



## Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS	<u>GRAD ALUMNI</u> N=389
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?	
1998	1.06%
1997	7.69%
1996	18.83%
1995	26.53%
1994	20.69%
1993 and before	25.20%
2. What was your initial student level?	
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	64.12%
2 - Transfer	5.28%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	11.08%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	19.53%
2a. If you were a transfer student, from which institution did you transfer?	
Other	57.89%
Beth-El	26.32%
Chapman College	5.26%
DU (Denver University)	5.26%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	5.26%
3. What was your initial student classification?	
1 - Resident	81.65%
2 - Non-resident	18.35%
4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	71.54%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	28.46%
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.	
1 - May, 1997	23.71%
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6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	
1 - Master of Arts	42.56%
2 - Master of Science	8.21%
3 - Master of Basic Science	5.13%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	3.85%
5 - Master of Business Administration	24.62%
6 - Master of Public Administration	5.64%
7 - Master of Engineering	9.23%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%

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7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs?		
Curriculum & Instruction		10.28%
Special Education		8.23%
Aerospace/Space Operations		7.46%
Counseling & Human Services		5.66%
Public Administration		5.14%
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)		4.88%
Finance		4.63%
Business Administration		4.37%
Psychology		4.37%
Nursing		3.86%
Information Systems		3.60%
Leadership & Human Resources Management		3.34%
Accounting		2.83%
Communication		2.57%
Electrical Engineering (MS, Ph.D.)		2.57%
History		2.06%
Exercise Science		1.80%
Sociology		1.80%
Leadership		1.54%
Marketing		1.54%
Applied Mathematics		1.29%
Technology Management		1.29%
Biology		1.03%
Biotechnology/Biochemistry		1.03%
Community Agency Counseling		1.03%
Educational Computing & Technology		1.03%
Geography		1.03%
Gifted & Talented Education		1.03%
International Management		1.03%
Production/Operations Management		1.03%
Reading		1.03%
Science Education		1.03%
Services Management		1.03%
Physics (MS)		0.77%
American Studies		0.51%
Manufacturing Systems Engineering		0.51%
School Counseling		0.51%
Basic Science		0.26%
Criminal justice		0.26%
Mathematics		0.26%
Software Engineering		0.26%
Space Systems		0.26%
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?		
1 - Business		24.62%
2 - Education		31.28%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science		17.18%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences		17.44%
5 - Nursing		3.85%
6 - Public Affairs		5.64%
8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?		
1 - Yes		4.36%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)		95.64%
8b. If yes, estimate what percent was done off-campus. (for % answer YES)	MEAN=	8.87%
	Percent <= 50%	95.24%
	Percent > 50%	4.76%
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY		
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.		30.26%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.		16.15%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.		19.74%
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.		5.64%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.		11.03%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).		7.18%
7 - For self-development.		9.74%

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0.26%

8 - Other

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?

1 - Yes

11.54%

2 - No (go to Q. 10b)

88.46%

10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)

Program:

Ph.D.

44.44%

Other

22.22%

Master of Arts (MA)

11.11%

Master of Business Admin. (MBA)

6.67%

Master of Science (MS)

6.67%

MD

4.44%

Insurance

2.22%

Master Engineering (ME)

2.22%

University:

Other

45.45%

UCCS

18.18%

CU-Denver

11.36%

DU (Denver University)

9.09%

CTU (Colorado Technical University)

6.82%

Health Sciences Center

4.55%

CSU (CO State University)

2.27%

UNC (University of Northern CO)

2.27%

10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?

1 - Yes

38.86%

2 - No

60.84%

3 - Maybe/Not Sure

0.30%

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?

1 - Sought employment

27.18%

2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)

7.18%

3 - Continued current employment

56.41%

4 - Other

9.23%

12. What is your current employment status?

1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)

87.88%

2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)

6.61%

3 - Unemployed but seeking employment

1.38%

4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment

4.13%

12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income? (go to Q.21)

Spouse

63.16%

Other

15.79%

Retirement

15.79%

Loans/Grants

5.26%

13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?

1 - Aerospace Industry

7.25%

2 - Agricultural

0.29%

3 - Contract Construction

0.58%

4 - Education

30.43%

5 - Finance

2.90%

6 - Government

10.43%

7 - Homemaker

1.16%

8 - Insurance -- Real Estate

1.45%

9 - Manufacturing

6.38%

10 - Mining

0.29%

11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health

5.22%

12 - Professional (Medical or Law)

1.45%

13 - Public Service

2.32%

14 - Service

5.80%

15 - Transportation &amp; Public Utilities

2.03%

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16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades		1.45%
17 - Other (specify)		20.58%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?		
1 - Yes		92.08%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)		7.92%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?		
1 - Yes		88.22%
2 - No		11.78%
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?		
1 - Yes		55.08%
2 - No		44.92%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?	MEAN Days=	55.5
	< 30 days	69.44%
	< 60 days	75.75%
	> 60 days	23.26%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?		
1 - Yes		44.53%
2 - No		55.47%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?		
1 - Did not have to relocate		61.92%
2 - Relocated within Colorado		3.72%
3 - Relocated to another state		11.76%
4 - Relocated to another country		1.55%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)		21.05%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?		
1 - Had no previous employment experience		19.02%
2 - Had some previous employment experience		34.05%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience		46.93%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>		
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.		
1 - Strongly Disagree		3.35%
2 -		4.88%
3 -		2.74%
4 -		12.20%
5 -		29.57%
6 - Strongly Agree		47.26%
	MEAN=	5.02
19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.		
1 - Strongly Disagree		1.86%
2 -		3.72%
3 -		2.17%
4 -		19.20%
5 -		39.32%
6 - Strongly Agree		33.75%
	MEAN=	4.92
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.		
1 - Strongly Disagree		5.52%
2 -		15.64%
3 -		8.90%
4 -		23.93%
5 -		19.94%
6 - Strongly Agree		26.07%
	MEAN=	4.15

**Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs**

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

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21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.07%
2 -	3.89%
3 -	5.70%
4 -	24.09%
5 -	47.15%
6 - Strongly Agree	17.10%
	MEAN= 4.62
22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%
2 -	5.71%
3 -	3.90%
4 -	27.53%
5 -	47.79%
6 - Strongly Agree	14.03%
	MEAN= 4.57
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.58%
2 -	3.88%
3 -	4.39%
4 -	12.66%
5 -	48.06%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.42%
	MEAN= 4.85
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.62%
2 -	3.40%
3 -	4.45%
4 -	23.30%
5 -	43.98%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.25%
	MEAN= 4.69
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%
2 -	2.33%
3 -	2.59%
4 -	10.88%
5 -	54.40%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.76%
	MEAN= 5.02
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.	
1 - Yes	9.82%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.18%
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?	
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	13.16%
Not Offered at UCCS	13.16%
Not Sure	10.53%
Marketing	7.89%
Other	7.89%
Biology	5.26%
Information Systems	5.26%
Psychology	5.26%
Accounting	2.63%
Alternative Licensure Program - Secondary	2.63%
Biotechnology/Biochemistry	2.63%
Business Administration	2.63%
Counseling & Human Services	2.63%
Curriculum & Instruction	2.63%
Electrical Engineering (MS, Ph.D.)	2.63%
Finance	2.63%
Geography	2.63%
Leadership & Human Resources Management	2.63%
Software Engineering	2.63%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	
1 - Yes	12.95%

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87.05%

2 - No (go to Q. 27)

26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes		72.73%
2 - No		27.27%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes		39.02%
2 - No		60.98%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor		3.36%
2 - Poor		7.49%
3 - Fair		16.54%
4 - Good		28.17%
5 - Excellent		24.81%
6 - Never had a mentor		19.64%
(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN=	3.79
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor		3.34%
2 - Poor		6.68%
3 - Fair		19.54%
4 - Good		37.79%
5 - Excellent		23.65%
6 - Never was advised		1.54%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement		7.46%
(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN=	3.79
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?		
1 - Yes		50.13%
2 - No		44.44%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor		5.43%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)		
Counseling		7.61%
Special Education		6.75%
Finance		6.40%
Aerospace Engineering		6.06%
Business Administration		5.02%
Psychology		5.02%
Computer Science		4.33%
Research Methodology		4.33%
Curriculum		4.15%
Reading		4.15%
Electrical Engineering		3.98%
Leadership		3.46%
Accounting		2.42%
Communication		2.42%
Marketing		2.42%
Information Systems		2.25%
Nursing		2.08%
Quantitative Methods		2.08%
Public Administration		1.90%
Personnel & Human Resources Management		1.56%
Software Engineering		1.56%
Leadership & Human Resources Management		1.38%
Organizational Management		1.38%
Sociology		1.38%
Sports & Leisure		1.38%
Biology		1.21%
History		1.21%
Instructional Technology		1.21%
Educational Computing		1.04%
Mathematics		1.04%
Geography		0.87%
International Business		0.87%
Manufacturing Systems Engineering		0.87%

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Physics	0.87%
Chemistry	0.69%
Other	0.69%
Production Management	0.69%
Business Law	0.52%
Master's Thesis	0.52%
Educational Psychology	0.35%
Independent Study	0.35%
Interdepartmental Studies	0.35%
Philosophy	0.35%
Business Communication	0.17%
Criminal Justice	0.17%
English	0.17%
Mechanical Engineering	0.17%
Political Science	0.17%

31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?

1 - Never	26.56%
2 - Rarely	39.06%
3 - Sometimes	28.65%
4 - Often	5.21%
5 - Always	0.52%

MEAN= 2.14

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Location	28.61%
Faculty	13.20%
Class hours/schedule	5.64%
Cost	5.64%
Curriculum	5.23%
Night classes	4.40%
Good reputation	4.26%
Small class size	4.26%
Good departmental programs	4.13%
Other	2.75%
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	2.34%
High academic standards	2.20%
Had major I wanted	2.06%
Accredited	1.79%
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.79%
Orientation to non-traditional students	1.65%
Small school/atmosphere	1.51%
Availability of Faculty	1.10%
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.10%
Diverse course offerings	0.96%
Friendly atmosphere	0.96%
Diversity among instructors	0.55%
Older, mature student body	0.55%
Sports, near OTC	0.55%
Diversity among students	0.41%
Good academic advising	0.41%
Good cohesiveness, communication	0.41%
Beautiful Campus	0.28%
Classes taught by Ph.D.'s, not TA's	0.28%
Good career placement, guidance	0.28%
Well-rounded education	0.28%
Dorms	0.14%
Financial aid	0.14%
Good customer, student services	0.14%

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Parking	15.60%
Other	9.97%
Faculty	8.70%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	7.42%
Class hours/schedule	6.14%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.12%
Need more graduate programs	4.86%
Need wider selection of courses	3.84%

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Curriculum - too easy	3.58%
School lacks a big name	3.32%
No career placement, guidance	3.07%
Bureaucracy	2.56%
High fees, costs	2.56%
Lack of student/customer services	2.56%
Lack of funding for departments	2.05%
Poor academic advising	1.79%
Curriculum - too much theory	1.53%
Group projects	1.53%
School is too small	1.53%
Too many unnecessary requirements	1.53%
Lack of diversity among instructors	1.28%
Lack of internships, work experience	1.28%
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.02%
Classes taught by TA's, not Ph.D.'s	0.77%
Lack of diversity among students	0.77%
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.77%
Commuter campus/no dorms	0.51%
Growing too fast, overcrowded	0.51%
Lack of sports	0.51%
Little campus life/social life	0.51%
Transfer of credits	0.51%
Young students, not serious	0.51%
Classes too small	0.26%
Dorms	0.26%
Lack of cultural diversity	0.26%
Lack of financial aid	0.26%
Lacking college atmosphere	0.26%
Need more majors	0.26%
Same classes always offered at the same time	0.26%
34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.47%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.07%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.27%
4 - Web site	1.07%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.13%
34a. Did you find the website complete?	
1 - Yes	68.29%
2 - No	31.71%
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>	
35. Your gender is:	
1 - Male	44.30%
2 - Female	55.70%
36. Your primary ethnic group is?	
1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian	90.53%
2 - African American	1.32%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a	2.37%
4 - Asian	3.16%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut	0.79%
6 - Other	1.84%
37. Your year of birth is:	MEAN= 61
38. Your marital status is:	
1 - Single, Never Married	21.93%
2 - Married	67.10%
3 - Separated	0.26%
4 - Divorced	9.40%
5 - Widowed	0.78%
6 - Other	0.52%
39. How many dependants are in your household?	MEAN= 1.21
40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:	



- 1 - Less than \$9,999
- 2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999
- 3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999
- 4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999
- 5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999
- 6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999
- 7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999
- 8 - \$100,000 or more

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- 5.08%
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- 15.78%
- 26.47%
- 17.91%
- 18.98%
- 4.01%
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Comparison of University Totals to the College of Business

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7 - Master of Engineering	9.25%	0.00%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%	0.00%
7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from		

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CU-Colorado Springs?		
Finance	4.64%	18.75%
Business Administration	4.38%	17.71%
Information Systems	3.61%	14.58%
Leadership & Human Resources Management	3.35%	13.54%
Accounting	2.84%	11.46%
Marketing	1.55%	6.25%
Applied Mathematics	1.29%	5.21%
International Management	1.03%	4.17%
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3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	19.79%	17.71%
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.66%	8.33%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.05%	11.46%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	6.94%	0.00%
7 - For self-development.	9.77%	12.50%
8 - Other	0.26%	0.00%
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?		
1 - Yes	11.57%	3.13%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	88.43%	96.88%
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)		
Program:		
Master of Science (MS)	6.67%	33.33%
Insurance	2.22%	33.33%
Master Engineering (ME)	2.22%	33.33%
Other	88.89%	0.00%
University:		
UCCS	18.18%	50.00%
CTU (Colorado Technical University)	6.82%	50.00%
Other	75.00%	0.00%
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?		
1 - Yes	38.67%	36.67%
2 - No	61.03%	62.22%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.30%	1.11%

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?		
1 - Sought employment	26.99%	33.33%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	7.20%	0.00%

