

## New Undergraduate Student Survey 2008 Results

### All Respondents (Freshmen and Transfer)

351 respondents out of 1064 invites (33.0% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (176/491: 35.8%) vs. male respondents (173/568: 30.5%)

### Survey Questions and Results

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

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Classroom facilities	68.0	30.3	1.4	0.3
Computer labs	53.2	28.7	1.1	17.0
Library facilities & services	67.7	28.6	0	3.7
Tutorial facilities (not services)	29.9	35.5	2.3	32.3
On-campus housing facilities/services	33.6	43.0	5.7	17.7
Parking	6.9	25.2	38.1	29.8

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*Q2 How satisfied are you so far with your educational experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors	56.6	38.5	3.7	1.1
Amount of contact with faculty	55.2	40.5	3.2	1.1
Class schedule (days/times)	50.6	41.7	7.7	0
Access to small classes	73.4	21.8	3.2	1.7
Availability of courses you need	41.1	46.0	12.1	0.9
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	31.9	58.9	6.6	2.6
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	43.1	46.6	6.9	3.4
Overall quality of instruction	56.4	40.7	2.6	0.3

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*Q3 How satisfied are you so far with the services provided at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Tutoring or other academic assistance	34.9	31.7	4.6	28.9
Academic advising	38.7	41.0	6.0	14.3
Registration process	43.3	46.7	7.4	2.6
New student orientation	45.1	43.7	8.9	2.3
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	35.6	38.5	15.7	10.3
Career center/services	30.5	33.7	4.3	31.4
Student health center/services	31.1	28.6	4.6	35.7
Psychological counseling services	16.6	16.9	2.0	64.5
Recreational programs	35.4	36.3	8.3	20.0
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	22.6	45.4	29.7	2.3
Cat Tracks shuttle service	20.3	37.7	22.9	19.1
Helpfulness of staff	52.4	42.5	3.1	2.0
Organized social activities & services	36.8	50.1	6.8	6.3
Variety of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA
Timing of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q4 How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Opportunities to explore the community	43.6	43.0	8.9	4.6
Opportunities to make new friends	59.7	34.6	4.0	1.7
Overall sense of community among students	51.9	40.4	5.7	2.0
Overall college experience	42.0	52.0	5.4	0.6

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*Q9 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following academic skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Developing effective study skills	23.3	62.6	11.8	2.3
Completing course projects & assignments on time	39.9	54.6	4.9	0.6
Thinking critically/analytically	38.4	53.2	7.5	0.9
Utilizing available campus services	22.9	58.6	15.7	2.9
Writing effectively	34.8	54.3	9.5	1.4
Doing basic math	51.9	36.6	4.0	7.5
Reading comprehensively	43.4	47.7	8.1	0.9
Making oral presentations	29.6	47.7	14.9	7.8
Taking tests: multiple choice	30.8	53.8	7.6	7.8
Taking tests: problem sets	22.8	57.9	11.2	8.1
Taking tests: essay or short answers	26.8	53.6	12.1	7.5
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	30.9	55.8	11.0	2.3

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*Q10 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following personal skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Adjusting to being away from home/family	48.7	38.1	8.3	4.9
Managing your time	28.9	52.4	17.5	1.1
Managing your finances	34.4	52.7	12.0	0.9
Handling stress	31.8	53.9	12.9	1.4
Maintaining good general health & fitness	30.5	54.5	13.8	1.2
Developing close friendships with other students	33.2	49.3	15.8	1.7
Getting to know faculty	17.8	58.0	19.8	4.3
Appreciating the cultural arts	27.8	48.1	14.0	10.0
Understanding diverse viewpoints	45.8	49.9	1.7	2.6
Leadership abilities	NA	NA	NA	NA
Capacity for teamwork	NA	NA	NA	NA
Academic self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA
Social self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q11 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following academic activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Attending classes/labs	0.6	4.0	10.9	28.4	36.5	11.5	3.4	4.6
Using the computer lab	43.6	44.8	7.4	2.1	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6
Studying/doing homework	0.3	12.7	32.4	18.3	14.5	7.7	7.1	7.1
Skipping classes/labs	72.1	26.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0	0	0

