

1-Year Undergraduate Alumni Survey 2010 Results

99 respondents out of 312 invites (31.7% 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	0	13	47	40
Acquire new skills and knowledge on your own	0	3	4	41	52
Communicate well orally	0	2	15	37	46
Use information technology in intellectual and/or professional pursuits	0	3	15	37	45
Think analytically and logically	0	3	8	43	46
Understand and apply quantitative principles and methods	0	2	18	46	34
Judge the value of information, ideas, actions and conclusions based on the soundness of sources, methods and reasoning	0	2	7	43	48
Understand international perspectives on economic, political, social and cultural issues	2	11	27	31	29
Use the knowledge, ideas or perspectives gained from your major field	0	0	7	44	49

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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	2	3	20	43	32
Understanding of and appreciation for the arts	7	17	30	26	20
Ability to evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action	1	4	21	38	36
Ability to get along with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives	1	2	11	23	63
Ability to work as a member of a team or group	1	2	10	27	60

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

Yes = 58%, No = 42%

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

	Number
Second bachelor's degree	1
Master's of Arts of Science	22
Master's of Business	1
Master's of Education	3
Master's of Engineering	3
Master's of Social Work	2
Law	3
Medicine	2
Health Care	2
Dentistry	1
Veterinary	0
Doctorate	9

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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
I was generally well prepared	46
I was adequately prepared	11
I was inadequately prepared	2
Not relevant	4

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

	Percentage
Graduate certificate	1
Master's	43
First Professional	20
Doctoral	33
No plans to pursue a higher degree	3

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

	Percentage
Very positively	55
Generally positively	36
Ambivalent	5
Generally negatively	2
Very negatively	2

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

	Number
Field experience	33
Internship	42
Service learning	24
Community service or volunteer work	58
Work with faculty on a research project	65
Public performance	20
Formal research presentation	39

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Q9 Are you currently employed?

	Percentage
Yes, full-time	39
Yes, part-time	38
No, but am actively looking for a job	10
No, and am not actively looking for a job	13

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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	5
CATlink	4
Online job boards	14
Direct employer contact	10
Employer website	20
Job fair	11
Internship/Previous experience	10
Networking	14
Career counselor	2

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Q11 When did you begin your job search?

	Percentage
6 months prior to graduation	20
3-6 months prior to graduation	19
Less than 3 months prior to graduation	11
After graduation	50

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

	Percentage
Private for-profit corporation/company/group practice	39
Self-employed, own business, or professional practice (non-group)	4
Government or other public institution or agency	19
Private, non-profit (school, college, arts/cultural organization, etc)	38

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

	Percentage
Management	4
Business & Financial/Accounting	3
Computer & Mathematical	0
Engineering	11
Life/Physical Sciences	5
Community & Social Services	8
Marketing & Sales	9
Legal	3
Education, Training & Library	28
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	1
Healthcare/Medical	8
Office & Administrative Support	3
Food Preparation & Serving Related	0
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	0
Personal Care & Service	3
Law Enforcement	0
Construction & Extraction	0
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	0
Transportation	0
Military	0
Homemaker	0
Other	15

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

	Percentage
Definitely yes	57
Probably yes	23
Not sure	3
Probably no	12
Definitely no	5

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

	Percentage
Not at all related	17
Somewhat related	32
Moderately related	14
Highly related	37

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

Yes = 61%, No = 39%

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

	Percentage
Very well	11
Generally well	58
Ambivalent	21
Inadequate	9
Very inadequate	1

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