

New Undergraduate Student Survey 2009 Results

All Respondents (Freshmen and Transfer)

509 respondents out of 1271 invites (40.0% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (287/655: 43.8%) vs. male respondents (216/607: 35.6%)

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	63.1	35.8	1.2	0
Computer labs	47.2	31.8	2.4	18.7
Library facilities & services	70.1	25.0	1.4	3.5
Tutorial facilities (not services)	25.2	36.4	3.0	35.4
On-campus housing facilities/services	32.0	43.8	6.3	17.9
Parking	5.9	32.7	31.4	30.0

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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	55.0	41.4	1.6	2.0
Amount of contact with faculty	54.4	39.2	3.6	2.8
Class schedule (days/times)	44.5	48.7	6.8	0
Access to small classes	70.5	23.6	4.4	1.4
Availability of courses you need	40.0	46.4	12.4	1.2
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	38.3	53.7	7.0	1.0
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	43.2	50.0	5.4	1.4
Overall quality of instruction	53.5	44.7	1.8	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	31.4	35.3	2.9	30.4
Academic advising	35.0	40.7	5.8	18.5
Registration process	37.0	54.0	7.4	1.6
New student orientation	49.1	41.3	7.2	2.5
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	44.7	34.3	9.8	11.2
Career center/services	31.3	30.7	3.3	34.6
Student health center/services	35.6	25.3	6.2	32.9
Psychological counseling services	19.8	18.2	1.2	60.7
Recreational programs	40.8	29.7	4.3	25.2
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	26.1	49.2	21.4	3.3
Cat Tracks shuttle service	24.4	42.3	18.1	15.2
Helpfulness of staff	55.0	39.8	2.7	2.5
Organized social activities & services	39.8	46.8	7.2	6.2
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	43.9	43.6	9.6	2.9
Opportunities to make new friends	58.2	39.3	2.3	0.2
Overall sense of community among students	51.2	43.2	5.5	0
Overall college experience	51.6	45.1	3.3	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	20.6	69.3	7.8	2.3
Completing course projects & assignments on time	41.1	53.1	4.8	1.1
Thinking critically/analytically	36.2	56.9	4.0	3.0
Utilizing available campus services	24.9	57.7	14.0	3.4
Writing effectively	28.1	60.0	8.9	3.0
Doing basic math	48.4	40.0	5.1	6.5
Reading comprehensively	41.1	50.8	5.9	2.1
Making oral presentations	27.6	49.9	12.5	10.0
Taking tests: multiple choice	29.5	56.3	7.4	6.8
Taking tests: problem sets	21.7	57.7	11.3	9.3
Taking tests: essay or short answers	24.4	57.7	10.1	7.8
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	29.1	60.5	6.5	3.8

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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	50.9	36.6	6.7	5.7
Managing your time	23.6	57.1	17.7	1.7
Managing your finances	29.8	52.6	13.7	3.8
Handling stress	30.1	53.6	13.3	3.0
Maintaining good general health & fitness	32.2	50.1	14.9	2.7
Developing close friendships with other students	36.6	46.5	13.5	3.4
Getting to know faculty	18.4	51.7	24.9	5.1
Appreciating the cultural arts	27.0	48.6	14.0	10.4
Understanding diverse viewpoints	47.0	45.6	3.2	4.2
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	0.2	4.7	12.1	27.8	34.1	11.2	4.0	5.9
Using the computer lab	49.7	42.0	3.6	1.7	1.3	0.2	0.6	0.8
Studying/doing homework	0	16.8	30.1	16.2	15.8	9.0	5.3	6.8
Skipping classes/labs	78.6	20.4	0.4	0.4	0	0.2	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	61.6	31.4	3.6	1.7	0.6	0.2	0	0.8	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	6.6	38.6	25.1	14.0	5.5	2.8	0.8	6.6	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	27.9	48.8	14.6	3.8	1.9	0.6	0.6	1.7	
Participating in campus-organized activities	34.3	53.2	9.3	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	
Participating in community service activities	78.8	18.5	1.7	0.2	0	0.2	0.2	0.4	
Participating in student clubs and groups	42.8	41.8	11.6	2.1	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.6	

