

# Defiance College Class of 2017 First Destination Survey Undergraduate Degree Recipients

## Overview:

In the spring of 2017, the Defiance College Office of Career Development administered the First Destination Survey to students graduating in December 2016, May 2017 or August 2017. The 2017 survey was updated from previous versions to include questions designed according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) standards and protocols.

The First Destination Survey was offered to 2017 graduates via email prior to graduation and after graduation practice. Graduates who did not complete the survey at that time were contacted via email, LinkedIn and Facebook throughout the summer, the fall semester, and beginning of spring semester. Graduates who reported that they were still searching for a job in April 2017 were also contacted for updates during the fall semester and beginning of the spring semester. Employment information was also obtained from faculty members and coaches in a small number of cases. The response rate for the survey is 95% (124/131).

## Outcomes Overview

### Class of 2017 Career Outcomes % as Calculated by NACE Protocol = 89.3%

[[Total # Employed PT or FT) + (# in Graduate school) + (# in Service programs) + (# in Military)] / [(# status known)-(#not pursuing employment)]

### First Destination and Alumni Survey - Class of 2017

Which of the following BEST describes your PRIMARY status after graduation? Please select only ONE of the following categories		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I will be employed full-time ( on average 30 hours or more per week)	62.90%	78
I will be employed part-time ( on average less than 30 hours per week)	6.45%	8
I will be enrolled in a program of continuing education/graduate school	17.74%	22
I will be participating in a volunteer or service program ( e.g. AmeriCorps)	0.00%	0
I will be serving in the U.S. military	0.81%	1
I am currently unemployed and will be seeking employment	6.45%	8
I am planning to continue education but have not yet enrolled/applied	4.03%	5
I am not seeking employment or continuing education at this time	1.61%	2
<i>answered question</i>		<b>124</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

This summary question is included to provide context for comparison to previous years' outcomes surveys utilized before standard questions were established by NACE.

## First Destination and Alumni Survey - Class of 2017

If your PRIMARY status is employed full-time OR employed part-time please select which category BEST describes your employment:

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Answer Choices	Responses	
Employed as an entrepreneur	3.61%	3
Employed in a temporary/contract work assignment	10.84%	9
Employed freelance	1.20%	1
Employed in a postgraduate internship or fellowship	7.23%	6
Employed in all other work categories	77.11%	64
Check all that apply		0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>83</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>41</b>

Which of the following best describes the position you have accepted?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
A college degree is required and the position is related to my field of study.	69.77%	60
A college degree is required but the position is not related to my field of study.	1.16%	1
A college degree is not required for this job, but my degree helped me to get it.	12.79%	11
Having a college degree made no difference in getting this job.	16.28%	14
<b>answered question</b>		<b>86</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>38</b>

A sampling of employers who hired 2017 graduates includes:

Auditor of State	Center for Discovery	Butler County Court of Common Pleas
Bard Manufacturing	The State Bank and Trust Company	Lenawee County Sheriff's Department
The Bowen Center	Centria Healthcare	Vestige Digital Investigations
Seattle Storm	Four County Family Center	iSenpai, LLC
DNA Diagnostics Center	Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio	Montpelier Local Schools
First Solar	ADP RPO	Fulton County Health Center
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Northeastern Local School District	Eaton Community Schools
Starport NASA	Fastenal	Recovery Services
Cleveland Indians	Ayersville Local Schools	Defiance City Schools
Leomham Enterprises	Southfield Police Department	Lima City Schools
Four County Career center	Community Sports and Therapy/Mercer Health	Steyer and Company
Menards Distribution Center	Ohio State Highway Patrol	Flashback Data, LLC
Credit Adjustments	Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism	First Federal bank of the Midwest

## First Destination and Alumni Survey - Class of 2017

When did you begin your job search?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I am waiting until after graduation to begin my job search	16.28%	14
One month before graduation	20.93%	18
Three months before graduation	23.26%	20
Six months before graduation	15.12%	13
Nine months before graduation	2.33%	2
More than one year before graduation	20.93%	18
After graduation	1.16%	1
<i>answered question</i>		<b>86</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>38</b>

## Graduate and Professional Studies

Twenty-four survey respondents who received bachelors' degrees from Defiance College in 2017 have enrolled in Graduate/Professional School within the first year of graduation. These students represent 19.3% of the class for which outcomes are known. Additionally, 34.4% of respondents indicated they are "Very likely" or "Somewhat likely" to enroll in graduate/professional school during their lifetime (42/122).

