Graduation Survey Results: Marshall University's RBA Program: Academic Year 2012 – 2013

Total Responses = 96/231 (42% response rate)

1. Family Status

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Married, no children		8	8%
2	Married, with children		29	30%
3	Single, no children		43	45%
4	Single, with children		16	17%
	Total		96	100%

2. Residency at time of admission

#	Answer		Response	%
1	In-State		75	78%
2	Metro		9	9%
3	Out-of-State		12	13%
	Total		96	100%

3. Number of semesters enrolled to complete your degree (Note: One semester is equal to fall, spring, or summer, resulting in the potential for three semesters in one year)

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Fewer than 8 semesters		30	31%
2	8 semesters		7	7%
3	9 semesters		9	9%
4	10 semesters		9	9%
5	11 semesters		6	6%
6	12 semesters		8	8%
7	13 semesters		2	2%
8	14 semesters		6	6%
9	15 semesters		3	3%
10	16 semesters		2	2%
11	17 semesters		2	2%
12	18 semesters		2	2%
13	19 semesters		1	1%
14	20 semesters		0	0%
15	More than 20 semesters		9	9%
	Total		96	100%

4. While pursuing your degree, did you

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Originally enroll and stay at Marshall		33	34%
2	Transfer from a 2-year institution or community college		32	33%
3	Transfer from another 4-year institution		31	32%
	Total		96	100%

5. During the last year of your studies, how many hours a week did you work while attending classes?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	None		13	14%
2	1 - 10		5	5%
3	11 - 20		13	14%
4	21 - 30		15	16%
5	More than 30		50	52%
	Total		96	100%

6. Which of the following best describes your educational objective while attending Marshall University?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Begin my first career		43	45%
2	Advance in current career		20	21%
3	Change career		23	24%
4	Non-career objective		10	10%
	Total		96	100%

7. Upon graduation, what was the dollar amount of your educational loan indebtedness?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	No indebtedness		18	19%
2	Up to $4,999		5	5%
3	$5,000 - $9,999		7	7%
4	$10,000 - $14,999		8	8%
5	$15,000 - $19,999		5	5%
6	Over $20,000		53	55%
	Total		96	100%
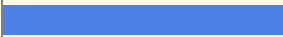
8. Did you take part in an internship, practicum or other structured work experience related to your major and anticipated career?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		16	17%
2	No		80	83%
	Total		96	100%

9. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, did that experience increase your ability to secure employment or employment offers?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		6	38%
2	No		6	38%
3	Insufficient information to answer this question		4	25%
	Total		16	100%

10. When I graduate from Marshall University I plan to (check all that apply)

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Attend graduate school		57	59%
2	Complete additional undergraduate coursework		8	8%
3	Continue to work at the same job I have at present		27	28%
4	Enter the military		1	1%
5	Work for a private sector company or corporation		14	15%
6	Work for a local, state, or federal agency		18	19%
7	Work for a volunteer or service organization, e.g. Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, City Year, etc.		3	3%
8	Work for a non-profit organization, e.g. hospital, university, public school, etc.		14	15%
9	Begin my own business		5	5%
10	Start or raise a family		16	17%
11	Take time off (to travel, etc.)		5	5%

12	Undecided or no plans		10	10%
13	Other		4	4%

Other
work
Be unemployed or return to old career path
Earned internal promotion at work

11. If you plan to continue your education and have applied to institutions of higher education, please check all that apply: I have applied to institutions of higher education

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Within 50 miles of my college town		15	33%
2	Within 50 miles of my home town		9	20%
3	Over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of my college town		3	7%
4	Over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of my home town		2	4%
5	In WV		22	49%
6	In at least one of WV's neighboring states (OH, KY, VA, MD, PA)		7	16%
7	Within the US, but outside the above boundaries		4	9%
8	Internationally		1	2%
9	Other (please specify)		4	9%

Other (please specify)
have not applied yet to anywhere
Online
I haven't applied yet
no sure yet

12. Have you been accepted by a higher-level educational program?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		15	29%
2	No		36	71%

13. If you have been accepted by a higher level institution, what institution do you plan to attend?

Text Response
Marshall
Marshall University
Marshall University Graduate College
Medaille college
Bellarmine University
Troy University of AL
Marshall University Graduate College
Marshall
Marshall University
Marshall University
Marshall
Marshall University Graduate College
Ohio University
Marshall
University of Tennessee
Marshall University

