

New Student Survey 2014

Q1 When you arrived at UC Merced, how welcoming did you find the campus environment?

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

Q15 Today, how connected to or disconnected from UC Merced do you feel?

- Very connected (1)
- Connected (2)
- Disconnected (3)
- Very disconnected (4)

Q2 When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:

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

Q3 What is the highest degree you intend to eventually obtain?

- Bachelor's degree (1)
- Master's degree (2)
- Doctoral degree (3)
- Unsure (4)
- None (5)

Q13 How sure are you that you can do each of the following:

	Very Unsure (1)	Somewhat Unsure (2)	Somewhat Sure (3)	Very Sure (4)
Succeed academically at UC Merced (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do well on problems and tasks assigned in my courses (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do well on my most difficult course (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persevere even when I face academic challenges and obstacles (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve my current skills and abilities (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Find resources that will help me overcome academic challenges and obstacles (e.g., tutors, instructors, advisors) (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effectively use resources that will help me overcome academic challenges and obstacles (e.g., tutors, instructors, advisors) (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q6 What do you think your final course grades will be this semester?

- Mostly A's (1)
- Mostly B's (2)
- Mostly C's (3)
- Lower than C's (4)

Q8 How likely are you to:

	Very Unlikely (1)	Somewhat Unlikely (2)	Unsure (3)	Somewhat Likely (4)	Very Likely (5)
Be satisfied with your first semester GPA at UC Merced (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change your major at UC Merced (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change your choice of career while at UC Merced (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in research activities with a faculty member at UC Merced (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in an internship at UC Merced (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take courses at UC Merced next summer (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transfer to another college before graduating (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leave UC Merced at the end of this semester (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leave UC Merced at the end of this academic year (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q9 How often have you connected with each of the following UC Merced campus resources this semester?

	0 times (1)	1-2 times (2)	3-5 times (3)	6-10 times (4)	More than 10 times (5)
Instructor or teaching assistant (office hour, appointment, etc.) (1)	<input type="radio"/>				
Workshops (study skills, time management, writing) (2)	<input type="radio"/>				
Free tutoring (courses, writing) (3)	<input type="radio"/>				
DARTS: Degree Attainment for Returning and Transfer Students (4)	<input type="radio"/>				
Peer Advisors (5)	<input type="radio"/>				
Peer Success Mentors (6)	<input type="radio"/>				
Academic Advisors (7)	<input type="radio"/>				
Disability Services (8)	<input type="radio"/>				
Counseling and Psychological Services (9)	<input type="radio"/>				
Health and Wellness Services (10)	<input type="radio"/>				
Residence Life Staff/programs (11)	<input type="radio"/>				
Career Services/Professional Advancement (12)	<input type="radio"/>				
STEM Resource Center (13)	<input type="radio"/>				
Students First Center (14)	<input type="radio"/>				
Library Services (15)	<input type="radio"/>				
Recreational programs (e.g., outdoor trips, intramural sports) (16)	<input type="radio"/>				
The Recreation	<input type="radio"/>				

Center (17)					
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Q10 Have you received emails from the Students First Center regarding the UC Merced resources that are available to you?

- No (1)
- Yes (2)
- Unsure (3)

Answer If Have you received emails from the Students First Center regarding the UC Merced resources that ar... Yes Is Selected

Q11 Have you found these emails from the Students First Center helpful?

- Not at all helpful (1)
- Somewhat helpful (2)
- Very helpful (3)

Answer If housing Is Equal to Y

Q25 Please indicate your agreement with the following statements about your experience so far living in a residence hall on campus.

	No (1)	Yes (2)
My Resident Assistant (RA) knows my name (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know my Resident Assistant's (RA's) name. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to tap into the resources provided to students who live in the residence halls. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have identified good places to study in the residence hall spaces. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q16 How often have you done each of the following this semester?

	Not at all (1)	Rarely (2)	Occasionally (3)	Frequently (4)	All the time (5)
Made a weekly schedule, including weekends, to help manage my time (1)	<input type="radio"/>				
Recorded my class deadlines (2)	<input type="radio"/>				
Turned in course assignments on time (3)	<input type="radio"/>				
Went to my classes (4)	<input type="radio"/>				
Went to my classes prepared (e.g., having read assignments) (5)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular study schedule (6)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular sleep schedule (7)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular exercise schedule (8)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular eating schedule (9)	<input type="radio"/>				
Ate healthy food (10)	<input type="radio"/>				
Read my course syllabi (11)	<input type="radio"/>				
Engaged with material during study sessions (i.e., I didn't just skim) (12)	<input type="radio"/>				
Reviewed	<input type="radio"/>				

material before and after class (13)					
Avoided distractions during study sessions (e.g., texting friends, checking Facebook) (14)	○	○	○	○	○
Monitored course progress and made changes when needed (15)	○	○	○	○	○
Allowed more study/work time for difficult classes and assignments (16)	○	○	○	○	○
Asked questions when I didn't understand something (17)	○	○	○	○	○
Set reasonable goals and expectations for myself (18)	○	○	○	○	○
Participated in a study group (19)	○	○	○	○	○
Participated in major/academic-related clubs, organizations, or activities (20)	○	○	○	○	○
Got involved in organized activities outside the classroom (e.g., athletics, clubs, work) (21)	○	○	○	○	○
Spent time with peers who support my academic success (22)	○	○	○	○	○

