graduates from dual (BA/MA) degree programs were counted twice; once with the bachelor's degree graduates and once with master's degree graduates.

Table's 1 – 11 show graduating students' responses separately by degree earned.

Key Findings:

- **Master's Degree Graduates:**
 - 68% of graduates report they completed a capstone experience. Among these graduates 42% report they completed a thesis or final paper.
 - 53% of graduates report they were accepted into a program for further study. Among these graduates, 40% report they were accepted into a doctoral degree program.
 - 13% of graduates applied to programs related to their major.
 - 81% of graduates highly rate their overall experience at John Jay, and also 84% would choose to attend it again.
- **Bachelor's Degree Graduates:**
 - 84% of graduates report they completed a capstone experience. Of these graduates, 60% report they completed a thesis or final paper.
 - 58% of graduates report they were accepted into a program for further study. Among these graduates, 58% report they were accepted into a master's degree program.
 - 34% of graduates applied to programs related to their major.
 - 90% of graduates highly rate their overall experience at John Jay, and 89% would choose to attend it again.

The class of 2019 reports a very high percent of overall satisfaction with their John Jay College experience, and state that they would 'definitely' or 'probably' choose to attend the college again in the future.

Table 1
Student Characteristics

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Personal and Academic Characteristics	%	%
GENDER		
FEMALE	66%	77%
MALE	34%	23%
ETHNICITY		
AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK	19%	19%
ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER	13%	12%
HISPANIC	43%	26%
NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN NATIVE	.	.
WHITE	25%	43%
ATTENDANCE STATUS		
MOSTLY FULL-TIME	91%	64%
PART-TIME	9%	36%
DID YOU TRANSFER TO JOHN JAY?		
YES	63%	9%
NO	37%	91%
DID YOU EVER TAKE A SEMESTER OFF?		
YES, ONE SEMESTER	10%	7%
YES, MORE THAN ONE SEMESTER	12%	7%
NO, I NEVER TOOK A SEMESTER OFF	77%	86%
WAS JOHN JAY YOUR FIRST CHOICE SCHOOL?		
YES	75%	88%
NO	25%	12%

Table 1
Student Characteristics

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Current Employment	%	%
ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING FOR PAY?		
YES	75%	80%
NO	25%	20%
HOW MANY HOURS IN A WEEK DO YOU WORK?		
1-5 HOURS/WEEK	<1%	.
6-10 HOURS/WEEK	2%	.
11-20 HOURS/WEEK	18%	10%
21-34 HOURS/WEEK	21%	10%
35 OR MORE HOURS/WEEK	59%	80%
IN WHAT TYPE OF ORGANIZATION IS YOUR CURRENT JOB?		
A PUBLIC-SECTOR ORGANIZATION	33%	63%
A PRIVATE BUSINESS, COMPANY, OR ORGANIZATION	57%	29%
A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION	8%	7%
SELF-EMPLOYED	2%	1%

Table 2
Major/Program

Major/Program by Degree	% Responding
BACHELOR DEGREE (N = 362)	
ANTHROPOLOGY (BA)	1%
CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (BS)	<1%
COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION SECURITY (BS)	3%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CRIME CONTROL & PREV (BA)	2%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INST THEORY & PRACTICE (BS)	34%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANAGEMENT (BS)	7%
CRIMINOLOGY (BA)	7%
CULTURE & DEVIANCE STUDIES (BA)	<1%
ECONOMICS (BS)	1%
ENGLISH (BA)	2%
FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICE (BA)	1%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (BA)	13%
FORENSIC SCIENCE (BS)	2%
FRAUD EXAMINATION & FINANCIAL FORENSICS (BS)	3%
GENDER STUDIES (BA)	<1%
GLOBAL HISTORY (BA)	<1%
HUMANITIES & JUSTICE (BA)	<1%
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BA)	4%
LATIN AMERICAN & LATINA/O STUDIES (BA)	8%
LEGAL STUDIES (BS)	<1%
PHILOSOPHY (BA)	3%
POLICE STUDIES (BS)	4%
POLITICAL SCIENCE (BA)	2%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (BS)	1%
SECURITY MANAGEMENT (BS)	1%
SPANISH (BA)	<1%
WERE YOU ENROLLED IN A SPECIALIZATION, CONCENTRATION, OR TRACK IN YOUR MAJOR?	
YES	15%
NO	85%

