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What is the UC Merced Undergraduate Alumni Journey Survey?

The UC Merced Undergraduate Alumni Journey survey is an online survey administered every other summer to graduates who received a baccalaureate degree and who are 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 years post-graduation. The survey asks about several topics, including:

- Your current contact information and how you like to receive news about UC Merced;
- Your current employment and other education you pursued, including how well UC Merced prepared you;
- Your engagement in volunteer and outreach activities; and
- Your interest in being engaged with the campus as an alum (e.g., helping enrich the student experience)

Voluntary Participation

Your participation is voluntary. Your decision to participate will not affect your relationship with the University of California or benefits to which you may otherwise be entitled. You may withdraw from the survey at any time or skip questions that you do not wish to answer.

Accessibility

If you are using screen reading software (e.g., JAWS), please use table navigation. You are also encouraged to email or call UC Merced Accessibility Services – access@ucmerced.edu or 209-228-6996 - for confidential assistance. We recommend that you use a computer/laptop or tablet device to take the survey. The guestions may not be displayed properly on a phone.

Study Procedure

If you agree to participate, you should be able to complete the survey in 10-15 minutes.

The survey will be available between July 8 to August 31, 2024. We recommend that you try to complete the survey in one sitting – depending on your browser settings, your responses may not be saved should you to exit and try finish the survey later.

Prizes

In appreciation for your time and as an incentive for taking the survey, we will give away 40 \$25 Amazon e-gift cards – a total of \$1,000 - and 20 UC Merced branded t-shirts and hats. Survey completers will be entered into bi-weekly gift card drawings, so the earlier you complete the survey the more chances you'll have to win! The exact odds of winning a prize are unknown, as this is influenced by the number of people who complete and submit a survey. However, the approximate odds of winning any prize based on past response rates and the number of available prizes is 1/20. UC Merced Alumni Relations will notify winners about how to claim their prize at the email address they used to take the survey.

To enter the prize drawings without completing the survey, you must email Andrea Hall-Cuccia. This email must be received by August 31st, 2024 to be entered in the final drawing.

Benefits

While there may not be any direct benefit to you from participating, the survey gives graduates an opportunity to comment on the quality of the education they received, student services, and other aspects of their undergraduate experience that help the University evaluate and improve undergraduate programs and services. This information can also help us understand how best to contact, engage, and support our alumni.

Protecting your Privacy

Your personal information, limited to your name and email address, is used strictly for sending survey invitation and reminder messages. Such information is only accessible by survey administration staff. After the survey is closed, your name and contact information will not be connected to your survey responses unless otherwise indicated in the survey and unless we have your consent. Your student ID will be used to match survey responses against other data such as, but not limited to, your demographics, enrollment records, graduation data, applicant data, and post-baccalaureate data. This data is used for analysis and reporting.

Please be assured that your responses will be kept confidential and the results of the study will be reported only as aggregate (group level) data. Any identifiable information that is obtained in connection with this study will remain confidential. When this information is stored on third party secure platforms and secure file transfer suppliers, confidentiality will be maintained and your privacy protected according to the University of California privacy and security policies. This information will only be disclosed when required by law. There are areas in the survey that will ask you whether it is okay to share survey responses and identifying information with appropriate campus offices (e.g., Alumni Relations, the Center for Career and Professional Advancement, Admissions). This information will not be shared in a way that could identify you unless you indicate that we have your permission to do so. All data used in public reporting, including quotations from open-ended responses, will be reviewed to ensure that your identity cannot be ascertained unless you give us permission to identify you. Information will be retained in compliance with UC's Record Retention Schedule https://recordsretention.ucop.edu/.

With appropriate Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, the data may also be used in anonymized form for academic research.

Please keep in mind that University policy requires all reports of sexual harassment and sexual violence against students to be forwarded to the title IX office - http://dsvp.ucmerced.edu/report. Those who disclose that they experienced sexual harassment or sexual violence while students may be contacted by the Title IX office with information about reporting options and support services available to them. Please note that the responses to the survey may not be reviewed immediately. If any of your responses concern matters in need of immediate action or disclose dangerous situations, you should immediately report those matters to the appropriate authorities.

