

Would Virginia Tech grads have done anything differently? 1,795 grads – more than half of 09-10 respondents – said “yes.”

1,016 grads (1/3) wished they had gotten more experience related to major or career goals.

826 grads (more than ¼) wished they had learned more, earlier about career options.

694 grads wished ... learned about grad/prof school earlier.

779 grads wished ... started the job search earlier.

697 grads wished ... asked professors, other advisors for advice more often, earlier.

When asked:

- If you had to do it over again, is there anything related to planning for life after college that you would do differently?

Response options:

- No. For the most part, I did what I needed to do to achieve my goals.
- Yes. I wish I had done something differently.

	Bachelor’s and associate’s degree graduates of academic year:													
	2009-2010		2008-2009		2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006		2004-2005		2003-2004	
Yes. I wish I had done something differently:	58% N=1795		58% N=1899		52% N=1366		53% N=1472		50% N=1156		53% N=1133		57% N=1152	
“Yes” respondents wished they had: (Check all that apply)	% of yes	% of total	% of yes	% of total	% of yes	% of total	% of yes	% of yes	% of yes	% of total	% of yes	% of total	% of yes	% of total
• Gotten more experience related to my major or career goals.	57%	33%	55%	32%	54%	28%	56%	30%	52%	26%	53%	28%	59%	34%
• Learned more about career options and/or learned earlier.	46%	27%	46%	27%	49%	25%	45%	24%	44%	22%	44%	23%	48%	27%
• Learned more about graduate or professional school earlier.	39%	23%	42%	24%	40%	21%	39%	21%	37%	19%	36%	19%	38%	22%
• Started my job search earlier.	43%	25%	42%	24%	40%	21%	37%	20%	38%	19%	29%	15%	n/a	
• Asked professors, other advisors for advice (more often, or earlier, or at all).	39%	23%	37%	21%	40%	21%	37%	20%	36%	18%	36%	19%	41%	23%
• Used more or different job search resources	25%	15%	26%	15%	24%	12%	22%	12%	21%	11%	18%	10%	n/a	

Source: Post-Graduation Report by Career Services © www.career.vt.edu. Full report online.

We survey each graduating class of bachelor’s and associate’s degree graduates and ask post-graduation plans/status and their college experience related to career planning.

The survey closes six months after commencement.

This data is for the whole university. In the online report, you can view data by major and by college.

Complete information about the survey, annual reports, and multi-year highlights: <http://www.career.vt.edu/PostGraduationSurveyReport/PostGrad.html>

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