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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	21.5	49.4	18.1	6.0	1.9	1.1	0.6	1.5
Working for pay on campus	94.0	1.1	2.1	0.4	1.9	0	0	0.4
Working for pay off campus	91.5	2.6	1.7	0.9	1.9	0.2	0.4	0.9
Watching TV	32.3	49.5	12.8	2.6	1.1	0.4	0	1.3
Playing video/computer games	55.5	28.6	7.6	4.7	2.3	0	0.4	0.8
Praying/meditating	61.6	33.5	3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.8
e-Communicating	8.3	55.6	18.3	7.0	4.5	1.7	0.8	3.8
Surfing the Internet for fun	4.9	41.9	25.2	10.6	7.4	2.1	2.3	5.5
Reading for pleasure	46.6	39.0	7.4	3.4	0.8	0.2	0.6	1.9
Household/childcare duties	49.7	37.8	7.4	1.7	1.3	0.4	0.4	1.3
Commuting	44.7	36.4	12.3	3.4	0.9	0.2	0.2	1.9

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

	Percentage
First Choice	21.7
Second Choice	23.6
Third Choice	17.7
Lower than third choice	37.0

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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	35.7	40.8
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	16.6	38.0	45.4
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	36.1	41.8	22.1
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	38.5	39.8	21.6
Small size of campus	57.0	29.1	13.8
Personal attention from faculty & staff	50.8	28.4	10.9
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	60.1	29.3	10.6
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	57.0	31.9	11.1
Ability to live near or at home	33.6	19.8	46.6
Campus visit	31.0	42.3	26.7
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	38.5	39.6	21.9
Reputation of campus and UC system	56.1	31.4	12.5
Quality of intended major	48.7	34.0	17.3
Financial aid offer	62.0	18.6	19.4
Unable to get into first college choice	42.3	23.8	34.0
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	21.0	21.2	57.8

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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	26.3	59.0	11.7	3.0
Change your major	17.9	25.0	22.2	34.9
Change your choice of career	12.5	29.7	27.2	30.6
Transfer to another college before graduating	13.9	28.6	28.2	29.3
Participate in research activities with faculty	28.4	48.2	17.9	5.5

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	61.2
MBA	1.5
Master's - other	7.2
Law	0.6
MD	2.6
Doctorate - other health	2.8
Doctorate - other	1.5
Other	0.6
Unknown	17.7
None	4.3

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	3.5
MBA	5.0
Master's - other	17.7
Law	5.2
MD	15.4
Doctorate - other health	13.4
Doctorate - other	11.9
Other	0.4
Unknown	24.5
None	3.0

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Freshmen Respondents

457 respondents out of 1127 invites (40.6% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (263/594: 44.3%) vs. male respondents (191/528: 36.2%)

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	61.5	37.2	1.3	0
Computer labs	47.9	31.3	2.6	18.2
Library facilities & services	70.0	24.8	1.3	3.9
Tutorial facilities (not services)	26.8	37.1	2.7	33.5
On-campus housing facilities/services	34.1	46.0	6.3	13.6
Parking	4.4	31.9	31.9	31.9

