

## New Undergraduate Student Survey 2010 Results

### All Respondents (Freshmen and Transfer)

438 respondents out of 1550 invites (28.2% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (247/783: 31.5%) vs. male respondents (188/751: 25.0%)

### 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	66.0	32.9	1.1	0
Computer labs	44.8	30.3	3.0	21.9
Library facilities & services	65.3	29.7	1.8	3.2
Tutorial facilities (not services)	29.7	35.3	3.5	31.6
On-campus housing facilities/services	32.6	42.3	5.5	19.5
Parking	7.1	24.7	34.1	34.1

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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	49.3	46.1	2.5	1.8
Amount of contact with faculty	47.1	46.0	5.8	1.2
Class schedule (days/times)	47.1	45.1	7.8	0
Access to small classes	63.0	32.6	3.0	1.4
Availability of courses you need	34.6	47.6	16.0	1.8
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	38.1	55.9	5.0	0.9
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	43.2	50.5	4.8	1.6
Overall quality of instruction	50.8	45.7	3.5	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	33.2	34.3	2.7	29.7
Academic advising	37.0	41.3	7.5	14.2
Registration process	36.6	52.0	9.0	2.5
New student orientation	44.3	41.3	5.6	8.8
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	45.4	35.8	9.8	8.9
Career center/services	35.0	30.4	3.0	31.6
Student health center/services	32.0	30.4	3.2	34.5
Psychological counseling services	21.3	20.9	1.1	56.7
Recreational programs	35.2	32.6	6.4	25.8
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	23.6	54.6	16.3	5.5
Cat Tracks shuttle service	27.4	42.3	15.4	14.9
Helpfulness of staff	51.0	44.1	3.2	1.6
Organized social activities & services	38.7	46.0	5.7	9.6
Variety of Welcome Week events	49.3	36.2	7.3	7.1
Timing of Welcome Week events	43.0	41.6	8.5	6.9

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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	46.9	42.1	8.5	2.5
Opportunities to make new friends	58.4	36.2	5.0	0.5
Overall sense of community among students	54.7	38.4	5.7	1.1
Overall college experience	54.1	40.9	4.6	0.5

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*Q5 How welcoming did you find the campus environment?*

	Percentage
Very welcoming	72.7
Somewhat welcoming	25.5
Not welcoming	1.9

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*Q6 Did you attend a Summer Orientation Session?*

Yes = 64%, No = 36%

*Q7 How many Keys to Success/Passport activities did you attend in the first two weeks of the semester?*

	Percentage
None	30.2
1-3	38.0
4-7	20.1
8-10	5.5
11+	6.2

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*Q8 Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:*

	Percentage	
	Yes	No
Joined a student organization	54.1	45.9
Joined a club sports team	20.9	79.1
Visited the Recreation Center	79.5	20.5
Worked out/taken exercise class in the Recreation Center	66.4	33.6

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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	18.8	69.5	10.1	1.6
Completing course projects & assignments on time	40.8	55.0	3.7	0.5
Thinking critically/analytically	36.1	58.4	4.6	0.9
Utilizing available campus services	24.5	57.1	16.3	2.1
Writing effectively	27.9	61.1	9.8	1.1
Doing basic math	42.4	46.1	6.0	5.5
Reading comprehensively	40.0	54.0	4.6	1.4
Making oral presentations	25.2	51.9	12.7	10.2
Taking tests: multiple choice	29.6	58.5	6.0	6.0
Taking tests: problem sets	20.5	61.1	10.1	8.3
Taking tests: essay or short answers	22.7	60.6	9.6	7.1
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	26.5	62.9	8.2	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	51.0	37.1	8.2	3.7
Managing your time	25.3	61.6	12.9	0.2
Managing your finances	36.5	51.1	11.2	1.1
Handling stress	29.1	54.8	14.7	1.4
Maintaining good general health & fitness	31.6	52.8	14.7	0.9
Developing close friendships with other students	39.5	46.4	13.3	0.7
Getting to know faculty	19.3	53.2	25.7	1.8
Appreciating the cultural arts	26.0	51.2	11.8	11.1
Understanding diverse viewpoints	43.8	49.5	3.2	3.4
Leadership abilities	32.6	51.3	10.6	5.5
Capacity for teamwork	40.2	53.1	4.6	2.1
Academic self-confidence	36.8	51.7	10.5	0.9
Social self-confidence	37.0	49.9	11.5	1.6

