

Graduating Senior Survey 2011 Results

202 respondents out of 511 invites (39.5% response rate)

Characteristics of respondents

Sex: Higher percentage of female respondents (110/254: 43%) vs. male respondents (91/255: 36%)

Race/Ethnicity: N's too small to get accurate comparison of percentages, but no group stands out as being overrepresented (or majorly underrepresented) in terms of response rate.

Major: N's too small to get accurate comparison of percentages (ESS, WCH, MSE, SCS). Some majors had a majority who responded (ANTH, HIST, MATH, SOC) and some a majority who did not respond (BIOS, CHEM, CSE, ENVE, LTCU, ME, MGMT, POLI, PSY), with other majors being equal between respondents and non-respondents (BENG, COGS, ECON, PHYS).

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	73	36.1
Employment, part-time	17	8.4
Graduate or professional school, full-time	59	29.2
Graduate or professional school, part-time	7	3.5
Additional undergraduate coursework	7	3.5
Volunteer activity (e.g., Teach for America or Peace Corps)	7	3.5
Start or raise a family	1	.5
Travel	5	2.5
Take time off	20	9.9
Other	6	3.0
Total	202	100.0

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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	15
Professional degree (law/medicine)	12	39
Master's degree	47	97
Doctoral degree	11	54

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Q3 About your employment plans:

	Frequency	Percent
I'm continuing employment in my current job	19	9.4
I've accepted a job offer	13	6.4
I'm reviewing a job offer	7	3.5
I'm searching for full-time employment	95	47.0
I'm searching for part-time employment	37	18.3
I have no plans for work	31	15.3
Total	202	100.0

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

Yes = 30, No = 43

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

Responses included:

- American University of the Caribbean
- ASU
- Cal Poly
- California State University, Chico
- California State University, East Bay
- California State University, Fresno
- California State University, Stanislaus (3)
- Florida State University
- Fresno Pacific University
- Golden Gate University
- Mills College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine Graduate University
- San Diego State University (2)
- San Jose State (2)
- Southern California College of Optometry
- Temple University School of Medicine
- Touro University
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles (2)
- UC Merced (2)
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- University of Colorado, Boulder

University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Southern California (2)
University of the Pacific
Vanderbilt University

Q6 Please indicate the name of your employer.

Camp Winnamocka
Central Valley Autism Project, Inc.
City of San Jose
Fitness Zone II
Hillendale Home Care
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
Learning ARTS
Merced County Office of Education
Merced County School District
Merced Union High School District
Mills College
National Park Service, Yosemite National Park
Orchard Supply Hardware
Pacific Child and Family Associates
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Rite Aid Pharmacy
Robbins Brothers
Save Mart
Schneider Electric
Southern California Edison
Starbucks Coffee Company
UC Davis
UC Merced (2)
US Bank

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

	Frequency	Percent
Management	10	7.9
Business / Financial / Accounting	13	10.2
Marketing / Sales	9	7.1
Computer / Mathematical	6	4.7
Engineering	7	5.5
Life, physical or social sciences	11	8.7
Legal	5	3.9
Education, training or library	16	12.6
Arts, design, entertainment, sports or media	5	3.9
Office or administrative support	3	2.4
Healthcare / Medical	17	13.4
Personal care or service	2	1.6
Community or social services	7	5.5
Law enforcement / Public safety	2	1.6
Farming, fishing or forestry	3	2.4
Military	1	.8
Other	10	7.9
Total	127	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Highly related	7	22.6
Moderately related	10	32.3
Somewhat related	8	25.8
Not related at all	6	19.4
Total	31	100.0

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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	2	6.5
Government or Public Institution	15	48.4
Private Non-Profit	3	9.7
Other	1	3.2
Total	31	100.0

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Q10 Where is your employer located?

	Frequency	Percent
California	29	90.6
Western United States	1	3.1
Other United States area	2	6.3
Total	32	100.0

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

Yes = 15, No = 17

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	60	29.7
Somewhat agree	104	51.5
Neither agree nor disagree	14	6.9
Somewhat disagree	20	9.9
Strongly disagree	4	2.0
Total	202	100.0

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

	Frequency	Percent
Very satisfied	48	23.8
Satisfied	75	37.1
Somewhat satisfied	55	27.2
Somewhat dissatisfied	16	7.9
Dissatisfied	5	2.5
Very dissatisfied	3	1.5
Total	202	100.0

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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	58	28.7
Less than \$10,000	33	16.3
Between \$10,001 and \$20,000	56	27.7
Between \$20,001 and \$30,000	30	14.9
Between \$30,001 and \$40,000	9	4.5
Between \$40,001 and \$50,000	1	.5
Over \$50,001	5	2.5
Unable to estimate	10	5.0
Total	202	100.0

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

	Frequency
Archery	0
Badminton	2
Baseball	3
Basketball	7
Cheer	3
Cricket	0
Cross Country	3
Dance	15
Lacrosse	4
Martial Arts	4
Soccer	10
Softball	0
Tennis	4
Ultimate Frisbee	1
Volleyball	1

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Q16 Please respond to the following statement: The UC Merced Library has supported my academic progress.