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3 - Continued current employment	56.56%	57.29%
4 - Other	9.25%	9.38%
12. What is your current employment status?		
1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	87.85%	91.58%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	6.63%	3.16%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	1.38%	0.00%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	4.14%	5.26%
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income? (go to Q.21)		
Spouse	63.16%	40.00%
Other	15.79%	0.00%
Retirement	15.79%	60.00%
Loans/Grants	5.26%	0.00%
13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?		
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.27%	3.37%
2 - Agricultural	0.29%	0.00%
3 - Contract Construction	0.58%	2.25%
4 - Education	30.52%	4.49%
5 - Finance	2.91%	10.11%
6 - Government	10.47%	10.11%
7 - Homemaker	1.16%	1.12%
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.45%	4.49%
9 - Manufacturing	6.40%	16.85%
10 - Mining	0.29%	1.12%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	5.23%	1.12%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.45%	2.25%
13 - Public Service	2.33%	0.00%
14 - Service	5.81%	10.11%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	2.03%	6.74%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.16%	3.37%
17 - Other (specify)	20.64%	22.47%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?		
1 - Yes	92.06%	89.66%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)	7.94%	10.34%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?		
1 - Yes	88.50%	78.75%
2 - No	11.50%	21.25%
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?		
1 - Yes	55.25%	51.19%
2 - No	44.75%	48.81%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?	MEAN Days=	55.7
	< 30 days	69.44%
	< 60 days	75.75%
	> 60 days	23.26%
		67.0
		62.82%
		69.23%
		30.77%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?		
1 - Yes	44.32%	42.25%
2 - No	55.68%	57.75%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?		
1 - Did not have to relocate	62.11%	58.33%
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.42%	4.76%
3 - Relocated to another state	11.80%	11.90%
4 - Relocated to another country	1.55%	2.38%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	21.12%	22.62%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?		
1 - Had no previous employment experience	19.08%	16.67%
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.85%	25.00%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	47.08%	58.33%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>		
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.36%	1.19%
2 -	4.89%	8.33%

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3 -	2.75%	4.76%
4 -	11.93%	20.24%
5 -	29.66%	41.67%
6 - Strongly Agree	47.40%	23.81%
	MEAN= 5.02	4.64
19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.86%	0.00%
2 -	3.73%	4.88%
3 -	2.17%	2.44%
4 -	18.94%	30.49%
5 -	39.44%	40.24%
6 - Strongly Agree	33.85%	21.95%
	MEAN= 4.92	4.72
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.54%	5.95%
2 -	15.69%	21.43%
3 -	8.92%	13.10%
4 -	23.69%	35.71%
5 -	20.00%	19.05%
6 - Strongly Agree	26.15%	4.76%
	MEAN= 4.15	3.55
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs</b>		
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>		
21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.08%	0.00%
2 -	3.90%	4.17%
3 -	5.45%	10.42%
4 -	24.16%	30.21%
5 -	47.27%	46.88%
6 - Strongly Agree	17.14%	8.33%
	MEAN= 4.62	4.45
22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	0.00%
2 -	5.73%	6.25%
3 -	3.65%	1.04%
4 -	27.60%	33.33%
5 -	47.92%	52.08%
6 - Strongly Agree	14.06%	7.29%
	MEAN= 4.58	4.53
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.59%	1.05%
2 -	3.89%	4.21%
3 -	4.40%	4.21%
4 -	12.44%	11.58%
5 -	48.19%	55.79%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.50%	23.16%
	MEAN= 4.85	4.86
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.62%	2.15%
2 -	3.41%	4.30%
3 -	4.46%	6.45%
4 -	23.10%	29.03%
5 -	44.09%	46.24%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.31%	11.83%
	MEAN= 4.70	4.48
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	0.00%
2 -	2.34%	2.13%
3 -	2.60%	3.19%
4 -	10.65%	8.51%
5 -	54.55%	65.96%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.83%	20.21%
	MEAN= 5.02	4.99
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Yes	9.59%	10.53%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.41%	89.47%

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26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?		
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	13.51%	27.27%
Not Offered at UCCS	13.51%	9.09%
Marketing	8.11%	18.18%
Other	54.06%	9.09%
Information Systems	5.41%	18.18%
Curriculum & Instruction	2.70%	9.09%
Finance	2.70%	9.09%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	12.71%	13.33%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	87.29%	86.67%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	72.52%	68.75%
2 - No	27.48%	31.25%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes	38.86%	15.79%
2 - No	61.14%	84.21%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.37%	5.21%
2 - Poor	7.51%	13.54%
3 - Fair	16.32%	18.75%
4 - Good	28.24%	20.83%
5 - Excellent	24.87%	10.42%
6 - Never had a mentor	19.69%	31.25%
	(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79      3.26
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.35%	3.13%
2 - Poor	6.70%	7.29%
3 - Fair	19.59%	28.13%
4 - Good	37.63%	39.58%
5 - Excellent	23.71%	9.38%
6 - Never was advised	1.55%	2.08%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	7.47%	10.42%
	(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79      3.51
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?		
1 - Yes	50.00%	28.13%
2 - No	44.56%	58.33%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	5.44%	13.54%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)		
Finance	6.43%	23.49%
Business Administration	5.04%	18.12%
Computer Science	4.35%	0.67%
Leadership	3.48%	3.36%
Accounting	2.43%	8.72%
Marketing	2.43%	9.40%
Communication	2.26%	0.67%
Information Systems	2.26%	8.72%
Personnel & Human Resources Management	1.57%	2.68%
Software Engineering	1.57%	2.68%
Leadership & Human Resources Management	1.39%	5.37%
Organizational Management	1.39%	4.03%
Sports & Leisure	1.39%	2.01%
International Business	0.87%	3.36%
Manufacturing Systems Engineering	0.87%	0.67%
Other	60.70%	0.67%
Production Management	0.70%	2.68%
Business Law	0.52%	1.34%
Business Communication	0.17%	0.67%
Political Science	0.17%	0.67%
31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?		
1 - Never	26.63%	18.95%
2 - Rarely	39.16%	43.16%

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3 - Sometimes	28.46%	33.68%
4 - Often	5.22%	4.21%
5 - Always	0.52%	0.00%
MEAN=	2.14	2.23
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?		
Location	28.69%	27.66%
Faculty	13.10%	14.89%
Class hours/schedule	5.66%	7.45%
Cost	5.52%	6.91%
Curriculum	5.24%	3.72%
Night classes	4.41%	4.79%
Good reputation	4.28%	5.85%
Small class size	4.28%	2.66%
Good departmental programs	4.14%	2.66%
Other	8.83%	3.19%
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	2.34%	1.60%
High academic standards	2.21%	1.60%
Accredited	1.79%	5.85%
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.79%	2.66%
Orientation to non-traditional students	1.66%	0.53%
Small school/atmosphere	1.52%	0.53%
Diverse course offerings	0.97%	2.13%
Friendly atmosphere	0.97%	1.06%
Diversity among instructors	0.55%	0.53%
Older, mature student body	0.55%	1.06%
Sports, near OTC	0.55%	0.53%
Good cohesiveness, communication	0.41%	0.53%
Classes taught by Ph.D.'s, not TA's	0.28%	1.06%
Well-rounded education	0.28%	0.53%
33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?		
Parking	15.68%	16.35%
Other	16.45%	6.73%
Faculty	8.48%	7.69%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	7.20%	4.81%
Class hours/schedule	6.17%	9.62%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.14%	3.85%
Need more graduate programs	4.88%	2.88%
Need wider selection of courses	3.86%	1.92%
Curriculum - too easy	3.60%	4.81%
School lacks a big name	3.34%	5.77%
No career placement, guidance	3.08%	7.69%
Bureaucracy	2.57%	2.88%
High fees, costs	2.57%	0.96%
Lack of student/customer services	2.57%	1.92%
Poor academic advising	1.80%	0.96%
Curriculum - too much theory	1.54%	2.88%
Group projects	1.54%	5.77%
School is too small	1.54%	1.92%
Too many unnecessary requirements	1.54%	0.96%
Lack of internships, work experience	1.29%	0.96%
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.03%	0.96%
Classes taught by TA's, not Ph.D.'s	0.77%	0.96%
Lack of diversity among students	0.77%	0.96%
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.77%	0.96%
Commuter campus/no dorms	0.51%	0.96%
Growing too fast, overcrowded	0.51%	0.96%
Transfer of credits	0.51%	1.92%
Dorms	0.26%	0.96%
34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.25%	22.34%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.09%	5.32%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.31%	12.77%
4 - Web site	1.07%	0.00%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.28%	59.57%
34a. Did you find the website complete?		
1 - Yes	68.29%	75.00%

**Section D. Demographics**

35. Your gender is:			
1 - Male		44.42%	64.21%
2 - Female		55.58%	35.79%
36. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian		90.50%	91.40%
2 - African American		1.32%	2.15%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a		2.37%	1.08%
4 - Asian		3.17%	2.15%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut		0.79%	1.08%
6 - Other		1.85%	2.15%
37. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	61	61
38. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married		21.73%	22.11%
2 - Married		67.28%	70.53%
3 - Separated		0.26%	0.00%
4 - Divorced		9.42%	7.37%
5 - Widowed		0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other		0.52%	0.00%
39. How many dependants are in your household?	MEAN=	1.21	1.37
40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999		5.09%	1.11%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		7.77%	1.11%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		15.82%	6.67%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		26.27%	25.56%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.96%	31.11%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		19.03%	21.11%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		4.02%	5.56%
8 - \$100,000 or more		4.02%	7.78%





## Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the College of Education

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS	GRAD ALUMNI	EDU GRADS
	N=389	N=122
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?		
1998	1.06%	1.72%
1997	7.71%	2.59%
1996	18.62%	18.97%
1995	26.60%	36.21%
1994	20.74%	16.38%
1993 and before	25.27%	24.14%
2. What was your initial student level?		
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	64.02%	56.41%
2 - Transfer	5.29%	4.27%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	11.11%	8.55%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	19.58%	30.77%
2a. If you were a transfer student, from which institution did you transfer?		
Other	57.89%	60.00%
Beth-El	26.32%	0.00%
Chapman College	5.26%	20.00%
DU (Denver University)	5.26%	0.00%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	5.26%	20.00%
3. What was your initial student classification?		
1 - Resident	81.60%	90.08%
2 - Non-resident	18.40%	9.92%
4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?		
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	71.47%	75.41%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	28.53%	24.59%
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5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - May, 1997	23.77%	26.67%

**GRAD ALUMNI    EDU GRADS**

	GRAD ALUMNI	EDU GRADS
2 - August, 1997	7.49%	11.67%
3 - December, 1997	12.66%	7.50%
4 - May, 1998	42.64%	40.00%
5 - August, 1998	2.33%	5.00%
6 - December, 1998	1.29%	0.83%
7 - August, 1996 *	4.39%	5.00%
8 - December, 1996 *	5.43%	3.33%

\* Answers 7 & 8 were added after the survey was printed and mailed. This was the first graduate alumni survey mailed and more alumni, with earlier graduation dates, responded than was anticipated.

6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?

1 - Master of Arts	42.42%	100.00%
2 - Master of Science	8.23%	0.00%
3 - Master of Basic Science	5.14%	0.00%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	3.86%	0.00%
5 - Master of Business Administration	24.68%	0.00%
6 - Master of Public Administration	5.66%	0.00%
7 - Master of Engineering	9.25%	0.00%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%	0.00%

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs?

Curriculum & Instruction	10.31%	32.79%
Special Education	8.25%	26.23%
Counseling & Human Services	5.67%	18.03%
Leadership	1.55%	4.92%
Community Agency Counseling	1.03%	3.28%
Educational Computing & Technology	1.03%	3.28%
Gifted & Talented Education	1.03%	3.28%
Reading	1.03%	3.28%
Science Education	1.03%	3.28%
Basic Science	0.26%	1.64%
Other	68.81%	0.00%

8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?

1 - Business	24.68%	0.00%
2 - Education	31.36%	100.00%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science	17.22%	0.00%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences	17.22%	0.00%
5 - Nursing	3.86%	0.00%
6 - Public Affairs	5.66%	0.00%

8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?

1 - Yes	4.11%	2.46%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)	95.89%	97.54%

8b. If yes, estimate what percent was done off-campus. (for % answer YES)

MEAN=	9.06%	2.09%
Percent <= 50%	95.24%	100.00%
Percent > 50%	4.76%	0.00%

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? **CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY**

1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.33%	23.77%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.20%	24.59%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	19.79%	23.77%
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.66%	3.28%

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5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.05%	14.75%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	6.94%	3.28%
7 - For self-development.	9.77%	5.74%
8 - Other	0.26%	0.82%
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?		
1 - Yes	11.57%	9.84%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	88.43%	90.16%
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)		
Program:		
Ph.D.	44.44%	33.33%
Other	44.45%	33.33%
Master of Arts (MA)	11.11%	33.33%
University:		
Other	54.55%	16.67%
UCCS	18.18%	33.33%
CU-Denver	11.36%	33.33%
DU (Denver University)	9.09%	8.33%
CTU (Colorado Technical University)	6.82%	8.33%
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?		
1 - Yes	38.67%	44.04%
2 - No	61.03%	55.96%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.30%	0.00%
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>		
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?		
1 - Sought employment	26.99%	21.31%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	7.20%	5.74%
3 - Continued current employment	56.56%	59.84%
4 - Other	9.25%	13.11%
12. What is your current employment status?		
1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	87.85%	86.32%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	6.63%	8.55%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	1.38%	0.85%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	4.14%	4.27%
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income? (go to Q.21)		
Spouse	63.16%	57.14%
Other	15.79%	28.57%
Retirement	15.79%	0.00%
Loans/Grants	5.26%	14.29%
13. In which sector of the economy is your <u>primary</u> employment?		
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.27%	0.89%
2 - Agricultural	0.29%	0.89%
3 - Contract Construction	0.58%	0.00%
4 - Education	30.52%	75.00%
5 - Finance	2.91%	0.00%
6 - Government	10.47%	2.68%

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7 - Homemaker	1.16%	1.79%
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.45%	0.00%
9 - Manufacturing	6.40%	0.00%
10 - Mining	0.29%	0.00%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	5.23%	1.79%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.45%	0.89%
13 - Public Service	2.33%	1.79%
14 - Service	5.81%	4.46%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	2.03%	0.00%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.16%	0.00%
17 - Other (specify)	20.64%	9.82%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?		
1 - Yes	92.06%	96.43%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)	7.94%	3.57%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?		
1 - Yes	88.50%	92.66%
2 - No	11.50%	7.34%
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?		
1 - Yes	55.25%	53.15%
2 - No	44.75%	46.85%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?		
MEAN Days=	55.7	70.4
< 30 days	69.44%	67.00%
< 60 days	75.75%	75.00%
> 60 days	23.26%	24.00%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?		
1 - Yes	44.32%	49.46%
2 - No	55.68%	50.54%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?		
1 - Did not have to relocate	62.11%	70.37%
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.42%	3.70%
3 - Relocated to another state	11.80%	6.48%
4 - Relocated to another country	1.55%	0.00%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	21.12%	19.44%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?		
1 - Had no previous employment experience	19.08%	15.32%
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.85%	38.74%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	47.08%	45.95%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>		
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.36%	2.68%
2 -	4.89%	1.79%
3 -	2.75%	0.89%
4 -	11.93%	3.57%
5 -	29.66%	20.54%
6 - Strongly Agree	47.40%	70.54%
MEAN=	5.02	5.49

19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.86%	1.82%
2 -	3.73%	4.55%
3 -	2.17%	1.82%
4 -	18.94%	8.18%
5 -	39.44%	35.45%
6 - Strongly Agree	33.85%	48.18%
MEAN=	4.92	5.15

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.

