

Bard College at Simon's Rock Graduate Outcomes A 2020 Study

A **2020** study on the outcomes of Bard College at Simon's Rock graduates who earned the AA or BA degree between May 2017 and May 2019 demonstrated that Simon's Rock graduates go on to continue their studies and work in fields most often related to their areas of study while at Simon's Rock.

Drawing on graduates' self-report information, LinkedIn data, and other professional website information, we obtained career/grad school data on 82% of AA '17-'19 graduates, and 65% of BA '17-'19 graduates.

These data told us that:

Of those who earned their BA at Simon's Rock between 2017 – 2019

67% were employed full-time

- Of these...
- 32% in Education-related field
- 17% in IT
- 13% in Business
- 11% in Health-related field
- 11% in Arts
- 9% in Research
- 7% in Community Services

31% had gone on to graduate programs

- Of these...
- o 18% were in PhD or MD programs
- o 5% were in JD programs
- o 32% were in MS programs
 - Programs included those in:
 - Computer Science
 - Engineering
 - Data Science
- o 45% were in MA degree programs, including those in:
 - Creative Writing
 - Dance Education
 - Environmental Policy
 - Public Health
 - Social Work
 - Psychology
 - Arts & Museum Management

As has long been the tradition at Simon's Rock, approximately half of all sophomores transfer to continue and complete their BA studies at another college or University.

Of those who transferred after completing the AA at Simon's Rock

The TOP 10 Transfer Schools of these AA graduates were:

- Bard College
- Barnard College
- Columbia University
- CUNY
- New York University
- Skidmore College
- University of S. California
- Univ of Massachusetts-Amherst
- Yale University

Other transfer schools included:

- Univ of California-Berkeley
- Pitzer College
- Howard Univ
- Univ of Texas-Austin
- Univ of Wisconsin-Madison
- Univ of North Carolina
- Vanderbilt Univ
- George Washington Univ
- Northeastern Univ
- Boston Univ
- Cal State Poly
- Parsons School of Design.

At the time of this study, 4% of AA graduates' post-Simon's rock information indicated that they were not continuing their studies at the time of this survey (note: most of these were students in the arts who were pursuing full-time arts careers); and 4% of BA graduates' information indicated they were looking for work or not working for other reasons.