Table 2
Major/Program

Major/Program by Degree	% Responding
DID YOU HAVE A SECONDARY MAJOR?	
YES	6%
NO	94%
WHAT IS YOUR SECONDARY MAJOR?	
CORRECTIONAL STUDIES (BS)	5%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CRIME CONTROL & PREV (BA)	5%
CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INST THEORY & PRACTICE (BS)	10%
CRIMINOLOGY (BA)	10%
ECONOMICS (BS)	5%
ENGLISH (BS)	5%
FIRE SCIENCE (BS)	5%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (BA)	10%
FRAUD EXAMINATION & FINANCIAL FORENSICS (BS)	5%
LATIN AMERICAN & LATINA/O STUDIES (BA)	5%
LAW AND SOCIETY (BA)	5%
PHILOSOPHY (BA)	5%
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (BS)	5%
SECURITY MANAGEMENT (BS)	5%
SOCIOLOGY (BA)	10%
SPANISH (BS)	5%
WERE YOU ENROLLED IN A SPECIALIZATION, CONCENTRATION, OR TRACK IN YOUR SECONDARY MAJOR?	
YES	5%
NO	95%

Table 2
Major/Program

Major/Program by Degree	% Responding
MASTER DEGREE (N = 118)	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE (MA)	24%
DIGITAL FORENSICS & CYBERSECURITY (MS)	4%
ECONOMICS (MA)	1%
FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH & COUNSELING (MA)	6%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY (MA)	11%
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY & LAW (MA/JD)	1%
FORENSIC SCIENCE (MS)	4%
INSPECTION & OVERSIGHT (MPA)	16%
INTERNATIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE (MA)	4%
PROTECTION MANAGEMENT (MS)	5%
PUBLIC POLICY & ADMINISTRATION (MPA)	18%
SECURITY MANAGEMENT (MS) online only	4%
WERE YOU ENROLLED IN A SPECIALIZATION, CONCENTRATION, OR TRACK IN YOUR MAJOR?	
YES	73%
NO	27%

**Table 3
Faculty**

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
To what extent did John Jay faculty:	%	%
EXPECT YOU TO MEET HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS		
VERY MUCH	62%	65%
SOME	32%	26%
A LITTLE	4%	4%
NOT AT ALL	2%	5%
PROVIDE FEEDBACK ABOUT YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE THAT HELPED YOU TO BE A BETTER STUDENT		
VERY MUCH	55%	59%
SOME	32%	26%
A LITTLE	8%	6%
NOT AT ALL	6%	8%
PROVIDE SUPPORT WHEN YOU WERE HAVING ACADEMIC DIFFICULTY		
VERY MUCH	53%	58%
SOME	27%	26%
A LITTLE	12%	7%
NOT AT ALL	8%	10%
SPEND TIME WITH STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF CLASS		
VERY MUCH	27%	26%
SOME	34%	37%
A LITTLE	22%	12%
NOT AT ALL	17%	24%

**Table 4
Advising**

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of advising at John Jay?	%	%
OVERALL AVAILABILITY OF FACULTY ADVISING AT JOHN JAY		
VERY SATISFIED	40%	42%
SATISFIED	48%	36%
DISSATISFIED	7%	9%
VERY DISSATISFIED	6%	13%
AVAILABILITY OF FACULTY ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	33%	33%
SATISFIED	45%	37%
DISSATISFIED	14%	18%
VERY DISSATISFIED	8%	12%
QUALITY OF FACULTY ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	35%	32%
SATISFIED	43%	39%
DISSATISFIED	15%	17%
VERY DISSATISFIED	7%	12%
OVERALL AVAILABILITY OF ADVISING AT JOHN JAY		
VERY SATISFIED	42%	39%
SATISFIED	43%	37%
DISSATISFIED	9%	12%
VERY DISSATISFIED	6%	12%
AVAILABILITY OF ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	34%	34%
SATISFIED	45%	34%
DISSATISFIED	15%	17%
VERY DISSATISFIED	6%	15%

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Advising

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
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QUALITY OF ADVISING ON OPTIONS FOR CAREERS AND/OR FURTHER STUDY AFTER GRADUATION		
VERY SATISFIED	33%	34%
SATISFIED	46%	31%
DISSATISFIED	13%	20%
VERY DISSATISFIED	8%	15%
FROM WHICH OF ADVISING CENTERS DID YOU RECEIVED ADVISING?*		
ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER	69%	25%
CENTER FOR CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	22%	16%
ACE	4%	.
APPLE CORPS	1%	.
HONORS	5%	3%
MACAULAY	1%	.
SEEK	6%	.
OTHER PROGRAM (PRISM, CUSP, etc.)	9%	7%
NEITHER	10%	58%

* The respondents were allowed to chose more then one answer.

