Employment, Retention, and Graduation Rates

Employment Rates

Over 80 percent of Berkeley College graduates who graduated during the academic year ending June 30, 2012 secured employment in positions related to their programs of study prior to December 31, 2012.

The percentage of graduates employed is calculated based on communications between graduates and Career Services staff. To be included in that number, a graduate must be working in a full-time position related to the graduate’s Berkeley College program of study within 180 days after graduation.

Graduates who decline placement assistance from the College, and those who cannot be contacted or choose not to provide information are not reflected in the calculation. Reasons for declining placement assistance may include international students without work authorization; relocation; continuing education; military service; and medical or other personal issues.

First-to-Second Year Retention Rates

New Jersey: Fifty percent of first-time, full-time students and 56 percent of first-time, part-time students seeking Bachelor's degrees who began their studies at Berkeley College in Fall 2010 returned in Fall 2011.

New York: Fifty percent of first-time, full-time students and 25 percent of first-time, part-time students seeking Bachelor's degrees who began their studies at Berkeley College in Fall 2010 returned in Fall 2011.

The many students who attended another postsecondary institution before enrolling at Berkeley College or who began their studies part-time are not included in those rates. If those students were included, then retention rates would be 53 percent for full-time and part-time New Jersey students and 52 percent for full-time and 36 percent for part-time New York students.

Graduation Rates

Federal law requires colleges that participate in certain financial aid programs to report the percentage of first-time degree or certificate seeking students who successfully completed those programs within one and a half times the “normal time” (for example, that would be six years for a Bachelor’s degree program or three years for an Associate’s degree program). Reported graduation rates for full-time, first-time freshmen who entered Berkeley College in Fall 2005 were 38 percent for New Jersey students and 33 percent for New York students.

If students who attended another postsecondary institution before enrolling at Berkeley College or who began their studies part-time were included, then graduation rates would be 40 percent for New Jersey students and 36 percent for New York students.

Graduate and Professional Education

Federal law requires colleges to make available information regarding the types of graduate and professional education in which graduates of the institution's four-year degree programs enroll. Students graduating from Berkeley College
with Bachelor's degrees in 2012 have reported pursuing Master of Business Administration degrees in General Business and Fashion Marketing and Management, as well as Master of Arts degrees in Legal and Ethical Studies and Criminal Justice.