

Graduating Senior Survey 2009 Results

189 respondents out of 350 invites (54.0% response rate)

Characteristics of respondents

Sex: Higher percentage of female respondents (114/185: 61.6%) vs. male respondents (75/165: 45.5%)

Survey Questions and Results

Q1 During your first year as an alum, what is most likely to be your PRINCIPAL activity?

	Frequency	Percent
Employment, full-time	84	44.4
Employment, part-time	19	10.1
Graduate or professional school, full-time	51	27.0
Graduate or professional school, part-time	1	0.5
Additional undergraduate coursework	9	4.8
Volunteer activity (e.g., Teach for America or Peace Corps)	8	4.2
Travel	1	0.5
Take time off	11	5.8
Other	5	2.6
Total	189	100

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Q2 Which, if any, degrees do you plan to pursue either this year or at any time in the future?

	Frequency	
	This Year	In the Future
Second bachelor's degree	1	7
Professional degree (law/medicine)	7	39
Master's degree	24	106
Doctoral degree	10	57

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Q3 About your employment plans:

	Frequency	Percent
I'm continuing employment in my current job	24	12.8
I've accepted a job offer	7	3.7
I'm reviewing a job offer	10	5.3
I'm searching for full-time employment	89	47.6
I'm searching for part-time employment	29	15.5
I have no plans for work	28	15.0
Total	187	100

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Q4 Have you been admitted to a post-graduate degree program?

Yes = 33, No = 28

Q5 Please indicate the school at which you will be continuing your education.

Responses included:

CSU Stanislaus
 Duke University
 Fresno State
 George Washington University
 Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine
 Our Lady of Grace Seminary
 Pacific Graduate School of Psychology
 San Diego State University
 San Joaquin College of Law
 Santa Clara University
 UC Davis
 UCLA
 UC Merced (17)
 UC San Francisco School of Medicine
 University of the Pacific

Q6 Please indicate the name of your employer.

City of Sacramento
 College Store
 Creative Alternatives, Inc.
 Emergency Medicine System Scribe (2)
 In-N-Out Burger
 KGPE TV
 Merced College

Merced County Office of Education
 Morgan Stanley
 National Institutes of Health
 Pacific Child and Family Associates
 PG&E (2)
 Rip Grande Valley Board of Education
 Target (2)
 UC Merced (10)
 US Fish and Wildlife Service
 Work World

Q7 What best describes the job you have or are seeking?

	Frequency	Percent
Management	10	8.3
Business / Financial / Accounting	4	3.3
Marketing / Sales	6	5.0
Computer / Mathematical	5	4.2
Engineering	6	5.0
Life, physical or social sciences	16	13.3
Legal	3	2.5
Education, training or library	18	15.0
Arts, design, entertainment, sports or media	5	4.2
Office or administrative support	8	6.7
Healthcare / Medical	21	17.5
Community or social services	9	7.5
Law Enforcement / Public Safety	1	0.8
Other	8	6.7
Total	120	100

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Q8 How closely related is this job to your undergraduate field of study/major?

	Frequency	Percent
Highly related	16	51.6
Moderately related	7	22.6
Somewhat related	4	12.9
Not related at all	4	12.9
Total	31	100

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Q9 What type of organization do you work for or expect to work for?

	Frequency	Percent
Private Sector	10	32.3
Self-Employed	1	3.2
Government or Public Institution	18	58.1
Private Non-Profit	1	3.2
Other	1	3.2
Total	31	100

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Q10 Where is your employer located?

	Frequency	Percent
California	28	90.3
Western United States	1	3.2
Other United States area	2	6.5
Total	31	100

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Q11 Was a bachelor's degree required to obtain this job?

Yes = 54.8%, No = 45.2%

Q12 Looking back, do you agree that the benefits you received from UC Merced are worth the financial costs to you and your family?

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly agree	81	42.9
Somewhat agree	75	39.7
Neither agree nor disagree	21	11.1
Somewhat disagree	10	5.3
Strongly disagree	2	1.1
Total	189	100

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Q13 Please rate your level of satisfaction with the value of your education for the price you paid.

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	58	30.7
Satisfied	80	42.3
Somewhat satisfied	36	19.0
Somewhat dissatisfied	9	4.8
Dissatisfied	4	2.1
Very dissatisfied	2	1.1
Total	189	100

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Q14 Upon graduation, approximately what will be the total amount borrowed to finance your undergraduate education that you are personally responsible for repaying?

	Frequency	Percent
None	49	25.9
Less than \$10,000	44	23.3
Between \$10,001 and \$20,000	69	36.5
Between \$20,001 and \$30,000	13	6.9
Between \$30,001 and \$40,000	4	2.1
Between \$40,001 and \$50,000	2	1.1
Over \$50,001	2	1.1
Unable to estimate	6	3.2
Total	189	100

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Q15 Please indicate your athletic affiliations with UC Merced: (check all those that apply)

	Frequency
Archery	2
Badminton	2
Baseball	2
Cheer	1
Cricket	2
Lacrosse	3
Soccer	9
Softball	2
Tennis	3
Ultimate Frisbee	2
Volleyball	3

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Q19 Did you have one or more internships (paid or unpaid) while studying at UC Merced?