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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	0.9	6.5	13.6	33.9	27.0	7.4	2.3	8.5
Using the computer lab	50.7	37.4	6.5	1.4	1.9	0.2	0.5	1.4
Studying/doing homework	0.5	14.1	31.0	18.5	13.2	9.5	5.3	7.9
Skipping classes/labs	77.6	21.2	0.7	0.2	0	0	0	0.2

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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	62.9	28.8	5.5	0.9	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.9	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	6.8	43.8	26.8	8.9	6.1	1.4	1.2	4.9	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	20.4	50.0	16.3	6.0	3.0	1.1	0.9	2.3	
Participating in campus-organized activities	33.7	51.6	10.8	1.8	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.7	
Participating in community service activities	72.7	22.6	3.9	0	0.2	0.2	0	0.2	
Participating in student clubs and groups	38.8	45.6	11.9	1.4	1.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	

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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	18.3	53.4	20.2	4.4	1.6	0.9	0.5	0.7
Working for pay on campus	94.2	1.9	0.9	1.6	0.9	0	0	0.5
Working for pay off campus	93.3	3.0	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.7
Watching TV	37.2	45.1	10.8	4.6	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.7
Playing video/computer games	55.1	29.5	9.2	3.0	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.9
Praying/meditating	61.0	33.2	3.9	0.7	0	0.2	0	0.9
e-Communicating	10.4	53.9	19.4	9.0	4.1	0.9	0.5	1.8
Surfing the Internet for fun	4.6	41.2	28.1	12.8	6.2	2.5	1.1	3.4
Reading for pleasure	43.9	41.9	9.4	3.0	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.5
Household/childcare duties	48.5	40.0	6.2	2.8	0.7	0.2	0.5	1.1
Commuting	42.8	40.9	10.3	3.2	1.1	0.2	0.2	1.1

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

	Percentage
First Choice	22.5
Second Choice	24.6
Third Choice	17.5
Lower than third choice	35.4

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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	29.3	33.2	37.5
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	20.2	34.6	45.2
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	37.6	39.7	22.6
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	39.9	37.4	22.7
Small size of campus	57.2	28.1	14.6
Personal attention from faculty & staff	56.3	30.7	13.0
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	60.3	29.8	9.9
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	54.6	31.7	13.8
Ability to live near or at home	32.0	22.1	45.9
Campus visit	34.8	38.9	26.3
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	43.8	34.9	21.3
Reputation of campus and UC system	47.9	36.7	15.4
Quality of intended major	44.0	39.2	16.8
Financial aid offer	62.1	19.8	18.2
Unable to get into first college choice	43.0	26.7	30.3
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	17.4	23.2	59.4

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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	28.2	59.4	10.1	2.3
Change your major	16.0	21.8	26.3	35.9
Change your choice of career	12.4	29.5	25.1	32.9
Transfer to another college before graduating	12.2	25.9	26.4	35.6
Participate in research activities with faculty	32.4	48.7	14.9	3.9

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	68.0
MBA	1.8
Master's - other	7.4
Law	0.7
MD	4.6
Doctorate - other health	1.6
Doctorate - other	1.6
Other	0.5
Unknown	12.2
None	1.6

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	3.5
MBA	4.5
Master's - other	21.9
Law	5.4
MD	16.7
Doctorate - other health	11.1
Doctorate - other	13.2
Other	1.4
Unknown	18.6
None	3.5

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*Q19 -20 How concerned are you about:*

	Percentage					
	Not at all concerned	Unconcerned	Somewhat unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
Paying for your undergraduate education	5.7	5.0	8.7	21.3	23.8	35.5
the educational debt, if any, that you will accumulate while in college	6.4	4.1	9.6	19.5	21.3	39.1

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*Q21 Have you heard about the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which ensures that scholarships and grants will cover fees for students who meet eligibility requirements, have unmet financial need, and come from families making less than \$70,000 per year?*

Yes = 55.6%, No = 44.4%

*Q22 To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement: Given the grants and scholarships, if any, that you receive, the total cost of attending UC Merced is manageable.*