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*Q12 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following social activities?*

	Percentage								
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk	
Partying	65.4	25.4	5.5	2.3	0	0.3	0	1.2	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	9.4	40.3	20.3	12.6	6.5	4.1	2.1	4.7	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	34.4	43.7	10.5	5.2	2.3	1.2	0.6	2.0	
Participating in campus-organized activities	28.3	53.8	11.6	3.5	1.7	0.6	0.3	0.3	
Participating in community service activities	72.9	19.9	4.9	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.3	0	
Participating in student clubs and groups	34.5	45.4	14.1	4.0	0.9	0.6	0.6	0	

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*Q13 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing to following personal activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Exercising or playing sports	21.4	41.7	25.1	8.9	1.1	0.6	0.3	0.9
Working for pay on campus	92.0	1.7	2.3	2.9	1.1	0	0	0
Working for pay off campus	92.0	1.1	2.3	2.0	1.4	0.6	0	0.6
Watching TV	35.8	47.7	10.7	2.3	2.6	0	0.3	0.6
Playing video/computer games	54.6	24.3	10.9	7.1	2.0	0.6	0	0.6
Praying/meditating	60.0	31.6	4.3	2.0	0.6	0.6	0	0.9
e-Communicating	8.6	50.7	20.3	9.5	4.0	2.3	0.6	4.0
Surfing the Internet for fun	5.7	41.4	25.3	12.6	7.5	2.6	0.9	4.0
Reading for pleasure	39.7	37.7	15.1	4.0	1.7	0.9	0.3	0.6
Household/childcare duties	52.3	33.6	8.6	2.9	0.6	1.1	0	0.9
Commuting	52.3	31.4	9.7	3.1	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.1

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*Q14 When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:*

	Percentage
First Choice	20.0
Second Choice	29.4
Third Choice	17.7
Lower than third choice	32.9

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*Q15 How important to you were each of the following reasons for attending UC Merced?*

	Percentage		
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Parents/relatives wanted you to come here	28.8	34.8	36.5
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	20.5	33.9	45.6
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	37.6	40.2	22.1
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	41.1	40.8	18.1
Small size of campus	58.9	29.4	11.7
Personal attention from faculty & staff	66.4	25.9	7.7
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	67.6	24.9	7.4
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	58.3	28.0	13.7
Ability to live near or at home	28.6	26.9	44.6
Campus visit	31.1	37.9	31.1
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	43.0	35.2	21.8
Reputation of campus and UC system	52.0	34.6	13.4
Quality of intended major	49.9	32.8	17.4
Financial aid offer	49.9	25.2	24.9
Unable to get into first college choice	39.1	25.4	35.4
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	16.3	17.4	66.3

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*Q16 While you are at UC Merced, how likely are you to:*

	Percentage			
	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Be satisfied with your first semester GPA	24.8	59.0	13.1	3.1
Change your major	18.2	24.9	23.1	33.8
Change your choice of career	16.0	26.9	24.9	32.1
Transfer to another college before graduating	14.9	31.7	26.3	27.1
Participate in research activities with faculty	35.9	45.0	15.4	3.7

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*Q17 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at UC Merced?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	64.8
MBA	2.6
Master's - other	6.3
Law	0.9
MD	2.6
Doctorate - other health	2.0
Doctorate - other	0.9
Other	0.6
Unknown	16.6
None	2.9

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*Q18 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at another institution?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	5.2
MBA	4.6
Master's - other	18.6
Law	5.2
MD	17.4
Doctorate - other health	11.6
Doctorate - other	11.9
Other	1.2
Unknown	20.0
None	4.3

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**Freshmen Respondents**

296 respondents out of 925 invites (32.0% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (153/432: 35.4%) vs. male respondents (143/490: 29.2%)

