

Post-Graduate Education of Fresno State Graduates

The purpose of this research is to see if our graduate students who earned degrees continue their education and where. As in the first part of the study, which included only baccalaureate graduates (see “Post-Baccalaureate Enrollment of Fresno State Graduates” report of 12/12/2008), we used the National Student Clearinghouse to track enrollment of students after they graduated from Fresno State with master’s and doctorate degrees in 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years.

Overall, 86 students (13% of the total 675 students), who earned graduate degrees in 2006-07, continued their education during the next academic year. Most (77%) enrolled in "4-year or above" institutions. Only 11 students attended Doctoral or Research Universities (Table 2). Fresno State was by far the leading college where students continued their education (33 students or 38%), followed by Fresno City College (7 students) and Reedley College (4 students).

Of those 33 students who continued their education at Fresno State, 21 students (64%) were enrolled in Credential programs, 3 students in MBA, 2 students in Creative Writing and 1 student in the Doctorate of Educational Leadership; the rest (6 students) were enrolled in other Postbaccalaureate programs.

The proportion of students who continued their education varied across colleges. The largest percentages (21% to 25%) were CAH, COSS, and CSM majors (Table 1). Males continued their post-graduate education at a slightly higher rate than females did (14% vs. 12%). The proportion of Hispanic students (14%) was slightly higher than the proportion of Asians (12%) and Whites (11%). At the same time, only one of the 5 American Indians and none of the 16 African Americans who earned graduate degrees in 2006-07 continued their post-graduate education.

Table 1: Percentage of Fresno State 2006-07 master’s and doctorate degree recipients who continued their post-graduate education by college

	Master's and Doct. Degree Recipients	% Continuing Post-Grad Education
Kremen Sch of Educ & Hum Dev	241	9.5%
College of Health & Human Serv	181	12.7%
Craig School of Business	69	7.2%
College of Arts & Humanities	64	25.0%
College of Social Science	39	23.1%
College of Science and Math	38	21.1%
College of Ag Sciences & Tech	29	0.0%
Lyles College of Engineering	12	8.3%
Special Programs	2	50.0%
Grand Total	675	12.7%

Table 2: Doctoral and research universities where Fresno State 2006-07 graduate degree recipients continued their education

	Number of Students
UC-Davis	2
Walden University	2
Alliant International University	1
Florida State University	1
Portland State University	1
UC-Irvine	1
UC-Los Angeles	1
UC-Santa Barbara	1
University of Denver - Colorado	1
Total	11