	Percentage
Strongly disagree	3.4
Disagree	5.1
Somewhat disagree	9.7
Somewhat agree	34.3
Agree	29.4
Strongly agree	18.2

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*Q23 How many of the textbooks that are required for courses you are taking this semester did you borrow, rent, or go without rather than purchase?*

	Percentage
None	59.5
1	7.3
2	7.3
3	9.2
4	8.9
5+	7.8

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**Freshmen Respondents**

372 respondents out of 1341 invites (27.7% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (222/706: 31.4%) vs. male respondents (149/628: 23.7%)

**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	65.6	33.3	1.1	0
Computer labs	45.1	30.2	3.0	21.7
Library facilities & services	67.2	28.5	1.4	3.0
Tutorial facilities (not services)	31.1	36.1	2.7	30.1
On-campus housing facilities/services	34.9	45.9	5.9	13.2
Parking	7.0	22.1	31.5	39.4

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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	49.1	47.2	2.2	1.6
Amount of contact with faculty	46.3	47.2	5.4	1.1
Class schedule (days/times)	50.1	43.9	6.0	0
Access to small classes	66.6	31.5	1.1	0.8
Availability of courses you need	36.7	47.2	14.6	1.6
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	37.9	56.2	5.1	0.8
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	44.4	49.2	4.8	1.6
Overall quality of instruction	50.5	47.0	2.4	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	33.7	36.4	1.9	28.0
Academic advising	36.8	41.7	5.6	15.9
Registration process	36.2	52.7	8.4	2.7
New student orientation	45.5	42.5	5.4	6.5
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	44.4	38.2	9.7	7.8
Career center/services	34.4	33.3	3.5	28.7
Student health center/services	32.3	31.2	3.8	32.8
Psychological counseling services	21.3	22.6	1.1	55.0
Recreational programs	35.2	34.7	6.2	23.9
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	22.4	56.2	17.0	4.3
Cat Tracks shuttle service	27.3	45.4	16.8	10.5
Helpfulness of staff	50.4	45.5	2.7	1.4
Organized social activities & services	39.2	47.6	6.2	7.0
Variety of Welcome Week events	50.5	37.8	7.6	4.1
Timing of Welcome Week events	44.5	43.7	7.8	4.0

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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	45.8	44.2	8.9	1.1
Opportunities to make new friends	60.6	34.8	4.6	0
Overall sense of community among students	56.3	37.7	5.1	0.8
Overall college experience	56.7	39.5	3.5	0.3

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*Q5 How welcoming did you find the campus environment?*

	Percentage
Very welcoming	76.0
Somewhat welcoming	23.5
Not welcoming	0.5

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*Q6 Did you attend a Summer Orientation Session?*

Yes = 65.8%, No = 34.2%

*Q7 How many Keys to Success/Passport activities did you attend in the first two weeks of the semester?*

	Percentage
None	25.6
1-3	38.3
4-7	22.9
8-10	6.2
11+	7.0

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*Q8 Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:*

	Percentage	
	Yes	No
Joined a student organization	57.0	43.0
Joined a club sports team	21.6	78.4
Visited the Recreation Center	82.2	17.8
Worked out/taken exercise class in the Recreation Center	70.2	29.8

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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	16.8	71.9	10.0	1.4
Completing course projects & assignments on time	39.7	56.2	3.5	0.5
Thinking critically/analytically	34.4	59.9	4.9	0.8
Utilizing available campus services	23.8	58.6	15.1	2.4
Writing effectively	26.1	62.8	10.0	1.1
Doing basic math	39.7	48.1	5.7	6.5
Reading comprehensively	38.0	55.8	4.6	1.6
Making oral presentations	23.5	51.9	13.1	11.5
Taking tests: multiple choice	26.8	61.6	5.7	5.9
Taking tests: problem sets	18.1	62.2	10.8	8.9
Taking tests: essay or short answers	20.2	62.5	9.7	7.5
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	25.3	64.4	7.8	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	49.6	38.5	9.4	2.4
Managing your time	24.3	62.2	13.2	0.3
Managing your finances	34.1	52.4	12.2	1.4
Handling stress	27.8	56.1	14.6	1.6
Maintaining good general health & fitness	31.8	53.0	14.7	0.5
Developing close friendships with other students	41.2	47.2	10.8	0.8
Getting to know faculty	17.3	54.4	26.4	1.9
Appreciating the cultural arts	24.4	51.8	11.9	11.9
Understanding diverse viewpoints	41.6	51.6	3.0	3.8
Leadership abilities	29.0	53.9	10.8	6.2
Capacity for teamwork	36.9	56.9	4.3	1.9
Academic self-confidence	35.6	53.1	10.2	1.1
Social self-confidence	36.5	50.0	11.9	1.6