**Survey Questions and Results**

*Q 1 How satisfied are you so far with the facilities at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Classroom facilities	69.5	29.8	0.3	0.3
Computer labs	52.7	28.2	0.7	18.4
Library facilities & services	67.8	28.1	0	4.1
Tutorial facilities (not services)	32.1	37.2	0.7	30.0
On-campus housing facilities/services	37.5	46.6	5.1	10.8
Parking	5.4	22.8	39.5	32.3

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*Q2 How satisfied are you so far with your educational experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors	56.5	40.1	2.4	1.0
Amount of contact with faculty	54.8	41.2	2.7	1.4
Class schedule (days/times)	53.2	42.4	4.4	0
Access to small classes	75.5	21.1	1.7	1.7
Availability of courses you need	41.8	46.3	10.9	1.0
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	29.7	61.8	5.8	2.7
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	40.3	48.5	7.5	3.7
Overall quality of instruction	57.8	40.1	1.7	0.3

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*Q3 How satisfied are you so far with the services provided at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Tutoring or other academic assistance	37.6	32.5	2.4	27.5
Academic advising	37.4	40.8	5.1	16.7
Registration process	41.5	49.3	6.5	2.7
New student orientation	45.4	45.4	6.8	2.4
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	34.1	40.5	14.9	10.5
Career center/services	32.5	34.6	4.1	28.8
Student health center/services	31.9	29.5	4.7	33.9
Psychological counseling services	18.0	17.7	1.4	62.9
Recreational programs	36.3	38.6	8.1	16.9
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	22.6	46.3	29.1	2.0
Cat Tracks shuttle service	21.7	39.0	25.8	13.6
Helpfulness of staff	52.0	43.2	2.7	2.0
Organized social activities & services	36.1	52.0	7.1	4.7
Variety of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA
Timing of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q4 How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Opportunities to explore the community	43.5	43.2	9.5	3.7
Opportunities to make new friends	61.0	33.9	3.7	1.4
Overall sense of community among students	54.4	39.1	4.8	1.7
Overall college experience	42.0	52.9	4.4	0.7

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*Q9 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following academic skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Developing effective study skills	21.2	63.8	13.0	2.0
Completing course projects & assignments on time	38.2	56.0	5.1	0.7
Thinking critically/analytically	34.0	56.7	8.2	1.0
Utilizing available campus services	21.3	60.5	15.1	3.1
Writing effectively	32.4	56.3	9.6	1.7
Doing basic math	50.0	37.7	4.5	7.9
Reading comprehensively	40.8	49.0	9.2	1.0
Making oral presentations	27.0	48.8	16.4	7.8
Taking tests: multiple choice	28.0	55.4	8.0	8.7
Taking tests: problem sets	20.2	60.3	11.0	8.6
Taking tests: essay or short answers	24.0	54.8	13.7	7.5
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	27.1	58.4	12.0	2.4

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*Q10 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following personal skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Adjusting to being away from home/family	48.0	39.5	8.5	4.1
Managing your time	27.2	53.4	18.4	1.0
Managing your finances	31.3	55.4	12.2	1.0
Handling stress	29.9	55.4	12.9	1.7
Maintaining good general health & fitness	30.5	54.8	13.4	1.4
Developing close friendships with other students	35.0	49.0	14.3	1.7
Getting to know faculty	15.4	58.0	22.5	4.1
Appreciating the cultural arts	26.5	50.3	13.6	9.5
Understanding diverse viewpoints	45.4	49.8	2.0	2.7
Leadership abilities	NA	NA	NA	NA
Capacity for teamwork	NA	NA	NA	NA
Academic self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA
Social self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q11 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following academic activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Attending classes/labs	0.3	4.4	10.5	26.9	37.8	12.6	3.4	4.1
Using the computer lab	47.5	42.3	7.0	2.1	0.7	0	0	0.4
Studying/doing homework	0.4	13.3	33.0	19.3	14.4	7.7	6.3	5.6
Skipping classes/labs	72.7	25.6	0.3	0.7	0.7	0	0	0

