



New Undergraduate Student Survey 2012 Results

All Respondents (First Year and Transfer)

408 respondents out of 1623 invites (25.1% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (235/785: 30.0%) vs. male respondents (171/829: 20.6%)
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Survey Questions and Results

Your first weeks at UC Merced

How welcoming did you find the campus environment?

	Percentage
Very welcoming	74.0
Somewhat welcoming	24.3
Not welcoming	1.7

How satisfied are you so far with the facilities at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Classroom facilities	68.2	30.8	1.0	0.0
Computer labs	67.8	30.0	2.2	20.8
Library facilities	73.6	24.9	1.6	3.5
Tutorial facilities	55.9	41.3	2.8	29.8
On-campus housing facilities	49.1	45.0	5.9	27.8

How satisfied are you so far with your educational experiences at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors	57.0	40.1	2.9	2.1
Amount of contact with faculty	54.0	41.8	4.3	1.8
Class schedule (days/times)	50.0	45.3	4.7	0.3
Access to small classes	74.2	22.7	3.1	0.5
Availability of courses you need	50.8	40.5	8.7	1.3
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	44.7	52.7	2.7	2.3
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	53.9	43.4	2.7	2.9
Overall quality of instruction	56.3	40.1	3.7	0.5

How satisfied are you so far with the following academic services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Academic advising	54.1	41.4	4.5	15.1
Registration process	50.0	46.3	3.9	2.4
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	61.0	35.0	4.0	5.1
Library services	71.8	26.4	1.8	9.3
Tutoring or other academic assistance	55.1	43.8	1.2	30.4

How satisfied are you so far with the following wellness services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Student health center services	67.0	30.3	2.7	38.3
Psychological counseling services	67.4	31.9	0.7	60.4
Disability Services	64.8	35.2	0.0	64.2
Recreational programs	58.1	36.2	5.7	31.1

How satisfied are you so far with the following services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Dining Commons	32.3	49.1	18.7	11.5
The Lantern	46.3	48.6	5.1	16.9
The Marketplace at The Summits	52.5	42.9	4.6	21.1
Housing services	52.0	43.6	4.4	29.8
Bookstore product inventory	41.0	50.9	8.1	7.0
Bookstore textbook rental	40.3	50.4	9.3	33.9
Cat Tracks shuttle service during Welcome Week	55.0	37.9	7.1	32.8
Cat Tracks shuttle service during Fall Semester	48.0	41.8	10.2	18.1

How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced?

	Percentage non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Summer Orientation	54.2	41.4	4.4	9.9
Variety of Welcome Week events	55.8	41.0	3.2	10.2
Timing of Welcome Week events	54.2	41.2	4.6	8.8
Ascend New Student Success Conference	50.4	40.9	3.3	4.8
Organized campus social activities	53.1	43.4	3.5	9.9

Were you aware of the Weeks of Welcome events occurring on campus during the first few weeks of the semester?

	Percentage
Yes	91.4
No	8.6

How did you hear about the Weeks of Welcome activities occurring on campus? [select all that apply]

	Percentage
Weeks of Welcome booklet	49.5
Weeks of Welcome poster-size calendars	40.2
Happenings emails	53.9
Information tables in front of OSL	15.7
Residence Life Staff (e.g. RA, PA, office staff)	28.9
Word of mouth	40.9
Other	3.7

Other:

- Facebook (3)
- YouTube (2)
- ASCEND
- Housing website
- Fiat Lux mentor
- My own research
- Bulletin board outside my room
- Summer orientation
- Postings on walls around campus

Please answer the following questions about the Weeks of Welcome events:

	Percentage "Yes"	
	Provided opportunities to:	I chose to attend WoW events so that I could:
Connect with the UCM campus community	93.0	82.8
Explore the Merced community	80.6	70.6
Meet other new students	95.4	89.1
Meet returning UCM students	76.5	69.2
Meet UCM graduate students	55.5	49.4
Meet UCM personnel (faculty, staff)	74.7	69.5