1 - Strongly Disagree	5.54%	4.50%
2 -	15.69%	9.91%
3 -	8.92%	2.70%
4 -	23.69%	18.02%
5 -	20.00%	19.82%
6 - Strongly Agree	26.15%	45.05%
MEAN=	4.15	4.74

**Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs**

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.08%	2.48%
2 -	3.90%	3.31%
3 -	5.45%	2.48%
4 -	24.16%	11.57%
5 -	47.27%	50.41%
6 - Strongly Agree	17.14%	29.75%
MEAN=	4.62	4.93

22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	1.67%
2 -	5.73%	5.83%
3 -	3.65%	7.50%
4 -	27.60%	23.33%
5 -	47.92%	45.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	14.06%	16.67%
MEAN=	4.58	4.54

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.59%	4.92%
2 -	3.89%	4.10%
3 -	4.40%	1.64%
4 -	12.44%	10.66%
5 -	48.19%	43.44%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.50%	35.25%
MEAN=	4.85	4.89

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.62%	1.65%
2 -	3.41%	2.48%
3 -	4.46%	3.31%

	<u>GRAD ALUMNI</u>	<u>EDU GRADS</u>
4 -	23.10%	14.88%
5 -	44.09%	42.98%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.31%	34.71%
	MEAN= 4.70	4.99
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	2.46%
2 -	2.34%	3.28%
3 -	2.60%	2.46%
4 -	10.65%	8.20%
5 -	54.55%	49.18%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.83%	34.43%
	MEAN= 5.02	5.02
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Yes	9.59%	9.92%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.41%	90.08%
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?		
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	13.51%	9.09%
Not Offered at UCCS	13.51%	9.09%
Not Sure	10.81%	18.18%
Other	45.95%	18.18%
Biology	5.41%	9.09%
Psychology	5.41%	18.18%
Alternative Licensure Program - Secondary	2.70%	9.09%
Business Administration	2.70%	9.09%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	12.71%	11.50%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	87.29%	88.50%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	72.52%	77.27%
2 - No	27.48%	22.73%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes	38.86%	54.92%
2 - No	61.14%	45.08%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.37%	2.48%
2 - Poor	7.51%	5.79%
3 - Fair	16.32%	19.01%
4 - Good	28.24%	29.75%
5 - Excellent	24.87%	28.10%
6 - Never had a mentor	19.69%	14.88%
(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79	3.88
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.35%	4.96%
2 - Poor	6.70%	5.79%
3 - Fair	19.59%	18.18%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>EDU GRADS</b>
4 - Good	37.63%	38.02%
5 - Excellent	23.71%	28.93%
6 - Never was advised	1.55%	1.65%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	7.47%	2.48%
(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	<b>*MEAN=</b> 3.79	3.84

30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?

1 - Yes	50.00%	48.76%
2 - No	44.56%	47.93%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	5.44%	3.31%

31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)

Counseling	7.65%	25.29%
Special Education	6.78%	22.41%
Finance	6.43%	0.57%
Psychology	5.04%	1.15%
Research Methodology	4.35%	2.87%
Curriculum	4.17%	13.79%
Reading	4.17%	13.79%
Leadership	3.48%	6.32%
Public Administration	1.91%	0.57%
Quantitative Methods	1.91%	0.57%
Instructional Technology	1.22%	4.02%
Educational Computing	1.04%	3.45%
Other	50.43%	1.15%
Educational Psychology	0.35%	1.15%
Independent Study	0.35%	0.57%
Interdepartmental Studies	0.35%	1.15%
Philosophy	0.35%	1.15%

31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?

1 - Never	26.63%	30.00%
2 - Rarely	39.16%	36.67%
3 - Sometimes	28.46%	32.50%
4 - Often	5.22%	0.83%
5 - Always	0.52%	0.00%
	<b>MEAN=</b> 2.14	2.04

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Location	28.69%	30.74%
Faculty	13.10%	10.66%
Class hours/schedule	5.66%	6.97%
Cost	5.52%	6.15%
Curriculum	5.24%	5.33%
Night classes	4.41%	5.33%
Good reputation	4.28%	4.92%
Small class size	4.28%	4.10%
Good departmental programs	4.14%	2.46%
Other	3.86%	2.05%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>EDU GRADS</b>
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	2.34%	2.05%
High academic standards	2.21%	2.46%
Had major I wanted	2.07%	3.28%
Accredited	1.79%	0.41%
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.79%	0.82%
Orientation to non-traditional students	1.66%	2.87%
Small school/atmosphere	1.52%	1.23%
Availability of Faculty	1.10%	0.82%
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.10%	1.23%
Diverse course offerings	0.97%	0.41%
Friendly atmosphere	0.97%	0.41%
Diversity among instructors	0.55%	0.41%
Older, mature student body	0.55%	0.41%
Diversity among students	0.41%	0.41%
Good academic advising	0.41%	1.23%
Good cohesiveness, communication	0.41%	0.82%
Beautiful Campus	0.28%	0.82%
Good career placement, guidance	0.28%	0.41%
Well-rounded education	0.28%	0.41%
Financial aid	0.14%	0.41%

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Parking	15.68%	23.93%
Other	19.02%	16.24%
Faculty	8.48%	13.68%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	7.20%	5.13%
Class hours/schedule	6.17%	2.56%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.14%	0.85%
Need more graduate programs	4.88%	2.56%
Curriculum - too easy	3.60%	1.71%
School lacks a big name	3.34%	2.56%
No career placement, guidance	3.08%	0.85%
Bureaucracy	2.57%	1.71%
High fees, costs	2.57%	6.84%
Lack of student/customer services	2.57%	2.56%
Lack of funding for departments	2.06%	0.85%
Poor academic advising	1.80%	1.71%
Curriculum - too much theory	1.54%	1.71%
Group projects	1.54%	0.00%
Too many unnecessary requirements	1.54%	3.42%
Lack of diversity among instructors	1.29%	1.71%
Lack of internships, work experience	1.29%	0.85%
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.03%	1.71%
Classes taught by TA's, not Ph.D.'s	0.77%	0.85%
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.77%	0.85%
Growing too fast, overcrowded	0.51%	0.85%
Little campus life/social life	0.51%	0.85%
Classes too small	0.26%	0.85%
Lack of cultural diversity	0.26%	0.85%
Lacking college atmosphere	0.26%	0.85%
Need more majors	0.26%	0.85%

34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?

1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.25%	18.26%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.09%	6.96%



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3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.31%	15.65%
4 - Web site	1.07%	0.87%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.28%	58.26%

34a. Did you find the website complete?

1 - Yes	68.29%	57.14%
2 - No	31.71%	42.86%

**Section D. Demographics**

35. Your gender is:

1 - Male	44.42%	20.00%
2 - Female	55.58%	80.00%

36. Your primary ethnic group is?

1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian	90.50%	93.33%
2 - African American	1.32%	1.67%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a	2.37%	1.67%
4 - Asian	3.17%	1.67%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut	0.79%	1.67%
6 - Other	1.85%	0.00%

37. Your year of birth is:

MEAN=	61	57
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38. Your marital status is:

1 - Single, Never Married	21.73%	11.67%
2 - Married	67.28%	75.00%
3 - Separated	0.26%	0.00%
4 - Divorced	9.42%	11.67%
5 - Widowed	0.79%	0.83%
6 - Other	0.52%	0.83%

39. How many dependants are in your household?

MEAN=	1.21	1.23
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40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:

1 - Less than \$9,999	5.09%	6.72%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	7.77%	8.40%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	15.82%	23.53%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	26.27%	36.13%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	17.96%	12.61%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	19.03%	11.76%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	4.02%	0.00%
8 - \$100,000 or more	4.02%	0.84%



**Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results**  
 Sub-report for the School of Education Special Ed Alumni

**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS**

**SPED GRADS**  
 N=32

1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?	
1998	0.00%
1997	0.00%
1996	9.68%
1995	32.26%
1994	29.03%
1993 and before	29.03%
2. What was your initial student level?	
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	56.25%
2 - Transfer	6.25%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	9.38%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	28.13%
2a. If you were a transfer student, from which institution did you transfer?	
Chapman College	50.00%
Other	50.00%
3. What was your initial student classification?	
1 - Resident	87.50%
2 - Non-resident	12.50%
4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	84.38%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	15.63%
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.	
1 - May, 1997	33.33%
2 - August, 1997	3.33%
3 - December, 1997	13.33%
4 - May, 1998	43.33%
5 - August, 1998	0.00%
6 - December, 1998	0.00%
7 - August, 1996	3.33%
8 - December, 1996	3.33%

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6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	
1 - Master of Arts	100.00%
2 - Master of Science	0.00%
3 - Master of Basic Science	0.00%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	0.00%
5 - Master of Business Administration	0.00%
6 - Master of Public Administration	0.00%
7 - Master of Engineering	0.00%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.00%

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from

	<b>SPED GRADS</b>
CU-Colorado Springs? Special Education	100.00%
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?	
1 - Business	0.00%
2 - Education	100.00%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science	0.00%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences	0.00%
5 - Nursing	0.00%
6 - Public Affairs	0.00%
8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?	
1 - Yes	0.00%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)	100.00%
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	34.38%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	28.13%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	12.50%
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	3.13%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	18.75%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	0.00%
7 - For self-development.	0.00%
8 - Other	3.13%
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?	
1 - Yes	6.25%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	93.75%
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)	
Program:	
Master of Arts (MA)	50.00%
Other	50.00%
University:	
Other	50.00%
UCCS	50.00%
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?	
1 - Yes	33.33%
2 - No	66.67%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.00%
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>	
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?	
1 - Sought employment	34.38%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	0.00%
3 - Continued current employment	56.25%
4 - Other	9.38%
12. What is your current employment status?	
1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	84.38%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	3.13%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.13%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	9.38%
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income? (go to Q.21)	
Spouse	66.67%
Other	33.33%
13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	
1 - Aerospace Industry	0.00%
2 - Agricultural	0.00%
3 - Contract Construction	0.00%

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4 - Education	96.67%
5 - Finance	0.00%
6 - Government	0.00%
7 - Homemaker	3.33%
8 - Insurance --Real Estate	0.00%
9 - Manufacturing	0.00%
10 - Mining	0.00%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	0.00%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	0.00%
13 - Public Service	0.00%
14 - Service	0.00%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.00%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	0.00%
17 - Other (specify)	0.00%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	
1 - Yes	96.55%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)	3.45%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	
1 - Yes	88.46%
2 - No	11.54%
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	
1 - Yes	46.43%
2 - No	53.57%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?	
MEAN Days=	47.3
< 30 days	69.23%
< 60 days	84.62%
> 60 days	15.38%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?	
1 - Yes	61.90%
2 - No	38.10%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?	
1 - Did not have to relocate	70.37%
2 - Relocated within Colorado	11.11%
3 - Relocated to another state	3.70%
4 - Relocated to another country	0.00%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	14.81%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?	
1 - Had no previous employment experience	10.71%
2 - Had some previous employment experience	50.00%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	39.29%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>	
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.00%
2 -	0.00%
3 -	0.00%
4 -	0.00%
5 -	14.29%
6 - Strongly Agree	85.71%
MEAN=	5.86
19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.	
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.57%
2 -	0.00%
3 -	0.00%
4 -	7.14%
5 -	25.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	64.29%

MEAN= SPED GRADS  
5.43

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.

1 - Strongly Disagree	7.14%
2 -	10.71%
3 -	0.00%
4 -	10.71%
5 -	21.43%
6 - Strongly Agree	50.00%
MEAN=	4.79

**Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs**

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.

1 - Strongly Disagree	6.25%
2 -	3.13%
3 -	0.00%
4 -	9.38%
5 -	46.88%
6 - Strongly Agree	34.38%
MEAN=	4.91

22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.

1 - Strongly Disagree	3.13%
2 -	6.25%
3 -	9.38%
4 -	15.63%
5 -	53.13%
6 - Strongly Agree	12.50%
MEAN=	4.47

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.

1 - Strongly Disagree	9.38%
2 -	3.13%
3 -	0.00%
4 -	6.25%
5 -	53.13%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.13%
MEAN=	4.75

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.

1 - Strongly Disagree	3.23%
2 -	6.45%
3 -	3.23%
4 -	16.13%
5 -	41.94%
6 - Strongly Agree	29.03%
MEAN=	4.74

25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.

1 - Strongly Disagree	6.25%
2 -	3.13%
3 -	0.00%
4 -	9.38%
5 -	43.75%
6 - Strongly Agree	37.50%
MEAN=	4.94

26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.

1 - Yes	3.13%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	96.88%

26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?