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*Q12 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following social activities?*

	Percentage								
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk	
Partying	62.3	27.1	6.2	2.7	0	0.3	0	1.4	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	6.3	39.5	21.7	13.6	7.3	4.2	2.1	5.2	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	34.0	44.8	9.7	4.9	2.4	1.4	0.7	2.1	
Participating in campus-organized activities	24.3	56.8	11.3	4.1	2.1	0.7	0.3	0.3	
Participating in community service activities	73.6	19.9	4.1	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.3	0	
Participating in student clubs and groups	32.4	47.1	14.0	4.1	1.0	0.7	0.7	0	

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*Q13 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing to following personal activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Exercising or playing sports	20.3	40.7	25.8	10.2	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.7
Working for pay on campus	91.8	1.7	2.7	2.7	1.0	0	0	0
Working for pay off campus	92.9	1.4	1.4	2.0	1.4	0.3	0	0.7
Watching TV	35.3	49.3	9.6	2.4	2.4	0	0.3	0.7
Playing video/computer games	53.2	24.7	10.8	7.8	2.0	0.7	0	0.7
Praying/meditating	59.1	33.0	3.8	2.1	0.7	0.7	0	0.7
e-Communicating	7.1	49.5	21.7	10.8	3.7	2.7	0.3	4.1
Surfing the Internet for fun	5.1	38.6	26.3	14.0	7.8	3.1	0.7	4.4
Reading for pleasure	42.0	35.3	15.6	3.1	2.0	1.0	0.3	0.7
Household/childcare duties	54.9	33.8	7.2	2.4	0	1.4	0	0.3
Commuting	56.9	29.2	8.1	2.4	1.4	1.0	0.3	0.7

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*Q14 When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:*

	Percentage
First Choice	16.9
Second Choice	29.2
Third Choice	19.7
Lower than third choice	34.2

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*Q15 How important to you were each of the following reasons for attending UC Merced?*

	Percentage		
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Parents/relatives wanted you to come here	29.7	36.8	33.4
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	23.0	37.2	39.9
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	37.5	42.3	20.1
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	40.5	43.2	16.3
Small size of campus	58.3	30.5	11.2
Personal attention from faculty & staff	65.5	27.0	7.4
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	66.3	26.2	7.5
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	57.6	28.1	14.2
Ability to live near or at home	28.1	28.5	43.4
Campus visit	32.1	38.9	29.1
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	38.4	38.1	23.5
Reputation of campus and UC system	52.2	34.9	12.9
Quality of intended major	46.3	36.1	17.6
Financial aid offer	50.3	26.2	23.5
Unable to get into first college choice	42.2	24.7	33.1
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	17.2	19.3	63.5

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*Q16 While you are at UC Merced, how likely are you to:*

	Percentage			
	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Be satisfied with your first semester GPA	22.3	61.5	13.5	2.7
Change your major	21.0	28.2	23.4	27.5
Change your choice of career	17.6	29.5	25.8	27.1
Transfer to another college before graduating	16.9	34.6	28.8	19.7
Participate in research activities with faculty	32.1	46.6	17.9	3.4

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*Q17 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at UC Merced?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	60.7
MBA	3.1
Master's - other	6.4
Law	1.0
MD	3.1
Doctorate - other health	2.4
Doctorate - other	0.7
Other	0.7
Unknown	18.6
None	3.4

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*Q18 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at another institution?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	5.9
MBA	5.2
Master's - other	18.3
Law	5.9
MD	16.9
Doctorate - other health	11.7
Doctorate - other	9.0
Other	1.0
Unknown	21.4
None	4.8

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**Transfer Respondents**

55 respondents out of 139 invites (39.6% response rate)

Response rates similar for female respondents (23/59: 39.0%) vs. male respondents (30/78: 38.5%)