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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	1.1	6.5	12.0	34.0	26.9	7.6	2.4	9.5
Using the computer lab	51.0	37.3	6.3	1.6	1.6	0.3	0.5	1.4
Studying/doing homework	0.5	13.9	32.5	18.3	14.2	9.3	5.5	5.7
Skipping classes/labs	77.9	20.7	0.8	0.3	0	0	0	0.3

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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	63.6	27.5	5.9	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.8	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	5.0	40.0	29.4	10.0	6.9	1.7	1.4	5.6	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	20.8	50.0	15.4	6.5	3.0	1.1	1.1	2.2	
Participating in campus-organized activities	27.3	55.9	12.4	2.2	1.1	0.3	0	0.8	
Participating in community service activities	72.5	22.9	3.8	0	0.3	0.3	0	0.3	
Participating in student clubs and groups	34.6	48.6	13.0	1.6	1.4	0.3	0	0.5	

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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	15.9	54.3	21.1	4.6	1.9	1.1	0.5	0.5
Working for pay on campus	95.1	1.9	0.3	1.6	0.8	0	0	0.3
Working for pay off campus	95.7	2.7	0.8	0.5	0	0	0	0.3
Watching TV	38.5	46.1	8.9	4.1	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.8
Playing video/computer games	56.3	28.8	8.6	2.4	1.9	0.5	0.3	1.1
Praying/meditating	62.7	32.1	3.8	0.3	0	0	0	1.1
e-Communicating	9.8	52.4	20.4	9.5	4.3	0.8	0.5	2.2
Surfing the Internet for fun	3.0	38.8	30.5	13.5	6.5	3.0	1.3	3.5
Reading for pleasure	44.5	42.0	8.6	3.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.5
Household/childcare duties	53.0	38.1	5.1	1.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.8
Commuting	47.6	36.5	10.8	2.7	1.1	0.3	0.3	0.8

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

	Percentage
First Choice	20.3
Second Choice	25.2
Third Choice	17.6
Lower than third choice	36.9

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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	29.9	34.0	36.1
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	21.4	37.3	41.4
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	39.0	39.0	22.1
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	40.3	37.3	23.3
Small size of campus	58.5	28.0	13.5
Personal attention from faculty & staff	55.3	32.6	12.1
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	59.7	31.1	9.2
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	55.7	31.9	12.4
Ability to live near or at home	30.1	23.3	46.6
Campus visit	36.0	39.6	24.4
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	40.8	37.6	21.6
Reputation of campus and UC system	47.6	37.8	14.6
Quality of intended major	42.7	40.5	16.8
Financial aid offer	63.1	20.5	16.4
Unable to get into first college choice	44.7	26.3	29.0
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	18.6	25.7	55.7

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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	27.8	58.9	10.8	2.4
Change your major	16.6	23.8	27.6	32.0
Change your choice of career	13.3	31.7	25.2	29.8
Transfer to another college before graduating	12.4	29.5	27.8	30.3
Participate in research activities with faculty	28.6	51.1	16.2	4.1

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	67.8
MBA	1.6
Master's - other	6.8
Law	0.8
MD	4.6
Doctorate - other health	1.6
Doctorate - other	1.1
Other	0.5
Unknown	13.3
None	1.9

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	3.6
MBA	5.0
Master's - other	21.7
Law	5.0
MD	17.5
Doctorate - other health	11.7
Doctorate - other	10.8
Other	1.7
Unknown	19.7
None	3.3

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*Q19 -20 How concerned are you about:*

	Percentage					
	Not at all concerned	Unconcerned	Somewhat unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
Paying for your undergraduate education	5.7	4.9	8.1	21.8	22.9	36.7
the educational debt, if any, that you will accumulate while in college	5.9	4.6	9.7	20.2	19.4	40.2