	Frequency	Percent
Strongly Agree	63	31.3
Agree	87	43.3
Neutral	41	20.4
Disagree	6	3.0
Strongly Disagree	4	2.0
Total	201	100.0

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

Yes = 64, No = 137

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

Yes = 141, No = 61

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

AGEP
American Independent Party
Angel's Camp Death Records
Artisan Construction & Design
Boys and Girls Club director Tony Slaton
CAMD/LSU - REU Program
Castle Air Museum
Center for Computational Biology (2)
Center of Excellence on Health Disparities at UC Merced (2)
Center of Integrated Nanomechanical Systems Program (5)
Congressman Cardoza's office (2)
Congressman Berman's office
Cornell University
Dianne Feinstein
Don Stowell Elementary School
Dr. Ariel Escobar
Dr. Lynn K. Jones
Enrique Guzman
Federal State Department
Gallo
Government Relations
Green Campus
Greg Herken

H.E.R.O.E.S.
Insitu inc.
International Law Institute
International Paper
Jason Juarez
Jinah Choi
Kate Wall
Lab research assistant for Dr. Yarrow Dunham
Law office in Fresno
Lisa McMullen and Marnee Chua
Manilay Lab - Undergraduate Research
Masa Watanabe
Merced County Public Defender
Merced County Superior Court (2)
Merced Courthouse
Merced Courthouse Museum
Merced Regional Airport
National Park Service through the YLP program
Organization to Start Merced River Charter School (OSMRCS)
Paul Gibbons
PricewaterhouseCoopers
Sarah Lee-AmeriCorps/CALpirg
Sarah Lim
Sequoia Kings National Park
SunTherm Energy, Inc.
UC Center Sacramento Public Affairs Journalism Program Intern
UC LEADS
UC Meary
UC Merced (3)
UC Merced Center for Computational Biology
UC Merced Facilities, John Elliott
UC Merced NSED Fieldwork
UCMERI Fellowship
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Francisco
University of California, San Francisco, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Health
University Relations (2)
Yosemite National Park (3)

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

Aaron Winek (2)
Admissions
Adrianna
AI Day
Alejandro Delgadillo (2)
Angela Liu
Anna Song Research Lab
Armista Tantarelli
AT&T Wireless
Barnes and Noble Booksellers
Blockbuster Video Store (2)
Bobby Bliatout
Career Services Center at UC Merced (2)
CEDLT California English Development Test
Central Valley Autism Project, Inc.
Central Valley Nephrology
Centro Calvario
Chou Her
Christina Christensen
City of Sacramento
City of San Jose
City Wide Aquatics
Clifford L. Corman M.D., Inc.
COEHD
Cold Stone Creamery
Cutino Partnership
CVS
Cynthia Donahue
Delores Wright
Dinuba Quick Shop
Disability Services (4)
Dole Frozen Foods Co.
Donna Jaramillo-Fellin
Dr. Michael Colvin
Early Childhood Educational Center UC Merced
EH&S
eMarketing360
Emergency Medicine Scribe Systems
Francisco Stanley
Gallo

Gallo Recreation Center (2)
Gap
Garcia-Ojeda Laboratory
Golden Valley High School
Gordon & Schwenkmeyer Inc.
Gregg Camfield
Gustine Unified School District
Heidi Hernandez
HEROES
Hillendale Home Care
IN-N-OUT
Jamba Juice (2)
James Barnes in Student Advising and Learning Center UC Merced (3)
Jason Souza (3)
Jayne Galloway
Jessica Trounstone
Karen Groth
Katie Williams
Kelly Patterson
Kelly Van Zandt
Ken's Market and Fountain
Laura Martin
Law Office of Eric Beiswanger
Law Office of Sharon Williams
Learning ARTS
Lee
Leggs Hanes Bali Playtex
Library
Linda Anne Rebhun
LOEHMANN'S
Lorena Calderon
Mary Weppler-Selear
McNamara Sports
Merced County Animal Hospital
Merced County Office of Education
Merced County School Districts
Merced High School
Metro PCS
National Bureau of Economic Research
New York and Company
Nidia Hartford

NSED Teaching Program
Office of the Registrar
Orchard Supply Hardware
OSL
Pam Stanley
Payless
PetSmart
Private Family
Professor Raymond Chiao's Lab
Quizno's
Rena Schnieder
Rite Aid Pharmacy
SALC (3)
Save Mart Super Markets (2)
School of Engineering (2)
Sears Holdings
self via ACCESS
Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI)
Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
SSHA
Stack Expert Witness
Starbucks Coffee
Stefani Madril
Susan Bohrer (2)
The Villages Restaurant and Bakery
Thomas Hansford/ UC Merced
Toys r Us
UC Merced (10)
UC Merced Admissions (4)
UC Merced BFS
UC Merced Bookstore (3)
UC Merced Catering
UC Merced Dining Commons (11)
UC Merced Disabilities Services (2)
UC Merced Housing and Residence Life (16)
UC Merced IT Department (2)
UC Merced Library (3)
UC Merced Office of Communications
UC Merced Office of International Affairs
UC Merced Peer Mentoring Program (6)
UC Merced Police Department (3)

UC Merced Recreation Center
UC Merced Registration Office
UC Merced School of Engineering
UC Merced School of Natural Sciences
UC Merced Student Advising and Learning Center (8)
UC Merced, Elliott Campbell
UC Merced, SNRI
US Bank
Whimsy
Woodrow Wilson Elementary School (2)
Writing Program
Yosemite National Park

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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	34
Participate in future planning for the UC Merced Alumni Association	48
Assist with student recruitment	53
Provide information on my career to those students interested in my career path/major	90
Participate in alumni mentorship program	49
Engage in career networking	86
Plan future class reunions	45

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