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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	56.3	40.0	1.6	2.2
Amount of contact with faculty	53.8	39.0	4.0	3.1
Class schedule (days/times)	45.6	47.9	6.5	0
Access to small classes	72.3	23.0	3.8	0.9
Availability of courses you need	41.1	46.2	11.6	1.1
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	38.9	53.5	6.7	0.9
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	42.6	51.1	4.9	1.3
Overall quality of instruction	54.4	43.8	1.8	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	32.6	34.4	2.8	30.3
Academic advising	35.3	39.4	5.8	19.6
Registration process	36.1	54.5	7.6	1.8
New student orientation	49.7	41.9	6.9	1.6
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	42.7	35.4	10.5	11.4
Career center/services	31.3	32.0	3.5	33.2
Student health center/services	35.2	26.5	6.2	32.0
Psychological counseling services	20.7	18.4	0.9	60.0
Recreational programs	41.6	30.9	4.1	23.3
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	25.6	49.8	22.1	2.5
Cat Tracks shuttle service	24.3	44.5	18.8	12.4
Helpfulness of staff	54.4	40.6	2.5	2.5
Organized social activities & services	40.4	46.8	7.1	5.7
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	43.7	44.6	9.8	1.8
Opportunities to make new friends	60.6	37.1	2.1	0.2
Overall sense of community among students	52.4	42.3	5.3	0
Overall college experience	51.7	45.1	3.2	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
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Completing course projects & assignments on time	42.9	51.2	4.7	1.2
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Doing basic math	48.6	38.9	5.2	7.3
Reading comprehensively	41.8	49.9	5.9	2.4
Making oral presentations	27.4	50.0	11.9	10.7
Taking tests: multiple choice	29.8	55.5	7.1	7.6
Taking tests: problem sets	20.7	58.2	10.7	10.5

Taking tests: essay or short answers	24.1	57.5	10.1	8.3
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	28.6	60.8	6.4	4.3

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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	51.4	35.8	6.8	5.9
Managing your time	23.1	57.3	17.7	1.9
Managing your finances	29.6	52.5	13.9	4.0
Handling stress	30.2	53.4	13.1	3.3
Maintaining good general health & fitness	32.1	50.2	14.6	3.1
Developing close friendships with other students	39.2	47.2	9.9	3.8
Getting to know faculty	18.6	50.5	25.2	5.7
Appreciating the cultural arts	27.9	47.4	13.8	11.0
Understanding diverse viewpoints	47.3	45.4	3.1	4.3
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	0.2	4.8	11.9	27.3	35.9	10.5	3.8	5.7
Using the computer lab	50.2	42.4	3.3	1.4	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.5
Studying/doing homework	0	18.4	30.9	16.5	14.8	8.4	5.3	5.7
Skipping classes/labs	77.6	21.2	0.5	0.5	0	0.2	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	60.0	32.4	3.8	1.9	0.7	0.2	0	1.0
Socializing informally with friends on campus	4.3	36.3	26.6	15.4	6.2	2.9	1.0	7.4
Socializing informally with friends off campus	27.0	48.3	14.9	4.3	2.1	0.7	0.7	1.9
Participating in campus-organized activities	31.1	55.8	9.7	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.7
Participating in community service activities	78.9	18.3	1.7	0.2	0	0.2	0.2	0.5
Participating in student clubs and groups	41.1	44.2	10.9	2.1	0.7	0	0.2	0.7

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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	20.5	50.6	17.4	6.0	2.1	1.2	0.7	1.4
Working for pay on campus	94.0	1.0	2.2	0.5	1.9	0	0	0.5
Working for pay off campus	93.1	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.2	0	0.5	0.7
Watching TV	32.6	50.1	12.5	1.9	1.2	0.2	0	1.4
Playing video/computer games	54.4	29.2	7.6	5.0	2.6	0	0.5	0.7
Praying/meditating	61.9	33.1	3.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.0
e-Communicating	8.1	54.5	18.8	7.1	4.8	1.9	1.0	3.8
Surfing the Internet for fun	5.0	40.1	25.9	10.5	8.3	2.4	2.4	5.5
Reading for pleasure	48.0	38.2	7.4	2.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.9
Household/childcare duties	52.9	36.9	6.4	1.4	1.2	0.2	0.2	0.7
Commuting	47.7	34.6	11.7	3.1	1.0	0.2	0	1.7

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

	Percentage
First Choice	19.6
Second Choice	22.9
Third Choice	18.4
Lower than third choice	39.1