14. While pursuing my degree at Marshall University

#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses	Mean
1	I developed the ability to write effectively.	27	50	14	1	1	93	1.91
2	I developed the ability to use mathematics in everyday life.	15	36	32	8	2	93	2.42
3	I learned to find scholarly information, to evaluate it critically and to use it effectively.	38	36	16	3	0	93	1.83
4	I gained expertise in the use of technology important in my field of study.	28	34	28	3	0	93	2.06
5	I acquired sufficient skills and knowledge to prepare for career-related positions.	22	49	19	2	1	93	2.04
6	I developed the ability to express myself effectively through speaking.	23	50	18	2	0	93	1.99
7	I developed multicultural and global perspectives.	27	37	24	3	0	91	2.03
8	Writing intensive courses helped me to improve my writing skills.	26	38	23	3	2	92	2.10
9	My classes challenged me to analyze and	30	46	11	5	1	93	1.94

	evaluate issues and to solve real-world problems in a manner that is ethical and supportive of our civic well-being.							
10	I broadened my appreciation for the arts.	28	24	32	7	0	91	2.20
11	My capstone course challenged me to do my best work.	20	12	58	0	1	91	2.45
12	I learned to examine issues from multiple perspectives.	29	46	17	1	0	93	1.89
13	I learned to use what I know to solve novel problems.	22	47	22	1	0	92	2.02
14	I learned to assess my own values and examine other viewpoints and credible evidence.	33	42	17	1	0	93	1.85

15. Now that I have completed my degree,

#	Question	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses	Mean
1	I feel adequately prepared for a career and/or graduate or professional study in my major field.	32	40	17	2	2	93	1.95
2	I believe that Marshall University's program in my major field is of high quality.	31	40	16	5	0	92	1.95
3	I would recommend to others that they study the same program at Marshall.	32	41	13	3	3	92	1.96
4	I would recommend Marshall to prospective students.	39	35	14	3	2	93	1.86

16. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the quality of the following at Marshall:

#	Question	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	Teaching	28	47	16	1	1	93	1.92
2	Advising	33	36	12	9	3	93	2.06
3	Academic Support Services	27	26	35	5	0	93	2.19
4	Classroom/Lab Facilities	20	36	32	3	1	92	2.23

17. When I graduate, I plan to

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Be employed		65	70%
2	Further my education		58	62%
3	Other		3	3%

Other
I would like to further my education, but it just depends on work and what I other educational Opportunities I can find.
Undecided

18. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be in the career path you have chosen?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		28	43%
2	No		11	17%
3	Don't know yet		26	40%
	Total		65	100%

19. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be in your major field?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		23	35%
2	No		14	22%
3	Don't know yet		28	43%
	Total		65	100%

20. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be

#	Answer		Response	%
1	In WV?		39	61%
2	In KY, OH, PA, VA, or MD?		11	17%
3	In a state other than one mentioned above?		13	20%
4	In a country other than the US?		1	2%
	Total		64	100%

21. If you plan to be employed after graduation, will your job be (choose all that apply):

#	Answer		Response	%
1	within 50 miles of your college town?		37	57%
2	within 50 miles of your home town?		22	34%
3	over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of your college town?		4	6%
4	over 50 miles, but within 500 miles of your home town?		10	15%
5	over 500 miles from your college town		9	14%
6	over 500 miles from your home town		5	8%

22. If you have accepted employment, what will be your starting salary?

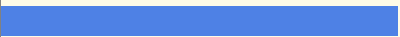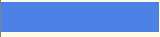| #	Answer		Response	%
1	$10,000 or less		1	2%
2	$10,001 - $15,000		3	5%
3	$15,001 - $20,000		2	3%
4	$20,001 - $25,000		4	6%
5	$25,001 - $30,000		6	9%
6	$30,001 - $35,000		6	9%
7	$35,001 - $40,000		4	6%
8	$40,001 - $45,000		4	6%
9	$45,001 - $50,000		1	2%
10	More than $50,000		2	3%
11	I have not yet accepted employment		32	49%
	Total		65	100%

23. For the position indicated above, who is your employer?

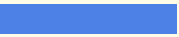| Text Response |
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| CoStar, Photographer |
| St. Mary's Hospital |
| Marshall University |
| Cabell County Schools |
| CASCI |
| Cabell Huntington Hospital |
| Toyota |
| Gymboree Corp. |
| Crescent Towing and Salvage |
| King's Daughters Medical Center |
| MARSHALL UNIVERSITY |
| small blessings daycare |
| Huntington sanitary board |
| Goodwill |
| Alcon |
| Mountwest Community and Technical College |
| McMillion Research |
| Mason County Board of Education |
| Rite Aid Pharmacy |
| Pathways |
| Mid-Ohio valley Health Department |
| Teacher Tech, Inc. - ESL teacher in South Korea |
| Universal Federal Credit Union |
| O'Bleness Health Systems |
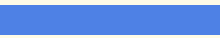
24. Did you use Career Services to help you with your career path?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		6	6%
2	No		87	94%
	Total		93	100%

25. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please indicate all services used.