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*Q21 Have you heard about the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which ensures that scholarships and grants will cover fees for students who meet eligibility requirements, have unmet financial need, and come from families making less than \$70,000 per year?*

Yes = 54.7%, No = 45.3%

*Q22 To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement: Given the grants and scholarships, if any, that you receive, the total cost of attending UC Merced is manageable.*

	Percentage
Strongly disagree	3.5
Disagree	4.3
Somewhat disagree	8.9
Somewhat agree	37.1
Agree	29.5
Strongly agree	16.5

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*Q23 How many of the textbooks that are required for courses you are taking this semester did you borrow, rent, or go without rather than purchase?*

	Percentage
None	60.6
1	5.9
2	7.0
3	9.4
4	8.6
5+	8.4

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**Transfer Respondents**

66 respondents out of 209 invites (31.6% response rate)

Response rates similar for female respondents (25/77: 32.5%) vs. male respondents (39/123: 31.7%)

**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	68.2	30.3	1.5	0
Computer labs	43.1	30.8	3.1	23.1
Library facilities & services	54.5	36.4	4.5	4.5
Tutorial facilities (not services)	21.5	30.8	7.7	40.0
On-campus housing facilities/services	20.0	21.5	3.1	55.4
Parking	7.6	39.4	48.5	4.5

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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	51.5	40.9	4.5	3.0
Amount of contact with faculty	51.6	39.1	7.8	1.6
Class schedule (days/times)	30.3	51.5	18.2	0
Access to small classes	43.1	38.5	13.8	4.6
Availability of courses you need	22.7	50.0	24.2	3.0
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	39.4	54.5	4.5	1.5
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	36.4	57.6	4.5	1.5
Overall quality of instruction	52.3	38.5	9.2	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	30.3	22.7	7.6	39.4
Academic advising	37.9	39.4	18.2	4.5
Registration process	38.5	47.7	12.3	1.5
New student orientation	37.5	34.4	6.3	21.9
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	51.5	22.7	10.6	15.2
Career center/services	38.5	13.8	47.7	0
Student health center/services	30.3	25.8	43.9	0
Psychological counseling services	21.5	10.8	1.5	66.2
Recreational programs	34.8	21.2	7.6	36.4
Dining Commons/Lantern Café	30.3	45.5	12.1	12.1
Cat Tracks shuttle service	27.7	24.6	7.7	40.0
Helpfulness of staff	54.5	36.4	6.1	3.0
Organized social activities & services	35.4	36.9	3.1	24.6
Variety of Welcome Week events	42.4	27.3	6.1	24.2
Timing of Welcome Week events	34.8	30.3	12.1	22.7

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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	53.0	30.3	6.1	10.6
Opportunities to make new friends	45.5	43.9	7.6	3.0
Overall sense of community among students	45.5	42.4	9.1	3.0
Overall college experience	39.4	48.5	10.6	1.5

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*Q5 How welcoming did you find the campus environment?*

	Percentage
Very welcoming	54.5
Somewhat welcoming	36.4
Not welcoming	9.1

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*Q6 Did you attend a Summer Orientation Session?*

Yes = 56.1%, No =43.9%

*Q7 How many Keys to Success/Passport activities did you attend in the first two weeks of the semester?*

	Percentage
None	56.1
1-3	36.4
4-7	4.5
8-10	1.5
11+	1.5

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*Q8 Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:*

	Percentage	
	Yes	No
Joined a student organization	37.5	62.5
Joined a club sports team	17.2	82.8
Visited the Recreation Center	64.6	35.4
Worked out/taken exercise class in the Recreation Center	44.6	55.4

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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	30.3	56.1	10.6	3.0
Completing course projects & assignments on time	47.0	48.5	4.5	0
Thinking critically/analytically	45.5	50.0	3.0	1.5
Utilizing available campus services	28.8	48.5	22.7	0
Writing effectively	37.9	51.5	9.1	1.5
Doing basic math	57.6	34.8	7.6	0
Reading comprehensively	51.5	43.9	4.5	0
Making oral presentations	34.8	51.5	10.6	3.0
Taking tests: multiple choice	45.5	40.9	7.6	6.1
Taking tests: problem sets	34.4	54.7	6.3	4.7
Taking tests: essay or short answers	36.9	49.2	9.2	4.6
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	33.3	54.5	10.6	1.5

