

Graduating Senior Survey 2012 Results

Characteristics of respondents

Total: 290 respondents out of 776 invites (37.4% response rate)

Sex: Higher percentage of female respondents (171/380: 45.0%) vs. male respondents (119/380: 31.3%)

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

Survey Questions and Results

Your Time at UC Merced

Q1 Today, how connected or disconnected do you feel to UC Merced?

	Percentage
Very connected	32
Connected	54
Disconnected	11
Very disconnected	3

• UC Merced Library •

Q2 Please select your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements about UCM's library.

	Percentage
The individual study spaces in the library supported my academic progress.	
Strongly agree	26
Agree	50
Disagree	11
Strongly disagree	7
Not applicable	6
The collaborative study spaces in the library supported my academic progress.	
Strongly agree	27
Agree	57
Disagree	9
Strongly disagree	3
Not applicable	4

The information resources provided by the library supported my academic progress.	
Strongly agree	21
Agree	64
Disagree	8
Strongly disagree	4
Not applicable	3
When I asked for help at a library service desk, I received satisfactory assistance from library staff.	
Strongly agree	31
Agree	56
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	2
Not applicable	8
When I asked for help finding information for my papers and projects, I received satisfactory assistance from library staff.	
Strongly agree	25
Agree	47
Disagree	3
Strongly disagree	2
Not applicable	25
The library research instruction I received helped me find suitable information resources for my papers and projects.	
Strongly agree	25
Agree	57
Disagree	6
Strongly disagree	4
Not applicable	9

Q3 In how many classes did you receive library research instruction from library research instruction from library staff during your time at UC Merced?

	Percentage
None	10
1 class	20
2 classes	34
3 classes	20
4 or more classes	16

• **Participation in Research** •

Q4 Did you conduct research with a faculty member as an undergraduate at UC Merced?

	Percentage
Yes	37.5
No	62.5

Q5 Please complete the following information about your undergraduate research efforts (if you participated in more than one research effort, please consider the one you spent the most time on when completing this question).

Number of months involved in research:

Months	Frequency
1	2
2	6
3	6
4	12
5	7
6	6
7	1
8	3
9	9
10	8
11	5
12	6
13	1
14	1
16	2
19	2
20	4
21	1
24	5
26	2
27	1
28	1
30	2
35	1
36	1
37	1
40	1

Hours per month involved in research:

Hours per Month	Frequency
1	1
4	1
5	2
6	2
8	1
9	2
10	3
12	3
15	4
16	4
20	7
30	5
32	2
35	1
36	1
38	1
40	12
45	1
50	4
52	1
60	6
70	1
72	1
75	1
80	2
88	1
100	1
120	2
128	1
144	1
156	1
160	4
270	1
10 to 15	1
20 to 30	1
30 to 40	1
summer 160, semester 40	1
a lot	1

unsure	1
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Field of research:

Airport Hangar Rates
Antibiotic Resistance Genes
Approximation theory
Archaeology (2)
Attachment
Bacterial Evolution
Bio-physics
Bioengineering - Microfluidics
Biogeochemistry
Biophysics - actin
Breast Cancer Stem Cells
Building Energy Systems & HVAC
Chemistry
Chicano Literature
Child Development
Cognitive Child Development Lab
Cognitive Development
Cognitive Development/Language Acquisition
Cognitive Science (2)
Cognitive Science, Bilingual Language Processing
Community Engaged Research/Anthropology/Sociology
Computer Vision
Computer Vision and Speech Processing
Condensed Matter Physics (2)
Coral symbiosis
Cuban writers
Data analysis
Decision making
Developmental
Dos Palos Research Project
Drosophila embryo brain staining and dissections (2)
Early child cognition and language acquisition
Earth Systems Science
Economics (3)
Electron Microscopy of Semiconductor Materials
Entry of info to digital format
Environmental microbiology/marine microbial biogeochemistry

