

**THE EMPLOYABILITY OF GRADUATES OF THE UNDERGRADUATE COURSE IN
TOURISM AT THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF DE MINAS GERAIS (UFMG/BRAZIL)
FORMED IN THE YEARS 2005-2007**

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This study has as main objective to verify and analyze the employability of graduates of the undergraduate course in Tourism at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), in Brazil, formed in the years 2005 to 2007. The methodological strategies used were literature review and questionnaires. The study sample consisted of 40 graduates, representing approximately 52% of the survey. The results showed that 48% of graduates surveyed are inserted professionally in the field of tourism, mainly in the segment of agencies (30%). As a result of the survey, we suggest that the graduate courses in tourism, in general, would to develop studies in order to verify the employability of its graduates and to investigate the students' perception about the importance of the institution in its professional formation.

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