Table 5
Personal Development

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Because of my experiences at John Jay I:	%	%
AM MORE WILLING TO INTERACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT FROM ME IN TERMS OF RACE, CULTURE, OR BELIEFS		
STRONGLY AGREE	59%	46%
AGREE	32%	38%
DISAGREE	7%	10%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2%	5%
HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MY OWN ETHICS AND VALUES		
STRONGLY AGREE	60%	51%
AGREE	33%	34%
DISAGREE	5%	12%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2%	4%
HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE TO TRY NEW THINGS		
STRONGLY AGREE	55%	43%
AGREE	37%	43%
DISAGREE	5%	11%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3%	4%

Table 5
Personal Development

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
Compared to when you started your current degree, how likely are you now to:	%	%
VOLUNTEER TIME OR DONATE MONEY TO A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION		
MUCH MORE LIKELY	26%	18%
MORE LIKELY	28%	22%
EQUALLY LIKELY	37%	50%
LESS LIKELY	4%	4%
MUCH LESS LIKELY	5%	6%
SUPPORT A POLITICAL OR SOCIAL MOVEMENT		
MUCH MORE LIKELY	30%	17%
MORE LIKELY	27%	22%
EQUALLY LIKELY	29%	45%
LESS LIKELY	7%	8%
MUCH LESS LIKELY	6%	8%
VOTE IN A LOCAL ELECTION		
MUCH MORE LIKELY	43%	26%
MORE LIKELY	21%	20%
EQUALLY LIKELY	28%	49%
LESS LIKELY	4%	1%
MUCH LESS LIKELY	5%	4%

Table 6
Skill Development

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
How much did the following skills improve as a result of your studies at John Jay?	%	%
ABILITY TO SPEAK CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY		
GREATLY IMPROVED	54%	44%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	33%	35%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	9%	6%
DID NOT IMPROVE	5%	14%
ABILITY TO WRITE CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY		
GREATLY IMPROVED	60%	54%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	31%	32%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	6%	4%
DID NOT IMPROVE	4%	10%
ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND AND READ DATA		
GREATLY IMPROVED	55%	61%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	31%	30%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	9%	4%
DID NOT IMPROVE	5%	5%
ABILITY TO USE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT AN ARGUMENT		
GREATLY IMPROVED	70%	63%
SOMEWHAT IMPROVED	25%	28%
IMPROVED A LITTLE	3%	5%
DID NOT IMPROVE	3%	4%

Table 7
Learning Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
To what extent did courses in your major:	%	%
CHALLENGE YOU TO VIEW AN ISSUE FROM A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW		
VERY MUCH	67%	60%
SOME	25%	24%
A LITTLE	4%	11%
NOT AT ALL	4%	5%
ENCOURAGE YOU TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A TOPIC OR ISSUE BEFORE MAKING A DECISION		
VERY MUCH	73%	66%
SOME	20%	23%
A LITTLE	4%	6%
NOT AT ALL	4%	5%
INSPIRE YOU TO EXPLORE A TOPIC OR SUBJECT NOT REQUIRED FOR A CLASS		
VERY MUCH	64%	60%
SOME	25%	26%
A LITTLE	6%	11%
NOT AT ALL	5%	3%
TEACH YOU TO USE INFORMATION TO DEVELOP NEW IDEAS OF YOUR OWN		
VERY MUCH	69%	64%
SOME	22%	23%
A LITTLE	5%	8%
NOT AT ALL	4%	5%
ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY		
VERY MUCH	48%	41%
SOME	26%	20%
A LITTLE	15%	19%
NOT AT ALL	12%	20%
DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNSHIP/EXTERNSHIP		
YES	32%	36%
NO	68%	64%

Table 7
Learning Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
The courses I took in my major/program:	%	%
HELPED ME DEVELOP DEEP-LEVEL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT A MAJOR		
STRONGLY AGREE	60%	59%
AGREE	35%	30%
DISAGREE	4%	6%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2%	5%
HELPED ME DEVELOP THE SKILLS REQUIRED FOR MY FUTURE CAREER		
STRONGLY AGREE	56%	52%
AGREE	34%	32%
DISAGREE	8%	9%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3%	7%
HELPED ME PRERARE TO PURSUE A MORE ADVANCED DEGREE		
STRONGLY AGREE	53%	47%
AGREE	37%	31%
DISAGREE	8%	16%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3%	6%

Table 8
Capstone Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
	%	%
DID YOU COMPLETE A CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE IN YOUR MAJOR/PROGRAM?		
YES	84%	68%
NO	16%	32%
WAS YOUR CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE PART OF A COURSE?		
YES	99%	95%
NO	1%	5%
WHAT TYPE OF CAPSTONE EXPERIENCE DID YOU COMPLETE?*		
THESIS OR FINAL PAPER	60%	42%
PRESENTATION	39%	25%
RESEARCH PROJECT	38%	26%
FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE	6%	9%
COMPREHENSIVE EXAM	9%	8%
PERFORMANCE OR PORTFOLIO	3%	3%
OTHER	2%	.