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about the ASCEND New Student Success Conference:

	Percentage			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The ASCEND conference addressed questions I had about college	36.8	53.4	9.1	0.7
After participating in the ASCEND conference, I felt more prepared to begin classes at UCM	37.5	47.6	13.2	1.7
The ASCEND conference helped increase my confidence about connecting with UCM personnel (e.g. staff, faculty, TAs)	36.9	49.5	12.5	1.0
As a result of attending the ASCEND conference, I know how to access campus resources (e.g. tutoring, financial aid, job search) available to support my success at UCM)	36.5	53.4	8.4	1.7

How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced?

	Percentage non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Opportunities to explore the community	54.2	42.5	3.3	3.2
Opportunities to make new friends	54.7	42.7	2.6	1.3
Opportunities to get involved on campus outside the classroom	51.4	45.8	2.8	6.8
Overall sense of community among students	51.8	44.3	3.9	1.9
Overall college experience	49.7	47.1	3.2	1.0

During the second week of classes, UC Merced clubs and organization and Merced area non-profits held fairs to introduce themselves to UC Merced students. Did you attend one or more of the fair days (If so, did you collect information from a booth and/or did you sign up to join a club or volunteer with an organization)?

	% Attended	% Collected Info	% Signed Up
UCM	58.2	92.5	83.5
Non-profits	30.1	83.5	47.1

Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:

	Percentage
Joined a club sports team	11.6
Visited the Recreation Center	74.0
Worked out/taken exercise class in the Recreation Center	61.5

Your career at UC Merced

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	31.2	58.8	8.8	1.3
Change your major	15.0	22.2	24.2	38.6
Change your choice of career	10.7	25.7	26.4	37.1
Transfer to another college before graduating	11.7	23.4	29.9	35.1
Participate in research activities with faculty	35.9	48.4	12.1	3.6
Study abroad	25.3	29.9	21.4	23.4

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	63.6
MBA	1.9
Master's - other	7.5
Law	0.3
MD	1.9
Doctorate - other health	1.6
Doctorate - other	1.3
Other	1.0
Unknown	19.2
None	1.6

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	1.6
MBA	3.9
Master's - other	18.7
Law	5.2
MD	18.4
Doctorate - other health	9.2
Doctorate - other	17.7
Other	0.7
Unknown	21.3
None	3.3

Do you currently have a job? [select all that apply]

	Percentage
Yes, I have a job on campus	2.7
Yes, I have a job off campus in Merced	2.2
Yes, I have a job off campus in/near my hometown	2.7

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay on campus?

Number of Hours	Frequency
2	1
8	1
12	2
13	1
17	1
18	2
20	1
40	1
45	1

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay off campus in Merced?

Number of Hours	Frequency
2	2
8	1
12	1
15	1
18	1
20	2
25	1

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay off campus in/near your hometown?

Weekends per Month	Frequency	Hours per Weekend	Frequency
2	2	5	1
3	1	6	1
4	4	8	1
		10	1
		20	3
		22	1
		36	1

How concerned are you about:

	Percentage					
	Not at all concerned	Unconcerned	Somewhat unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
Paying for your undergraduate education	6.2	5.5	8.5	22.5	20.8	36.5
the educational debt, if any, that you will accumulate while in college	6.8	5.5	8.5	15.3	18.2	45.6

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

	Percentage
Strongly agree	24.1
Agree	30.0
Somewhat agree	29.3
Somewhat disagree	8.1
Disagree	2.9
Strongly disagree	5.5

Choosing UC Merced

When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:

	Percentage
First Choice	22.4
Second Choice	21.8
Third Choice	25.3
Lower than third choice	30.5

Which college/university was your first choice?