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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	24.3	36.9	38.8
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	16.7	41.1	42.1
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	36.2	40.3	23.5
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	38.9	38.0	23.1
Small size of campus	56.6	29.6	13.8
Personal attention from faculty & staff	60.4	28.4	11.2
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	58.1	30.7	11.2
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	56.8	32.5	10.7
Ability to live near or at home	33.9	20.0	46.1
Campus visit	32.4	42.2	25.4
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	36.2	40.7	23.1
Reputation of campus and UC system	55.7	31.2	13.1
Quality of intended major	47.2	34.1	18.7
Financial aid offer	62.2	18.2	19.6
Unable to get into first college choice	42.4	24.8	32.9
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	22.1	22.4	55.5

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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	26.2	59.3	12.1	2.4
Change your major	19.1	27.1	22.0	31.7
Change your choice of career	13.6	31.4	26.2	28.8
Transfer to another college before graduating	14.6	30.9	29.9	24.6
Participate in research activities with faculty	26.1	49.3	18.7	6.0

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	61.7
MBA	1.2
Master's - other	7.2
Law	0.7
MD	2.4
Doctorate - other health	3.1
Doctorate - other	0.5
Other	0.5
Unknown	18.4
None	4.3

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	3.9
MBA	5.1
Master's - other	17.2
Law	5.6
MD	15.5
Doctorate - other health	14.6
Doctorate - other	10.4
Other	0.2
Unknown	24.5
None	2.9

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Transfer Respondents

52 respondents out of 144 invites (36.1% response rate)

Response rates higher for female respondents (24/61: 39.3%) vs. male respondents (25/79: 31.6%)

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	76.9	23.1	0	0
Computer labs	40.4	36.5	0	23.1
Library facilities & services	71.2	26.9	1.9	0
Tutorial facilities (not services)	10.2	30.6	6.1	53.1
On-campus housing facilities/services	13.5	25.0	5.8	55.8
Parking	19.2	40.4	26.9	13.5

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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	44.2	53.8	1.9	0
Amount of contact with faculty	59.6	40.4	0	0
Class schedule (days/times)	34.6	55.8	9.6	0
Access to small classes	55.8	28.8	9.6	5.8
Availability of courses you need	30.8	48.1	19.2	1.9
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	32.7	55.8	9.6	1.9
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	48.1	40.4	9.6	1.9
Overall quality of instruction	46.2	51.9	1.9	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	21.6	43.1	3.9	31.4
Academic advising	32.7	51.9	5.8	9.6
Registration process	44.2	50.0	5.8	0
New student orientation	44.2	36.5	9.6	9.6
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	61.5	25.0	3.8	9.6
Career center/services	31.4	19.6	2.0	47.1
Student health center/services	38.8	14.3	6.1	40.8
Psychological counseling services	12.2	16.3	4.1	67.3
Recreational programs	33.3	19.6	5.9	41.2
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	30.8	44.2	15.4	9.6
Cat Tracks shuttle service	25.5	23.5	11.8	39.2
Helpfulness of staff	60.8	33.3	3.9	2.0
Organized social activities & services	35.3	47.1	7.8	9.8
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	45.1	35.3	7.8	11.8
Opportunities to make new friends	37.3	58.8	3.9	0
Overall sense of community among students	41.2	51.0	7.8	0
Overall college experience	51.0	45.1	3.9	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	23.5	68.6	5.9	2.0
Completing course projects & assignments on time	25.5	68.6	5.9	0
Thinking critically/analytically	33.3	64.7	2.0	0
Utilizing available campus services	23.5	51.0	21.6	3.9
Writing effectively	23.5	70.6	3.9	2.0
Doing basic math	47.1	49.0	3.9	0
Reading comprehensively	35.3	58.8	5.9	0
Making oral presentations	29.4	49.0	17.6	3.9
Taking tests: multiple choice	27.5	62.7	9.8	0
Taking tests: problem sets	30.0	54.0	16.0	0
Taking tests: essay or short answers	27.5	58.8	9.8	3.9
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	33.3	58.8	7.8	0