### 2016 graduates are attending the following institutions:

Oakland University	Clemson University
Texas State University	University of Toledo
George Mason University	Northeastern University
Defiance College	Ohio Northern University
Anderson University	College of Veterinary Medicine Kansas State University
Eastern Michigan University	Miami University

## Experiential Learning

### First Destination and Alumni Survey - Class of 2017

Did you participate in any sort of experiential learning/education (e.g. internship, study abroad, etc.) while at Defiance College?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	77.19%	88
No	22.81%	26
<i>answered question</i>		<b>114</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>74</b>



**If No, please explain:**

Honestly, it is not something I am great at. I chose something that would give me a good career, and the forensics program here is good, but I experienced a lot of stress and difficulty just trying to get through it.

If I had to choose again I would probably go with a major in social work.

Wish I would've had more of a focus

But I would not choose the same school.

I wish I would have double majored

Don't thing I learned a lot. Do not think it was the major for me.

I have too much debt and not enough potential income

I would have chosen a basic biology, so I would not have had to take Organic Chemistry, and graduate with most of my friends.

My major pushed me to think critically and my professors care about me as a person

I would consider majoring in Criminal Justice or Education because I now feel those would have suited my personality and abilities more accurately.

I think I would've been better off sticking with just a Mathematics degree over Integrated Mathematics.

I may have been more interested in computer science, which wasn't a recognizable option for me when I first enrolled at D.C.

I would still take Accounting but I really wish I would have went somewhere and finished my Fashion design degree.

The preceptors and professors (same people mostly) are not very approachable and they choose favorites. When they evaluate me they just say I don't come out of my comfort zone. I think that I did well with my classwork but I didn't learn enough in my clinical to be confident in the real world.

I really enjoy the career path that I have taken but I am just so involved with sports that I wish I would have done something with that.

It was mostly psychology based but had team building and managing teams in organizations classes that were applicable in the real world.

I would pursue a degree in Digital Forensic Science

I wanted to do social work. The program is way to picky about who joins.

I would choose the same major. However, I would have double majored.

Saw that there are better options for myself

**Survey respondents by major****First Destination and Alumni Survey - Class of 2017****Major (check all that apply):**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Accounting	10.00%	12
Accounting with Forensics Concentration	1.67%	2
Art	0.00%	0
Arts and Humanities	0.00%	0
Athletic Training Education	4.17%	5
Biology	1.67%	2
Business Administration	13.33%	16
Business Administration with Marketing Concentration	0.83%	1

Chemistry Education	0.00%	0
Communication Studies	5.83%	7
Criminal Justice	14.17%	17
2-D Design	0.00%	0
3-D Design	0.00%	0
Digital Forensics	5.83%	7
Early Childhood Education	4.17%	5
English	0.00%	0
Exercise Science	5.83%	7
Forensic Science	2.50%	3
Graphic Design	0.00%	0
Health Education	0.00%	0
History	0.00%	0
Integrated Language Arts	0.83%	1
Integrated Mathematics	0.83%	1
Integrated Social Studies	1.67%	2
Intervention Specialist-Mild-Moderate	4.17%	5
Global Studies	0.00%	0
Life Science and Chemistry	0.00%	0
Life Science Education	0.00%	0
Master of Arts in Education	0.00%	0
Professional Education Licensure and Endorsement Programs	0.00%	0
Master of Arts in Education/ Intervention	0.00%	0
Master of Arts in Education/Sport Coaching	0.00%	0
Master of Arts in Education/Sport Science	0.00%	0
Master of Business Administration	0.00%	0
Master of Business Administration/Criminal Justice Track	0.00%	0
Master of Business Administration/Sport Management Track	0.00%	0
Mathematics	0.83%	1
Medical Laboratory Science	0.00%	0
Middle Childhood Education	0.00%	0
Ministry Studies	0.00%	0
Molecular Biology	3.33%	4
Nursing	0.00%	0
Nursing- BSN Completion	1.67%	2
Organizational Supervision and Leadership	0.00%	0
Physical Education and Health	0.83%	1
Physical Education	0.00%	0
Psychology	2.50%	3
Religious Education and Design for Leadership	0.00%	0
Religious Studies	0.00%	0
Restoration Ecology	0.83%	1
Self-designed	1.67%	2
Social Work	7.50%	9
Sport Management	6.67%	8
Visual Arts	0.00%	0
Wellness and Corporate Fitness	1.67%	2

Other (please specify)

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**Answered**

**120**

**Skipped**

**4**

**Other:**

Education Studies with a concentration in Early Childhood

Organizational Supervision and Leadership

Arts and Humanities

Human Behavior in Business