**Survey Questions and Results**

*Q 1 How satisfied are you so far with the facilities at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Classroom facilities	60.0	32.7	7.3	0
Computer labs	55.6	31.5	3.7	9.3
Library facilities & services	67.3	30.9	0	1.8
Tutorial facilities (not services)	18.5	25.9	11.1	44.4
On-campus housing facilities/services	12.7	23.6	9.1	54.5
Parking	14.5	38.2	30.9	16.4

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*Q2 How satisfied are you so far with your educational experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors	57.4	29.6	11.1	1.9
Amount of contact with faculty	57.4	37.0	5.6	0
Class schedule (days/times)	36.4	38.2	25.5	0
Access to small classes	61.8	25.5	10.9	1.8
Availability of courses you need	37.0	44.4	18.5	0
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	43.6	43.6	10.9	1.8
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	58.2	36.4	3.6	1.8
Overall quality of instruction	49.1	43.6	7.3	0

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*Q3 How satisfied are you so far with the services provided at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Tutoring or other academic assistance	20.0	27.3	16.4	36.4
Academic advising	45.5	41.8	10.9	1.8
Registration process	52.7	32.7	12.7	1.8
New student orientation	43.4	34.0	20.8	1.9
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	43.6	27.3	20.0	9.1
Career center/services	20.0	29.1	5.5	45.5
Student health center/services	27.3	23.6	3.6	45.5
Psychological counseling services	9.1	12.7	5.5	72.7
Recreational programs	30.9	23.6	9.1	36.4
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	22.2	40.7	33.3	3.7
Cat Tracks shuttle service	12.7	30.9	7.3	49.1
Helpfulness of staff	54.5	38.2	5.5	1.8
Organized social activities & services	40.0	40.0	5.5	14.5
Variety of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA
Timing of Welcome Week events	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q4 How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced?*

	Percentage			
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	NA
Opportunities to explore the community	43.6	41.8	5.5	9.1
Opportunities to make new friends	52.7	38.2	5.5	3.6
Overall sense of community among students	38.2	47.3	10.9	3.6
Overall college experience	41.8	47.3	10.9	0

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*Q9 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following academic skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Developing effective study skills	34.5	56.4	5.5	3.6
Completing course projects & assignments on time	49.1	47.3	3.6	0
Thinking critically/analytically	61.8	34.5	3.6	0
Utilizing available campus services	31.5	48.1	48.5	1.9
Writing effectively	47.3	43.6	9.1	0
Doing basic math	61.8	30.9	1.8	5.5
Reading comprehensively	57.4	40.7	1.9	0
Making oral presentations	43.6	41.8	7.3	7.3
Taking tests: multiple choice	45.5	45.5	5.5	3.6
Taking tests: problem sets	36.4	45.5	12.7	5.5
Taking tests: essay or short answers	41.8	47.3	3.6	7.3
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	50.9	41.8	5.5	1.8

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*Q10 Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following personal skills?*

	Percentage			
	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Don't Know
Adjusting to being away from home/family	52.7	30.9	7.3	9.1
Managing your time	38.2	47.3	12.7	1.8
Managing your finances	50.9	38.2	10.9	0
Handling stress	41.8	45.5	12.7	0
Maintaining good general health & fitness	30.9	52.7	16.4	0
Developing close friendships with other students	23.6	50.9	23.6	1.8
Getting to know faculty	30.9	58.2	5.5	5.5
Appreciating the cultural arts	34.5	36.4	16.4	12.7
Understanding diverse viewpoints	48.1	50.0	0	1.9
Leadership abilities	NA	NA	NA	NA
Capacity for teamwork	NA	NA	NA	NA
Academic self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA
Social self-confidence	NA	NA	NA	NA