Asking Questions and Reporting Concerns

If you have any questions about this study or how responses will be used, please contact Andrea Hall-Cuccia at ahallcuccia@ucmerced.edu.

By selecting "Agree", I am providing my consent to this survey research effort, as described above. I understand and will participate.
○ Agree
○ Disagree

Contact

Current and Preferred Contact Information

Current Name (first and last)	
Previous Name (while attending UC Merced, if different from current name)	
Street Address	
City	
State (if in US)	
Country (if not in US)	
Zip Code	
Preferred phone Number (555-555-5555)	
Preferred Email Address	
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Please tell us about your employment status and/or additional education since graduating from UC

Merced as an undergraduate. (please select all that apply)

☐ I am employed full-time.

☐ I am employed part-time.
☐ I am completing an internship.
☐ I started my own business.
☐ I am employed in public service employment (e.g., military, Peace Corps, Teach for America).
☐ I am searching for full-time employment.
☐ I am searching for part-time employment.
☐ I am unemployed, but not seeking employment (e.g., homemaker, traveling, volunteer, retired, etc.).
I am <u>currently</u> enrolled in graduate/professional school.
☐ I was <u>previously</u> enrolled in graduate/professional school.
I am <u>currently</u> continuing my education, but not in graduate school (e.g. 2nd bachelor's, license, certification/credential, etc.).
I was <u>previously</u> continuing my education, but not in graduate school (e.g., 2nd bachelor's, license, certification/credential, etc.)
I have applied or plan to apply to continue my education (e.g., graduate/professional school, 2nd bachelor's, license, certification/credential, etc.)
I am an international student and returned to my home country.
Other (Please specify)
Are you currently a member of or participant in any professional organizations?
Yes
○ No
Please list your professional organization(s) below:
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Additional Education - Current Pursuits

You said you are **<u>currently</u>** continuing your education since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced. Please provide some information about this education below. If you are currently pursuing more than one type of credential or degree, please describe the highest one.

What is the name of the school or post-graduate institution you are attending?

Please indicate the type of credential or degree that you are currently pursuing.
○ Second bachelor's
○ Academic Master's (e.g., MA, MS, MFA)
O Professional Master's (e.g., MBA, MLS, MSW)
Academic Doctorate (PhD)
O Professional Doctorate (e.g., MD, JD, EdD, PharmD, DVM, DDS, PsyD)
○ License, Certification/Credential (please specify)
Other (please specify)

Additional Education - Previous

Additional Education - Previous Pursuits

You said you <u>previously</u> continued your education since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced. Please provide some information about this education below. If you previously pursued more than one type of credential or degree, please describe the <u>highest</u> one.

What is the name of the school or post-graduate institution you attended?

Please indicate the type of credential or degree that you pursued.

Second bachelor's

Academic Master's (e.g., MA, MS, MFA)

Professional Master's (e.g., MBA, MLS, MSW)

Academic Doctorate (PhD)

Professional Doctorate (e.g., MD, JD, EdD, PharmD, DVM, DDS, PsyD)

License, Certification/Credential (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Did you earn/complete the credential O Yes	or degree that you pursued?
○ No	
rent Employment	
Current Employment	
You said you are currently employed. your <u>primary</u> employment.	Please provide some information about what you consider to be
What are the details of your primary e	employment?
Name of Employer	
Job/Position Title	
Location - City	
Location - State (or country, if not US)	
Which of the following best describes For-profit business Educational institution Government/military Nonprofit organization (non-government) Self-employed Other (please specify)	s the sector of your primary employment?
(select all that apply)	current primary occupation/occupational industry or industries?
Accommodation & Recreation	Marketing/Communications/Social Media
Admin & Support Services	☐ Mining & Utilities
☐ Ag/Ag Tech/Forest	Museums and Historical Sites
Architectural Services	Other Education (please specify)
Business Services	Other Prof/Sci/Tech (please specify)

