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From the Dean's Desk

Sy Syms by the Numbers

This past Shabbos, we wrapped up Sefer Vayikra (the Book of Leviticus) with the communal call of “Chazak!” (“Strength!”), and this Shabbos we will mark the beginning of the next book, Bamidbar (Numbers).

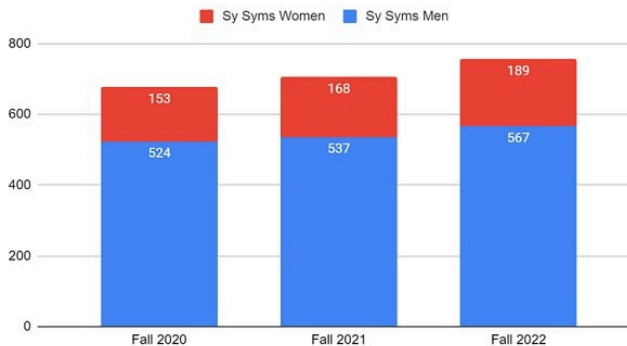
This is also the time of year when we **wrap up the Class of 2022** by looking back on which majors and minors they chose, their official six-month job placement stats, and other data points that capture the foundation that they built at Sy Syms and the strengths they are bringing to the world. Thus, welcome to our annual look at “Sy Syms by the Numbers.” After this, our attention will shift to the beginning of Graduation for the Class of 2023, scheduled for May 23rd at Madison Square Garden.

Enrollment

Over the last two years across the United States, college enrollment has declined significantly.

In contrast, **enrollment in Sy Syms has grown 12%**, from 677 to 756. This includes 8% growth in men and 24% growth in women.

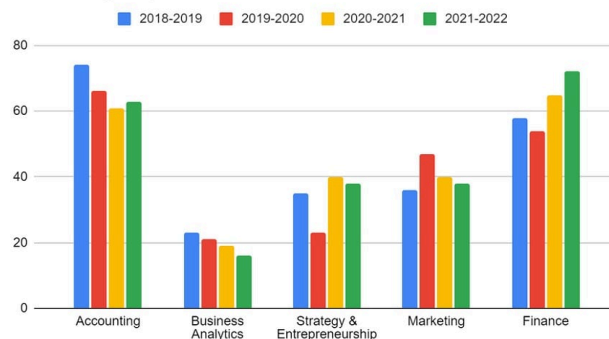
Sy Syms Enrollment: 2020-2022



Majors, Minors, and Duals

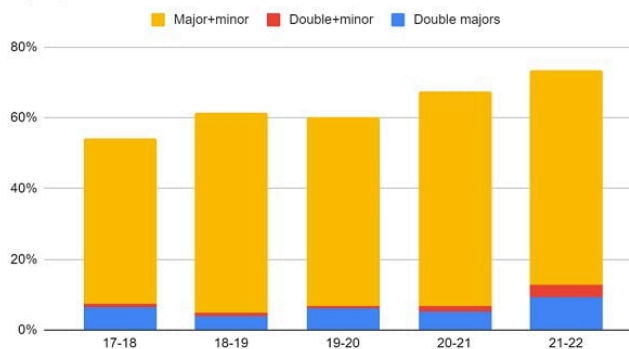
The Finance major continued to be our most popular, with Accounting picking up its pace and ranking again as our #2 major. (See “Graduating Majors” chart below.) Strategy & Entrepreneurship and Marketing ranked next. **For Syms Women, Marketing was the largest major**, followed closely by Accounting.

Graduating Majors



However, our students are **increasingly building broader and stronger foundations**, further enabling them to develop into Torah-grounded professionals who excel in the workplace and in the community. [Rather than rushing through YU](#) and shortchanging their exploration and foundation building, they are increasingly **doing “duals”**: double majoring, majoring+minoring, and even double-majoring plus minoring. Five years ago, about 54% of the students did duals. For the Class of 2022, that number was a striking **74%**.

Sy Syms "Duals"



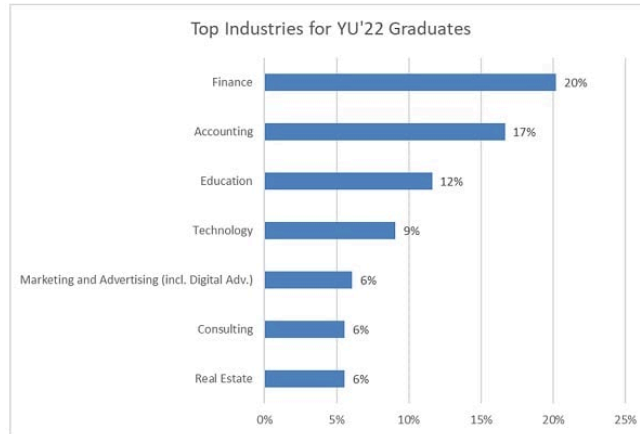
In addition, although it is still a small number, since 2018 we have increased by a factor of **4X** the number of Sy Syms students who **minor in one of the arts-and-sciences schools** (Stern College for Women or Yeshiva College), from 5 students to 20. (Psychology, Art, and Computer Science have been the most common other-school minors for Sy Syms students.)

Post-Graduation Outcomes: Job and Graduate School

The core metric used by universities across the country is the percentage of **students placed into jobs or graduate school within the first 6 months after graduation**. For the Class of 2021, YU had an all-time high of 95.5% students placed into jobs or graduate school within the first 6 months after their graduation.

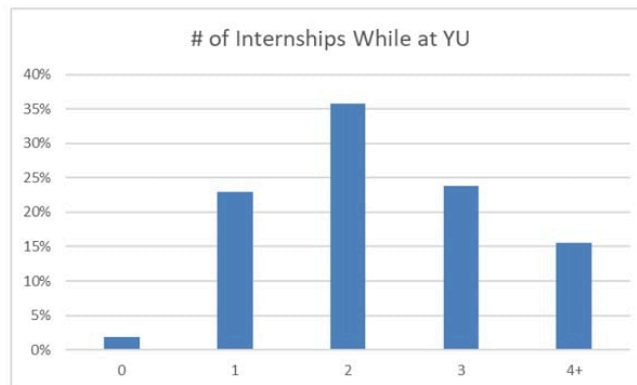
The Class of 2022 raised that bar even higher. For Sy Syms, that percentage was a **new record of 97.1%**, among the highest in the nation. (All of the data in this section come from the [Shevet Glaubach Center's](#) survey of graduates.) More specifically, 79.1% took a job, 11.2% went to graduate school, 4.4% were doing both job and school, and 2.9% were still seeking employment or school.

The bar chart below shows the top post-graduation industries.



6.4% of graduates reported that they were “employed as an entrepreneur.”

The chart below shows how many internships students had completed during their time at Sy Syms.



Emphasizing the power of internships, for Class of 2022 graduates who were employed full-time, **46% had interned** at that company while in school.

A full **90.1%** reported that their full-time position was either **Strongly or Moderately** related to their career field of interest, with 66.3% reporting its being Strongly related.

To the Class of 2022: **“Chazak!”** and may you continue to go *m’chayil el chayil* (from strength to strength)! And now, on to Graduation 2023...

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