Post-Baccalaureate Education: Classes 2011 and 2012

The University of Oregon (UO) utilized the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) to determine when and where undergraduate degree recipients pursued additional education. NSC collects enrollment records from the vast majority of US institutes of higher education. Records were then extracted and summarized for each of the 2011 and 2012 classes, representing 4,336 and 4,554 students, respectively.

Post-Degree Educational Activity

Utilizing five years of NSC data for each class and complemented by institutional data, University of Oregon baccalaureate degree recipients were identified and subsequent enrollment activity summarized. The five-year continuation rate\(^1\) for the 2011 and 2012 classes were 35.8% and 34.6%, respectively. These rates are slightly lower than historical rates, which average in the low 40’s. The five-year continuation rate for level of education pursued is between 3.0% and 3.7% for Doctoral/Law programs and between 13.8% and 14.5% for Masters programs.

1. Continuation Rate: The rate at which all UO degree recipients pursued additional education at any level from any institution.
2. Pursued additional education at any institute of higher education within X years of receiving a baccalaureate degree from UO.
3. 5-year continuation rate was used. Education level was coded using the available NSC data. There were several missing observations for enrollment level, so these rates should be considered minimums.
Post-Degree Subjects Pursued

The top subject areas were identified for students who pursued additional education at institutions of higher education after receiving a baccalaureate degree from the University of Oregon. A combination of institution (UO) and NSC data were used to categorize educational programs (majors), when possible. For both the 2011 and 2012 classes, Education was the most popular program, followed by Liberal Arts and Healthcare-related programs.

Top Five Subjects Pursued by Class and Popularity

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