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○ Neutral	
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What is your <u>in</u>	<u>dividual</u> annual gross salary?
\$25,000 or less	
○ \$25,001 to \$30	.000
○ \$30,001 to \$35	.000
○ \$35,001 to \$40	.000
○ \$40,001 to \$45	.000
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○ \$55,001 to \$60	.000
○ \$60,001 to \$65	.000
○ \$65,001 to \$70	.000
○ \$70,001 to \$80	,000
○ \$80,001 to \$90	,000
○ \$90,001 to \$10	0,000
○ More than \$100	0,000
Prefer not to an	swer
In the past year	, how often have you worried about your debt and/or financial circumstances?
○ Never	
○ Rarely	
Somewhat ofter	n
Often	
○ Very often	
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What is your wa	ark modelity in your ourrest primary job?
vvnat is your wo	ork modality in your current primary job?
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	not provided by your employer (e.g., at home, coffee shop).
◯ In person: I alw	ays work on site.
Routine hybrid:	I am sometimes scheduled to work on site and sometimes off site on a routine basis.
Flexible hybrid:	I work primarily off site but I work on site intermittently as needed - OR - I work primarily on site but off

site intermittently.

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Satisfaction

Overall Satisfaction with UC Merced

Please indicate your agreement with each of the following statements about your experience as an undergraduate **at UC Merced**.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
Overall, I am satisfied with my undergraduate experience at UC Merced.	0	0	0	0	0
I would recommend UC Merced to a prospective undergraduate student, friend, or family member.	0	0	0	0	0
The benefits I received from attending UC Merced were worth the financial costs to me and my family.	0	0	0	0	0
The benefits I received from attending UC Merced were worth the time I invested .	0	0	0	0	0

What did you like most about attending UC Merced as an undergraduate? Please share any s	stories
memories, or experiences about your time at UC Merced.	

We love to quote our graduates in UC Merced print and web materials. Please check the box below if we have your permission to quote the text you shared above. Your name, major, and class year would be shared along with your quote.

Yes, UC Merced has my permission to quote me using the text I entered about what I liked most about UC Merced.

UC Merced Experience

Your UC Merced Experience

While attending UC Merced, in which of the following did you get involved? (select all that apply)
Academic/professional/honor society or club (e.g., Psi Chi, Pharmacy Club, Pre Health, Student Alumni Association)
Community service/volunteer work (e.g., club-related, course-related, one-time project, semester-long initiative)
Employment on campus
☐ Employment off campus
Environmental/sustainability activity (e.g., Eco Reps, Earth Day, Eco Fest)
Greek life - professional
Greek life - social
☐ Intercollegiate Sports
☐ Internship (paid or unpaid)
Multicultural/ethnic event (e.g., Ohana Luau, Holi, Carnivale du Noche)
Publications/media (e.g., Prodigy, Media Cats, Undergraduate Research Journal)
Recreational Sports (e.g., Intramural Sports, Fitness, Outdoor Experience Program, Sports Clubs)
Student club (e.g., cultural, faith-based, dance/arts)
Student government (e.g., ASUCM, RHA)
Study abroad (i.e., UCEAP)
☐ Teaching training/certification (e.g., CalTeach)
Undergraduate research (e.g., REUs, with faculty, UROC)
☐ Visual/performing arts (e.g., Dance Off, Soul'd Out Poetry Slam, Drag Show)
Other (please specify)
While attending UC Merced, were you ever an officer of a student club or organization?
○ Yes
○ No

Educational Outcomes

UC Merced Educational Outcomes

Next, we'll ask a series of questions that ask you to reflect on the undergraduate education you received **at UC Merced**.

