

## New Undergraduate Student Survey 2007 Results

### All Respondents (Freshmen and Transfer)

288 respondents out of 785 invites (36.7% response rate)

### Survey Questions and Results

*Q1 How satisfied are you so far with the facilities at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Classroom facilities	63.5	33.3	2.8	0.3
Computer labs	49.5	31.4	2.8	16.4
Library facilities & services	61.3	31.7	3.2	3.9
Tutorial facilities (not services)	21.4	38.2	3.5	36.8
On-campus housing facilities/services	29.7	46.9	7.7	15.7
Parking	16.4	38.3	18.5	26.8

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*Q2 How satisfied are you so far with your educational experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors	51.2	44.9	3.5	0.3
Amount of contact with faculty	58.3	37.5	2.8	1.4
Class schedule (days/times)	34.4	51.4	13.9	0.3
Access to small classes	69.2	25.2	2.4	3.1
Availability of courses you need	28.1	47.2	24.0	0.7
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	33.0	57.3	9.0	0.7
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	39.9	50.3	6.6	3.1
Overall quality of instruction	49.5	48.8	1.4	0.3

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*Q3 How satisfied are you so far with the services provided at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Tutoring or other academic assistance	25.0	37.5	4.2	33.3
Academic advising	42.4	42.4	11.8	3.5
Registration process	39.7	51.2	8.0	1.0
New student orientation	38.2	46.7	10.2	4.9
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	40.3	32.6	9.7	17.4
Career center/services	25.2	33.9	4.9	36.0
Student health center/services	42.5	25.8	3.1	28.6
Psychological counseling services	12.2	14.2	2.8	70.8
Recreational programs	28.5	33.3	8.0	30.2
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	11.9	54.9	29.7	3.5
Cat Tracks shuttle service	22.9	27.8	13.5	35.8
Helpfulness of staff	53.3	37.9	4.9	3.9
Organized social activities & services	25.4	51.2	11.1	12.2
Variety of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA
Timing of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q4 How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Opportunities to explore the community	39.2	40.6	11.5	8.7
Opportunities to make new friends	57.3	36.1	5.9	0.7
Overall sense of community among students	47.9	39.2	11.1	1.7
Overall college experience	42.2	46.0	11.1	0.7

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*Q9 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following academic skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Developing effective study skills	26.1	60.6	11.8	1.4
Completing course projects & assignments on time	42.4	52.1	5.2	0.3
Thinking critically/analytically	46.3	49.8	2.8	1.1
Utilizing available campus services	25.7	52.8	19.1	3.5
Writing effectively	37.3	54.4	6.6	1.7
Doing basic math	49.3	36.8	8.0	5.9
Reading comprehensively	47.2	49.0	2.8	1.0
Making oral presentations	31.3	46.2	11.1	11.5
Taking tests: multiple choice	44.1	47.6	6.9	1.4
Taking tests: problem sets	31.0	54.7	8.4	5.9
Taking tests: essay or short answers	35.9	53.3	7.0	3.8
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	35.9	51.9	10.8	1.4

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*Q10 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following personal skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Adjusting to being away from home/family	49.0	34.0	9.7	7.3
Managing your time	23.8	55.2	19.6	1.4
Managing your finances	34.0	49.7	13.2	3.1
Handling stress	34.5	51.6	12.9	1.0
Maintaining good general health & fitness	31.6	51.7	13.9	2.8
Developing close friendships with other students	39.2	46.2	12.2	2.4
Getting to know faculty	22.3	58.5	17.1	2.1
Appreciating the cultural arts	29.5	43.8	11.8	14.9
Understanding diverse viewpoints	49.8	41.1	2.1	7.0
Leadership abilities	NA	NA	NA	NA
Capacity for teamwork	NA	NA	NA	NA
Academic self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA
Social self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q11 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following academic activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Attending classes/labs	0.7	1.4	12.2	22.2	35.1	12.2	9.4	6.9
Using the computer lab	39.3	45.6	6.0	1.8	3.2	1.8	0.7	1.8
Studying/doing homework	1.1	15.8	22.8	23.2	14.0	12.6	4.6	6.0
Skipping classes/labs	49.5	43.5	4.9	1.1	0.7	0.4	0	0