Institution	Frequency
UC Berkeley	23
UC Davis	40
UC Irvine	20
UCLA	23
UC Riverside	9
UC San Diego	17
UC Santa Barbara	17
UC Santa Cruz	20
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	6
Santa Clara University	3
Stanford University	7
University of the Pacific	7
Other	46

Summary of other institutions:

- University of Colorado, Boulder
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Cal State Long Beach (3)
- Cal State Los Angeles
- California Maritime Academy
- CSU Fullerton
- Dominican University of California
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University (2)
- Fresno Pacific University (2)
- Grinnell College
- Humboldt State University
- La Sierra University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Montana State University
- Northeastern University
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- Pomona College
- Saint Mary's College, Moraga
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State (4)
- Smith College
- St. Michael's College
- SUNY Stony Brook
- Tufts University

- University of Arizona
- University of La Verne
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- University of San Diego
- University of Southern California (2)
- University of Texas, Austin
- Villanova
- Wellesley College
- Yale University

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	27.5	30.8	41.7
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	19.1	33.7	47.2
Ability to live near or at home	30.4	25.1	44.6
Availability of on-campus housing	38.3	23.8	38.0
Campus visit	34.3	36.3	29.4
Diversity of student population	35.0	30.0	35.0
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	58.6	27.5	13.9
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	59.1	26.7	14.2
Personal attention from faculty & staff	66.2	21.2	12.6
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	62.7	26.1	11.2
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	58.4	28.4	13.2
Small size of campus	57.3	28.1	14.6
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	59.7	25.4	14.9
Reputation of UC Merced	32.3	38.0	29.7
Reputation of UC system	69.4	23.4	7.2
Quality of intended major	50.8	35.6	13.5
Unable to attend preferred college	33.0	34.0	33.0
Financial aid offer	68.5	17.9	13.6
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	16.2	27.4	56.4

Please list any other reasons that were important to you in choosing UC Merced:

Summary of open-ended comments:

- Change of scenery
- Small class size (3)
- Many dance teams
- Count Me In Too (4)
- Eco-friendly (2)
- Location
- Right place, right time (work location)
- EAP program
- Was accepted to UCM and not to first choice (5)
- Transfer opportunities from a UC
- Location near work
- Calm environment of campus

- I like UCM
- Great facilities (2)
- Opportunity to be involved in school activities
- Far enough from home
- Student to faculty ratio
- I love this place
- No other options (2)
- New beginning
- Be recognized by the faculty and first-name basis with TAs
- Cross Country team
- Sibling attends UCM
- Family situation requires closeness to home
- Semester schedule (2)
- On YARTS bus route
- Less expensive (3)
- Moderate climate
- More space
- Less pollution
- Less racism
- Friends also attend UCM
- Opportunities for leadership
- Fewer impacted classes
- Cost and quality of housing
- Surrounding nature
- Atmosphere of active students
- Helping the community to understand and give back
- Personal touch of welcome activities impressed student and family
- Proximity to extended family
- UCM welcoming to AB540 student

First Year Respondents

358 respondents out of 1494 invites (24.0% response rate)

Higher percentage of female respondents (211/733: 28.8%) vs. male respondents (147/756: 19.4%)
 [5 invitees missing this data]

Survey Questions and Results

Your first weeks at UC Merced

How welcoming did you find the campus environment?

	Percentage
Very welcoming	74.3
Somewhat welcoming	24.0
Not welcoming	1.7

How satisfied are you so far with the facilities at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Classroom facilities	70.1	29.1	0.8	0.0
Computer labs	68.0	30.6	1.4	20.2
Library facilities	74.4	24.4	1.2	3.1
Tutorial facilities	56.0	41.3	2.7	26.6
On-campus housing facilities	50.4	44.6	5.0	21.2

How satisfied are you so far with your educational experiences at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors	56.2	41.1	2.7	2.1
Amount of contact with faculty	52.9	43.2	4.0	2.1
Class schedule (days/times)	51.0	45.1	3.9	0.3
Access to small classes	75.0	22.3	2.7	0.6
Availability of courses you need	53.5	39.3	7.2	1.5
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	45.9	52.0	2.1	2.7
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	54.6	42.6	2.8	3.3
Overall quality of instruction	55.8	40.6	3.6	0.6

