

New Student Survey 2012

Your first weeks at UC Merced

Q31 When you arrived at UC Merced, how welcoming did you find the campus environment?

- ☐ Very welcoming (1)
- ☐ Somewhat welcoming (2)
- ☐ Not welcoming (3)

Answer If When you arrived at UC Merced, how welcoming did you find... Not welcoming Is Selected

Q31open Please share why you found the campus environment to be not welcoming.

Q1 How satisfied are you so far with the following facilities at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Not Applicable (4)
Classroom facilities (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Computer labs (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library facilities (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tutorial facilities (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
On-campus housing facilities (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following facilities... - Very Dissatisfied Is Selected

Q1open Please elaborate on why you are very dissatisfied with some of the facilities at UC Merced.

Q2 How satisfied are you so far with the following aspects of your educational experience at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Not Applicable (4)
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of contact with faculty (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Class schedule (days/times) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access to small classes (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of courses you need (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevance of coursework to everyday life (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Relevance of coursework to future career plans (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall quality of instruction (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following aspects o... - Very Dissatisfied Is Selected

Q2open Please elaborate on why you are very dissatisfied with some of your educational experience at UC Merced.

Q3AS How satisfied are you so far with the following academic services at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Not Applicable (4)
Academic Advising (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Registration Process (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial Aid services (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Library Services (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tutoring or other academic assistance (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following academic ... - Very Dissatisfied Is Selected

Q3ASopen Please elaborate on why you are very dissatisfied with some academic services at UC Merced.

Q3WS How satisfied are you so far with the following wellness services at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Not Applicable (4)
Student health center services (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Psychological counseling services (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability Services (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreational programs (e.g.outdoor trips, intramural sports, recreation center) (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following wellness ... - Very Dissatisfied Is Selected

Q3WSopen Please elaborate on why you are very dissatisfied with some wellness services at UC Merced.

Q3OS How satisfied are you so far with the following services at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Not Applicable (4)
Dining Commons (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Lantern (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Marketplace at The Summits (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing services (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Campus Bookstore (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cat Tracks shuttle service during "Welcome Week" (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cat Tracks shuttle service during Fall Semester (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following services ... - Very Dissatisfied Is Selected

Q3OSopen Please elaborate on why you are very dissatisfied with some services at UC Merced.

Q3WSA How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Did not attend (4)
Summer Orientation (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Variety of "Weeks of Welcome" events during the first weeks of the semester (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timing of "Weeks of Welcome" events during the first weeks of the semester (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ascend New Student Success Conference (held 8/21/12) (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Organized campus social activities (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome a... - Very Dissatisfied Is Selected

Q3WSAopen Please elaborate on why you are very dissatisfied with some welcome and social activities at UC Merced.

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome a... Summer Orientation - Did not attend Is Not Selected

Q46 What did you gain from Summer Orientation that has helped you transition to life at UC Merced?

Q47a Were you aware of the Weeks of Welcome events occurring on campus during the first few weeks of the semester?

- ☐ Yes (1)
☐ No (2)

Answer If Were you aware of the "Weeks of Welcome" events occurring... Yes Is Selected

Q47b How did you hear about the Weeks of Welcome activities occurring on campus? (Please select all that apply.)

- ☐ Weeks of Welcome booklet (1)
☐ Weeks of Welcome poster-size calendars (2)
☐ Happenings emails (3)
☐ Information tables in front of OSL (4)
☐ Residence Life Staff (e.g. RA, PA, office staff) (5)
☐ Word of mouth (6)
☐ Other (Please describe.) (7) _____

Q47c Please answer the following questions about the Weeks of Welcome (WoW) events:

	WoW events provided opportunities to...		I chose to attend certain WoW event(s) so that I could...	
	Yes (1)	No (2)	Yes (1)	No (2)
Connect with the UCM campus community. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Explore the Merced community. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meet other new students. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meet returning UCM students. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meet UCM graduate students. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meet UCM personnel (faculty, staff). (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome a... Variety of "Welcome Week" events during the first weeks of the semester - Did not attend Is Not Selected

Q47d Which Weeks of Welcome events helped you most with your transition to life at UC Merced? And how did they help you in your transition?

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome a... Ascend New Student Success Conference (held 8/21/12) - Did not attend Is Not Selected

Q48a Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about the ASCEND New Student Success Conference.

	Strongly Agree (1)	Agree (2)	Disagree (3)	Strongly Disagree (4)
The ASCEND conference addressed questions I had about college. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After participating in the ASCEND conference, I felt more prepared to begin classes at UCM. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The ASCEND conference helped increase my confidence about connecting with UCM personnel (e.g. staff, faculty, TAs) (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a result of attending the ASCEND conference, I know how to access the campus resources (e.g. tutoring, financial aid, job search) available to support my success at UCM. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome a... Ascend New Student Success Conference (held 8/23/11) - Did not attend Is Not Selected

Q48b Which Ascend New Student Success Conference workshop(s) did you find most helpful in adjusting to your first weeks as a student at UC Merced?

Q48c What information and/or skills did you learn at the ASCEND New Student Success Conference that helped you adjust to your first weeks as a student at UC Merced?

Q4 How satisfied are you so far with the following aspects of your overall experience at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Not Applicable (4)
Opportunities to explore the community on your own (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities to make new friends (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunities to get involved on campus outside the classroom (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall sense of community among students (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall college experience (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If How satisfied are you so far with the following aspects o... - Very Dissatisfied Is Selected

Q4open Please elaborate on why you are very dissatisfied with some some aspects of your overall experience at UC Merced.

Q49 During the second full week of fall classes, UC Merced clubs and organizations, Merced area non-profits, and Merced area businesses held "3 Fairs in 3 Days" to introduce themselves to UC Merced students. Did you attend one or more of the fair days?