Q17 During your first semester at UC Merced, how often have each of the following been obstacles to your school work or academic success?

	Not at all (1)	Rarely (2)	Occasionally (3)	Frequently (4)	All the time (5)
Infrequent/poor quality feedback from instructors (1)	<input type="radio"/>				
Difficulty adjusting to college-level work (e.g., coursework, exams, papers) (2)	<input type="radio"/>				
Inadequate study skills (e.g., knowing how to start, how to get help, organize material) (3)	<input type="radio"/>				
Poor study behaviors (e.g., wait until last minute, easily distracted, too much social time, too much web surfing) (4)	<input type="radio"/>				
Bad study environment (e.g., noisy roommate, poor Internet access, inadequate computer/software) (5)	<input type="radio"/>				
Poor library research skills (6)	<input type="radio"/>				
Competing job responsibilities (i.e., paid employment) (7)	<input type="radio"/>				
Competing family responsibilities (8)	<input type="radio"/>				
Other competing responsibilities (e.g., athletics, clubs, internship) (9)	<input type="radio"/>				

Personal difficulties with family, intimate relationships, or friends (10)	○	○	○	○	○
Being away from family and friends: being "homesick" (11)	○	○	○	○	○
Difficulty making new friends at UC Merced (12)	○	○	○	○	○
Being able to cope with expectations of parents and family (13)	○	○	○	○	○
Being able to cope with the values and expectations of friends when they differ from your own (14)	○	○	○	○	○
Feeling depressed, stressed, or upset (15)	○	○	○	○	○
Feeling out of place or like you just don't fit on campus (16)	○	○	○	○	○
Second guessing whether UC Merced was the right choice for you (17)	○	○	○	○	○
Weak spoken English skills (18)	○	○	○	○	○
Weak writing skills (19)	○	○	○	○	○
Weak math skills (20)	○	○	○	○	○
Finding affordable housing while a student at UC Merced (21)	○	○	○	○	○
Paying for expenses (22)	○	○	○	○	○

Transportation or parking issues (23)	<input type="radio"/>				
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Q22 How satisfied are you so far with the following at UC Merced?

	Very Satisfied (1)	Somewhat Satisfied (2)	Very Dissatisfied (3)	Not Applicable/Did Not Attend (4)
Organized campus social activities (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tutoring or other academic assistance (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dining Commons (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q18 Did you attend the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced?

	No (1)	Yes (2)
Summer Orientation (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ASCEND New Student Success Conference (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Any of the "Weeks of Welcome" (WOW) campus activities (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If Did you attend the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced? Summer Orientation - Yes Is Selected

Q19 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about Summer Orientation?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)
Attending Orientation helped me understand the differences between the school I previously attended and UC Merced. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending Orientation helped me understand the importance of using campus resources to support my academic success. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending Orientation helped me understand the importance of using campus resources to become more socially connected. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending Orientation helped me understand the importance of using campus resources to support my well-being. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending Orientation helped me make	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

connections with other UC Merced students. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My participation in Orientation encouraged me to meet regularly with my academic advisor. (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Answer If Did you attend the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced? ASCEND New Student Success Conference - Yes Is Selected

Q21 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the ASCEND New Student Success Conference.

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

Answer If Did you attend the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced? Any of the "Weeks of Welcome" (WOW) campus activities - Yes Is Selected

Q21 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the "Weeks of Welcome" (WOW) campus activities you attended?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)
The WOW activities helped me feel connected to UC Merced. (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attending WOW activities increased my UC Merced pride. (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WOW activities provided opportunities for me to network with other UC Merced students. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WOW activities provided opportunities for me to network with UC Merced faculty. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WOW activities provided opportunities for me to network with UC Merced staff. (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
WOW activities introduced me to campus resources and opportunities. (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q23 To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Unsure (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)
If I had to do it all over again I would still choose UC Merced (1)	<input type="radio"/>				
I would recommend UC Merced to someone else who wants to attend college (2)	<input type="radio"/>				

Q24 Do you have any comments you'd like to share with us about your experience so far at UC Merced?