Experimental biology
Fashion in Fiction
Financial models
Fluid Mechanics
Geo-spatial Analysis
Health Psychology (5)
HIV in Fresno
HVAC systems
Hydrology
Immunology
Interdisciplinary research (anthropology)
Iranian History
Materials Characterization
Materials Engineering
Materials Science (2)
Mechanical Engineering
Modeling
Molecular Biology
Molecular Tissue Regeneration
Mountain Hydrology
Nanotechnology
Networking
Perception, attitudes, behavior
Physical Organic Chemistry
Physics / Optics
Political Science
Political Science- Judicial Politics
Psychology
Public Health (2)
Public Health/Anthropology
Renewable Energy: Plasma Gasification
Running subjects
Signal Reconstruction
Sociology (2)
Sociology of Education
Sociology: Foreclosure
Soil biogeochemistry
Soil biogeochemistry/ ecology
Solar Array Mechanisms
Solar Forecasting
Solar Panels

Solar Thermal
Stem Cell Research (2)
Tissue Engineering
Underprivileged unincorporated towns
World History

Q6 Did you present results from your research outside the classroom at UC Merced or elsewhere? (e.g. at UC Merced Research Week, in publications, at conferences) [If "Yes" selected for Q4]

	Percentage
Yes	32
No	68

Q7 In which of the following formal undergraduate research / graduate preparation programs did you participate at UC Merced? (Please select all that apply.)

	Percentage
Center of Excellence on Health Disparities	9
UC LEADS – Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees	4
CAMP – CA Alliance for Minority Participation in SEM McNair Scholars	1
UC AGEP – Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate	1
Undergraduate Research and Mentoring Program in Comp Bio	4
Other	28
None	223

Other:

CalTeach (2)
Center of Integrated Nanomechanical Systems
Child development
Cognitive Child Development Lab
COINS - Center of Integrated Nanomechanical Systems (4)
COINS, UCMERI
Dr. Kantor's project was through NBER
History 101
Honors History Program
Management Summer Bridge Program
NSF REU
Psychology
Science Alliance Student Training and Research Team (START)
Science and Math Initiative (2)
Solar Panel and Cell Electroporation
SONA
The Society of Automotive Engineers
Undergrad research with Graduate student

with professor
Worked in a research lab with a Professor
Yosemite Leadership Program

• **Participation in Recreation and Athletics** •

Q8 In which Recreation and Athletics programs did you participate at any time during your undergraduate studies at UC Merced? (Please select all that apply.)

	Percentage
Intramural sports	18
Sports clubs	13
Outdoor Experience Program (outdoor trips)	9
Fitness classes	32
Free recreation (general use of the Gallo Rec Center)	69
None	18

Q9 Why did you choose not to participate in any Recreation and Athletics programs? (Please select all that apply.) [If "None" was selected for Q8]

	Percentage
I was not aware of these programs	5
I was not interested in these programs	26
I did not have enough time	32
I did not have enough money	8
Other (please specify)	7

Other:

- Chose off-campus gym with childcare available
- Coaches and team members not welcoming
- Faculty replied to my request that they had no openings
- Chose to participate as coach for my children's sports organization
- Couldn't find anyone else interested in them
- Find it a waste of time and do not think students should pay for activities that do not pertain to academic careers
- Work out elsewhere

Q10 What recreation and/or athletic programs would you have participated in had they been offered?

Archery
Auto Racing
Badminton (7)
Ballet
Ballroom Dancing
Baseball (3)
Belly Dancing (2)

Bowling
Boxing (2)
Capture the Flag
Co-ed soccer
Crew/rowing (3)
Cross Country
Cross-fit (3)
Cycling (2)
Dance (5)
Diving
Dodgeball
Equestrian Team (3)
Family-friendly outdoor trips
Females only gym or fitness classes
Fencing (3)
Football (6)
Futsal
Golf (3)
Gymnastics
Hockey
Intramural basketball (2)
Intramural flag football
Karate
Kickboxing
Lacrosse
More fitness classes (fill up quickly)
Mountain biking
PADI SCUBA licensing
Pilates
Rock Climbing (4)
Salsa
Soccer - more games and matches (4)
Softball (3)
Softball Team
Spinning (daytime classes) (3)
Starting Strength (Rippetoe) with nutrition
Step aerobics
Swim Team (3)
Swimming (20)
Table tennis (2)
Tennis (11)

Track and Field (5)
Ultimate Frisbee (2)
Volleyball open gym
Water Polo (2)
White water rafting
Women's Basketball
Women's Football
Women's Self Defense
Wrestling (2)
Yoga (expanded hours to daytime) (7)
Yosemite trips (snow) (2)
Zumba (3)

Q11 Which NAIA athletic teams were you a member of as an undergraduate at UC Merced? (Please select all that apply.)