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Q34 Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:

	Yes (1)	No (2)
joined a club sports team? (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
visited the Recreation Center? (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
worked out (including taking an exercise class) in the Recreation Center? (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Your Career at UC Merced

Q14 While at UC Merced, how likely are you to:

	Very Likely (1)	Somewhat Likely (2)	Somewhat Unlikely (3)	Very Unlikely (4)
Be satisfied with your first semester GPA (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change your major (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change your choice of career (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transfer to another college before graduating (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in research activities with a faculty member (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Study abroad (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q15 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at UC Merced?

- ☐ Bachelor's (1)
- ☐ Master's of Business Administration (MBA) (2)
- ☐ Master's - Other (3)
- ☐ Law (LLB, JD) (4)
- ☐ Doctor of Medicine (MD) (5)
- ☐ Doctorate - Other Health Professional (DDS, DMD, OD, PharmD, DVM) (6)
- ☐ Doctorate - Other, non-medical (PhD, EdD) (7)
- ☐ Other (8)
- ☐ Unknown (9)
- ☐ None (10)

Q16 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at another institution?

- ☐ Bachelor's (1)
- ☐ Master's of Business Administration (MBA) (2)
- ☐ Master's - Other (3)
- ☐ Law (LLB, JD) (4)
- ☐ Doctor of Medicine (MD) (5)
- ☐ Doctorate - Other Health Professional (DDS, DMD, OD, PharmD, DVM) (6)
- ☐ Doctorate - Other, non-medical (PhD, EdD) (7)
- ☐ Other (8)
- ☐ Unknown (9)
- ☐ None (10)

Q10 Do you currently have a job? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Yes, I have a job on campus. (1)
- ☐ Yes, I have a job off campus in Merced. (2)
- ☐ Yes, I have a job off campus in/near my hometown. (3)
- ☐ No, I do not have a job. (4)

Answer If Do you currently have a job? (Select all that apply.) Yes, I have a job on campus. Is Selected

Q10a How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay on campus? (Please enter one number that reflects the average hours you work in a week.)

Answer If Do you currently have a job? (Select all that apply.) Yes, I have a job off campus in Merced. Is Selected

Q10b How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay off campus in Merced? (Please enter one number that reflects the average hours you work in a week.)

Answer If Do you currently have a job? (Select all that apply.) Yes, I have a job off campus in/near my hometown. Is Selected

Q10c How much time do you spend during a typical month working for pay off campus in/near your hometown? (For the first box, please enter a number between 1 and 4.)(For the second box, please enter one number that reflects the average hours you work in a weekend.)

Weekends per month (1)

Hours per weekend (2)

Q41 How concerned are you about paying for your undergraduate education?

- ☐ Not at all concerned (1)
- ☐ Unconcerned (2)
- ☐ Somewhat unconcerned (3)
- ☐ Somewhat concerned (4)
- ☐ Concerned (5)
- ☐ Very concerned (6)

Q42 How concerned are you about the educational debt, if any, that you will accumulate while in college?

- ☐ Not at all concerned (1)
- ☐ Unconcerned (2)
- ☐ Somewhat unconcerned (3)
- ☐ Somewhat concerned (4)
- ☐ Concerned (5)
- ☐ Very concerned (6)

Q43 Have you heard about the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which ensures that scholarships and grants will cover educational and student service fees for students who meet eligibility requirements, have unmet financial need, and come from families making less than \$80,000 per year?

- ☐ Yes (1)
- ☐ No (2)

Q44 To what extent do you agree with this statement: Given the grants and scholarships, if any, that I receive, the total cost of attending UC Merced is manageable.

- ☐ Strongly agree (1)
- ☐ Agree (2)
- ☐ Somewhat agree (3)
- ☐ Somewhat disagree (4)
- ☐ Disagree (5)
- ☐ Strongly disagree (6)

Choosing UC Merced

Q11 When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:

- ☐ First choice (1)
- ☐ Second choice (2)
- ☐ Third choice (3)
- ☐ Lower than third choice (4)

If First choice Is Selected, Then Skip To How important to you were each of the...

Q12 Which college/university was your first choice?

- ☐ UC Berkeley (2)
- ☐ UC Davis (3)
- ☐ UC Irvine (4)
- ☐ UCLA (5)
- ☐ UC Riverside (6)
- ☐ UC San Diego (7)
- ☐ UC Santa Barbara (8)
- ☐ UC Santa Cruz (9)
- ☐ Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (13)
- ☐ Santa Clara University (12)
- ☐ Stanford University (10)
- ☐ University of the Pacific (1)
- ☐ Other (11)

Answer If Which college/university was your first choice? Other Is Selected

Q12other Please list the college/university that was your first choice.

Q13 How important to you were each of the following reasons for attending UC Merced?

	Very Important (1)	Somewhat Important (2)	Not Important (3)
Parents/relatives wanted you to come here (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advice from high school teachers/counselors (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ability to live near or at home (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of on-campus housing (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Campus visit (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Diversity of student population (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Personal attention from faculty and staff (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunity to work closely with faculty (10)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunity to be involved in research projects (11)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small size of campus (12)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opportunity to be part of a new campus (13)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation of UC Merced campus (14)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation of UC system (15)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of intended major (16)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unable to attend preferred college (17)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial aid offer (18)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not offered financial aid	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q13open Please list any other reasons that were important to you in choosing UC Merced.

Suggestions

Q28 What, if anything, would you have done differently that would have enhanced the first weeks of your undergraduate experience at UC Merced?

Q29 What, if anything, could UC Merced have done differently that would have enhanced the first weeks of your undergraduate experience at UC Merced?