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*Q12 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following social activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Partying	67.4	26.7	4.5	1.0	0.3	0	0	0
Socializing informally with friends on campus	6.7	38.9	20.4	15.8	6.3	2.8	1.4	7.7
Socializing informally with friends off campus	32.3	46.0	12.6	5.3	1.1	0	0.7	2.1
Participating in campus-organized activities	40.4	48.1	8.7	1.4	1.0	0.3	0	0
Participating in community service activities	77.8	17.7	3.1	0.7	0.7	0	0	0
Participating in student clubs and groups	45.6	40.1	8.7	3.8	1.0	0.3	0	0.3

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*Q13 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing to following personal activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Exercising or playing sports	21.0	47.9	22.4	4.9	2.8	0.3	0	0.7
Working for pay on campus	89.5	2.1	1.4	4.9	1.4	0	0.3	0.3
Working for pay off campus	90.2	2.1	2.1	0.7	2.4	0.3	1.0	1.0
Watching TV	26.0	44.1	18.8	6.9	2.4	0.3	0.3	1.0
Playing video/computer games	51.2	31.0	9.1	5.2	1.0	0.3	0.7	1.4
Praying/meditating	60.3	32.8	4.9	1.0	0	0.3	0.3	0.3
e-Communicating	9.4	51.2	18.5	8.0	5.2	2.1	1.4	4.2
Surfing the Internet for fun	8.0	37.2	26.0	12.5	6.9	1.7	2.8	4.9
Reading for pleasure	43.9	41.4	8.4	3.2	2.1	0.4	0	0.7
Household/childcare duties	50.9	34.1	6.3	3.5	0.7	0.7	0.3	3.5
Commuting	59.8	26.2	10.5	2.1	0	0	0	1.4

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*Q14 When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:*

	Percentage
First Choice	28.4
Second Choice	23.9
Third Choice	20.0
Lower than third choice	27.7

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*Q15 How important to you were each of the following reasons for attending UC Merced?*

	Percentage		
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Parents/relatives wanted you to come here	24.4	36.9	38.7
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	12.9	35.2	51.9
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	29.3	44.6	26.1
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	36.4	40.6	23.1
Small size of campus	60.7	27.7	11.6
Personal attention from faculty & staff	64.1	27.8	8.1
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	60.1	30.4	9.4
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	58.0	30.4	11.5
Ability to live near or at home	34.4	20.0	45.6
Campus visit	27.2	39.6	33.2
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	34.7	36.8	28.4
Reputation of campus and UC system	51.0	32.5	16.4
Quality of intended major	40.7	35.4	23.9
Financial aid offer	46.3	21.6	32.2
Unable to get into first college choice	31.6	26.7	41.8
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	11.9	18.2	69.9

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*Q16 While you are at UC Merced, how likely are you to:*

	Percentage			
	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Be satisfied with your first semester GPA	21.6	43.9	18.5	16.0
Change your major	17.5	22.5	21.1	38.9
Change your choice of career	14.4	25.7	22.2	37.7
Transfer to another college before graduating	16.4	26.2	25.9	31.5
Participate in research activities with faculty	24.1	48.3	19.6	8.0

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*Q17 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at UC Merced?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	71.0
MBA	2.4
Master's - other	5.6
Law	0
MD	1.0
Doctorate - other health	0.3
Doctorate - other	1.4
Other	0.3
Unknown	12.9
None	4.9

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*Q18 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at another institution?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	7.5
MBA	4.9
Master's - other	19.3
Law	6.1
MD	10.0
Doctorate - other health	10.0
Doctorate - other	11.1
Other	1.1
Unknown	24.3
None	5.7

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