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Marshall JobTrax		5	83%
2	Resume assistance		2	33%
3	Career Advising		2	33%
4	Mock Interviewing		0	0%
5	On-campus recruitment event		0	0%
6	Career Fair		1	17%
7	Other		0	0%

26. After entering the RBA program, did you finish your coursework

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Online		35	38%
2	In face-to-face classes		11	12%
3	A combination of the above		44	47%
4	Neither - I was able to graduate without taking any more classes		3	3%
	Total		93	100%

27. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with these elements of your experience in the RBA Program:

#	Question	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not applicable	Total Responses	Mean
1	Learning Experiences in your online courses	44	28	7	6	8	93	1.99
2	Learning Experiences in your face-to-face classes	42	30	3	1	15	91	2.09
3	Earning credits through portfolios or other college equivalent credits (if applicable)	30	11	4	0	45	90	3.21

28. If you earned credits through portfolios or other college equivalent credits, how satisfied were you with the process:

#	Question	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Total Responses	Mean
1	Please indicate your level of satisfaction	27	11	5	0	43	1.49

29. If you were dissatisfied with the portfolio and college equivalent credit process, why were you dissatisfied?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	The process takes too much time and effort		3	7%
2	The cost is excessive		2	4%
3	The number of credits awarded seemed unfair		2	4%
4	Other		5	11%
5	I was satisfied		34	74%
	Total		46	100%

Other
n/a
Not applicable

30. After completing the RBA, do you feel you have learned as much - and are as well educated - as other Marshall University graduates?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes		72	96%
2	No		3	4%
	Total		75	100%

31. Has anyone ever questioned the value of your RBA degree?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes - family and friends		31	34%
2	Yes - other students		10	11%
3	Yes - employees		2	2%
4	Yes: other		9	10%
5	No		40	43%
	Total		92	100%

Yes: other
Guests/customers that I talk to through work
Everyone
Faculty
everyone
Everyone
Only other RBA students, who had completed their RBA, but didn't do it in a way that left them feeling more educated. That is their problem. I took it seriously and feel enriched by it.
Family, Friends
employers
Everyone

32. Gender

Value	Total
Female	66
Male	30

33. Race

Value	Total
White	65
African American	4
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2
[No Value]	25

34. Age

Value	Total
22	7
24	8
23	10
33	2
45	2
38	2
25	9
50	2
26	6
60	1
27	5
46	5
32	6
28	1
37	4
31	2
48	3
40	1
30	5
35	2
34	1
44	3
59	1
36	1
41	1
39	2
52	1
42	1
51	1
29	1

35. Degree

Value	Total
RBA	96

36. Major

Value	Total
RRB0	96

37. Minor_1

Value	Total
VHST	27
VGEO	2
VPSY	3
VJPN	1
VPSC	2
VMGT	2
VBSC	4
VCJ0	2
VSOC	1
VMKT	2
VSFT	1
VMTH	1
VPLS	1
VHS0	1
[No Value]	46

38. Minor_2

Value	Total
VGEO	3
VPSY	1
VHST	3
VPHY	1
VMTH	1
[No Value]	87

39. GPA

Value	Total
2.75	1
3.57	2
2.8	1
2.34	1
2.98	1
2.47	1
2.65	3
3.19	1
2.85	1
2.07	1
2.97	2
3.56	2
2.83	2
3.88	1
2.59	2
2.74	1
2.4	2
2.82	1
2.27	1
3.21	1
2.58	2
2.77	2
3.07	2
3.65	1
2.95	2
3.14	1
2.68	2
2.76	2
2.89	2
3.2	1
3.39	1
1.93	1
2.69	2

2.52	3
2.37	2
3.69	1
3.45	1
2.72	1
3	1
2.73	1
3.38	1
3.31	1
2.7	2
2.88	1
2.33	1
3.58	1
2.56	1
3.32	1
3.05	1
2.62	1
3.49	1
2.3	1
3.79	1
2.19	1
3.28	2
3.25	1
3.63	1
2.66	1
2.79	2
3.03	1
2.91	2
2.16	1
3.13	1
3.75	1
3.1	1
2.46	1
2.6	1
3.54	1
2.93	1

2.94	1
2.39	1
2.96	1
2.31	1