Business Administration	<u>SPED GRADS</u>
	100.00%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	
1 - Yes	15.63%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	84.38%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?	
1 - Yes	55.56%
2 - No	44.44%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	
1 - Yes	53.13%
2 - No	46.88%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	
1 - Very Poor	6.25%
2 - Poor	3.13%
3 - Fair	18.75%
4 - Good	31.25%
5 - Excellent	21.88%
6 - Never had a mentor	18.75%
(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.73
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	
1 - Very Poor	6.25%
2 - Poor	6.25%
3 - Fair	15.63%
4 - Good	40.63%
5 - Excellent	28.13%
6 - Never was advised	0.00%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	3.13%
(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN= 3.81
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?	
1 - Yes	59.38%
2 - No	40.63%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	0.00%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)	
Special Education	74.00%
Reading	16.00%
Research Methodology	4.00%
Curriculum	2.00%
Leadership	2.00%
Quantitative Methods	2.00%
31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?	
1 - Never	19.35%
2 - Rarely	41.94%
3 - Sometimes	35.48%
4 - Often	3.23%
5 - Always	0.00%
	MEAN= 2.23
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?	
Location	25.81%
Faculty	12.90%
Cost	9.68%
Small class size	8.06%
High academic standards	6.45%
Curriculum	4.84%
Good reputation	4.84%

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Night classes	4.84%
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	4.84%
Had major I wanted	3.23%
Small school/atmosphere	3.23%
Availability of Faculty	1.61%
Diverse course offerings	1.61%
Good academic advising	1.61%
Good departmental programs	1.61%
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.61%
Older, mature student body	1.61%
Orientation to non-traditional students	1.61%
33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?	
Other	21.88%
Parking	15.63%
Faculty	12.50%
High fees, costs	12.50%
Poor academic advising	6.25%
Too many unnecessary requirements	6.25%
Class hours/schedule	3.13%
Classes taught by TA's, not Ph.D.'s	3.13%
Lack of student/customer services	3.13%
Lacking college atmosphere	3.13%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	3.13%
Little campus life/social life	3.13%
Need more graduate programs	3.13%
Need more majors	3.13%
34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	13.79%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	6.90%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	10.34%
4 - Web site	0.00%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	68.97%
34a. Did you find the website complete?	
1 - Yes	100.00%
2 - No	0.00%
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>	
35. Your gender is:	
1 - Male	3.23%
2 - Female	96.77%
36. Your primary ethnic group is?	
1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian	96.77%
2 - African American	0.00%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a	0.00%
4 - Asian	3.23%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut	0.00%
6 - Other	0.00%
37. Your year of birth is:	MEAN= 61
38. Your marital status is:	
1 - Single, Never Married	22.58%
2 - Married	67.74%
3 - Separated	0.00%
4 - Divorced	9.68%
5 - Widowed	0.00%
6 - Other	0.00%
39. How many dependants are in your household?	MEAN= 1.23
40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:	

- 1 - Less than \$9,999
- 2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999
- 3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999
- 4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999
- 5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999
- 6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999
- 7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999
- 8 - \$100,000 or more

**SPED GRADS**

- 6.67%
- 0.00%
- 53.33%
- 40.00%
- 0.00%
- 0.00%
- 0.00%
- 0.00%



















## Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the College of Engineering & Applied Science

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS	<u>GRAD ALUMNI</u>	<u>ENGR GRADS</u>
	N=389	N=67
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?		
1998	1.06%	1.49%
1997	7.71%	26.87%
1996	18.62%	13.43%
1995	26.60%	11.94%
1994	20.74%	11.94%
1993 and before	25.27%	34.33%
2. What was your initial student level?		
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	64.02%	60.61%
2 - Transfer	5.29%	1.52%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	11.11%	19.70%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	19.58%	18.18%
2a. If you were a transfer student, from which institution did you transfer?		
Other	57.89%	100.00%
Beth-El	26.32%	0.00%
Chapman College	5.26%	0.00%
DU (Denver University)	5.26%	0.00%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	5.26%	0.00%
3. What was your initial student classification?		
1 - Resident	81.60%	74.60%
2 - Non-resident	18.40%	25.40%
4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?		
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	71.47%	62.69%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	28.53%	37.31%

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5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.



**GRAD ALUMNI ENGR GRADS**

	GRAD ALUMNI	ENGR GRADS
1 - May, 1997	23.77%	16.42%
2 - August, 1997	7.49%	4.48%
3 - December, 1997	12.66%	14.93%
4 - May, 1998	42.64%	53.73%
5 - August, 1998	2.33%	1.49%
6 - December, 1998	1.29%	1.49%
7 - August, 1996 *	4.39%	1.49%
8 - December, 1996 *	5.43%	5.97%

\* Answers 7 & 8 were added after the survey was printed and mailed. This was the first graduate alumni survey mailed and more alumni, with earlier graduation dates, responded than was anticipated.

6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?

1 - Master of Arts	42.42%	0.00%
2 - Master of Science	8.23%	41.79%
3 - Master of Basic Science	5.14%	0.00%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	3.86%	0.00%
5 - Master of Business Administration	24.68%	0.00%
6 - Master of Public Administration	5.66%	0.00%
7 - Master of Engineering	9.25%	53.73%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%	4.48%

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs?

Aerospace/Space Operations	7.47%	43.28%
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	4.90%	28.36%
Electrical Engineering (MS, Ph.D.)	2.58%	14.93%
Technology Management	1.29%	7.46%
Manufacturing Systems Engineering	0.52%	2.99%
Software Engineering	0.26%	1.49%
Space Systems	0.26%	1.49%
Other	82.73%	0.00%

8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?

1 - Business	24.68%	0.00%
2 - Education	31.36%	0.00%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science	17.22%	100.00%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences	17.22%	0.00%
5 - Nursing	3.86%	0.00%
6 - Public Affairs	5.66%	0.00%

8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?

1 - Yes	4.11%	5.97%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)	95.89%	94.03%

8b. If yes, estimate what percent was done off-campus. (for % answer YES)

MEAN=	9.06%	10.71%
Percent <= 50%	95.24%	100.00%
Percent > 50%	4.76%	0.00%

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY

1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.33%	34.33%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.20%	19.40%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	19.79%	16.42%

**GRAD ALUMNI ENGR GRADS**

4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.66%	7.46%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.05%	5.97%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	6.94%	4.48%
7 - For self-development.	9.77%	11.94%
8 - Other	0.26%	0.00%

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?

1 - Yes	11.57%	7.46%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	88.43%	92.54%

10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)

Program:

Ph.D.	44.44%	40.00%
Other	48.89%	20.00%
Master Business Admin. (MBA)	6.67%	40.00%

University:

Other	79.55%	60.00%
UCCS	18.18%	20.00%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	2.27%	20.00%

10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?

1 - Yes	38.67%	40.68%
2 - No	61.03%	59.32%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.30%	0.00%

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?

1 - Sought employment	26.99%	22.39%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	7.20%	4.48%
3 - Continued current employment	56.56%	67.16%
4 - Other	9.25%	5.97%

12. What is your current employment status?

1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	87.85%	96.88%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	6.63%	3.13%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	1.38%	0.00%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	4.14%	0.00%

13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?

1 - Aerospace Industry	7.27%	28.13%
2 - Agricultural	0.29%	0.00%
3 - Contract Construction	0.58%	0.00%
4 - Education	30.52%	7.81%
5 - Finance	2.91%	0.00%
6 - Government	10.47%	21.88%
7 - Homemaker	1.16%	0.00%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>ENGR GRADS</b>
8 - Insurance --Real Estate	1.45%	1.56%
9 - Manufacturing	6.40%	7.81%
10 - Mining	0.29%	0.00%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	5.23%	0.00%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.45%	0.00%
13 - Public Service	2.33%	1.56%
14 - Service	5.81%	4.69%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	2.03%	0.00%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.16%	0.00%
17 - Other (specify)	20.64%	26.56%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?		
1 - Yes	92.06%	96.88%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)	7.94%	3.13%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?		
1 - Yes	88.50%	91.80%
2 - No	11.50%	8.20%
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?		
1 - Yes	55.25%	67.21%
2 - No	44.75%	32.79%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?		
MEAN Days=	55.7	13.8
< 30 days	69.44%	86.21%
< 60 days	75.75%	91.38%
> 60 days	23.26%	8.62%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?		
1 - Yes	44.32%	33.33%
2 - No	55.68%	66.67%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?		
1 - Did not have to relocate	62.11%	48.39%
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.42%	3.23%
3 - Relocated to another state	11.80%	22.58%
4 - Relocated to another country	1.55%	1.61%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	21.12%	24.19%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?		
1 - Had no previous employment experience	19.08%	24.59%
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.85%	44.26%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	47.08%	31.15%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>		
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.36%	4.84%
2 -	4.89%	6.45%
3 -	2.75%	1.61%
4 -	11.93%	16.13%
5 -	29.66%	30.65%
6 - Strongly Agree	47.40%	40.32%
MEAN=	5.02	4.82

19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.86%	1.64%
2 -	3.73%	4.92%
3 -	2.17%	1.64%
4 -	18.94%	18.03%
5 -	39.44%	44.26%
6 - Strongly Agree	33.85%	29.51%
MEAN=	4.92	4.87

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.

1 - Strongly Disagree	5.54%	1.64%
2 -	15.69%	19.67%
3 -	8.92%	18.03%
4 -	23.69%	27.87%
5 -	20.00%	19.67%
6 - Strongly Agree	26.15%	13.11%
MEAN=	4.15	3.84

**Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs**

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.08%	1.54%
2 -	3.90%	1.54%
3 -	5.45%	9.23%
4 -	24.16%	30.77%
5 -	47.27%	47.69%
6 - Strongly Agree	17.14%	9.23%
MEAN=	4.62	4.49

22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	0.00%
2 -	5.73%	7.58%
3 -	3.65%	3.03%
4 -	27.60%	28.79%
5 -	47.92%	50.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	14.06%	10.61%
MEAN=	4.58	4.53

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.59%	0.00%
2 -	3.89%	4.55%
3 -	4.40%	4.55%
4 -	12.44%	21.21%
5 -	48.19%	50.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.50%	19.70%
MEAN=	4.85	4.76

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.62%	3.08%
2 -	3.41%	1.54%
3 -	4.46%	9.23%

	<u>GRAD ALUMNI</u>	<u>ENGR GRADS</u>
4 -	23.10%	32.31%
5 -	44.09%	38.46%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.31%	15.38%
	MEAN= 4.70	4.48
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	0.00%
2 -	2.34%	1.54%
3 -	2.60%	4.62%
4 -	10.65%	15.38%
5 -	54.55%	60.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.83%	18.46%
	MEAN= 5.02	4.89
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Yes	9.59%	5.97%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.41%	94.03%
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?		
Not Sure	10.81%	25.00%
Marketing	8.11%	25.00%
Other	75.68%	0.00%
Electrical Engineering (MS, Ph.D.)	2.70%	25.00%
Software Engineering	2.70%	25.00%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	12.71%	10.94%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	87.29%	89.06%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	72.52%	50.00%
2 - No	27.48%	50.00%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes	38.86%	32.84%
2 - No	61.14%	67.16%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.37%	1.52%
2 - Poor	7.51%	9.09%
3 - Fair	16.32%	13.64%
4 - Good	28.24%	37.88%
5 - Excellent	24.87%	19.70%
6 - Never had a mentor	19.69%	18.18%
	(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79 3.80
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.35%	1.49%
2 - Poor	6.70%	8.96%
3 - Fair	19.59%	16.42%
4 - Good	37.63%	38.81%
5 - Excellent	23.71%	22.39%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>ENGR GRADS</b>
6 - Never was advised	1.55%	1.49%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	7.47%	10.45%
(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79	3.81
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?		
1 - Yes	50.00%	59.70%
2 - No	44.56%	37.31%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	5.44%	2.99%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)		
Aerospace Engineering	6.09%	33.33%
Business Administration	5.04%	1.01%
Computer Science	4.35%	24.24%
Electrical Engineering	4.00%	22.22%
Communication	2.26%	1.01%
Software Engineering	1.57%	5.05%
Mathematics	1.04%	6.06%
Manufacturing Systems Engineering	0.87%	4.04%
Other	74.26%	1.01%
Master's Thesis	0.52%	2.02%
31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?		
1 - Never	26.63%	24.24%
2 - Rarely	39.16%	37.88%
3 - Sometimes	28.46%	25.76%
4 - Often	5.22%	10.61%
5 - Always	0.52%	1.52%
	MEAN= 2.14	2.27
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?		
Location	28.69%	23.73%
Faculty	13.10%	13.56%
Class hours/schedule	5.66%	2.54%
Cost	5.52%	6.78%
Curriculum	5.24%	6.78%
Night classes	4.41%	5.08%
Good reputation	4.28%	3.39%
Small class size	4.28%	4.24%
Good departmental programs	4.14%	8.47%
Other	8.83%	2.54%
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	2.34%	1.69%
High academic standards	2.21%	2.54%
Had major I wanted	2.07%	4.24%
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.79%	1.69%
Orientation to non-traditional students	1.66%	2.54%
Small school/atmosphere	1.52%	0.85%
Availability of Faculty	1.10%	1.69%
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.10%	3.39%

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Friendly atmosphere	0.97%	1.69%
Diversity among instructors	0.55%	0.85%
Diversity among students	0.41%	0.85%
Dorms	0.14%	0.85%

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Parking	15.68%	8.70%
Other	24.42%	10.14%
Faculty	8.48%	8.70%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	7.20%	10.14%
Class hours/schedule	6.17%	11.59%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.14%	7.25%
Need more graduate programs	4.88%	1.45%
Need wider selection of courses	3.86%	7.25%
Curriculum - too easy	3.60%	5.80%
School lacks a big name	3.34%	4.35%
No career placement, guidance	3.08%	1.45%
Bureaucracy	2.57%	2.90%
Lack of student/customer services	2.57%	1.45%
Lack of funding for departments	2.06%	2.90%
School is too small	1.54%	2.90%
Too many unnecessary requirements	1.54%	1.45%
Classes taught by TA's, not Ph.D.'s	0.77%	1.45%
Lack of diversity among students	0.77%	1.45%
Commuter campus/no dorms	0.51%	1.45%
Lack of sports	0.51%	2.90%
Little campus life/social life	0.51%	1.45%
Young students, not serious	0.51%	1.45%
Same classes always offered at the same time	0.26%	1.45%

34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?

