

## New Student Survey 2016

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 (Q13_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do well on problems and tasks assigned in my courses (Q13_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Do well on my most difficult course (Q13_3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Persevere even when I face academic challenges and obstacles (Q13_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve my current skills and abilities (Q13_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) (Q13_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) (Q13_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 (Q8_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Change your major at UC Merced (Q8_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 (Q8_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 (Q8_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participate in an internship at UC Merced (Q8_5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Take courses at UC Merced next summer (Q8_6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transfer to another college before graduating (Q8_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 (Q8_8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Leave UC Merced at the end of this	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

academic year (Q8_9)					
Form close friendships with other UCM students (Q8_10)	○	○	○	○	○
Form close friendships with UCM students that are not from the same racial or ethnic group as me (Q8_11)	○	○	○	○	○

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"/>				
PALS: Peer Assisted Learning and Support (Tutoring) (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 Center (17)	<input type="radio"/>				
Fiat Lux (18)	<input type="radio"/>				
Undocumented Student Services (19)	<input type="radio"/>				
Guardian Scholars (20)	<input type="radio"/>				

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If entering\_level Is Equal to Frosh

Q10 Have you read the "Weekly Success" emails sent to you each week?

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

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If Have you read the "Weekly Success" emails sent to you each week? Yes Is Selected

Q11 Have you found these "Weekly Success" emails helpful?

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

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If housing Is Equal to Y

Q38 Which of the following describes your living situation?

- I live on campus in a residence hall (1)
- I live off campus in a campus-sponsored apartment (i.e., Village Landing, Northwood Village, or Village Terrace) (2)

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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. If you live off campus in a campus-sponsored apartment, please answer regarding that experience.

	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"/>

Display This Question:

If housing Is Equal to Y

Q39 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your experience so far living in a residence hall? If you live off campus in a campus-sponsored apartment, please answer regarding that experience.

	Strongly Disagree (16)	Disagree (17)	Agree (18)	Strongly Agree (20)
I feel comfortable in my residence hall (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have made friends in my residence hall (16)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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 (Q16_1)	<input type="radio"/>				
Recorded my class deadlines (Q16_2)	<input type="radio"/>				
Turned in course assignments on time (Q16_3)	<input type="radio"/>				
Went to my classes (Q16_4)	<input type="radio"/>				
Went to my classes prepared (e.g., having read assignments) (Q16_5)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular study schedule (Q16_6)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular sleep schedule (Q16_7)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular exercise schedule (Q16_8)	<input type="radio"/>				
Followed a regular eating schedule (Q16_9)	<input type="radio"/>				
Ate healthy food (Q16_10)	<input type="radio"/>				
Read my course syllabi (Q16_11)	<input type="radio"/>				
Engaged with material during	<input type="radio"/>				

study sessions (i.e., I didn't just skim) (Q16_12)	<input type="radio"/>				
Reviewed material before and after class (Q16_13)	<input type="radio"/>				
Avoided distractions during study sessions (e.g., texting friends, checking Facebook) (Q16_14)	<input type="radio"/>				
Monitored course progress and made changes when needed (Q16_15)	<input type="radio"/>				
Allowed more study/work time for difficult classes and assignments (Q16_16)	<input type="radio"/>				
Asked questions when I didn't understand something (Q16_17)	<input type="radio"/>				
Set reasonable goals and expectations for myself (Q16_18)	<input type="radio"/>				
Participated in a study group (Q16_19)	<input type="radio"/>				
Participated in major/academic-related clubs, organizations, or activities (Q16_20)	<input type="radio"/>				
Got involved in organized	<input type="radio"/>				

activities outside the classroom (e.g., athletics, clubs, work) (Q16_21)					
Spent time with peers who support my academic success (Q16_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"/>				
Difficulty studying (e.g., knowing how to start, how to get help, organize material) (3)	<input type="radio"/>				
Under-developed study behaviors (e.g., wait until last minute, easily distracted, too much social time, too much web surfing) (4)	<input type="radio"/>				
Difficult study environment (e.g., noisy roommate, poor Internet access, inadequate computer/software) (5)	<input type="radio"/>				
Under-developed 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)	<input type="radio"/>				
Being away from family and friends: being "homesick" (11)	<input type="radio"/>				

Difficulty making new friends at UC Merced (12)	<input type="radio"/>				
Being able to cope with expectations of parents and family (13)	<input type="radio"/>				
Being able to cope with the values and expectations of friends when they differ from your own (14)	<input type="radio"/>				
Feeling depressed, stressed, or upset (15)	<input type="radio"/>				
Feeling out of place or like you just don't fit on campus (16)	<input type="radio"/>				
Second guessing whether UC Merced was the right choice for you (17)	<input type="radio"/>				
Weak spoken English skills (18)	<input type="radio"/>				
Weak writing skills (19)	<input type="radio"/>				
Weak math skills (20)	<input type="radio"/>				
Finding affordable housing while a student at UC Merced (21)	<input type="radio"/>				
Paying for expenses (22)	<input type="radio"/>				
Transportation or parking issues (23)	<input type="radio"/>				
Infrequent/inconsistent access to a computer (24)	<input type="radio"/>				
Infrequent/inconsistent access to the Internet/web (25)	<input type="radio"/>				

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 (Q22_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tutoring or other academic assistance (Q22_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dining Commons (Q22_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 (Q18_1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If entering_level Is Equal to Frosh	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ASCEND New Student Success Conference (Q18_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
If entering_level Is Equal to Transfer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TRANSCEND New Student Success Conference (Q18_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Any of the "Weeks of Welcome" (WOW) campus activities (e.g., Target Night) (Q18_3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Display This Question:

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. (Q19_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. (Q19_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. (Q19_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. (Q19_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>Attending Orientation helped me make connections with other UC Merced students. (Q19_5)</p> <p>My participation in Orientation encouraged me to meet regularly with my academic advisor. (Q19_6)</p> <p>I was satisfied with the process of registering for classes during Orientation. (Q19_7)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Display This Question:

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. (Q21_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. (Q21_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) (Q21_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. (Q21_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in the ASCEND conference helped me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<p>identify specific actions I could take to be academically successful. (Q21_5)</p> <p>Participating in the Bobcat Ready workshop helped me understand how personal choices and decisions can impact both the individual and the community. (Q21_6)</p> <p>After attending the ASCEND conference, I better understand the academic expectations of UC Merced. (Q21_7)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Display This Question:

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

Q37 To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the TRANSCEND New Student Success Conference.

	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Agree (3)	Strongly Agree (4)
The TRANSCEND conference addressed questions I had about UC Merced. (Q37_2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a result of attending the TRANSCEND conference, I know how to access the campus resources (e.g. tutoring, financial aid, job search) available to support my success at UC Merced. (Q37_3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Participating in the TRANSCEND conference helped me identify specific actions I could take to be academically successful. (Q37_4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
After attending the TRANSCEND conference, I better understand the academic expectations of UC Merced. (Q37_5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Display This Question:

If Did you attend the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced? Any of the "Weeks of Welcome" (WOW) campus activities (e.g., Target Night) - Yes Is Selected

Q32 How many Weeks of Welcome events did you attend (e.g., Target Night)?

- Not sure (1)
- 1-3 events (3)
- 4-6 events (4)
- 7 or more events (5)

Display This Question:

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

Q37 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?

Q33 Please click Submit to finish the survey and submit your responses.