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*Q11 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following academic activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Attending classes/labs	1.9	1.9	13.0	37.0	29.6	5.6	3.7	7.4
Using the computer lab	22.6	58.5	9.4	1.9	0	3.8	1.9	1.9
Studying/doing homework	0	9.3	29.6	13.0	14.8	7.4	11.1	14.8
Skipping classes/labs	69.1	29.1	1.8	0	0	0	0	0

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*Q12 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following social activities?*

	Percentage								
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk	
Partying	81.8	16.4	1.8	0	0	0	0	0	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	25.9	44.4	13.0	7.4	1.9	3.7	1.9	1.9	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	36.4	38.2	14.5	7.3	1.8	0	0	1.8	
Participating in campus-organized activities	50.0	37.0	13.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Participating in community service activities	69.1	20.0	9.1	1.8	0	0	0	0	
Participating in student clubs and groups	45.5	36.4	14.5	3.6	0	0	0	0	

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*Q13 Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing to following personal activities?*

	Percentage							
	None	1-5 hrs/wk	6-10 hrs/wk	11-15 hrs/wk	16-20 hrs/wk	21-25 hrs/wk	26-30 hrs/wk	30+ hrs/wk
Exercising or playing sports	27.3	47.3	21.8	1.8	0	0	0	1.8
Working for pay on campus	92.7	1.8	0	3.6	1.8	0	0	0
Working for pay off campus	87.3	0	7.3	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Watching TV	38.9	38.9	16.7	1.9	3.7	0	0	0
Playing video/computer games	61.8	21.8	10.9	3.6	1.8	0	0	0
Praying/meditating	64.8	24.1	7.4	1.9	0	0	0	1.9
e-Communicating	16.7	57.4	13.0	1.9	5.6	0	1.9	3.7
Surfing the Internet for fun	9.1	56.4	20.0	5.5	5.5	0	1.8	1.8
Reading for pleasure	27.3	50.9	12.7	9.1	0	0	0	0
Household/childcare duties	38.2	32.7	16.4	5.5	3.6	0	0	3.6
Commuting	27.3	43.6	18.2	7.3	0	0	0	3.6

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*Q14 When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:*

	Percentage
First Choice	36.4
Second Choice	30.9
Third Choice	7.3
Lower than third choice	25.5

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*Q15 How important to you were each of the following reasons for attending UC Merced?*

	Percentage		
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Parents/relatives wanted you to come here	23.6	23.6	52.7
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	7.3	16.4	76.4
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	38.2	29.1	32.7
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	44.4	27.8	27.8
Small size of campus	61.8	23.6	14.5
Personal attention from faculty & staff	70.9	20.0	9.1
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	74.5	18.2	7.3
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	61.8	27.3	10.9
Ability to live near or at home	30.9	18.2	50.9
Campus visit	25.5	32.7	41.8
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	67.3	20.0	12.7
Reputation of campus and UC system	50.9	32.7	16.4
Quality of intended major	69.1	14.5	16.4
Financial aid offer	47.3	20.0	32.7
Unable to get into first college choice	22.2	29.6	48.1
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	11.1	7.4	81.5

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*Q16 While you are at UC Merced, how likely are you to:*

	Percentage			
	Very Likely	Somewhat Likely	Somewhat Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Be satisfied with your first semester GPA	38.2	45.5	10.9	5.5
Change your major	3.6	7.3	21.8	67.3
Change your choice of career	7.4	13.0	20.4	59.3
Transfer to another college before graduating	3.6	16.4	12.7	67.3
Participate in research activities with faculty	56.4	36.4	1.8	5.5

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*Q17 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at UC Merced?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	87.0
MBA	0
Master's - other	5.6
Law	0
MD	0
Doctorate - other health	0
Doctorate - other	1.9
Other	0
Unknown	5.6
None	0

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*Q18 What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at another institution?*

	Percentage
Bachelor's	1.8
MBA	1.8
Master's - other	20.0
Law	1.8
MD	20.0
Doctorate - other health	10.9
Doctorate - other	27.3
Other	1.8
Unknown	12.7
None	1.8

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