Professional placement of USI graduates

2012 Survey Results
The 9th annual survey was carried out between April and June of 2012 by the USI Career Service by contacting graduates from the classes of 2010-2011 (at 1 year after graduation) and the class of 2006 (at 5 years after graduation). Graduates of the Faculty of Communication Sciences, Economics, Architecture and Informatics were included.

Out of 853 graduates, 418 responses were received (49.0%) of which 154 out of 312 originated from 2006 graduates (49.3%) and 264 out of 541 from 2010-2011 graduates (48.8%), respectively.
### 2012 Survey: population and responses at 1 year after graduation from USI

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Main results from the survey

✦ 91.7% of students are occupied one year after graduation, rising to 98.1% after 5 years, respectively, which is consistent with past years.

✦ The average time taken to attain positions is 3.5 months.

✦ 1 year after graduation, 49.4% of graduates work in Ticino, rising to 53.8% at the interval of 5 years post graduation, while employment in other Swiss Cantons increases substantially from 19.5% to 25.6%.

✦ It is confirmed that a growing number of past USI students hold management positions: 5 years after graduation, 1 out of 4 graduates is employed in a management (23.5%) or an executive (4.9%) role.
A snapshot of occupation 1 year after graduation

- **91.7% of graduates are occupied:** of this group, 74.2% work and 15.2% study (of these, 66.7% study at USI). Of those working, 12.5% carry out their professional work in conjunction with studying.

- **8.3% (22) graduates are actively seeking work:** of this group, 18.2% (4) hold Bachelor degrees, 50% (11) hold Master’s degrees, and 22.7% (5) hold a degree in Architecture. 70% of these have had at least one professional experience, held for an average of 9 months, and are 29 years old at the median.
A snapshot of occupation 5 years after graduation

- **98.1%** of graduates are occupied: of these, **93.5%** work (while **8.4%** study and work) and **3.2%** have made other choices.

- **1.9% (3)** graduates are in search of (new) occupation: with a median age of **35 years**, and have attained, on average, more than **4 years** of work experience.
Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

🔍 Economics graduates

- Banking: 19.4%
- Manufacturing: 17.9%
- Consulting: 11.9%
- Retail: 9.0%
- Tourism & transportation: 9.0%
- Brokerage & insurance: 10.4%
- Communications: 4.5%
- Teaching, training & research: 4.5%
- Health & social serv.: 4.5%
- Public Administration: 3.0%
- Culture & events: 1.5%
- Informatics: 1.5%
- Other: 1.5%
- Non profit: 1.5%
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Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

Communication Sciences graduates

- Teaching/training/research: 20.5%
- Manufacturing: 18.5%
- Tourism and transportation: 9.3%
- Media: 9.3%
- Retail: 7.4%
- Communications: 13.0%
- Culture & Events: 3.7%
- Non profit: 3.7%
- Consulting: 7.4%
- Brokerage: 1.9%
- Banking: 1.9%
- Printing & Publishing: 1.9%
- Public Administration: 7.4%
- Other: 3.7%
- Communications: 13.0%
- Culture & Events: 3.7%
Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

Architecture graduates

- Architectural firms: 89%
- Tourism & Transportation: 3%
- Teaching/training: 4%
- Banking: 4%
Employment sectors (1 year after graduation)

- Informatics graduates

- Informatics 50%
- Manufacturing 19%
- Banking 6%
- Teaching/training 25%
Employment sectors (5 years after graduation)

Economics graduates

- Banking: 19.4%
- Manufacturing: 17.9%
- Consulting: 11.9%
- Public Administration: 7.4%
- Communications: 4.5%
- Retail: 9.0%
- Tourism & transport: 9.0%
- Teaching, training & research: 10.0%
- Brokerage and insurance: 10.4%
- Other: 2.4%
Employment sectors (5 years after graduation)

Communication Sciences graduates

- Manufacturing: 18.2%
- Teaching, training & research: 20.5%
- Communications: 10.9%
- Media: 7.2%
- Printing & publishing: 5.5%
- Culture & events: 5.5%
- Public administration: 5.5%
- Health & social services: 1.8%
- Other: 3.7%
- Consulting: 7.2%
- Brokerage and insurance: 1.8%
- Retail: 3.7%
- Tourism and transportation: 5.5%
- Non profit: 5.7%
- Non profit: 3.7%
- Other: 1.8%
- Banking: 7.2%
Employment sectors (5 years after graduation)

Architecture graduates

- Architectural firms: 82%
- Banking: 12%
- Teaching & Training: 6%
Employment sectors (5 years after graduation)

Informatics graduates

- Manufacturing: 67%
- Teaching & Training: 33%
Place of work (1 year after graduation)

- Prevalence of positions in Ticino

- Ticino: 49.4%
- Other Swiss Cantons: 19.5%
- Italy: 13.4%
- Other Countries: 17.7%
Place of work (5 years after graduation)

- Greater mobility, primarily toward other Swiss Cantons

![Pie chart showing distribution of place of work]

- Ticino: 53.8%
- Other Swiss Cantons: 25.6%
- Italy: 12.0%
- Other countries: 8.5%
Place of work (by country, 1 year after graduation)

- Low mobility of the Swiss

- From Ticino
  - Ticino: 87.0%
  - Other Swiss Canton: 13.0%

- From other Swiss Cantons
  - Ticino: 27.8%
  - Other Swiss Canton: 55.6%

- Italians
  - Italy: 32.8%
  - Other Countries: 14.1%
  - Other Swiss Canton: 10.9%
Place of work (by country, 5 years after graduation)

 المسيحية 16.1%

Italy 1.6%

Other countries 4.8%

Ticino 77.4%

Other Swiss Cantons 16.1%

Partial return to the area of origin

From Ticino

From other Swiss Cantons

Italians

Ticino 18.8%

Italy 42.9%

Other countries 11.9%

Other Swiss Cantons 21.4%

Ticino 32.1%
Company size (1 year after graduation)

- Prevalence of small businesses and large firms

- 0-25 (33.8%)
- 26-100 (17.5%)
- 101-500 (21.3%)
- 500+ (27.5%)
Company size (5 years after graduation)

- Prevalence of small businesses and large firms

- 0-25 (32.7%)
- 26-100 (12.4%)
- 101-500 (18.6%)
- +500 (36.3%)
Type of contract (1 year after graduation)

- The majority of USI graduates (94.3%) are under an employment contract that is open-ended (64.5%).
- 86.6% choose to work full-time.
The majority of USI graduates after 5 years are under an employment contract (92.7%). The percentage of graduates working on an open-ended contract is also increasing (90.7% with respect to 64.5% after 1 year).

The number of graduates choosing to work full-time remains constant (86.1% with respect to 86.6% of graduates after 1 year).
Annual income of graduates 1 and 5 years after graduation
(*median value, in CHF*)

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Consistency, job satisfaction and USI

75.9% of respondents work in a field consistent with that of their field of study at USI, and 93.6% state that they are satisfied with their current professional occupation. 5 years after graduation, these percentages are 72.3% (consistency) and 93.4% (satisfaction).

Of the survey respondents, 79.1% of the new graduates and 83.9% of those 5 years after graduation state that they are satisfied with the skills acquired at USI.
# An evolution: comparing USI survey results from 2002 - 2011

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