1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.25%	10.45%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.09%	7.46%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.31%	11.94%
4 - Web site	1.07%	4.48%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.28%	65.67%

34a. Did you find the website complete?

1 - Yes	68.29%	72.73%
2 - No	31.71%	27.27%

**Section D. Demographics**

35. Your gender is:

1 - Male	44.42%	79.10%
2 - Female	55.58%	20.90%

36. Your primary ethnic group is?

1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian	90.50%	84.62%
2 - African American	1.32%	0.00%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a	2.37%	1.54%
4 - Asian	3.17%	7.69%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut	0.79%	0.00%

		<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>ENGR GRADS</b>
6 - Other		1.85%	6.15%
37. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	61	68
38. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married		21.73%	36.92%
2 - Married		67.28%	61.54%
3 - Separated		0.26%	0.00%
4 - Divorced		9.42%	1.54%
5 - Widowed		0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other		0.52%	0.00%
39. How many dependants are in your household?	MEAN=	1.21	1.08
40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999		5.09%	0.00%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		7.77%	3.17%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		15.82%	11.11%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		26.27%	23.81%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.96%	15.87%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		19.03%	31.75%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		4.02%	9.52%
8 - \$100,000 or more		4.02%	4.76%





**Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results**  
 Comparison of University Totals to the College of Letters, Arts, & Sciences

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS	<u>GRAD ALUMNI</u>	<u>LAS GRADS</u>
	N=389	N=68
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?		
1998	1.06%	0.00%
1997	7.69%	2.99%
1996	18.83%	22.39%
1995	26.53%	23.88%
1994	20.69%	22.39%
1993 and before	25.20%	28.36%
2. What was your initial student level?		
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	64.12%	61.19%
2 - Transfer	5.28%	7.46%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	11.08%	11.94%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	19.53%	19.40%
2a. If you were a transfer student, from which institution did you transfer?		
Other	57.89%	80.00%
Beth-El	26.32%	0.00%
Chapman College	5.26%	0.00%
DU (Denver University)	5.26%	20.00%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	5.26%	0.00%
3. What was your initial student classification?		
1 - Resident	81.65%	69.70%
2 - Non-resident	18.35%	30.30%
4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?		
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	71.54%	75.00%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	28.46%	25.00%

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5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.

**GRAD ALUMNI    LAS GRADS**

1 - May, 1997	23.71%	23.53%
2 - August, 1997	7.47%	10.29%
3 - December, 1997	12.63%	13.24%
4 - May, 1998	42.78%	35.29%
5 - August, 1998	2.32%	0.00%
6 - December, 1998	1.29%	2.94%
7 - August, 1996 *	4.38%	8.82%
8 - December, 1996 *	5.41%	5.88%

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6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?

1 - Master of Arts	42.56%	64.71%
2 - Master of Science	8.21%	5.88%
3 - Master of Basic Science	5.13%	29.41%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	3.85%	0.00%
5 - Master of Business Administration	24.62%	0.00%
6 - Master of Public Administration	5.64%	0.00%
7 - Master of Engineering	9.23%	0.00%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%	0.00%

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs?

Psychology	4.37%	25.00%
Communication	2.57%	14.71%
History	2.06%	11.76%
Exercise Science	1.80%	10.29%
Sociology	1.80%	10.29%
Biology	1.03%	5.88%
Biotechnology/Biochemistry	1.03%	5.88%
Geography	1.03%	5.88%
Physics (MS)	0.77%	4.41%
American Studies	0.51%	2.94%
Basic Science	0.26%	1.47%
Mathematics	0.26%	1.47%
Other	82.5%	0.0%

8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?

1 - Business	24.62%	0.00%
2 - Education	31.28%	0.00%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science	17.18%	0.00%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences	17.44%	100.00%
5 - Nursing	3.85%	0.00%
6 - Public Affairs	5.64%	0.00%

8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?

1 - Yes	4.36%	2.94%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)	95.64%	97.06%

8b. If yes, estimate what percent was done off-campus. (for % answer YES)                      MEAN=                      8.87%                      11.38%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>LAS GRADS</b>
Percent <= 50%	95.24%	87.50%
Percent > 50%	4.76%	12.50%

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY

1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.26%	27.94%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.15%	7.35%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	19.74%	13.24%
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.64%	0.00%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.03%	10.29%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	7.18%	30.88%
7 - For self-development.	9.74%	10.29%
8 - Other	0.26%	0.00%

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?

1 - Yes	11.54%	33.82%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	88.46%	66.18%

10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)

Program:

Ph.D.	44.44%	60.87%
Other	26.67%	17.39%
Master of Arts (MA)	11.11%	4.35%
Master Business Admin. (MBA)	6.67%	4.35%
Master of Science (MS)	6.67%	4.35%
MD	4.44%	8.70%

University:

Other	47.73%	60.87%
UCCS	18.18%	4.35%
CU-Denver	11.36%	4.35%
DU (Denver University)	9.09%	13.04%
CTU (Colorado Technical University)	6.82%	4.35%
Health Sciences Center	4.55%	8.70%
CSU (CO State University)	2.27%	4.35%

10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?

1 - Yes	38.86%	41.86%
2 - No	60.84%	58.14%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.30%	0.00%

## SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?

1 - Sought employment	27.18%	30.88%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	7.18%	26.47%
3 - Continued current employment	56.41%	35.29%
4 - Other	9.23%	7.35%

12. What is your current employment status?

1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	87.88%	76.00%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	6.61%	14.00%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	1.38%	4.00%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	4.13%	6.00%

12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income? (go to Q.21)

Spouse	63.16%	75.00%
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	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>LAS GRADS</b>
Other	15.79%	25.00%
Retirement	15.79%	0.00%
Loans/Grants	5.26%	0.00%
13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?		
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.25%	4.26%
2 - Agricultural	0.29%	0.00%
3 - Contract Construction	0.58%	0.00%
4 - Education	30.43%	25.53%
5 - Finance	2.90%	2.13%
6 - Government	10.43%	8.51%
7 - Homemaker	1.16%	2.13%
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.45%	0.00%
9 - Manufacturing	6.38%	4.26%
10 - Mining	0.29%	0.00%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	5.22%	4.26%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.45%	0.00%
13 - Public Service	2.32%	6.38%
14 - Service	5.80%	4.26%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	2.03%	2.13%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.45%	4.26%
17 - Other (specify)	20.58%	31.91%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?		
1 - Yes	92.08%	76.09%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)	7.92%	23.91%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?		
1 - Yes	88.22%	85.71%
2 - No	11.78%	14.29%
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?		
1 - Yes	55.08%	45.95%
2 - No	44.92%	54.05%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?		
	MEAN Days=	55.5
	< 30 days	69.44%
	< 60 days	75.75%
	> 60 days	23.26%
		64.9
		57.14%
		62.86%
		34.29%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?		
1 - Yes	44.53%	58.06%
2 - No	55.47%	41.94%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?		
1 - Did not have to relocate	61.92%	63.16%
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.72%	5.26%
3 - Relocated to another state	11.76%	10.53%
4 - Relocated to another country	1.55%	5.26%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	21.05%	15.79%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?		
1 - Had no previous employment experience	19.02%	34.21%
2 - Had some previous employment experience	34.05%	34.21%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	46.93%	31.58%

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.

1 - Strongly Disagree	3.35%	7.89%
2 -	4.88%	2.63%
3 -	2.74%	2.63%
4 -	12.20%	15.79%
5 -	29.57%	31.58%
6 - Strongly Agree	47.26%	39.47%
MEAN=	5.02	4.79

19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.86%	5.26%
2 -	3.72%	0.00%
3 -	2.17%	5.26%
4 -	19.20%	21.05%
5 -	39.32%	36.84%
6 - Strongly Agree	33.75%	31.58%
MEAN=	4.92	4.79

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.

1 - Strongly Disagree	5.52%	10.53%
2 -	15.64%	15.79%
3 -	8.90%	5.26%
4 -	23.93%	21.05%
5 -	19.94%	15.79%
6 - Strongly Agree	26.07%	31.58%
MEAN=	4.15	4.11

**Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs**

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.07%	4.48%
2 -	3.89%	4.48%
3 -	5.70%	4.48%
4 -	24.09%	20.90%
5 -	47.15%	43.28%
6 - Strongly Agree	17.10%	22.39%
MEAN=	4.62	4.61

22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	0.00%
2 -	5.71%	5.97%
3 -	3.90%	2.99%
4 -	27.53%	19.40%
5 -	47.79%	49.25%
6 - Strongly Agree	14.03%	22.39%
MEAN=	4.57	4.79

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.58%	1.49%
2 -	3.88%	2.99%
3 -	4.39%	7.46%

	<u>GRAD ALUMNI</u>	<u>LAS GRADS</u>
4 -	12.66%	8.96%
5 -	48.06%	44.78%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.42%	34.33%
MEAN=	4.85	4.96
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.62%	2.99%
2 -	3.40%	5.97%
3 -	4.45%	1.49%
4 -	23.30%	20.90%
5 -	43.98%	41.79%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.25%	26.87%
MEAN=	4.69	4.73
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	0.00%
2 -	2.33%	2.94%
3 -	2.59%	1.47%
4 -	10.88%	11.76%
5 -	54.40%	38.24%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.76%	45.59%
MEAN=	5.02	5.22
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Yes	9.82%	10.29%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.18%	89.71%
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?		
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	13.16%	14.29%
Not Sure	10.53%	14.29%
Other	60.53%	0.00%
Biology	5.26%	14.29%
Biotechnology/Biochemistry	2.63%	14.29%
Business Administration	2.63%	14.29%
Counseling & Human Services	2.63%	14.29%
Geography	2.63%	14.29%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	12.95%	12.12%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	87.05%	87.88%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	72.73%	88.00%
2 - No	27.27%	12.00%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes	39.02%	50.75%
2 - No	60.98%	49.25%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.36%	4.48%
2 - Poor	7.49%	1.49%
3 - Fair	16.54%	13.43%
4 - Good	28.17%	23.88%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>LAS GRADS</b>
5 - Excellent	24.81%	44.78%
6 - Never had a mentor	19.64%	11.94%
(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79	4.17
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.34%	0.00%
2 - Poor	6.68%	7.35%
3 - Fair	19.54%	13.24%
4 - Good	37.79%	33.82%
5 - Excellent	23.65%	38.24%
6 - Never was advised	1.54%	1.47%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	7.46%	5.88%
(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79	4.11
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?		
1 - Yes	50.13%	85.29%
2 - No	44.44%	13.24%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	5.43%	1.47%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)		
Aerospace Engineering	6.06%	1.83%
Psychology	5.02%	24.77%
Research Methodology	4.33%	9.17%
Electrical Engineering	3.98%	0.92%
Leadership	3.46%	1.83%
Communication	2.42%	11.01%
Quantitative Methods	1.90%	9.17%
Sociology	1.38%	7.34%
Sports & Leisure	1.38%	4.59%
Biology	1.21%	6.42%
History	1.21%	6.42%
Geography	0.87%	4.59%
Physics	0.87%	4.59%
Chemistry	0.69%	3.67%
Other	64.00%	0.00%
Master's Thesis	0.52%	0.92%
Independent Study	0.35%	0.92%
English	0.17%	0.92%
Mechanical Engineering	0.17%	0.92%
31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?		
1 - Never	26.56%	38.81%
2 - Rarely	39.06%	32.84%
3 - Sometimes	28.65%	19.40%
4 - Often	5.21%	7.46%
5 - Always	0.52%	1.49%
	MEAN= 2.14	2.00
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?		
Location	28.61%	27.27%
Faculty	13.20%	15.70%
Class hours/schedule	5.64%	4.13%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>LAS GRADS</b>
Cost	5.64%	4.13%
Curriculum	5.23%	6.61%
Night classes	4.40%	2.48%
Good reputation	4.26%	0.83%
Small class size	4.26%	6.61%
Good departmental programs	4.13%	4.96%
Other	5.36%	2.48%
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	2.34%	4.96%
High academic standards	2.20%	2.48%
Had major I wanted	2.06%	0.83%
Accredited	1.79%	0.83%
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.79%	0.83%
Orientation to non-traditional students	1.65%	0.83%
Small school/atmosphere	1.51%	4.13%
Availability of Faculty	1.10%	1.65%
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.10%	0.83%
Diverse course offerings	0.96%	1.65%
Friendly atmosphere	0.96%	0.83%
Diversity among instructors	0.55%	0.83%
Older, mature student body	0.55%	0.83%
Sports, near OTC	0.55%	2.48%
Good customer, student services	0.14%	0.83%

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Parking	15.60%	5.41%
Other	21.20%	2.70%
Faculty	8.70%	2.70%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	7.42%	13.54%
Class hours/schedule	6.14%	2.70%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.12%	5.41%
Need more graduate programs	4.86%	16.22%
Need wider selection of courses	3.84%	8.11%
Curriculum - too easy	3.58%	4.05%
No career placement, guidance	3.07%	1.35%
Bureaucracy	2.56%	4.05%
High fees, costs	2.56%	1.35%
Lack of student/customer services	2.56%	4.05%
Lack of funding for departments	2.05%	6.76%
Poor academic advising	1.79%	4.05%
Curriculum - too much theory	1.53%	1.35%
School is too small	1.53%	2.70%
Lack of diversity among instructors	1.28%	4.05%
Lack of internships, work experience	1.28%	2.70%
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.02%	1.35%
Lack of diversity among students	0.77%	1.35%
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.77%	1.35%
Young students, not serious	0.51%	1.35%
Lack of financial aid	0.26%	1.35%

34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?

