Undergraduate Degree Program

32 AVERAGE AGE

AGE BREAKDOWN
40% < 30
31% 31 - 40
29% 41+

869 DEGREE CANDIDATES

62% OF STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED FULL-TIME WHILE EARNING THE DEGREE

46% Female

54% Male

32% Live in MA
58% Live Outside of MA
10% Live Outside of U.S.

REASONS FOR PURSUING DEGREE

18% Career Change
21% Career Advancement
21% Personal Enrichment
40% Prep for Grad School

YEARS OF STUDENTS FULL-TIME WORK EXPERIENCE

4 years & under........36%
5-10 years...............24%
11-20 years............20%
Over 20 years.........20%

TOP FIELDS OF STUDY

Social Sciences
Science
Humanities

AVG # OF COURSES TAKEN PER SEMESTER

1 Course
2 Courses
3 Courses
4 Courses
5 Courses

83% GRADUATION RATE

6 YEARS AVERAGE TIME TO GRADUATION

99% Of Recent Grads Would Recommend the Program

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GRADUATES HAVE GONE ON TO WORK IN THE FIELDS OF...
- Banking
- Government Administration
- Nonprofit Management
- Biotechnology
- Higher Education
- Financial Services
- Real Estate
- Health Care
- International Affairs
- Environmental Services
- Marketing/Advertising
- Software Engineering

GRADUATES HAVE GONE ON TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES AT...
- Brown University
- Princeton University
- Harvard Kennedy School of Government
- Columbia University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Yale University
- University of Oxford
- Tufts University
- Georgetown University
- MIT
- Johns Hopkins University
- UCLA
- University of Chicago

Meet ALB Graduate, Sakiko Isomichi.

Self-employed piano technician, farm help, and parent of a young child.

Second-year graduate candidate in Master of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School with a focus on waste, anthropology, and Lebanon.

Earning my ALB from HES helped me realize that I love studying people. I took one course a semester over the seven years I was working towards earning the degree. This pace allowed me to focus on one class at a time and really identify what it was I was passionate about. In looking into programs at other universities, I felt like I would be pressured into declaring a major early on. At HES I had the luxury of not having to rush, which was helpful in deciding to go to grad school because I knew what I really wanted to learn. Even now I’m already thinking about my next step of applying for a PhD.

The Writing Center and the academic advisors! Meeting with an academic advisor was actually how I learned I could take a class at the Divinity School, which inspired me to pursue a degree in theological studies.

Don’t rush! Take the time and sit down to read, learn, and discuss what you’ve been curious about for a long time. Take courses in many subject areas. Be open minded to classes you thought you would never take.

Meet ALB Graduate, Quinn Pendleton.

Professional ballet dancer

Co-founder of Equilibre Monaco Creative Advertising Agency and Master of Liberal Arts, Management candidate at Harvard Extension School.

When I started the degree I had no idea what I wanted to study, which meant that I was signing up for a wide spectrum of classes. The variety of my courses actually ended up being helpful in declaring my majors of English and marketing. I live and work in Monaco, and English is the unofficial second language after French so the English part of my degree has been incredibly helpful for my business. And the marketing portion of my degree has been incredibly useful for the digital marketing and social media aspects of the business.

Professors and networking, I’ve kept in good contact with many of my professors, who are all extremely helpful and great connections to have professionally. Networking with other students in my classes has been helpful both professionally and socially.

Don’t give up! At the onset of the degree it can sound overwhelming but even if you’re working full-time you’ll be able to make it to the end. In fact, it took me eight years to earn my degree. If you don’t know what you want to study right away, that’s okay. I think it’s beneficial to take as many classes as you can that interest you.

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