How satisfied are you so far with the following academic services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Academic advising	55.6	40.4	4.1	16.7
Registration process	52.7	45.1	2.2	2.8
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	62.1	34.6	3.3	5.6
Library services	73.9	25.4	0.7	8.1
Tutoring or other academic assistance	56.0	43.6	0.4	27.3

How satisfied are you so far with the following wellness services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Student health center services	65.0	32.5	2.5	37.3
Psychological counseling services	67.4	32.6	0.0	58.7
Disability Services	65.5	34.5	0.0	62.9
Recreational programs	56.3	38.3	5.4	29.3

How satisfied are you so far with the following services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Dining Commons	31.6	49.5	18.9	8.9
The Lantern	46.9	48.5	4.6	16.0
The Marketplace at The Summits	53.8	42.0	4.2	15.4
Housing services	52.9	43.0	4.1	22.4
Bookstore product inventory	41.9	49.7	8.4	5.7
Bookstore textbook rental	40.5	50.7	8.8	31.1
Cat Tracks shuttle service during Welcome Week	54.8	39.2	6.0	30.4
Cat Tracks shuttle service during Fall Semester	47.6	43.9	8.6	14.3

How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced?

	Percentage non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Summer Orientation	55.1	41.1	3.8	7.1
Variety of Welcome Week events	55.1	42.4	2.5	8.1
Timing of Welcome Week events	52.6	43.2	4.2	7.1
Ascend New Student Success Conference	49.5	46.8	3.7	3.2
Organized campus social activities	52.6	43.9	3.5	7.5

Were you aware of the Weeks of Welcome events occurring on campus during the first few weeks of the semester?

	Percentage
Yes	92.1
No	7.9

How did you hear about the Weeks of Welcome activities occurring on campus? [select all that apply]

	Percentage
Weeks of Welcome booklet	52.0
Weeks of Welcome poster-size calendars	42.2
Happenings emails	52.2
Information tables in front of OSL	15.4
Residence Life Staff (e.g. RA, PA, office staff)	33.0
Word of mouth	44.1
Other	3.9

Please answer the following questions about the Weeks of Welcome events:

	Percentage "Yes"	
	Provided opportunities to:	I chose to attend WoW events so that I could:
Connect with the UCM campus community	93.2	84.4
Explore the Merced community	81.9	73.8
Meet other new students	96.8	91.1
Meet returning UCM students	76.6	70.0
Meet UCM graduate students	53.7	50.0
Meet UCM personnel (faculty, staff)	74.0	70.4

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about the ASCEND New Student Success Conference:

	Percentage			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The ASCEND conference addressed questions I had about college	36.9	53.5	9.2	0.4
After participating in the ASCEND conference, I felt more prepared to begin classes at UCM	37.7	47.7	13.5	1.2
The ASCEND conference helped increase my confidence about connecting with UCM personnel (e.g. staff, faculty, TAs)	35.9	51.0	12.4	0.8
As a result of attending the ASCEND conference, I know how to access campus resources (e.g. tutoring, financial aid, job search) available to support my success at UCM)	35.8	55.4	7.7	1.2

How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced?

	Percentage non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Opportunities to explore the community	54.0	43.0	3.0	1.5
Opportunities to make new friends	54.9	42.9	2.3	1.1
Opportunities to get involved on campus outside the classroom	50.0	47.6	2.4	7.1
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Overall college experience	49.1	47.6	3.4	0.7

During the second week of classes, UC Merced clubs and organization and Merced area non-profits held fairs to introduce themselves to UC Merced students. Did you attend one or more of the fair days (If so, did you collect information from a booth and/or did you sign up to join a club or volunteer with an organization)?