	Frequency
Men's Cross Country	3
Women's Cross Country	1
Women's Volleyball	2
Men's Basketball	1
None	251

• Internship and Work Experience •

Q12 Did you have an internship (paid or unpaid) while studying at UC Merced?

	Percentage
Yes, 1 internship	19
Yes, 2 or more internships	6
No	75

Q13 Internship employers:

Accu Swiss
Advanced Physical Therapy And Sports Rehabilitation
Arvin Sango Inc
CA State Senate
California State Assembly/Maddy Institute
Cindy Roberts
COINS
LLNL
Los Angeles City Hall

Merced Municipal Airport
MTV Networks
PMP
River Partners
UC Berkeley
Valerie Leppert
Yosemite National Park

Q14 Did you ever have an on-campus job while studying at UC Merced?

	Percentage
Yes, 1 on-campus job	29
Yes, 2 on-campus jobs	14
Yes, 3 or more on-campus jobs	8
No	50

Q15 UC Merced unit employers:

Campus Unit	Frequency
Administration	4
Admissions	9
Business & Financial Services	1
Campus Bookstore	4
Career Services	4
Chancellor's Office	1
Development & Alumni Relations	1
Dining/Catering	18
Disability Services	7
ECEC	1
Facilities	3
Government Relations	1
Health Promotion	3
Housing & Residence Life	11
International Programs	3
IT	2
Library	6
Office of Student Life	2
Payroll	1
Physical Planning	2
Police Department	8
Recreation & Athletics	16
Registrar	1
School of Engineering	13

School of Natural Sciences	15
School of SSHA	10
SNRI	2
Sponsored Projects	1
Bright Success Center	30
Student Affairs	1
Students First Center	1
TAPS	2
Other	21

Q16 While studying at UC Merced, which of the following career services did you use? (Please select all that apply.)

	Percentage
Assessments/Career tests	20
Career counseling/coaching	32
Career fairs/events	49
Career Services website	46
Graduate school assistance	18
Job announcements	48
Job/internship search	35
On-campus interview	17
Practice interview	7
Presentation/workshop by Career Services staff	15
Resume/cover letter assistance	37
Other	2
None	13

Other:

- EAP Office
- Informational interview
- Personal statement workshop
- Presentation by Career Peer Educators
- Professionalism

Your Post-graduation Plans

Q17 What are your current post-graduation plans? (Please select all that apply.)

	Percentage
I am continuing employment in my current job	9
I have accepted full-time employment at a new employer	3
I have accepted part-time employment at a new employer	3
I have accepted an internship	3
I am reviewing a job offer	9
I have started my own business	2
I have accepted public service employment*	2
I have been accepted into graduate or professional school	14
I have applied to grad or prof school, but have not yet been accepted	22
I am continuing my education, but not in graduate school**	10
I will take time off before finding a job	10
I am an international student and will return to my home country	1
I am searching for full-time employment	48
I am searching for part-time employment	17
I have no plans for work	1
Other (please specify)	10

* e.g. military, Peace Corps, Teach for America

** e.g. second bachelor's, EMT

Other:

- Applying to/researching/taking time off before graduate/medical/law school
- Applying for public service employment
- Applying for credential program
- Study Abroad
- Studying for LSAT/GMAT/EIT
- Volunteer

Q18 Employment Details

List of employers:

Accu Swiss
Best Buy
Brookside Optometry
BSK Analytical Laboratories
Build-a-Bear
California Psychiatric Transition
City of Patterson

City Year Americorps
Deborah's Mobile Fitness
Diablo Vista Vineyards
E&J Gallo (3)
Ed Silvia
Extreme Learning
Frito-Lay
Girl Scouts Northern California
Honeywell Aerospace
Jim Whalen
Kappa Sigma
Kee TOv
Mentor Network
Merced County Office of Education
National Park Service
Pacific Gas & Electric
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
Palo Alto Medical Foundation
Reading Partners by Americorps
Red Wolf International
Royal Robbins
Starbucks Coffee Company
Sullivan Learning Systems
Teach for America (2)
Tiger Trans, Inc
UC Merced (8)
United Farm Workers Foundation
University of the Pacific
US Army
Yosemite National Park
Yosemite Property Management