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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	47.1	43.1	5.9	3.9
Managing your time	27.5	54.9	17.6	0
Managing your finances	32.0	54.0	12.0	2.0
Handling stress	29.4	54.9	15.7	0
Maintaining good general health & fitness	33.3	49.0	17.6	0
Developing close friendships with other students	15.7	41.2	43.1	0
Getting to know faculty	16.0	62.0	22.0	0
Appreciating the cultural arts	19.6	58.8	15.7	5.9
Understanding diverse viewpoints	45.1	47.1	3.9	3.9
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	0	3.9	13.7	31.4	19.6	17.6	5.9	7.8
Using the computer lab	45.1	39.2	5.9	3.9	2.0	0	0	3.9
Studying/doing homework	0	3.9	23.5	13.7	23.5	13.7	5.9	15.7
Skipping classes/labs	86.3	13.7	0	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	74.5	23.5	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	26.0	58.0	12.0	2.0	0	2.0	0	0	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	35.3	52.9	11.8	0	0	0	0	0	
Participating in campus-organized activities	60.8	31.4	5.9	2.0	0	0	0	0	
Participating in community service activities	78.0	20.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	
Participating in student clubs and groups	56.9	21.6	17.6	2.0	0	2.0	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	29.4	39.2	23.5	5.9	0	0	0	2.0
Working for pay on campus	94.1	2.0	2.0	0	2.0	0	0	0
Working for pay off campus	78.4	7.8	2.0	0	7.8	2.0	0	2.0
Watching TV	30.0	44.0	16.0	8.0	0	2.0	0	0
Playing video/computer games	64.7	23.5	7.8	2.0	0	0	0	2.0
Praying/meditating	58.8	37.3	3.9	0	0	0	0	0
e-Communicating	9.8	64.7	13.7	5.9	2.0	0	0	3.9
Surfing the Internet for fun	3.9	56.9	19.6	11.8	0	0	2.0	5.9
Reading for pleasure	35.3	45.1	7.8	7.8	2.0	0	0	2.0
Household/childcare duties	23.5	45.1	15.7	3.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	5.9
Commuting	19.6	51.0	17.6	5.9	0	0	2.0	3.9

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

	Percentage
First Choice	39.2
Second Choice	29.4
Third Choice	11.8
Lower than third choice	19.6

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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	17.6	25.5	56.9
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	15.7	11.8	72.5
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	36.0	54.0	10.0
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	35.3	54.9	9.8
Small size of campus	60.8	25.5	13.7
Personal attention from faculty & staff	64.0	28.0	8.0
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	76.5	17.6	5.9
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	58.8	27.5	13.7
Ability to live near or at home	31.4	17.6	51.0
Campus visit	19.6	43.1	37.3
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	58.0	30.0	12.0
Reputation of campus and UC system	58.8	33.3	7.8
Quality of intended major	60.8	33.3	5.9
Financial aid offer	60.8	21.6	17.6
Unable to get into first college choice	41.2	15.7	43.1
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	11.8	11.8	76.5

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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	27.5	56.9	7.8	7.8
Change your major	7.8	7.8	23.5	60.8
Change your choice of career	3.9	15.7	35.3	45.1
Transfer to another college before graduating	8.0	10.0	14.0	68.0
Participate in research activities with faculty	47.1	39.2	11.8	2.0

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	56.9
MBA	3.9
Master's - other	7.8
Law	0
MD	3.9
Doctorate - other health	0
Doctorate - other	9.8
Other	2.0
Unknown	11.8
None	3.9

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	0
MBA	4.0
Master's - other	22.0
Law	2.0
MD	14.0
Doctorate - other health	4.0
Doctorate - other	24.0
Other	2.0
Unknown	24.0
None	4.0

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