	% Attended	% Collected Info	% Signed Up
UCM	59.6	91.5	83.3
Non-profits	29.9	81.1	47.3

Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:

	Percentage
Joined a club sports team	11.5
Visited the Recreation Center	76.3
Worked out/taken exercise class in the Recreation Center	65.7

Your career at UC Merced

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	30.6	59.0	9.0	1.5
Change your major	16.5	24.0	25.1	34.5
Change your choice of career	11.2	27.0	26.2	35.6
Transfer to another college before graduating	13.4	25.7	30.9	30.1
Participate in research activities with faculty	36.0	48.3	12.0	3.7
Study abroad	26.1	31.7	21.6	20.5

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	62.7
MBA	1.1
Master's - other	7.8
Law	0.4
MD	2.2
Doctorate - other health	1.9
Doctorate - other	0.7
Other	1.1
Unknown	20.1
None	1.9

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	1.5
MBA	3.8
Master's - other	18.9
Law	5.3
MD	18.9
Doctorate - other health	9.8
Doctorate - other	17.0
Other	0.4
Unknown	21.1
None	3.4

Do you currently have a job? [select all that apply]

	Percentage
Yes, I have a job on campus	0.8
Yes, I have a job off campus in Merced	0.8
Yes, I have a job off campus in/near my hometown	1.4

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay on campus?

Number of Hours	Frequency
8	1
12	1
17	1

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay off campus in Merced?

Number of Hours	Frequency
8	1
12	1
18	1

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay off campus in/near your hometown?

Weekends per Month	Frequency	Hours per Weekend	Frequency
		5	
3	1	8	1
4	2	20	1
		22	1

How concerned are you about:

	Percentage					
	Not at all concerned	Unconcerned	Somewhat unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
Paying for your undergraduate education	7.1	4.9	9.4	22.8	19.9	36.0
the educational debt, if any, that you will accumulate while in college	7.9	5.6	8.6	14.2	18.4	45.3

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

	Percentage
Strongly agree	24.3
Agree	30.3
Somewhat agree	29.6
Somewhat disagree	7.9
Disagree	2.2
Strongly disagree	5.6

Choosing UC Merced

When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:

	Percentage
First Choice	17.5
Second Choice	22.8
Third Choice	27.6
Lower than third choice	32.1

Which college/university was your first choice?

Institution	Frequency
UC Berkeley	18
UC Davis	34
UC Irvine	20
UCLA	23
UC Riverside	8
UC San Diego	15
UC Santa Barbara	16
UC Santa Cruz	18
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	5
Santa Clara University	3
Stanford University	7
University of the Pacific	7
Other	45

How important to you were each of the following reasons for attending UC Merced?

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	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
Parents/relatives wanted you to come here	27.9	33.6	38.5
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	20.5	36.5	43.0
Ability to live near or at home	26.6	26.2	47.1
Availability of on-campus housing	41.1	25.9	33.1
Campus visit	35.0	38.0	27.0
Diversity of student population	35.7	32.3	31.9
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	58.8	28.2	13.0
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	58.6	27.8	13.7
Personal attention from faculty & staff	63.7	23.3	13.0
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	61.2	27.4	11.4
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Small size of campus	56.9	29.0	14.1
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	59.3	26.2	14.4
Reputation of UC Merced	30.4	40.3	29.3
Reputation of UC system	67.0	25.0	8.0
Quality of intended major	48.7	36.5	14.8
Unable to attend preferred college	34.6	34.6	30.8
Financial aid offer	69.1	18.3	12.6
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	17.1	29.1	53.9

Transfer Respondents

50 respondents out of 130 invites (38.5% response rate)

Response rates greater for female respondents (24/52: 46.2%) vs. male respondents (24/73: 32.9%)

[5 invitees missing this data]

Survey Questions and Results

Your first weeks at UC Merced

How welcoming did you find the campus environment?