Location of employers:

	Frequency
California	41
Other state	6
International	0

Q19 How closely related is this job to your:

	Percentage
undergraduate field of study/major?	
Highly related	33
Moderately related	25
Slightly related	18
Not at all related	25
career goals?	
Highly related	29
Moderately related	31
Slightly related	19
Not at all related	21

Q20 Was a bachelor's degree required to obtain this job?

	Percentage
Yes	41
No	59

Q21 How did you learn about this job (Please select all that apply.)

	Frequency
Career Fair	7
Career Services staff member	1
Employer website	7
Faculty or staff member at UCM	9
Internship or volunteer employer	5
Job announcements – CATLink, CatPAWS	5
Listserv/email	1
Networking with family/friend	12
Networking with classmate/UCM alum	4
On-campus interview	4
Online job board	3
Professional association	7
Social networking site	6
Other (please specify)	16

Other:

- Flyers passed out on campus
- Found it on my own
- Graduate Advisor
- Already had the job when returned to college/transferred
- Recruiters
- Outside of school

- Referral
- Student employee
- Teach for America
- Networking at School of Engineering hosted lecture/presentation
- Walk-in

Q22 Graduate or professional school details:

List of graduate schools, accepted:

A.T. Stills University
Alliant International University
Bowen School of Law, University of Arkansas - Little Rock
California State University Fresno (2)
California State University Stanislaus (2)
Columbia Graduate School of Journalism
Georgia Tech
Loma Linda University
Miami University
Oregon State University
Portland State University
Ross University School of Medicine
Southwestern Law School
University of California, Davis
University of California, Berkeley (2)
University of California, Hastings College of the Law (2)
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Merced (6)
University of California, San Diego
University of Michigan
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Francisco
University of Texas-Dallas
University of the Pacific (2)
Washington State University

Fields of study:

Agricultural Economics
Archaeology
Civil Engineering
Civil Law

Clinical Forensic Psychology
Clinical Psychology
Criminology
Crop and Soil Science
Education
Educational School Counseling
Global Public Health
Interdisciplinary
International Business
Journalism
Law (3)
Materials Science and Engineering
MBA MSFA
Mechanical Engineering (2)
Medicine (3)
Molecular Biosciences, Microbiology
Physical Chemistry
Physics
Polymer Science
Public Health - Infectious Disease and Microbiology
Public Health - Infectious Disease and Vaccinology
Quantitative Systems Biology (2)
Secondary Education
Social Work
Student Affairs and Higher Education

Degrees Pursing:

<i>Masters (20)</i>
<i>JD (3)</i>
<i>MD or other medical degree (3)</i>
<i>PhD (7)</i>

Your Future as a UC Merced Alum

Q23 Have you chosen to support your 2012 Class Gift?

	Percentage
Yes	61.5
No	38.5

Q24 Have you made your Collegiate Pledge to join the Collegiate Alumni Association?

	Percentage
Yes	47
No	53

Q25 How likely are you to someday make a donation to UC Merced?

	Percentage
Very likely	16
Likely	61
Unlikely	17
Very unlikely	6

Q26 How likely are you to someday serve as an alumni volunteer to UC Merced?

	Percentage
Very likely	9
Likely	51
Unlikely	32
Very unlikely	8

Q27 Which of the following social media networking websites are you actively using? (Please select all that apply.)

	Percentage
Facebook	73
Twitter	19
LinkedIn	21
Four Square	2
mySpace	1
Friendster	0
Google+	18
Other (please describe)	2
None	9

Other:

- Formspring
- Pinterest
- Tenant QQ
- Tumblr
- Xanga

Q28 Have you "liked" the UC Merced Alumni Association Facebook page?

	Percentage
Yes	33
No	67

Q29 Are you following the UC Merced Alumni Association Twitter feed?

	Percentage
Yes	20
No	80

Q30 Have you joined the UC Merced Alumni Association group on LinkedIn?

	Percentage
Yes	26
No	74