1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.47%	25.37%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.07%	14.93%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.27%	26.87%
4 - Web site	1.07%	0.00%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.13%	32.84%



34a. Did you find the website complete?			
1 - Yes		68.29%	69.23%
2 - No		31.71%	30.77%

**Section D. Demographics**

35. Your gender is:			
1 - Male		44.30%	35.82%
2 - Female		55.70%	64.18%

36. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian		90.53%	90.91%
2 - African American		1.32%	0.00%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a		2.37%	4.55%
4 - Asian		3.16%	3.03%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut		0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other		1.84%	1.52%

37. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	61	64
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38. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married		21.93%	31.82%
2 - Married		67.10%	50.00%
3 - Separated		0.26%	0.00%
4 - Divorced		9.40%	13.64%
5 - Widowed		0.78%	3.03%
6 - Other		0.52%	1.52%

39. How many dependants are in your household?	MEAN=	1.21	0.98
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40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999		5.08%	13.43%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		7.75%	22.39%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		15.78%	22.39%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		26.47%	16.42%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.91%	14.93%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		18.98%	5.97%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		4.01%	1.49%
8 - \$100,000 or more		4.01%	2.99%



**Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results**  
 Comparison of University Totals to the College of Letters, Arts, & Sciences  
 Psychology Master's Graduates

	N=390 GRAD Alumni	N=17 PSYCH GRADS
<b>SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS</b>		
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?		
1998	1.06%	0.00%
1997	7.67%	0.00%
1996	19.05%	35.29%
1995	26.46%	29.41%
1994	20.63%	17.65%
1993 and before	25.13%	17.65%
2. What was your initial student level?		
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	64.04%	88.24%
2 - Transfer	5.25%	0.00%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	11.02%	0.00%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	19.69%	11.76%
3. What was your initial student classification?		
1 - Resident	81.48%	37.50%
2 - Non-resident	18.52%	62.50%
4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?		
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	71.43%	100.00%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	28.57%	0.00%
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - May, 1997	23.59%	11.76%
2 - August, 1997	7.44%	11.76%
3 - December, 1997	12.56%	11.76%
4 - May, 1998	42.82%	52.94%
5 - August, 1998	2.56%	0.00%
6 - December, 1998	1.28%	0.00%
7 - August, 1996	4.36%	5.88%
8 - December, 1996	5.38%	5.88%
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?		
1 - Master of Arts	42.60%	100.00%
2 - Master of Science	8.16%	0.00%
3 - Master of Basic Science	5.10%	0.00%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	3.83%	0.00%
5 - Master of Business Administration	24.74%	0.00%
6 - Master of Public Administration	5.61%	0.00%
7 - Master of Engineering	9.18%	0.00%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%	0.00%
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7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs?		
Curriculum & Instruction	10.49%	0.00%
Special Education	8.18%	0.00%
Aerospace/Space Operations	7.42%	0.00%
Counseling & Human Services	5.63%	0.00%
Public Administration	5.12%	0.00%
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	4.86%	0.00%
Finance	4.86%	0.00%
Business Administration	4.35%	0.00%
Psychology	4.35%	100.00%

	<u>GRAD Alumni</u>	<u>PSYCH GRADS</u>
Nursing	3.84%	0.00%
Information Systems	3.58%	0.00%
Leadership & Human Resources Management	3.32%	0.00%
Accounting	2.81%	0.00%
Communication	2.56%	0.00%
Electrical Engineering (MS, Ph.D.)	2.56%	0.00%
History	2.05%	0.00%
Exercise Science	1.79%	0.00%
Sociology	1.79%	0.00%
Leadership	1.53%	0.00%
Marketing	1.53%	0.00%
Applied Mathematics	1.28%	0.00%
Technology Management	1.28%	0.00%
Biology	1.02%	0.00%
Biotechnology/Biochemistry	1.02%	0.00%
Community Agency Counseling	1.02%	0.00%
Educational Computing & Technology	1.02%	0.00%
Geography	1.02%	0.00%
Gifted & Talented Education	1.02%	0.00%
International Management	1.02%	0.00%
Production/Operations Management	1.02%	0.00%
Reading	1.02%	0.00%
Science Education	1.02%	0.00%
Services Management	1.02%	0.00%
Physics (MS)	0.77%	0.00%
American Studies	0.51%	0.00%
Manufacturing Systems Engineering	0.51%	0.00%
School Counseling	0.51%	0.00%
Basic Science	0.26%	0.00%
Criminal justice	0.26%	0.00%
Mathematics	0.26%	0.00%
Software Engineering	0.26%	0.00%
Space Systems	0.26%	0.00%
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?		
1 - Business	24.74%	0.00%
2 - Education	31.38%	0.00%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science	17.09%	0.00%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences	17.35%	100.00%
5 - Nursing	3.83%	0.00%
6 - Public Affairs	5.61%	0.00%
8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?		
1 - Yes	4.34%	0.00%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)	95.66%	100.00%
8b. If yes, estimate what percent was done off-campus. (for % answer YES)		
MEAN=	8.87%	0.00
<=50%	95.24%	100.00%
>50%	4.76%	0.00%
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY		
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.10%	23.53%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.07%	0.00%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	19.64%	0.00%
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.61%	0.00%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.22%	11.76%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	7.14%	64.71%
7 - For self-development.	9.95%	0.00%
8 - Other	0.26%	0.00%
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?		
1 - Yes	11.48%	76.47%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	88.52%	23.53%
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)		
Program:		
Ph.D.	44.44%	69.23%
Other	22.22%	15.38%

	<b>GRAD Alumni</b>	<b>PSYCH GRADS</b>
Master of Arts (MA)	11.11%	7.69%
Master Business Admin. (MBA)	6.67%	7.69%
Master of Science (MS)	6.67%	0.00%
MD	4.44%	0.00%
Insurance	2.22%	0.00%
Master Engineering (ME)	2.22%	0.00%

University:		
Other	45.45%	69.23%
UCCS	18.18%	0.00%
CU-Denver	11.36%	7.69%
DU (Denver University)	9.09%	23.08%
CTU (Colorado Technical University)	6.82%	0.00%
Health Sciences Center	4.55%	0.00%
CSU (CO State University)	2.27%	0.00%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	2.27%	0.00%

10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?

1 - Yes	38.92%	75.00%
2 - No	60.78%	25.00%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.30%	0.00%

## SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?

1 - Sought employment	27.04%	17.65%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	7.14%	64.71%
3 - Continued current employment	56.38%	11.76%
4 - Other	9.44%	5.88%

12. What is your current employment status?

1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	87.95%	83.33%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	6.58%	16.67%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	1.37%	0.00%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	4.11%	0.00%

13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?

1 - Aerospace Industry	7.20%	0.00%
2 - Agricultural	0.29%	0.00%
3 - Contract Construction	0.58%	0.00%
4 - Education	30.55%	0.00%
5 - Finance	3.17%	0.00%
6 - Government	10.37%	0.00%
7 - Homemaker	1.15%	0.00%
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.44%	0.00%
9 - Manufacturing	6.34%	0.00%
10 - Mining	0.29%	0.00%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	5.19%	16.67%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.44%	0.00%
13 - Public Service	2.31%	16.67%
14 - Service	5.76%	16.67%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	2.02%	0.00%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.44%	0.00%
17 - Other (specify)	20.46%	50.00%

14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?

1 - Yes	92.13%	83.33%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)	7.87%	16.67%

14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?

1 - Yes	88.29%	75.00%
2 - No	11.71%	25.00%

15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?

1 - Yes	55.05%	40.00%
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		<b>GRAD Alumni</b>	<b>PSYCH GRADS</b>
2 - No		44.95%	60.00%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?	MEAN Days=	55.3	48.0
	< 30 days	69.54%	60.00%
	< 60 days	75.83%	60.00%
	> 60 days	23.18%	40.00%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?			
1 - Yes		44.93%	100.00%
2 - No		55.07%	0.00%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
1 - Did not have to relocate		61.85%	80.00%
2 - Relocated within Colorado		3.69%	0.00%
3 - Relocated to another state		12.00%	20.00%
4 - Relocated to another country		1.54%	0.00%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)		20.92%	0.00%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
1 - Had no previous employment experience		19.51%	60.00%
2 - Had some previous employment experience		33.84%	20.00%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience		46.65%	20.00%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>			
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		3.33%	0.00%
2 -		4.85%	0.00%
3 -		2.73%	0.00%
4 -		12.42%	0.00%
5 -		29.70%	60.00%
6 - Strongly Agree		46.97%	40.00%
	MEAN=	5.01	5.40
19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		1.85%	0.00%
2 -		3.69%	0.00%
3 -		2.15%	0.00%
4 -		19.08%	0.00%
5 -		39.69%	60.00%
6 - Strongly Agree		33.54%	40.00%
	MEAN=	4.92	5.40
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		5.49%	0.00%
2 -		15.55%	0.00%
3 -		8.84%	0.00%
4 -		24.09%	0.00%
5 -		19.82%	60.00%
6 - Strongly Agree		26.22%	40.00%
	MEAN=	4.16	5.40
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs</b>			
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>			
21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		2.06%	0.00%
2 -		3.87%	0.00%
3 -		5.67%	0.00%
4 -		23.97%	11.76%
5 -		47.42%	47.06%
6 - Strongly Agree		17.01%	41.18%
	MEAN=	4.62	5.29
22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		1.03%	0.00%
2 -		5.94%	0.00%
3 -		3.88%	0.00%
4 -		27.39%	11.76%
5 -		47.80%	41.18%

	<u>GRAD Alumni</u>	<u>PSYCH GRADS</u>
6 - Strongly Agree	13.95%	47.06%
MEAN=	4.57	5.35
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.57%	0.00%
2 -	3.86%	0.00%
3 -	4.37%	0.00%
4 -	12.60%	11.76%
5 -	48.07%	29.41%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.53%	58.82%
MEAN=	4.85	5.47
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.60%	0.00%
2 -	3.39%	0.00%
3 -	4.43%	0.00%
4 -	23.18%	17.65%
5 -	44.27%	41.18%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.14%	41.18%
MEAN=	4.70	5.24
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.03%	0.00%
2 -	2.32%	0.00%
3 -	2.58%	0.00%
4 -	10.82%	11.76%
5 -	54.38%	35.29%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.87%	52.94%
MEAN=	5.02	5.41
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Yes	9.77%	5.88%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.23%	94.12%
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?		
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	13.16%	0.00%
Not Offered at UCCS	13.16%	0.00%
Not Sure	10.53%	0.00%
Marketing	7.89%	0.00%
Other	7.89%	0.00%
Biology	5.26%	0.00%
Business Administration	5.26%	0.00%
Information Systems	5.26%	0.00%
Psychology	5.26%	0.00%
Accounting	2.63%	0.00%
Alternative Licensure Program - Secondary	2.63%	0.00%
Biotechnology/Biochemistry	2.63%	0.00%
Counseling & Human Services	2.63%	100.00%
Curriculum & Instruction	2.63%	0.00%
Electrical Engineering (MS, Ph.D.)	2.63%	0.00%
Finance	2.63%	0.00%
Geography	2.63%	0.00%
Leadership & Human Resources Management	2.63%	0.00%
Software Engineering	2.63%	0.00%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	12.88%	11.76%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	87.12%	88.24%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	72.93%	100.00%
2 - No	27.07%	0.00%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes	39.07%	58.82%
2 - No	60.93%	41.18%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		

	<u>GRAD Alumni</u>	<u>PSYCH GRADS</u>
1 - Very Poor	3.34%	11.76%
2 - Poor	7.46%	0.00%
3 - Fair	16.45%	0.00%
4 - Good	28.02%	29.41%
5 - Excellent	24.94%	58.82%
6 - Never had a mentor	19.79%	0.00%
(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79	4.24
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.32%	0.00%
2 - Poor	6.65%	0.00%
3 - Fair	19.44%	0.00%
4 - Good	37.60%	47.06%
5 - Excellent	23.79%	47.06%
6 - Never was advised	1.79%	5.88%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	7.42%	0.00%
(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79	4.50
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?		
1 - Yes	50.13%	100.00%
2 - No	44.47%	0.00%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	5.40%	0.00%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)		
Counseling	7.56%	0.00%
Finance	6.70%	0.00%
Special Education	6.70%	0.00%
Aerospace Engineering	6.01%	0.00%
Business Administration	4.98%	0.00%
Psychology	4.98%	69.23%
Computer Science	4.30%	0.00%
Curriculum	4.30%	0.00%
Research Methodology	4.30%	12.82%
Reading	4.12%	0.00%
Electrical Engineering	3.95%	0.00%
Leadership	3.44%	0.00%
Accounting	2.58%	0.00%
Communication	2.41%	0.00%
Marketing	2.41%	0.00%
Information Systems	2.23%	0.00%
Nursing	2.06%	0.00%
Quantitative Methods	2.06%	15.38%
Public Administration	1.89%	0.00%
Personnel & Human Resources Management	1.55%	0.00%
Software Engineering	1.55%	0.00%
Leadership & Human Resources Management	1.37%	0.00%
Organizational Management	1.37%	0.00%
Sociology	1.37%	0.00%
Sports & Leisure	1.37%	0.00%
Biology	1.20%	0.00%
History	1.20%	0.00%
Instructional Technology	1.20%	0.00%
Educational Computing	1.03%	0.00%
Mathematics	1.03%	0.00%
Geography	0.86%	0.00%
International Business	0.86%	0.00%
Manufacturing Systems Engineering	0.86%	0.00%
Physics	0.86%	0.00%
Chemistry	0.69%	0.00%
Other	0.69%	0.00%
Production Management	0.69%	0.00%
Business Law	0.52%	0.00%
Master's Thesis	0.52%	2.56%
Educational Psychology	0.34%	0.00%
Independent Study	0.34%	0.00%
Interdepartmental Studies	0.34%	0.00%
Philosophy	0.34%	0.00%
Business Communication	0.17%	0.00%

**GRAD Alumni PSYCH GRADS**

	GRAD Alumni	PSYCH GRADS
Criminal Justice	0.17%	0.00%
English	0.17%	0.00%
Mechanical Engineering	0.17%	0.00%
Political Science	0.17%	0.00%

31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?