	Percentage
Very welcoming	72.0
Somewhat welcoming	26.0
Not welcoming	2.0

How satisfied are you so far with the facilities at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Classroom facilities	55.1	42.9	2.0	0.0
Computer labs	66.7	25.0	8.3	25.0
Library facilities	67.4	28.3	4.3	6.1
Tutorial facilities	54.5	40.9	4.5	53.2
On-campus housing facilities	18.2	54.5	27.3	76.6

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Class schedule (days/times)	42.6	46.8	10.6	0.0
Access to small classes	68.1	25.5	6.4	0.0
Availability of courses you need	31.9	48.9	19.1	0.0
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	36.2	57.4	6.4	0.0
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	48.9	48.9	2.1	0.0
Overall quality of instruction	59.6	36.2	4.3	0.0

How satisfied are you so far with the following academic services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Academic advising	45.5	47.7	6.8	4.3
Registration process	30.4	54.3	15.2	0.0
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	53.3	37.8	8.9	2.2
Library services	55.3	34.2	10.5	17.4
Tutoring or other academic assistance	45.5	45.5	9.1	52.2

How satisfied are you so far with the following wellness services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Student health center services	83.3	12.5	4.2	45.5
Psychological counseling services	66.7	25.0	8.3	72.7
Disability Services	58.3	41.7	0.0	73.3
Recreational programs	75.0	16.7	8.3	44.2

How satisfied are you so far with the following services provided at UC Merced?

	Percentage of non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Dining Commons	38.7	45.2	16.1	29.5
The Lantern	41.2	50.0	8.8	22.7
The Marketplace at The Summits	31.3	56.3	12.5	62.8
Housing services	25.0	62.5	12.5	81.8
Bookstore product inventory	34.2	60.5	5.3	15.6
Bookstore textbook rental	38.1	47.6	14.3	53.3
Cat Tracks shuttle service during Welcome Week	56.5	26.1	17.4	48.9
Cat Tracks shuttle service during Fall Semester	52.0	20.0	28.0	44.4

How satisfied are you so far with the following welcome and social activities at UC Merced?

	Percentage non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Summer Orientation	46.9	43.8	9.4	28.9
Variety of Welcome Week events	61.8	29.4	8.8	24.4
Timing of Welcome Week events	66.7	25.0	8.3	20.0
Ascend New Student Success Conference	57.9	28.9	13.2	15.6
Organized campus social activities	57.6	39.4	3.0	26.7

Were you aware of the Weeks of Welcome events occurring on campus during the first few weeks of the semester?

	Percentage
Yes	86.7
No	13.3

How did you hear about the Weeks of Welcome activities occurring on campus? [select all that apply]

	Percentage
Weeks of Welcome booklet	32.0
Weeks of Welcome poster-size calendars	26.0
Happenings emails	66.0
Information tables in front of OSL	18.0
Residence Life Staff (e.g. RA, PA, office staff)	0.0
Word of mouth	18.0
Other	2.0

Please answer the following questions about the Weeks of Welcome events:

	Percentage "Yes"	
	Provided opportunities to:	I chose to attend WoW events so that I could:
Connect with the UCM campus community	91.2	70.0
Explore the Merced community	70.6	44.8
Meet other new students	85.3	73.3
Meet returning UCM students	75.8	63.3
Meet UCM graduate students	68.6	44.8
Meet UCM personnel (faculty, staff)	80.0	62.1

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about the ASCEND New Student Success Conference:

	Percentage			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The ASCEND conference addressed questions I had about college	36.1	52.8	8.3	2.8
After participating in the ASCEND conference, I felt more prepared to begin classes at UCM	36.1	47.2	11.1	5.6
The ASCEND conference helped increase my confidence about connecting with UCM personnel (e.g. staff, faculty, TAs)	44.4	38.9	13.9	2.8
As a result of attending the ASCEND conference, I know how to access campus resources (e.g. tutoring, financial aid, job search) available to support my success at UCM)	41.7	38.9	13.9	5.6

How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced?

	Percentage non-NA Respondents			NA
	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Dissatisfied	
Opportunities to explore the community	55.6	38.9	5.6	14.3
Opportunities to make new friends	53.7	41.5	4.9	2.4
Opportunities to get involved on campus outside the classroom	60.0	35.0	5.0	4.8
Overall sense of community among students	57.5	35.0	7.5	4.8
Overall college experience	53.7	43.9	2.4	2.4

During the second week of classes, UC Merced clubs and organization and Merced area non-profits held fairs to introduce themselves to UC Merced students. Did you attend one or more of the fair days (If so, did you collect information from a booth and/or did you sign up to join a club or volunteer with an organization)?

