Class of 2008 Alumni Survey

The Career Services Center and Alumni Affairs appreciates you taking 15-20 minutes to answer our short survey. Our desire is to learn what you are doing since graduating from UC Merced and how attending UC Merced had impacted your life. Additionally, your responses will benefit future students by providing UC Merced with valuable feedback for future improvements in programs and services. The information you supply on this questionnaire will be kept completely confidential. Thanks in advance for your willingness to participate!

Based on what you know now, how well do you think your undergraduate education at UC Merced prepared you to: (Based on the scale of 1 = Not at all to 5 = Very well)

- ○ Write effectively
- ○ Acquire new skills and knowledge on your own
- ○ Communicate well orally
- ○ Use information technology in intellectual and/or professional pursuits
- ○ Think analytically and logically
- ○ Understand and apply quantitative principles and methods
- ○ Judge the value of information, ideas, actions and conclusions based on the soundness of sources, methods and reasoning
- ○ Understand international perspectives on economic, political, social and cultural issues
- ○ Use the knowledge, ideas or perspectives gained from your major field

How well did your undergraduate institution at UC Merced prepare you for personal and professional situations that require: (Based on the scale of: 1 = Not at all to 5 = Very well)

- ○ Awareness of contemporary issues in society technology and the natural world, and appreciation of their complexity of cause and consequences
- ○ Understand of an appreciation for the arts
- ○ Ability to evaluate and choose between alternative courses of action
- ○ Ability to get along with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives
- ○ Ability to work as a member of a team or group

Have you enrolled in a degree program since graduating from UC Merced?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If yes, please mark all that apply.

- ☐ Second bachelor's degree
- ☐ Master's of business (MBA)

- ☐ Master's of Education/Teaching
- ☐ Master's of Engineering
- ☐ Master's of Arts or Sciences (MA/MS)
- ☐ Other Professional Master's Degree (MSW, etc.)
- ☐ Law (LL.B. or J.D.)
- ☐ Dentistry
- ☐ Medicine
- ☐ Nursing
- ☐ Pharmacy
- ☐ Ph.D. – Biological Sciences
- ☐ Ph.D. – Applied Sciences
- ☐ Ph.D. – Humanities or Arts
- ☐ Ph.D. – Social Sciences
- ☐ Ph.D. – Professional Doctorate (Ed.D., etc.)

Please list degree program if not listed in previous question:

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How well do you think UC Merced prepared you for graduate or professional school when you compare yourself with others in your graduate/professional degree program(s)?

- ○ I was very well prepared
- ○ I was generally well prepared
- ○ I was adequately prepared
- ○ I was inadequately prepared
- ○ Not relevant

What is the highest degree you ultimately plan to earn?

- ○ Graduate certificate
- ○ Master's
- ○ First Professional
- ○ Doctoral
- ○ No plans to pursue a higher degree

To what extent did your overall undergraduate experience influence your plans for graduate or professional studies?

- ○ Very positively
- ○ Generally positively
- ○ Ambivalent
- ○ Generally negatively
- ○ Very negatively

While at UC Merced, did you participate in any of the following? (Mark all that apply):

- ☐ Field experience
- ☐ Internship
- ☐ Service learning
- ☐ Community Service or volunteer work
- ☐ Work with faculty on a research project
- ☐ Public Performance
- ☐ Formal research presentation (conference, poster session, oral presentation, etc.)

Are you currently employed?

- ○ Yes, full time
- ○ Yes, part time
- ○ No, but am actively looking for a job
- ○ No, and am not actively looking for a job

Which job search methods did they use to find full-time jobs?

- ☐ Printed Ad
- ☐ CATlink (Career Services Job Listings)
- ☐ Online Job Boards
- ☐ Direct Employer Contact
- ☐ Employer Website
- ☐ Employment Agency
- ☐ Job Fair
- ☐ Internship/Previous Experience
- ☐ Networking

When did you begin your job search?

- ☐ 6 months prior to graduation
- ☐ 3-6 months prior
- ☐ <3 months prior
- ☐ After graduation

If yes, in what type of organization or sector do you work?

- ○ Private for-profit corporation/company/group practice
- ○ Self-employed, own business, or professional practice (non-group)
- ○ Government or other public institution or agency
- ○ Private, non-profit (school, college, arts/cultural organization, etc.)

Please list type of organization if not listed in previous question:

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If currently employed, what best describes your current position (please select one)?

- ○ Management
- ○ Business and financial/accounting
- ○ Computer and Mathematical
- ○ Engineering
- ○ Life/physical sciences
- ○ Community and social services
- ○ Marketing & sales
- ○ Legal
- ○ Education, training and library
- ○ Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media
- ○ Healthcare/medical
- ○ Office and administrative support
- ○ Food preparation and serving related
- ○ Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance
- ○ Personal care and service
- ○ Law enforcement
- ○ Construction and extraction
- ○ Farming, fishing and forestry
- ○ Transportation
- ○ Military
- ○ Homemaker
- ○ Other

Please specify current position if not listed in previous question.

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If you were to do it over, would you major in the same field?

- ○ Definitely yes
- ○ Probably yes
- ○ Not sure
- ○ Probably no
- ○ Definitely no

How closely related is your job to your undergraduate field of study/major?

- ○ Not at all
- ○ Somewhat
- ○ Moderately related

- ○ Highly related

Was a bachelor's degree required to obtain your current job?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

How well do you think your undergraduate program at UC Merced prepared you for the job market?

- ○ Very well
- ○ Generally well
- ○ Ambivalent
- ○ Inadequate
- ○ Very inadequate

The following questions are for statistical analysis purposes and will not be published or shared with non-UC Merced employees.

If you are currently employed or have received a job offer, please provide the following information. What is the name of your employer?

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What is your job title?

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Please provide the city, state and country where you work.

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What is your annual salary?

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As an alumna/us, I am interested in being contacted about (mark all that apply):

- ☐ UC Merced Alumni Association
- ☐ Assisting with student recruitment
- ☐ Planning for future class reunions
- ☐ Serving on speaker's panels about my career path(s)
- ☐ Serving as a career mentor to current students

- ☐ Career Networking
- ☐ None

Is yes, please provide the following contact information (name, mailing address, phone number, email address):

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Please provide us any additional comments about your experience at UC Merced.

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Thank you for completing the Class of 2008 Alumni Survey. We hope that you stay connected with UC Merced as alumni.