

1-Year Undergraduate Alumni Survey 2009 Results

26 respondents out of 62 invites (41.9% response rate)

Survey Questions and Results

Q1 Based on what you know now, how well do you think your undergraduate education at UC Merced prepared you to:

	Percentage				
	1 - Not at all	2	3	4	5 - Very well
Write effectively	0	3.8	34.6	30.8	30.8
Acquire new skills and knowledge on your own	0	7.7	7.7	46.2	38.5
Communicate well orally	0	4.2	25.0	45.8	25.0
Use information technology in intellectual and/or professional pursuits	0	3.8	23.1	38.5	34.6
Think analytically and logically	0	7.7	15.4	38.5	38.5
Understand and apply quantitative principles and methods	0	4.0	12.0	52.0	32.0
Judge the value of information, ideas, actions and conclusions based on the soundness of sources, methods and reasoning	0	3.8	19.2	34.6	42.3
Understand international perspectives on economic, political, social and cultural issues	3.8	7.7	30.8	38.5	19.2
Use the knowledge, ideas or perspectives gained from your major field	3.8	0	7.7	50.0	38.5

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Q2 How well did your undergraduate education at UC Merced prepare you for personal and professional situations that require:

	Percentage				
	1 - Not at all	2	3	4	5 - Very well
Awareness of contemporary issues in society, technology, and the natural world, and appreciation of their complexity of cause and consequences	0	7.7	19.2	34.6	38.5
Understanding of and appreciation for the arts	7.7	26.9	19.2	30.8	15.4
Ability to evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action	0	12.0	28.0	36.0	24.0
Ability to get along with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives	0	7.7	11.5	30.8	50.0
Ability to work as a member of a team or group	3.8	3.8	15.4	34.6	42.3

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Q3 Have you enrolled/been admitted in a degree program since graduating from UC Merced?

Yes = 33.3%, No = 66.7%

Q4 What type(s) of degree program(s) did you enroll in?

	Number
Second bachelor's degree	0
Master's of Arts of Science	3
Master's of Business	0
Master's of Education	0
Master's of Engineering	0
Master's of Social Work	0
Law	1
Medicine	1
Health Care	0
Dentistry	0
Veterinary	0
Doctorate	1

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Q5 How well do you think UC Merced prepared you for graduate or professional school when you compare yourself with others in your graduate/professional degree program(s)?

	Percentage
I was very well prepared	37.5
I was generally well prepared	62.5
I was adequately prepared	0
I was inadequately prepared	0
Not relevant	0

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Q6 What is the highest degree you ultimately plan to earn?

	Percentage
Graduate certificate	0
Master's	38.5
First Professional	34.6
Doctoral	23.1
No plans to pursue a higher degree	3.8

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Q7 To what extent did your overall undergraduate experience influence your plans for graduate or professional studies?

	Percentage
Very positively	37.5
Generally positively	62.5
Ambivalent	0
Generally negatively	0
Very negatively	0

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Q8 While at UC Merced, did you participate in any of the following? (Mark all that apply)

	Number
Field experience	8
Internship	9
Service learning	4
Community service or volunteer work	11
Work with faculty on a research project	9
Public performance	3
Formal research presentation	10

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Q9 Are you currently employed?

	Percentage
Yes, full-time	53.8
Yes, part-time	34.6
No, but am actively looking for a job	7.7
No, and am not actively looking for a job	3.8

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Q10 Which job search methods did you use to find a full-time job? (Mark all that apply)

	Number
Printed ad	0
CATlink	1
Online job boards	3
Direct employer contact	5
Employer website	5
Job fair	0
Internship/Previous experience	4
Networking	5
Career counselor	0

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Q11 When did you begin your job search?

	Percentage
6 months prior to graduation	30.4
3-6 months prior to graduation	0
Less than 3 months prior to graduation	13.0
After graduation	56.5

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Q12 In what type of organization or sector do you work?

	Percentage
Private for-profit corporation/company/group practice	30.4
Self-employed, own business, or professional practice (non-group)	4.3
Government or other public institution or agency	30.4
Private, non-profit (school, college, arts/cultural organization, etc)	34.8

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Q13 What best describes your current position? (Please select one)

	Percentage
Management	0
Business & Financial/Accounting	13.6
Computer & Mathematical	9.1
Engineering	9.1
Life/Physical Sciences	0
Community & Social Services	0
Marketing & Sales	4.5
Legal	4.5
Education, Training & Library	22.7
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	4.5
Healthcare/Medical	18.2
Office & Administrative Support	0
Food Preparation & Serving Related	0
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	0
Personal Care & Service	4.5
Law Enforcement	0
Construction & Extraction	0
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0
Transportation	0
Military	0
Homemaker	0
Other	9.1

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Q14 If you were to do it over, would you major in the same field?

	Percentage
Definitely yes	53.8
Probably yes	19.2
Not sure	11.5
Probably no	7.7
Definitely no	7.7

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Q15 How closely related is your job to your undergraduate field of study/major?

	Percentage
Not at all related	26.1
Somewhat related	8.7
Moderately related	26.1
Highly related	39.1

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Q16 Was a bachelor's degree required to obtain your current job?

Yes = 47.8%, No = 52.2%

Q17 How well do you think your undergraduate program at UC Merced prepared you for the job market?

	Percentage
Very well	21.7
Generally well	43.5
Ambivalent	13.0
Inadequate	13.0
Very inadequate	8.7

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