	% Attended	% Collected Info	% Signed Up
UCM	50.0	100.0	85.0
Non-profits	31.4	100.0	45.5

Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:

	Percentage
Joined a club sports team	12.2
Visited the Recreation Center	58.5
Worked out/taken exercise class in the Recreation Center	34.1

Your career at UC Merced

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	35.0	57.5	7.5	0.0
Change your major	5.1	10.3	17.9	66.7
Change your choice of career	7.5	17.5	27.5	47.5
Transfer to another college before graduating	0.0	7.7	23.1	69.2
Participate in research activities with faculty	35.9	48.7	12.8	2.6
Study abroad	20.0	17.5	20.0	42.5

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	70.0
MBA	7.5
Master's - other	5.0
Law	0.0
MD	0.0
Doctorate - other health	0.0
Doctorate - other	5.0
Other	0.0
Unknown	12.5
None	0.0

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

	Percentage
Bachelor's	2.5
MBA	5.0
Master's - other	17.5
Law	5.0
MD	15.0
Doctorate - other health	5.0
Doctorate - other	22.5
Other	2.5
Unknown	22.5
None	2.5

Do you currently have a job? [select all that apply]

	Percentage
Yes, I have a job on campus	16.0
Yes, I have a job off campus in Merced	12.0
Yes, I have a job off campus in/near my hometown	12.0

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay on campus?

Number of Hours	Frequency
2	1
12	1
13	1
18	2
20	1
40	1
45	1

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay off campus in Merced?

Number of Hours	Frequency
2	2
15	1
20	2
25	1

How many hours do you spend during a typical week working for pay off campus in/near your hometown?

Weekends per Month	Frequency	Hours per Weekend	Frequency
0	1	0	1
2	2	6	1
4	2	10	1
		20	2
		36	1

How concerned are you about:

	Percentage					
	Not at all concerned	Unconcerned	Somewhat unconcerned	Somewhat concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
Paying for your undergraduate education	0.0	10.0	2.5	20.0	27.5	40.0
the educational debt, if any, that you will accumulate while in college	0.0	5.0	7.5	22.5	17.5	47.5

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

	Percentage

Strongly agree	22.5
Agree	27.5
Somewhat agree	27.5
Somewhat disagree	10.0
Disagree	7.5
Strongly disagree	5.0

Choosing UC Merced

When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your:

	Percentage
First Choice	55.0
Second Choice	15.0
Third Choice	10.0
Lower than third choice	20.0

Which college/university was your first choice?

Institution	Frequency
UC Berkeley	5
UC Davis	6
UC Irvine	0
UCLA	0
UC Riverside	1
UC San Diego	2
UC Santa Barbara	1
UC Santa Cruz	2
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	0
Santa Clara University	0
Stanford University	0
University of the Pacific	0
Other	1

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	25.0	12.5	62.5
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	10.0	15.0	75.0
Ability to live near or at home	55.0	17.5	27.5
Availability of on-campus housing	20.0	10.0	70.0
Campus visit	30.0	25.0	45.0
Diversity of student population	30.0	15.0	55.0
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	57.5	22.5	20.0
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	62.5	20.0	17.5
Personal attention from faculty & staff	82.5	7.5	10.0
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	72.5	17.5	10.0
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	77.5	17.5	5.0
Small size of campus	60.0	22.5	17.5
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	62.5	20.0	17.5
Reputation of UC Merced	45.0	22.5	32.5
Reputation of UC system	85.0	12.5	2.5
Quality of intended major	65.0	30.0	5.0
Unable to attend preferred college	22.5	30.0	47.5
Financial aid offer	65.0	15.0	20.0
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	10.5	15.8	73.7