

UCMERCED Institutional Research
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Ongoing Institutional Surveys Administered or Supported by IRDS

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Please also refer to the UC Merced [Campus Survey Calendar](#)

Note: UG = undergraduate; GR = graduate; UCOP = UC Office of the President

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Surveys	Respondents	Topics	Schedule*	Last administered
Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)-Yes	Admitted UG who intend to register	Reasons for planning to attend UC Merced	Spring and Summer	2022
Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)-No	Admitted UG who do not intend to register	Reasons for planning not to attend UC Merced	Spring and Summer	2022
New Student Survey	All new UG frosh and transfer students	Educational plans, transition to college, use of campus services	Fall	2021
University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES) (UCOP)	All UG students	Academic and co-curricular experiences, study habits, learning outcomes, attitudes, perceptions, assessment of instruction, advising, student services, campus climate, personal growth and academic development	Spring (even years)	2022
Graduating Senior Survey	All UG seniors expected to graduate during current academic year	Expectations for the future (employment, education) and assessment of the quality of preparation for the future provided by UC Merced	Spring	2022
Housing Experience Survey**	All UG students living in campus-sponsored housing	Evaluation of resident assistants, programming, customer service, academic support, safety, facilities, and dining	Spring	2022
National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)	All UG frosh and seniors	Academic and co-curricular experiences and institutional performance	Spring (odd years)	2021
Princeton Review Survey	Sample of current UG students	Student satisfaction with a variety of campus services and facilities	Fall (every 3 years; next 2024)	Fall 2021

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Undergraduate and Graduate Student Surveys (cont.)	Respondents	Topics	Schedule*	Last administered
Undergraduate Alumni Journey Survey	UG alumni who graduated 1, 3, and 5 years ago	Contact info; employment/education information including preparation; engagement in volunteer/outreach; interest in being engaged with campus as alum	Summer (even years)	2022
National College Health Assessment	Sample of current UG and GR students	Student behaviors, physical and mental health	Spring (odd years)	2021
Healthy Minds Survey	All current UG and GR students	Student behaviors, physical and mental health	Spring; Varies	2021
iAIM Study Survey	All current UG students	Mental health survey	Fall; Varies	2020
University of California Graduate Student Experience Survey (UCGSES) (UCOP)***	All continuing GR students	Satisfaction with program, UC Merced facilities and services, mentorship, mental health, and campus climate	Spring	2021
NSF Survey of Earned Doctorates	All graduating PhD students	Future career plans of PhD recipients	Continuous	NA
Undergraduate Cost of Attendance Survey (UCOP)	Sample of current UG students	Input regarding cost of attending UC Merced	Spring; Varies (approx. every 3 years)	2021
Graduate Cost of Attendance Survey (UCOP)	Sample of current GR students	Input regarding cost of attending UC Merced	Spring; Varies (approx. every 3 years)	2022
PhD Career Pathways Survey (UCOP)	Current GR students and GR alumni	Educational experience and plans (current students); education/employment information (alumni)	Varies	2020
PhD Alumni Survey (UCOP)	PhD Alumni	Post-graduate plans and experiences; in collaboration with CGS and Grad Div	Varies	2019
Student Expenses and Resources Survey (SEARS) (UCOP)	Current UG students	CA Student Aid Commission Survey	Varies	2021

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Faculty/Staff Surveys	Respondents	Topics	Schedule*	Last administered
Staff Climate/Experience Survey	Current staff	Campus climate at UC Merced for staff	TBD	2018
Faculty/Academic Personnel Climate/Experience Survey	Current faculty – ladder and non-ladder rank	Campus climate at UC Merced for faculty	TBD	2017
Commute Verification Survey (TAPS)	Sample of faculty and staff who work on campus	Commuting practices for SJVAPCD	Spring	2022
Fiscal Responsibility Survey	Staff and faculty	Input on campus financial situation, including ideas about cost savings	N/A	2020
How We Work Feedback Tool	Staff	Experiences regarding work modalities	TBD	2022
Healthcare Needs Survey	Staff, Faculty, Academic Personnel	Healthcare needs and experiences	N/A	2022
Multiple Audience Surveys	Respondents	Topics	Schedule*	Last administered
COVID-19 Experience Survey	Faculty, Staff, GR, Postdocs	Experiences during COVID-19 pandemic in the areas of well-being, work, and perceptions of the campus response; Collaboration with People First Workgroup	N/A	2020

*Administration occurs on an annual basis during the semesters indicated unless otherwise noted.

**Formerly called the Housing and Residence Life (HRL) Satisfaction/Services Survey

***Starting in spring 2021, this survey replaced the annual Graduate Student Survey.