

Where did the 1998 B.A. - Philosophy graduates go ?

I. Introduction

The information contained in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 1998 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Arts graduates with major in Philosophy : -

- How were they employed six months after graduation ?
- Of those who pursued further studies, what programmes did they follow ?
- Of those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to secure their first job offer ?
- In which sectors were they employed ?
- How much did they receive in salary ?
- How many job offers did they receive ?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles ?

II. Employment Situation in 1998

Of the 14 respondents who majored in Philosophy, 64% (or 9 graduates) were in full-time employment within six months of graduation. 21% (or 3 graduates) went on for further studies. Another 14% (or 2 graduates) were still seeking full-time employment at the time of the survey. (Table 1)

	B.A. - Philosophy						HKU Overall*									
	Total		Male		Female											
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%						
<i>No. of respondents</i>	14	100	7	100	8	100	2	100	6	100	5	100	2383	100	2272	100
<i>F/T employed</i>	9	64.3	6	85.7	5	62.5	1	50.0	4	66.7	5	100	1701	71.4	1829	80.5
<i>P/T employed seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	3.9	37	1.6
<i>Unemployed seeking F/T job</i>	2	14.3	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	1	16.7	0	0	157	6.6	53	2.3
<i>Further studies</i>	3	21.4	1	14.3	2	25.0	1	50.0	1	16.7	0	0	413	17.3	339	14.9
<i>Emigration/home country</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.1	4	0.2
<i>Not seeking F/T job</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0.6	10	0.4

Table 1. Employment situation

* HKU overall refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

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III. Further Studies

Of the three graduates who pursued postgraduate studies, one each took up a M.Phil. programme in arts and social sciences and one enrolled for a master (coursework) programme in architecture. Table 2 shows the academic programmes pursued & Table 3 shows the source of finance.

Fields of Study	Academic programmes	
	M. Phil.	Master (Coursework)
Arts	1	
Social Sciences	1	
Architecture		1

Table 2. Academic programme

Source of Finance	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	2

Table 3. Source of finance for further studies

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

Among those graduates who were in full-time employment, 78% secured their first job offer before the end of October. The figure increased to 100% by the end of November. (Figure 1)

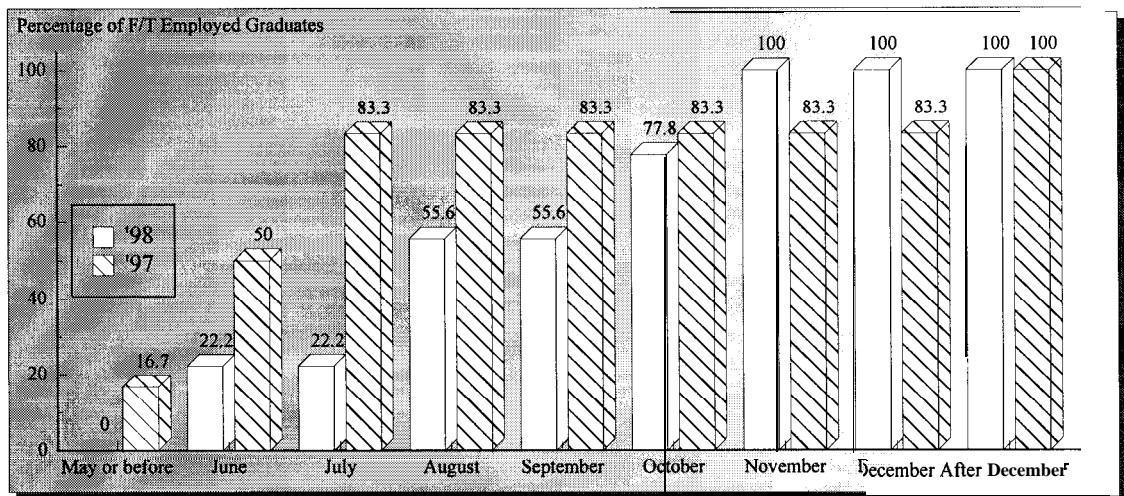


Figure 1. Time taken to secure employment

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V. Employment Sectors

78% (or 7 graduates) of the Philosophy graduates were employed in commerce & industry, followed by 11% (or 1 graduate) each joined the civil service and the education. (Figures 2 & 3)