*The respondents were allowed to chose more then one answer.

Table 8
Capstone Experience

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
My capstone experience:	%	%
REQUIRED ME TO THINK ABOUT THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE COURSES IN MY MAJOR OR PROGRAM		
STRONGLY AGREE	63%	61%
AGREE	29%	31%
DISAGREE	6%	8%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2%	.
ALLOWED ME TO SHOW ADVANCED KNOWLEDGE OF MY MAJOR OR PROGRAM		
STRONGLY AGREE	62%	65%
AGREE	30%	25%
DISAGREE	6%	8%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	3%	1%
ALLOWED ME TO APPLY THE 'TOOLS' OF MY FIELD		
STRONGLY AGREE	61%	68%
AGREE	30%	24%
DISAGREE	7%	7%
STRONGLY DISAGREE	2%	1%

**Table 9
Future Plans**

Future Plans	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
	%	%
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO IN THE NEXT 6 TO 8 MONTHS?*		
CONTINUE WORKING IN MY CURRENT JOB	30%	49%
LOOK FOR A NEW JOB	57%	53%
PURSUE FURTHER STUDY	55%	26%
ENTER THE MILITARY	3%	.
JOIN A VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM	3%	4%
DO NOT PLAN TO WORK OR STUDY OUTSIDE THE HOME	.	.
DO NOT KNOW YET	12%	3%
OTHER	6%	10%
WHY YOU DO NOT PLAN TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME?		
STARTING A FAMILY	.	.
PROVIDING CARE FOR DEPENDENTS	.	.
PROVIDING CARE FOR ELDERLY RELATIVES	.	.
OTHER	.	.
IS YOUR CURRENT JOB RELATED TO YOUR MAJOR OR PROGRAM?		
YES	34%	58%
NO	66%	42%
ARE YOU CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?		
YES	71%	66%
NO	29%	34%
WHAT IS THE REASON FOR LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB?*		
I AM CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED	19%	14%
I WANT A JOB THAT IS MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO MY MAJOR	48%	25%
I WANT TO ADVANCE TO A MORE CHALLENGING POSITION	25%	27%
I WANT TO WORK IN A DIFFERENT TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	20%	20%
I WANT A HIGHER SALARY	38%	40%
I WANT A FULL-TIME POSITION	26%	19%
OTHER	1%	4%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET A PAY RAISE?*		
YES	34%	42%
NO	66%	58%

Table 9
Future Plans

Future Plans	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
	%	%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET A PROMOTION?*		
YES	24%	30%
NO	76%	70%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET ADDITIONAL BENEFITS?*		
YES	27%	19%
NO	73%	81%
DO YOU THINK THE DEGREE YOU ARE EARNING WILL ALLOW YOU TO GET OTHER BENEFITS?*		
YES	23%	33%
NO	77%	67%

* The respondents were allowed to chose more then one answer.

Table 10
Further Study*

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
If you plan to pursue further study:	%	%
ARE YOU APPLYING TO PROGRAMS RELATED TO YOU CURRENT MAJOR OR PROGRAM?		
YES, FULL-TIME	20%	9%
YES, PART-TIME	4%	4%
NO	76%	87%
HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED TO A PROGRAM YET?		
YES	58%	53%
NO	42%	47%
IF YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO A PROGRAM, WHAT DEGREE WERE YOU ACCEPTED IN TO ?**		
CERTIFICATE	7%	13%
BACHELOR	5%	.
MASTER'S (MA, MS, MPA, MBA)	48%	27%
LAW DEGREE (JD, LLB)	25%	13%
DOCTORATE (PHD, EDD, PSYD)	9%	40%
MEDICAL (MD)	.	.
OTHER	6%	7%
IF YOU HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED INTO A PROGRAM, WHEN WILL YOU ENROLL?***		
NEXT 6 MONTHS	94%	100%
NEXT 7-12 MONTHS	4%	.
NEXT 13-18 MONTHS	.	.
I DO NOT KNOW YET	2%	.
WILL NOT BE ENROLLING		

* Include only graduates who plan to pursue further studies.

** Includes only graduates who reported they were accepted into a program for further study.

Table 11
Overall Satisfaction

	DEGREE EARNED	
	BACHELOR	MASTER'S
	%	%
HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE AT JOHN JAY		
EXCELLENT	58%	44%
GOOD	32%	37%
FAIR	8%	11%
POOR	3%	8%
WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO ATTEND JOHN JAY AGAIN		
DEFINITELY YES	68%	58%
PROBABLY YES	21%	26%
PROBABLY NOT	8%	8%
DEFINITELY NOT	4%	8%