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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	59.1	28.8	1.5	10.6
Managing your time	30.8	58.5	10.8	0
Managing your finances	50.0	43.9	6.1	0
Handling stress	36.9	47.7	15.4	0
Maintaining good general health & fitness	30.3	51.5	15.2	3.0
Developing close friendships with other students	30.3	42.4	27.3	0
Getting to know faculty	30.8	46.2	21.5	1.5
Appreciating the cultural arts	35.4	47.7	10.8	6.2
Understanding diverse viewpoints	56.1	37.9	4.5	1.5
Leadership abilities	53.0	36.4	9.1	1.5
Capacity for teamwork	59.1	31.8	6.1	3.0
Academic self-confidence	43.9	43.9	12.1	0
Social self-confidence	40.0	49.2	9.2	1.5

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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	6.1	22.7	33.3	27.3	6.1	1.5	3.0
Using the computer lab	49.2	38.5	7.7	0	3.1	0	0	1.5
Studying/doing homework	0	15.2	22.7	19.7	7.6	10.6	4.5	19.7
Skipping classes/labs	75.8	24.2	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	59.1	36.4	3.0	0	0	0	0	1.5	
Socializing informally with friends on campus	16.9	64.6	12.3	3.1	1.5	0	0	1.5	
Socializing informally with friends off campus	18.2	50.0	21.2	3.0	3.0	1.5	0	3.0	
Participating in campus-organized activities	69.7	27.3	1.5	0	0	0	1.5	0	
Participating in community service activities	74.2	21.2	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	
Participating in student clubs and groups	62.1	28.8	6.1	0	1.5	0	1.5	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	31.8	48.5	15.2	3.0	0	0	0	1.5
Working for pay on campus	89.1	1.6	4.7	1.6	1.6	0	0	1.6
Working for pay off campus	80.0	4.6	3.1	4.6	3.1	0	1.5	3.1
Watching TV	30.3	39.4	21.2	7.6	0	1.5	0	0
Playing video/computer games	48.5	33.3	12.1	6.1	0	0	0	0
Praying/meditating	51.5	39.4	4.5	3.0	0	1.5	0	0
e-Communicating	13.6	62.1	13.6	6.1	3.0	1.5	0	0
Surfing the Internet for fun	13.6	54.5	15.2	9.1	4.5	0	0	3.0
Reading for pleasure	40.9	40.9	13.6	3.0	1.5	0	0	0
Household/childcare duties	23.1	50.8	12.3	7.7	1.5	0	1.5	3.1
Commuting	15.4	66.2	7.7	6.2	1.5	0	0	3.1

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

	Percentage
First Choice	34.8
Second Choice	21.2
Third Choice	16.7
Lower than third choice	27.3

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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	25.8	28.8	45.5
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	13.6	19.7	66.7
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	30.3	43.9	25.8
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	37.5	37.5	25.0
Small size of campus	50.0	28.8	21.2
Personal attention from faculty & staff	62.1	19.7	18.2
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	63.6	22.7	13.6
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	48.5	30.3	21.2
Ability to live near or at home	43.1	15.4	41.5
Campus visit	27.7	35.4	36.9
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	60.6	19.7	19.7
Reputation of campus and UC system	50.0	30.3	19.7
Quality of intended major	51.5	31.8	16.7
Financial aid offer	56.3	15.6	28.1
Unable to get into first college choice	33.3	28.8	37.9
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	10.6	9.1	80.3

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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	30.3	62.1	6.1	1.5
Change your major	12.5	10.9	18.8	57.8
Change your choice of career	7.7	16.9	24.6	50.8
Transfer to another college before graduating	10.6	6.1	18.2	65.2
Participate in research activities with faculty	53.8	35.4	7.7	3.1

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	69.7
MBA	3.0
Master's - other	10.6
Law	0
MD	4.5
Doctorate - other health	1.5
Doctorate - other	4.5
Other	0
Unknown	6.1
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MD	12.5
Doctorate - other health	7.8
Doctorate - other	26.6
Other	0
Unknown	12.5
None	4.7

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*Q19 -20 How concerned are you about:*

	Percentage					
	Not at all concerned	Unconcerned	Somewhat unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
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