1 - Never	26.42%	64.71%
2 - Rarely	39.12%	35.29%
3 - Sometimes	28.76%	0.00%
4 - Often	5.18%	0.00%
5 - Always	0.52%	0.00%
MEAN=	2.14	1.35

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Location	28.67%	3.13%
Faculty	13.17%	25.00%
Class hours/schedule	5.62%	0.00%
Cost	5.62%	0.00%
Curriculum	5.21%	21.88%
Good reputation	4.39%	0.00%
Night classes	4.39%	0.00%
Small class size	4.25%	3.13%
Good departmental programs	4.12%	15.63%
Other	2.74%	3.13%
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	2.33%	3.13%
High academic standards	2.19%	9.38%
Had major I wanted	2.06%	0.00%
Accredited	1.78%	0.00%
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.78%	0.00%
Orientation to non-traditional students	1.65%	0.00%
Small school/atmosphere	1.51%	0.00%
Availability of Faculty	1.10%	3.13%
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.10%	3.13%
Diverse course offerings	0.96%	3.13%
Friendly atmosphere	0.96%	0.00%
Diversity among instructors	0.55%	3.13%
Older, mature student body	0.55%	3.13%
Sports, near OTC	0.55%	0.00%
Diversity among students	0.41%	0.00%
Good academic advising	0.41%	0.00%
Good cohesiveness, communication	0.41%	0.00%
Beautiful Campus	0.27%	0.00%
Classes taught by Ph.D.'s, not TA's	0.27%	0.00%
Good career placement, guidance	0.27%	0.00%
Well-rounded education	0.27%	0.00%
Dorms	0.14%	0.00%
Financial aid	0.14%	0.00%
Good customer, student services	0.14%	0.00%

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?

Parking	15.60%	5.88%
Other	9.97%	5.88%
Faculty	8.70%	5.88%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	7.42%	11.76%
Class hours/schedule	6.14%	0.00%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.12%	5.88%
Need more graduate programs	4.86%	41.18%
Need wider selection of courses	3.84%	0.00%
Curriculum - too easy	3.58%	0.00%
School lacks a big name	3.32%	0.00%
No career placement, guidance	3.07%	5.88%
Bureaucracy	2.56%	0.00%
High fees, costs	2.56%	0.00%
Lack of student/customer services	2.56%	0.00%
Lack of funding for departments	2.05%	0.00%
Poor academic advising	1.79%	5.88%
Curriculum - too much theory	1.53%	0.00%



	<u>GRAD Alumni</u>	<u>PSYCH GRADS</u>
Group projects	1.53%	0.00%
School is too small	1.53%	0.00%
Too many unnecessary requirements	1.53%	0.00%
Lack of diversity among instructors	1.28%	5.88%
Lack of internships, work experience	1.28%	0.00%
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.02%	0.00%
Classes taught by TA's, not Ph.D.'s	0.77%	0.00%
Lack of diversity among students	0.77%	0.00%
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.77%	0.00%
Commuter campus/no dorms	0.51%	0.00%
Growing too fast, overcrowded	0.51%	0.00%
Lack of sports	0.51%	0.00%
Little campus life/social life	0.51%	0.00%
Transfer of credits	0.51%	0.00%
Young students, not serious	0.51%	0.00%
Classes too small	0.26%	0.00%
Dorms	0.26%	0.00%
Lack of cultural diversity	0.26%	0.00%
Lack of financial aid	0.26%	5.88%
Lacking college atmosphere	0.26%	0.00%
Need more majors	0.26%	0.00%
Same classes always offered at the same time	0.26%	0.00%
<b>34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?</b>		
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.36%	0.00%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.02%	58.82%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.18%	23.53%
4 - Web site	1.06%	0.00%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.38%	17.65%
<b>34a. Did you find the website complete?</b>		
1 - Yes	68.29%	100.00%
2 - No	31.71%	0.00%
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>		
<b>35. Your gender is:</b>		
1 - Male	44.33%	29.41%
2 - Female	55.67%	70.59%
<b>36. Your primary ethnic group is?</b>		
1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian	90.58%	88.24%
2 - African American	1.31%	0.00%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a	2.36%	5.88%
4 - Asian	3.14%	5.88%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut	0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other	1.83%	0.00%
<b>37. Your year of birth is:</b>	MEAN=	61      68
<b>38. Your marital status is:</b>		
1 - Single, Never Married	22.08%	52.94%
2 - Married	67.01%	29.41%
3 - Separated	0.26%	0.00%
4 - Divorced	9.35%	11.76%
5 - Widowed	0.78%	0.00%
6 - Other	0.52%	5.88%
<b>39. How many dependants are in your household?</b>	MEAN=	1      0
<b>40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:</b>		
1 - Less than \$9,999	5.05%	11.76%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	7.71%	41.18%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	15.69%	23.53%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	26.33%	11.76%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	17.82%	11.76%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	18.88%	0.00%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	4.26%	0.00%
8 - \$100,000 or more	4.26%	0.00%



## Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the College of Nursing

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS	GRAD ALUMNI	NURS GRADS
	N=389	N=15
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?		
1998	1.06%	7.69%
1997	7.71%	23.08%
1996	18.62%	7.69%
1995	26.60%	38.46%
1994	20.74%	7.69%
1993 and before	25.27%	15.38%
2. What was your initial student level?		
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	64.02%	53.33%
2 - Transfer	5.29%	33.33%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	11.11%	13.33%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	19.58%	0.00%
2a. If you were a transfer student, from which institution did you transfer?		
Other	57.89%	0.00%
Beth-El	26.32%	100.00%
Chapman College	5.26%	0.00%
DU (Denver University)	5.26%	0.00%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	5.26%	0.00%
3. What was your initial student classification?		
1 - Resident	81.60%	93.33%
2 - Non-resident	18.40%	6.67%
4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?		
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	71.47%	53.33%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	28.53%	46.67%
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5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - May, 1997	23.77%	0.00%

**GRAD ALUMNI    NURS GRADS**

	GRAD ALUMNI	NURS GRADS
2 - August, 1997	7.49%	0.00%
3 - December, 1997	12.66%	6.67%
4 - May, 1998	42.64%	93.33%
5 - August, 1998	2.33%	0.00%
6 - December, 1998	1.29%	0.00%
7 - August, 1996 *	4.39%	0.00%
8 - December, 1996 *	5.43%	0.00%

\* Answers 7 & 8 were added after the survey was printed and mailed. This was the first graduate alumni survey mailed and more alumni, with earlier graduation dates, responded than was anticipated.

6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?

1 - Master of Arts	42.42%	0.00%
2 - Master of Science	8.23%	0.00%
3 - Master of Basic Science	5.14%	0.00%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	3.86%	100.00%
5 - Master of Business Administration	24.68%	0.00%
6 - Master of Public Administration	5.66%	0.00%
7 - Master of Engineering	9.25%	0.00%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%	0.00%

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs?

Nursing	3.87%	100.00%
Other	96.13%	0.00%

8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?

1 - Business	24.68%	0.00%
2 - Education	31.36%	0.00%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science	17.22%	0.00%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences	17.22%	0.00%
5 - Nursing	3.86%	100.00%
6 - Public Affairs	5.66%	0.00%

8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?

1 - Yes	4.11%	0.00%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)	95.89%	100.00%

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY

1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.33%	13.33%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.20%	33.33%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	19.79%	33.33%
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.66%	6.67%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.05%	6.67%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	6.94%	0.00%
7 - For self-development.	9.77%	6.67%
8 - Other	0.26%	0.00%

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?

1 - Yes	11.57%	6.67%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	88.43%	93.33%

10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)		
Program:		
Other	100.00%	100.00%
University:		
Other	81.82%	0.00%
UCCS	18.18%	100.00%
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?		
1 - Yes	38.67%	16.67%
2 - No	61.03%	83.33%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.30%	0.00%

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?		
1 - Sought employment	26.99%	46.67%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	7.20%	0.00%
3 - Continued current employment	56.56%	53.33%
4 - Other	9.25%	0.00%
12. What is your current employment status?		
1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	87.85%	93.33%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	6.63%	6.67%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	1.38%	0.00%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	4.14%	0.00%
13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?		
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.27%	0.00%
2 - Agricultural	0.29%	0.00%
3 - Contract Construction	0.58%	0.00%
4 - Education	30.52%	0.00%
5 - Finance	2.91%	0.00%
6 - Government	10.47%	0.00%
7 - Homemaker	1.16%	0.00%
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.45%	0.00%
9 - Manufacturing	6.40%	0.00%
10 - Mining	0.29%	0.00%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	5.23%	86.67%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.45%	13.33%
13 - Public Service	2.33%	0.00%
14 - Service	5.81%	0.00%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	2.03%	0.00%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.16%	0.00%
17 - Other (specify)	20.64%	0.00%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?		
1 - Yes	92.06%	100.00%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)	7.94%	0.00%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?		
1 - Yes	88.50%	84.62%
2 - No	11.50%	15.38%

15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?			
1 - Yes		55.25%	46.67%
2 - No		44.75%	53.33%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?	MEAN Days=	55.7	46.6
	< 30 days	69.44%	61.54%
	< 60 days	75.75%	61.54%
	> 60 days	23.26%	30.77%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?			
1 - Yes		44.32%	66.67%
2 - No		55.68%	33.33%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
1 - Did not have to relocate		62.11%	85.71%
2 - Relocated within Colorado		3.42%	0.00%
3 - Relocated to another state		11.80%	0.00%
4 - Relocated to another country		1.55%	0.00%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)		21.12%	14.29%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
1 - Had no previous employment experience		19.08%	20.00%
2 - Had some previous employment experience		33.85%	13.33%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience		47.08%	66.67%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>			
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		3.36%	6.67%
2 -		4.89%	6.67%
3 -		2.75%	0.00%
4 -		11.93%	0.00%
5 -		29.66%	13.33%
6 - Strongly Agree		47.40%	73.33%
	MEAN=	5.02	5.27
19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		1.86%	6.67%
2 -		3.73%	0.00%
3 -		2.17%	0.00%
4 -		18.94%	26.67%
5 -		39.44%	33.33%
6 - Strongly Agree		33.85%	33.33%
	MEAN=	4.92	4.80
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		5.54%	20.00%
2 -		15.69%	0.00%
3 -		8.92%	0.00%
4 -		23.69%	0.00%
5 -		20.00%	26.67%
6 - Strongly Agree		26.15%	53.33%
	MEAN=	4.15	4.73

**Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs**

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.08%	6.67%
2 -	3.90%	6.67%
3 -	5.45%	0.00%
4 -	24.16%	33.33%
5 -	47.27%	53.33%
6 - Strongly Agree	17.14%	0.00%
MEAN=	4.62	4.20

22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	6.67%
2 -	5.73%	0.00%
3 -	3.65%	6.67%
4 -	27.60%	66.67%
5 -	47.92%	20.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	14.06%	0.00%
MEAN=	4.58	3.93

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.59%	6.67%
2 -	3.89%	6.67%
3 -	4.40%	20.00%
4 -	12.44%	26.67%
5 -	48.19%	33.33%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.50%	6.67%
MEAN=	4.85	3.93

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.62%	6.67%
2 -	3.41%	0.00%
3 -	4.46%	0.00%
4 -	23.10%	20.00%
5 -	44.09%	60.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.31%	13.33%
MEAN=	4.70	4.67

25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	6.67%
2 -	2.34%	0.00%
3 -	2.60%	0.00%
4 -	10.65%	26.67%
5 -	54.55%	60.00%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.83%	6.67%
MEAN=	5.02	4.53

26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.

1 - Yes	9.59%	6.67%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.41%	93.33%

26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?		
Not Offered at UCCS	13.51%	100.00%
Other	86.49%	0.00%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	12.71%	33.33%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	87.29%	66.67%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	72.52%	62.50%
2 - No	27.48%	37.50%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes	38.86%	53.33%
2 - No	61.14%	46.67%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.37%	6.67%
2 - Poor	7.51%	6.67%
3 - Fair	16.32%	26.67%
4 - Good	28.24%	26.67%
5 - Excellent	24.87%	26.67%
6 - Never had a mentor	19.69%	6.67%
	(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79      3.64
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.35%	13.33%
2 - Poor	6.70%	6.67%
3 - Fair	19.59%	33.33%
4 - Good	37.63%	26.67%
5 - Excellent	23.71%	20.00%
6 - Never was advised	1.55%	0.00%
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	7.47%	0.00%
	(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79      3.33
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?		
1 - Yes	50.00%	38.46%
2 - No	44.56%	61.54%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	5.44%	0.00%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)		
Research Methodology	4.35%	33.33%
Nursing	2.09%	66.67%
Other	93.56%	0.00%
31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?		
1 - Never	26.63%	20.00%
2 - Rarely	39.16%	46.67%
3 - Sometimes	28.46%	33.33%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>NURS GRADS</b>
4 - Often	5.22%	0.00%
5 - Always	0.52%	0.00%
MEAN=	2.14	2.13
<b>32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?</b>		
Location	28.69%	47.06%
Faculty	13.10%	5.88%
Curriculum	5.24%	5.88%
Good reputation	4.28%	11.76%
Good departmental programs	4.14%	5.88%
Other	40.69%	0.00%
Had major I wanted	2.07%	5.88%
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.79%	17.65%
<b>33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?</b>		
Parking	15.68%	25.00%
Other	62.98%	12.50%
Faculty	8.48%	12.50%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.14%	31.25%
Need wider selection of courses	3.86%	6.25%
Lack of student/customer services	2.57%	6.25%
Lack of internships, work experience	1.29%	6.25%
<b>34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?</b>		
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.25%	30.77%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.09%	0.00%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.31%	7.69%
4 - Web site	1.07%	0.00%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.28%	61.54%
<b>34a. Did you find the website complete?</b>		
1 - Yes	68.29%	100.00%
2 - No	31.71%	0.00%
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>		
<b>35. Your gender is:</b>		
1 - Male	44.42%	0.00%
2 - Female	55.58%	100.00%
<b>36. Your primary ethnic group is?</b>		
1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian	90.50%	100.00%
2 - African American	1.32%	0.00%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a	2.37%	0.00%
4 - Asian	3.17%	0.00%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut	0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other	1.85%	0.00%
<b>37. Your year of birth is:</b>		
MEAN=	61	53
<b>38. Your marital status is:</b>		
1 - Single, Never Married	21.73%	13.33%
2 - Married	67.28%	53.33%
3 - Separated	0.26%	6.67%



		<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>NURS GRADS</b>
4 - Divorced		9.42%	26.67%
5 - Widowed		0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other		0.52%	0.00%
39. How many dependants are in your household?	MEAN=	1.21	1.38
40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999		5.09%	0.00%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		7.77%	6.67%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		15.82%	0.00%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		26.27%	6.67%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.96%	13.33%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		19.03%	66.67%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		4.02%	0.00%
8 - \$100,000 or more		4.02%	6.67%



**Graduate Alumni 2000 Survey Results**  
 Comparison of University Totals to the Graduate School of Public Affairs

**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT CU-COLORADO SPRINGS**

	<u>GRAD ALUMNI</u>	<u>GSPA GRADS</u>
	N=389	N=22
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs?</b>		
1998	1.06%	0.00%
1997	7.71%	4.55%
1996	18.62%	27.27%
1995	26.60%	13.64%
1994	20.74%	31.82%
1993 and before	25.27%	22.73%
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>		
1 - Fully Accepted (go to Q. 3)	64.02%	52.38%
2 - Transfer	5.29%	9.52%
3 - Provisionally Accepted (go to Q. 3)	11.11%	19.05%
4 - Unclassified (go to Q. 3)	19.58%	19.05%
<b>2a. If you were a transfer student, from which institution did you transfer?</b>		
Other	57.89%	100.00%
Beth-El	26.32%	0.00%
Chapman College	5.26%	0.00%
DU (Denver University)	5.26%	0.00%
UNC (University of Northern CO)	5.26%	0.00%
<b>3. What was your initial student classification?</b>		
1 - Resident	81.60%	85.71%
2 - Non-resident	18.40%	14.29%
<b>4. During your graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs, what was your course load during most semesters?</b>		
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	71.47%	77.27%
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	28.53%	22.73%

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5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs.

