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College students opt for master's in tough job market

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Last winter when Iona College student Sarah Ryck faced graduation without a job [prospect](#), a sense of panic seized her.



Brianna Leone, a Sarah Lawrence College student finishing her final undergraduate year at the same time she's taking first-year master's courses, says she is not worried about her job prospects or the debt she's assumed. "I figure it's part of an upward mobility that everyone in this country works for," she says. "I will find a way to pay it off." (Ricky Flores/The Journal News)

"I was freaking out a little bit," said Ryck, 22. "I was sending my resumés. No one was really that interested."

Faced with a national recession and an unemployment rate near 10 percent in the summer of 2010, Ryck, a Rochester native, ultimately decided to enroll in a two-year graduate mass communications program at Iona to improve her employability and wait out the recession.

It's a move that more graduating college students — faced with dim job [prospects](#) and student loans to pay — are making nationwide.

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[Graduate school](#) applications from U.S.-based students rose 9 percent between 2009 and 2010, according to an August report by the Council of Graduate Schools.

The tough economy is a driving factor.

"There definitely are a percentage of students who choose to go to graduate school right away to postpone the entry into the job market," said Wendy Morosoff, the director of career development at [Purchase College](#), where in good times close to 30 percent of undergraduates opt for graduate school.

Some students who enter graduate school are able to defer payment on their undergraduate

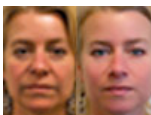
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student loans.

Ryck said that virtually all her undergraduate education was paid with loans that her father is currently repaying. Ryck has taken new loans to [finance](#) her graduate degree because her job at Iona doesn't cover

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repaying. Ryck has taken new loans to [finance](#) her graduate degree because her job at Ionia doesn't cover all her expenses.

"I'm banking on the fact that I'll get a job right out of graduation," Ryck said.

The College Board, the organization that offers the Scholastic Aptitude Test, advises the college-bound to apply for loans judiciously. On its website, The College Board notes that loans have different repayment options.

The standard repayment option for student loans is equal monthly payments over 10 years.

Some loans offer repayment deferments for graduate school, military service or other public service programs.

Some loans have forbearance provisions, allowing a suspension of loan repayment because of financial hardship such as unemployment. Morosoff said a Purchase College survey of recent alumni found that post-graduate [employment](#) has fallen to about 89 percent, compared with a pre-recession average of 93 percent.

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