Yes = 40.2%, No = 59.8%

Q20 Did you have one or more jobs while studying at UC Merced?

Yes = 78.3%, No = 21.7%

Q21 Please complete the following information about your internships (organization):

ACRD
Alliance for Community Research and Development
Ameriprise Financial
Anne Kelley
Campaign to Elect John Price
Castle Air Museum
Center for Computational Biology (2)
Center of Integrated Nanomechanical Systems (COINS) (11)
Central Presbyterian Church
Children's Hospital FACES Program
Community Coalition
Community Partnership Alliance (2)
Community Scholars
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation
Congressman Cardoza's Office (2)
David Ojcius
Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service
Dr. McCloskey
Dr. Nguyen
Dr. Rudy Ortiz
EAP
Firetide
Golden State Warriors
Golden Valley Health Center
Great Valley Center (3)
Green Campus Program (2)
HCC
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
Ingomar Packing Company
Jason Juarez
Jeff Yoshimi
Jim McDiarmid
John Muir Elementary
KABC-TV

Kara McCloskey (2)
KFSN-TV
Law Office of Carlos Fuentes
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Liyang Zhao
Los Angeles Court House
Marcy
Masakatsu Watanabe (2)
McNair Scholars Program
Merced County Board of Supervisors
Merced County Health Care Consortium
Merced County office of Education
Merced County Sheriff Department
Merced Courthouse Museum
Mercy Medical Center
Mike Colvin (2)
Monica Medina (3)
Morgan Stanley
National Institutes of Health
National Realty
New York Life Insurance Company
Oakland Raiders
Office of Assembly Member Cathleen Galgiani
PG&E (2)
Planned Parenthood
Professor Gregg Herken
Research Assistant: Roland Winston
Research Associate Program
Robin DeLugan
Ruth Mostern
Target (2)
The Kenneth L. Maddy Institute
The Raben Group
UC Merced (5)
UC Merced School of Engineering (2)
UC Merced Student Affairs
UC Merced volunteer undergraduate research
UC Merced Yosemite Leadership Program
UCCS
UCM Office of Student Life
UCSD SURF

UCSF UC LEADS
Unified Grocers (2)
University Relations Office of Governmental Affairs
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Valerie Leppert
Veris Manufacturing
Yosemite National Park

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Q23 Please complete the following information about your jobs (employer name):

A&S Bargin Books
Alliance for Community Research and Development (2)
Amicis East Coast Pizzeria
Antone Damas Farms
ASME Tutor
Assets Teaching Program
Barnes and Noble
Big Bubbas Bad BBQ
Bobcat Bookstore (3)
Boys and Girls Club
Brad Neily
Buckley Rado
Butte County Office of Education
CA Psychiatric Transitions
Carmel Villa
Century Theatres
City of Sacramento
Collins Wood Product
Council for Legal Education Opportunity
Creative Alternatives, Inc.
Dayaks Den Soccer
EMSS (2)
Exclusive Realty
Fernando's Bistro
First Ave. Education
Flirtation
Foot Locker Inc
Golden State Warriors
Golden Valley Health Center
Great Valley Center (2)
Green Campus

Health House
Healthy House within a MATCH coalition
Icing by Claires
IN-N-OUT Burger
JC Penney
KGPE-TV
Le Grand High School
Limited Brands - Victoria's Secret
Liquid Engines
Macy's
Main Place Theatre
Mainplace Stadium cinemas
McDonalds
Merced Animal Medical Center
Merced College
Merced County Health Care Consortium
Merced County office of Education
Merced County School District
Mervyns
MFA
Modesto Nuts Professional Baseball
Pacific Child and Family Associates
Peachwood Medical Group
Planned Parenthood (2)
Ricos Pizza
Sears and Co.
Self Employed Mortgage Loan Officer
Service Learning Program
Shrink Technologies
Starbucks Coffee Company
Target (2)
The Soccer Shop
UC Merced (27)
UC Merced Admissions (6)
UC Merced Career Services Center (2)
UC Merced Catering (2)
UC Merced Dining (8)
UC Merced Disability Services (2)
UC Merced Facilities Management
UC Merced Faculty or Staff (64)
UC Merced Financial Aid (3)

UC Merced Graduate Division
UC Merced Health and Wellness Center
UC Merced Housing (4)
UC Merced Information Technology (3)
UC Merced Library (8)
UC Merced Peer Mentoring Program (3)
UC Merced Police Department (7)
UC Merced Recreation (5)
UC Merced School of Engineering (5)
UC Merced School of Natural Sciences
UC Merced SSHA (7)
UC Merced Student Advising and Learning Center (7)
UC Merced Student Affairs (2)
UC Merced Student Life (3)
UC Merced Writing Program
University of California, Berkeley COINS
University of California, Merced COINS (2)
UPS Store
US Fish and Wildlife Service
Veteran Service Office
Visitor Center
Wal-mart
Weaver Middle School
Work World

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Q27 As a future alum, I am interested in helping to: (check all that apply)

	Frequency
Launch alumni association chapters specific to my major or a special interest group	57
Participate in future planning for the UC Merced Alumni Association	64
Assist with student recruitment	68
Provide information on my career to those students interested in my career path/major	92
Participate in alumni mentorship program	62
Engage in career networking	89
Plan future class reunions	58

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