At UIS, we value our student success. Success can include good grades, development of skills, and growth as a whole person. Here we report the career outcomes for the UIS baccalaureate and master’s level graduates from the 2022-23 academic year, based on 12-months post-graduation status. UIS utilizes The Outcomes Survey® to gather career outcomes data from its graduates. This data is supplemented by data collected from LinkedIn accounts (i.e., employment) and from the National Student Clearinghouse (i.e., subsequent education).

### Undergraduate Outcomes 82.6%*

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**Degree Recipients:** In FY2023, UIS conferred 661 undergraduate degrees.

**Knowledge Rate:** The percentage of graduating class for whom outcomes destination is known: 56.5%

**Career Outcome Rate:** The percentage of graduates who are employed, performing service in the military, or who are continuing their education, divided by the number of students for whom a career outcome is known: 82.6%

### Employment of the Class of 2023 sample

- Staff Accountant at a global company specializing in technology-enabled professional services
- Software Engineer at an American company
- Teacher at K-12 Illinois school district
- Political Director for a US Congressperson
- IT Analyst at a fortune 500 company
- Homeless Youth Case Manager for a community based, not-for-profit, child warfare agency
- Legal Assistant at a personal injury law firm
Subsequent Education sample

Aurora University
DePaul University
Northwestern University
Southern Illinois University - Carbondale

University of Colorado - Denver
University of Illinois Springfield
University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign

Communication major to Marketing and Communication Specialist
Public Administration major to Fiscal Officer
Management Information System major to Executive I

2023 Career Connections Expo

The Career Connections Expo was held on March 23, 2023. We hosted 125 organizations.

Over 100 organizations were promoting full time opportunities and over 50 organizations had internship opportunities.

Computer Science major to IT Support Specialist
Accounting major to Accountant II
Environmental Science major to Environmental Health and Safety Specialist
The School of Communication and Media prepares its students for the ever-pressing communication needs of our world. Offering courses in interpersonal, organizational, and intercultural communication, as well as promoting understanding of the role media play within society and our everyday lives while also teaching students how to use media effectively to spread information or persuade an audience.

The School of Communication and Media houses an award-winning Speech and Debate Team, the Public Affairs and Reporting Program, The Observer—the campus newspaper, and Lambda Pi Eta—the national communication honors society.

In 2024 the School of Communication and Media is undergoing a curriculum revitalization, creating 4 new educational tracks and 4 new minors, all partnering with numerous programs across campus—helping students complete dual majors/minors or complete their degree faster!

Master’s Level Outcomes 88.3%*

- Working Full-time: 78.9%
- Working Part-time: 1.5%
- Continuing Education: 7.5%
- Engaged in Military Service: 0.0%
- Seeking Additional Education: 3.0%
- Unemployed and Seeking Employment: 8.7%

**Degree Recipients:** In FY2023, UIS conferred 505 master's degrees.

**Knowledge Rate:** The percentage of the graduating class for whom an outcomes destination is known: 53.6%

*Career Outcome Rate:* The percentage of graduates who are employed, performing service in the military, or who are continuing their education, divided by the number of students for whom a career outcome is known: 88.3%
About Our Data Collection

At UIS, we are using The Outcomes Survey powered by GradLeaders to conduct our First Destination Survey to gain knowledge about what activities students are engaging in after graduation from college.

Graduating students receive emails from the Career Development Center through The Outcomes Survey® platform starting in the weeks immediately preceding their graduation date asking for the survey to be completed. Graduates can update their survey response for up to a year after graduation, and graduates will receive periodic reminders about the opportunity to update their survey response.

Graduates who “secured a destination” included those who are employed (including military service), enrolled in a continuing education program, or serving in a volunteer organization. Other possible statuses for graduates included seeking employment, seeking education, and other (as defined by the graduate). Graduates were invited to select multiple statuses to best represent their post-graduation activities. They were also asked to select one primary status. Unless otherwise noted, primary status is used to group respondents throughout the report. Thank you to all the graduates who have provided feedback about post-graduation plans via The Outcomes Survey!

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For additional information, please contact the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment at 217-206-8088.

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