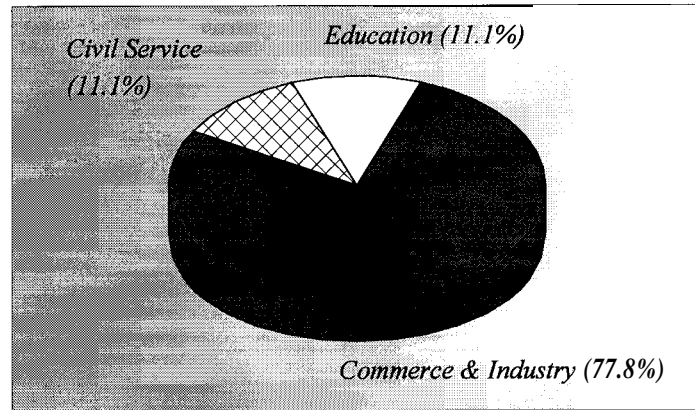


Figure 2. Employment sectors

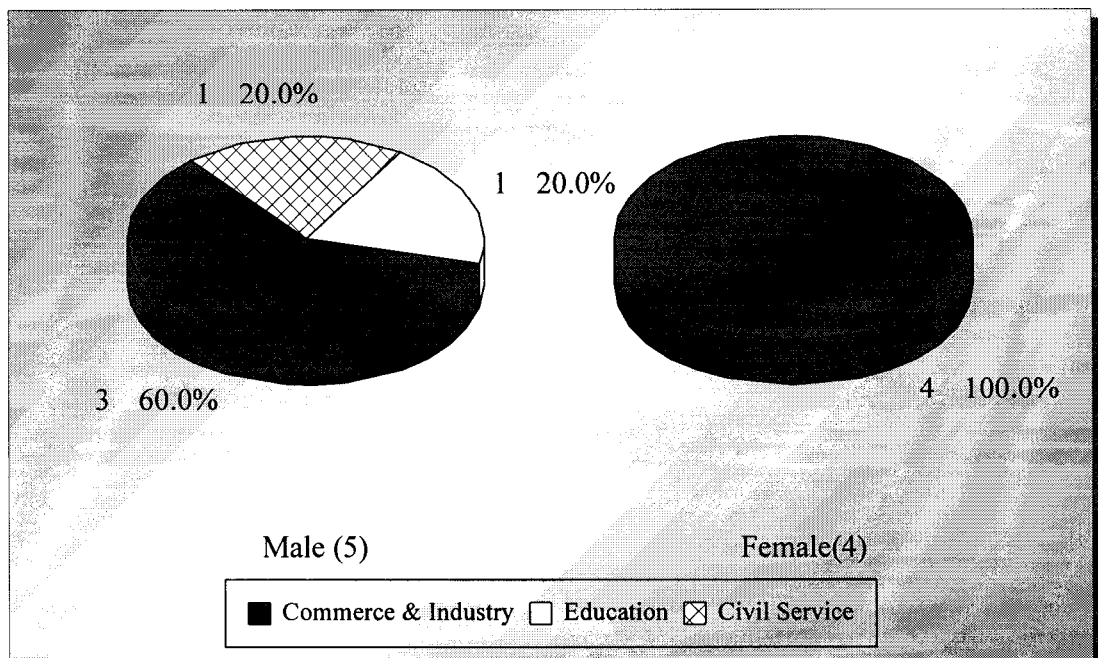


Figure 3. Employment sectors by sex

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VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by the Philosophy graduates is shown in Table 4.

	<i>Basic Salary</i>				<i>Gross Income</i>			
	B.A. - Philosophy		HKU Average*		B.A. - Philosophy		HKU Average*	
	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97	'98	'97
<i>Mean</i>	\$12,871	\$12,770	\$15,496	\$15,749	\$17,104	\$14,567	\$16,557	\$17,552
<i>Median</i>	\$10,000	\$11,000	\$12,300	\$12,500	\$14,167	\$13,400	\$13,325	\$14,521
<i>Minimum</i>	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$4,400	\$6,333	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
<i>Maximum</i>	\$35,285	\$20,850	\$58,000	\$59,000	\$35,285	\$20,850	\$59,000	\$74,000

Table 4. Basic salary and gross income

* HKU average refers to the figure for the total HKU population and includes M.B.,B.S. and B.D.S. graduates.

VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

Of those in full-time employment, 78% of the graduates had more than one job offer. 67% reported having received three to six job offers. (Figure 4)

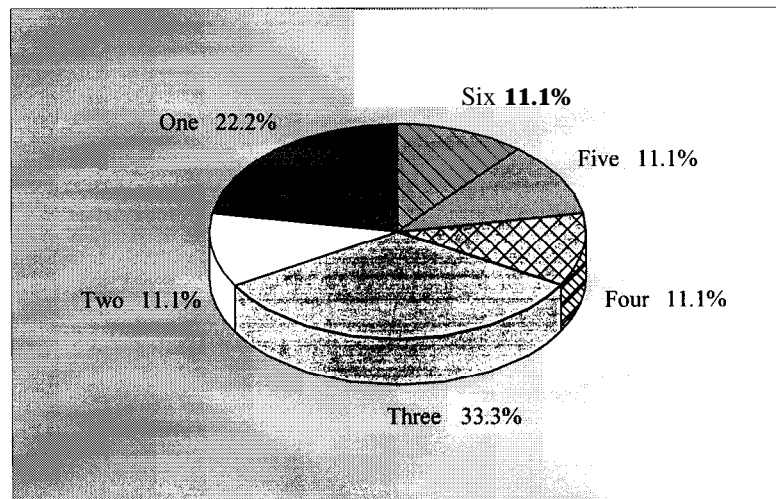


Figure 4. No. of full-time job offers

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VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of the Philosophy graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<i>Employers :</i>	<i>Job Titles :</i>
CIVIL SERVICE -	
• HKSAR	• Administrative Officer
EDUCATION -	
• Delia Group of Schools	• Certificate Master
COMMERCE & INDUSTRY -	
• CIL Decoration Co Ltd	• Account Executive
• Diana (HK) Co Ltd	• Assistant Body Shaping Counsellor
• Hong Kong Telecom	• Account Executive
• Lil Decorative Ltd	• Key Account Executive
• Mirama Travel Agent	• Tourist Escort
• Organization's name not reported	• Marketing Executive
• Organization's name not reported	• Sales Executive

Table 5. List of employers and job titles

Note: Some alumni have indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Their contact telephone number can be obtained from counsellors at CEPC.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines of study is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please enquire with the CEPC.

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