**GRAD ALUMNI    GSPA GRADS**

	GRAD ALUMNI	GSPA GRADS
1 - May, 1997	23.77%	31.82%
2 - August, 1997	7.49%	0.00%
3 - December, 1997	12.66%	13.64%
4 - May, 1998	42.64%	31.82%
5 - August, 1998	2.33%	4.55%
6 - December, 1998	1.29%	4.55%
7 - August, 1996 *	4.39%	0.00%
8 - December, 1996 *	5.43%	13.64%

\* Answers 7 & 8 were added after the survey was printed and mailed. This was the first graduate alumni survey mailed and more alumni, with earlier graduation dates, responded than was anticipated.

6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?

1 - Master of Arts	42.42%	0.00%
2 - Master of Science	8.23%	0.00%
3 - Master of Basic Science	5.14%	0.00%
4 - Master of Science Nursing	3.86%	0.00%
5 - Master of Business Administration	24.68%	0.00%
6 - Master of Public Administration	5.66%	100.00%
7 - Master of Engineering	9.25%	0.00%
8 - Doctor of Philosophy	0.77%	0.00%

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from CU-Colorado Springs?

Public Administration	5.15%	95.24%
Criminal justice	0.26%	4.76%
Other	94.59%	0.00%

8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?

1 - Business	24.68%	0.00%
2 - Education	31.36%	0.00%
3 - Engineering & Applied Science	17.22%	0.00%
4 - Letters, Arts, & Sciences	17.22%	0.00%
5 - Nursing	3.86%	0.00%
6 - Public Affairs	5.66%	100.00%

8a. Was any of your coursework on-line?

1 - Yes	4.11%	9.09%
2 - No (go to Q. 9)	95.89%	90.91%

8b. If yes, estimate what percent was done off-campus. (for % answer YES)

MEAN=	9.06%	12.00%
Percent <= 50%	95.24%	100.00%
Percent > 50%	4.76%	0.00%

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY

1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.33%	22.73%
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.20%	9.09%
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	19.79%	27.27%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>GSPA GRADS</b>
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4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.66%	18.18%
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.05%	9.09%
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	6.94%	0.00%
7 - For self-development.	9.77%	13.64%
8 - Other	0.26%	0.00%

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at CU-Colorado Springs) or certificate program?

1 - Yes	11.57%	4.55%
2 - No (go to Q. 10b)	88.43%	95.45%

10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university? (go to Q. 11)

Program:

Master of Science (MS)	100.00%	100.00%
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University:

Other	100.00%	100.00%
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10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications in the near future?

1 - Yes	38.67%	21.05%
2 - No	61.03%	78.95%
3 - Maybe/Not Sure	0.30%	0.00%

## SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?

1 - Sought employment	26.99%	22.73%
2 - Attend further graduate school (go to Q. 21)	7.20%	0.00%
3 - Continued current employment	56.56%	68.18%
4 - Other	9.25%	9.09%

12. What is your current employment status?

1 - Employed full-time (go to Q. 13)	87.85%	77.27%
2 - Employed part-time (go to Q. 13)	6.63%	4.55%
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	1.38%	9.09%
4 - Unemployed but not seeking employment	4.14%	9.09%

12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income? (go to Q.21)

Spouse	63.16%	100.00%
Other	15.79%	0.00%
Retirement	15.79%	0.00%
Loans/Grants	5.26%	0.00%

13. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?

1 - Aerospace Industry	7.27%	5.56%
2 - Agricultural	0.29%	0.00%
3 - Contract Construction	0.58%	0.00%
4 - Education	30.52%	0.00%
5 - Finance	2.91%	0.00%
6 - Government	10.47%	33.33%
7 - Homemaker	1.16%	0.00%

		<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>GSPA GRADS</b>
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate		1.45%	0.00%
9 - Manufacturing		6.40%	0.00%
10 - Mining		0.29%	0.00%
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health		5.23%	0.00%
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)		1.45%	0.00%
13 - Public Service		2.33%	11.11%
14 - Service		5.81%	5.56%
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities		2.03%	0.00%
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades		1.16%	0.00%
17 - Other (specify)		20.64%	44.44%
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?			
1 - Yes		92.06%	94.44%
2 - No (go to Q. 21)		7.94%	5.56%
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?			
1 - Yes		88.50%	100.00%
2 - No		11.50%	0.00%
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?			
1 - Yes		55.25%	70.59%
2 - No		44.75%	29.41%
15a. How long did it take for you to find your first job after graduation?			
	MEAN Days=	55.7	45.1
	< 30 days	69.44%	88.24%
	< 60 days	75.75%	94.12%
	> 60 days	23.26%	5.88%
15b. After graduation, was your employment changed to an area related to your graduate degree?			
1 - Yes		44.32%	15.38%
2 - No		55.68%	84.62%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
1 - Did not have to relocate		62.11%	52.94%
2 - Relocated within Colorado		3.42%	0.00%
3 - Relocated to another state		11.80%	17.65%
4 - Relocated to another country		1.55%	0.00%
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)		21.12%	29.41%
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
1 - Had no previous employment experience		19.08%	0.00%
2 - Had some previous employment experience		33.85%	29.41%
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience		47.08%	70.59%
<b>Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:</b>			
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
1 - Strongly Disagree		3.36%	0.00%
2 -		4.89%	5.88%
3 -		2.75%	11.76%
4 -		11.93%	17.65%
5 -		29.66%	35.29%
6 - Strongly Agree		47.40%	29.41%
	MEAN=	5.02	4.71

19. My graduate studies at CU-Colorado Springs enhanced my ability to get a job.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.86%	0.00%
2 -	3.73%	0.00%
3 -	2.17%	0.00%
4 -	18.94%	29.41%
5 -	39.44%	52.94%
6 - Strongly Agree	33.85%	17.65%
MEAN=	4.92	4.88

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.

1 - Strongly Disagree	5.54%	0.00%
2 -	15.69%	23.53%
3 -	8.92%	11.76%
4 -	23.69%	17.65%
5 -	20.00%	29.41%
6 - Strongly Agree	26.15%	17.65%
MEAN=	4.15	4.06

**Section C: Rating My Education at CU-Colorado Springs**

**Please circle the number for each item that most closely matches your opinion:**

21. My CU-Colorado Springs graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.08%	0.00%
2 -	3.90%	9.09%
3 -	5.45%	0.00%
4 -	24.16%	50.00%
5 -	47.27%	36.36%
6 - Strongly Agree	17.14%	4.55%
MEAN=	4.62	4.27

22. The technical skills I learned at CU-Colorado Springs during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.

1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	4.76%
2 -	5.73%	0.00%
3 -	3.65%	0.00%
4 -	27.60%	19.05%
5 -	47.92%	52.38%
6 - Strongly Agree	14.06%	23.81%
MEAN=	4.58	4.86

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.59%	4.55%
2 -	3.89%	0.00%
3 -	4.40%	0.00%
4 -	12.44%	4.55%
5 -	48.19%	54.55%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.50%	36.36%
MEAN=	4.85	5.14

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at CU-Colorado Springs in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.

1 - Strongly Disagree	2.62%	4.76%
2 -	3.41%	4.76%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>GSPA GRADS</b>
3 -	4.46%	0.00%
4 -	23.10%	28.57%
5 -	44.09%	52.38%
6 - Strongly Agree	22.31%	9.52%
	MEAN= 4.70	4.48
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.04%	0.00%
2 -	2.34%	0.00%
3 -	2.60%	0.00%
4 -	10.65%	9.09%
5 -	54.55%	63.64%
6 - Strongly Agree	28.83%	27.27%
	MEAN= 5.02	5.18
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at CU-Colorado Springs.		
1 - Yes	9.59%	19.05%
2 - No (go to Q. 26b)	90.41%	80.95%
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?		
Not Offered at UCCS	13.51%	50.00%
Other	81.09%	0.00%
Accounting	2.70%	25.00%
Leadership & Human Resources Management	2.70%	25.00%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	12.71%	16.67%
2 - No (go to Q. 27)	87.29%	83.33%
26c. If yes, could you have attended a different institution?		
1 - Yes	72.52%	71.43%
2 - No	27.48%	28.57%
27. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).		
1 - Yes	38.86%	23.81%
2 - No	61.14%	76.19%
28. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.37%	0.00%
2 - Poor	7.51%	4.55%
3 - Fair	16.32%	4.55%
4 - Good	28.24%	36.36%
5 - Excellent	24.87%	22.73%
6 - Never had a mentor	19.69%	31.82%
	(* the mean does not include category 6 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79 4.13
29. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?		
1 - Very Poor	3.35%	4.55%
2 - Poor	6.70%	0.00%
3 - Fair	19.59%	9.09%
4 - Good	37.63%	45.45%
5 - Excellent	23.71%	18.18%
6 - Never was advised	1.55%	0.00%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>GSPA GRADS</b>
7 - Never requested or needed advisement	7.47%	22.73%
(* the mean does not include category 6 or 7 responses)	*MEAN= 3.79	3.94
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at CU-Colorado Springs, either in or outside of class?		
1 - Yes	50.00%	22.73%
2 - No	44.56%	72.73%
3 - No, but I wanted a mentor	5.44%	4.55%
31. Which graduate courses at CU-Colorado Springs were most beneficial to you in your current or desired occupation? (Please answer even if currently unemployed.)		
Finance	6.43%	3.45%
Business Administration	5.04%	3.45%
Research Methodology	4.35%	13.79%
Leadership	3.48%	6.90%
Accounting	2.43%	3.45%
Public Administration	1.91%	34.48%
Quantitative Methods	1.91%	3.45%
Personnel & Human Resources Management	1.57%	17.24%
Organizational Management	1.39%	6.90%
Business Law	0.52%	3.45%
Criminal Justice	0.17%	3.45%
Other	70.78%	0.00%
31a. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?		
1 - Never	26.63%	14.29%
2 - Rarely	39.16%	52.38%
3 - Sometimes	28.46%	19.05%
4 - Often	5.22%	14.29%
5 - Always	0.52%	0.00%
	MEAN= 2.14	2.33
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?		
Location	28.69%	30.77%
Faculty	13.10%	15.38%
Class hours/schedule	5.66%	5.13%
Curriculum	5.24%	2.56%
Night classes	4.41%	2.56%
Good reputation	4.28%	2.56%
Small class size	4.28%	7.69%
Good departmental programs	4.14%	5.13%
Other	21.38%	7.69%
Personable/small student:teacher ratio	2.34%	2.56%
High academic standards	2.21%	2.56%
Small school/atmosphere	1.52%	2.56%
Availability of Faculty	1.10%	5.13%
Friendly atmosphere	0.97%	2.56%
Diversity among students	0.41%	2.56%
Good career placement, guidance	0.28%	2.56%



33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at CU-Colorado Springs?		
Parking	15.68%	18.18%
Other	53.73%	18.18%
Lacking equipment/facilities/resources	7.20%	9.09%
Class hours/schedule	6.17%	9.09%
No cohesiveness/communication	5.14%	9.09%
Need wider selection of courses	3.86%	9.09%
School lacks a big name	3.34%	9.09%
No career placement, guidance	3.08%	9.09%
Poor academic advising	1.80%	9.09%

34. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time (go to Q. 35)	19.25%	15.79%
2 - Professional publication (go to Q. 35)	9.09%	31.58%
3 - Brochure (go to Q. 35)	16.31%	21.05%
4 - Web site	1.07%	0.00%
5 - Word of mouth (go to Q. 35)	54.28%	31.58%

34a. Did you find the website complete?		
1 - Yes	68.29%	0.00%
2 - No	31.71%	100.00%

**Section D. Demographics**

35. Your gender is:		
1 - Male	44.42%	40.91%
2 - Female	55.58%	59.09%

36. Your primary ethnic group is?		
1 - White - Anglo - Caucasian	90.50%	80.95%
2 - African American	1.32%	4.76%
3 - Hispanic - Chicano/a - Latino/a	2.37%	9.52%
4 - Asian	3.17%	4.76%
5 - Native American - American Indian - Aleut	0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other	1.85%	0.00%

37. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	61	64
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38. Your marital status is:		
1 - Single, Never Married	21.73%	9.09%
2 - Married	67.28%	86.36%
3 - Separated	0.26%	0.00%
4 - Divorced	9.42%	4.55%
5 - Widowed	0.79%	0.00%
6 - Other	0.52%	0.00%

39. How many dependants are in your household?	MEAN=	1.21	1.35
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40. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		
1 - Less than \$9,999	5.09%	5.00%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	7.77%	0.00%

	<b>GRAD ALUMNI</b>	<b>GSPA GRADS</b>
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	15.82%	15.00%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	26.27%	30.00%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	17.96%	10.00%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	19.03%	20.00%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	4.02%	15.00%
8 - \$100,000 or more	4.02%	5.00%