Based on what you know now, how did your undergraduate education at UC Merced prepare you for situations that require:

	Excellently	Very well	Well	Fairly	Poorly	Very poorly	Not Applicable/Unsure
An ability to be clear and effective when writing	0	0	\circ	0	\circ	0	0
An ability to speak clearly and effectively in English	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
An ability to prepare and make a presentation	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
Analytical and critical thinking skills	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
Quantitative (mathematical or statistical) skills	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
	Excellently	Very well	Well	Fairly	Poorly	Very poorly	Not Applicable/Unsure
Library research skills	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Other research skills	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
An understanding of your specific field of study	0	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	0
An ability to understand international perspectives (e.g. economic, political, social, cultural)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
An ability to acquire new skills and/or knowledge on your own	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Excellently	Very well	Well	Fairly	Poorly	Very poorly	Not Applicable/Unsure
An ability to appreciate the fine arts (e.g. painting, music, drama, dance)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
An ability to work with people from other cultures	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Interpersonal (social) skills	0	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
An ability to work as a member of a team or group	0	\circ	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	0
Self-awareness and understanding	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	0	0	0
	Excellently	Very well	Well	Fairly	Poorly	Very poorly	Not Applicable/Unsure

Please indicate your agreement with each statement below about your undergraduate educational experience **at UC Merced**.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not Applicable/Unsure
I had a mentor who encouraged me to pursue my goals and dreams.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I had at least one professor who made me excited about learning.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
My professors cared about me as a person.	0	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ

Volunteer Service

Volunteer or Community	Service/Outreach
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Have you voted in an election(s) since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced? (select all that apply)
Yes, I voted in a local election(s)
Yes, I voted in a state or national election(s)
☐ No, I am not registered to vote
☐ No, I am registered to vote but have not
Have you participated in any volunteer or community service/outreach activities since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced?
○ Yes, but not currently participating
○ No
Which of the options below best describes the volunteer or community service/outreach activities you are currently participating or have participated in since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced. (Select all that apply.)
Philanthropic/monetary service (e.g., donating money to a cause)
Direct service: Activities that help other people (e.g., tutoring, helping the elderly, mentorship, etc.)
Indirect service: Activities that do not relate directly to an individual (e.g., collecting food for those in need, fundraising for the Aids Walk, etc.)
General community service: Activities related to the public good (e.g., cleaning a park, recycling cans, etc.)
Other (please specify)
Please briefly describe the volunteer or community service/outreach activities you are currently participating or have participated in since obtaining your undergraduate degree from UC Merced.

Alumni Engagement

UC Merced Alumni Engagement

○ No				
low many times in the <u>past</u>				
	0 times	1-2 times	3-5 times	more than 5 times
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Attended a campus-sponsored or alumni event?	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Connected with fellow alumni?	0	0	0	0
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	0 times	1-2 times	3-5 times	more than 5 times
attended an alumni event?	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ
Connected with fellow alumni?				
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Alumni networking/social event		
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Campus performances/showcases		
Opportunities to connect with UC Merced campus leadership (e.g., Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, Deans, etc.)		
Serve on the Alumni Association Board		
Other (please specify)		
	is activities listed below in which you wo	
Athletic games and sporting ev	ents	
☐ Homecoming		
Bobcat Day		
interested in participating a	nctivities in the area near where you live and UC Merced staff will follow up with your current and prospective UC Merced students	
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Hiring Manager/Department Contact Email address Hiring Manager/Department Contact Phone number
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Closing Comments
Please use the space below to share any other comments you have about UC Merced.
What advice would you give, if any, to current UC Merced students?
emographic
Personal/Background Information
Are you legally married to a fellow UC Merced student or alumnus/alumna? (This information helps UC Merced to conserve resources through mailings and other outreach efforts.)
Please provide your spouse's name. First Name Last Name (when s/he attended UC Merced)

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By clicking submit below, you will be automatically entered into the prize drawing. If you win, we plan to include your name, major, and graduating class in our survey promotion materials. If you do NOT want your information included in promotional materials, please click No below. No, please do not use my name, major, or graduating class in promotional materials
Thank you for completing the survey! Please click Submit to submit your survey responses.

NoConsent

You have indicated that you do not wish to participate in the UC Merced Undergraduate Alumni Journey Survey. Please click "End" below to end your survey session and be opted out of receiving additional communications about this survey at the email address in which you received this invitation email. Note that we are contacting alumni at up to two email addresses, so you may need to opt out of receiving future contacts about the survey at another email address. To opt out, click the opt out link at the bottom of your survey invitation email.

If you decide later that you'd like to participate or have any questions, please contact Andrea Hall-Cuccia (ahallcuccia@ucmerced.edu).