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Fall 2010 New Student Survey

How satisfied are you so far with the facilities at UC Merced? (Choose one for each item)

	Very Satisfied	*Somewhat Satisfied*	*Very Dissatisfied*	*Not Applicable*
Classroom facilities	○	○	○	○
Computer labs	○	○	○	○
Library facilities and services	○	○	○	○
Tutorial facilities (not services)	○	○	○	○
On-campus housing facilities/services	○	○	○	○
Parking	○	○	○	○

How satisfied are you so far with your educational experiences at UC Merced? (Choose one for each item)

	Very Satisfied	*Somewhat Satisfied*	*Very Dissatisfied*	*Not Applicable*
Frequency/quality of feedback from professors	○	○	○	○
Amount of contact with faculty	○	○	○	○
Class schedule (days/times)	○	○	○	○
Access to small classes	○	○	○	○
Availability of courses you need	○	○	○	○
Relevance of coursework to everyday life	○	○	○	○
Relevance of coursework to future career plans	○	○	○	○
Overall quality of instruction	○	○	○	○

How satisfied are you so far with the services provided at UC Merced? (Choose one for each item)

	Very Satisfied	*Somewhat Satisfied*	*Very Dissatisfied*	*Not Applicable*
Tutoring or other academic assistance	○	○	○	○
Academic advising	○	○	○	○
Registration process	○	○	○	○
New student orientation	○	○	○	○
Financial aid services (not amount of aid)	○	○	○	○
Career center/services	○	○	○	○
Student health center/services	○	○	○	○
Psychological counseling services	○	○	○	○
Recreational programs (outdoor trips, intramual sports, recreation center)	○	○	○	○
Dining Commons/Lantern Cafe	○	○	○	○
Cat Tracks Shuttle Service	○	○	○	○
Helpfulness of staff	○	○	○	○
Organized social activities and services	○	○	○	○
Variety of "Welcome Week" events during the first two weeks of the semester	○	○	○	○
Timing of "Welcome Week" events during the first two weeks of the semester	○	○	○	○

How satisfied are you so far with your overall experiences at UC Merced? (Choose one for each item)

	Very Satisfied	*Somewhat Satisfied*	*Very Dissatisfied*	*Not Applicable*
Opportunities to explore the community on your own	○	○	○	○
Opportunities to make new friends	○	○	○	○
Overall sense of community among students	○	○	○	○
Overall college experience	○	○	○	○

If you marked "Very dissatisfied" in any of the satisfaction questions, please explain why you were

dissatisifed with the experience or service. (250 words maximum)

How welcoming did you find the campus environment?

- *Very welcoming*
- *Somewhat welcoming*
- *Not welcoming*

Did you attend a Summer Orientation Session?

- *Yes*
- *No*

How many Keys to Success/Passport activities did you attend in the first two weeks of the semester?

- *None*
- *1-3*
- *4-7*
- *8-10*
- *11 or more*

Since arriving at UC Merced, have you:

	Yes	*No*
joined a student organization?		
joined a club sports team?		
visited the Recreation Center?		
worked out or taken an exercise class in the Recreation Center?		

Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following academic skills? (Choose one for each item).

	Above Average	*Average*	*Below Average*	*Don't Know*
Developing effective study skills				
Completing course projects and assignments				

on time	○	○	○	○
Thinking critically/analytically	○	○	○	○
Utilizing available campus services	○	○	○	○
Writing effectively	○	○	○	○
Doing basic math	○	○	○	○
Reading comprehensively	○	○	○	○
Making oral presentations	○	○	○	○
Taking tests: multiple choice	○	○	○	○
Taking tests: problem sets	○	○	○	○
Taking tests: essay or short answer	○	○	○	○
Adjusting to the academic demands of college	○	○	○	○

Compared to your classmates at UCM, how would you rate yourself on the following personal skills? (Choose one for each item).

	Above Average	*Average*	*Below Average*	*Don't Know*
Adjusting to being away from home/family	○	○	○	○
Managing your time	○	○	○	○
Managing your finances	○	○	○	○
Handling stress	○	○	○	○
Maintaining good general health and fitness	○	○	○	○
Developing close friendships with other students	○	○	○	○
Getting to know faculty	○	○	○	○
Appreciating the cultural arts	○	○	○	○
Understanding diverse viewpoints	○	○	○	○
Leadership abilities	○	○	○	○
Capacity for teamwork	○	○	○	○
Academic self-confidence	○	○	○	○
Social self-confidence	○	○	○	○

Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following academic activities? (Choose one for each item).

	None	*1-5*	*6-10*	*11-15*	*16-20*	*21-25*	*26-30*	*Over 30*
Attending classes/labs	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Using the computer lab	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Studying/doing homework	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Skipping classes/labs	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following social activities? (Choose one for each item).

	None	*1-5*	*6-10*	*11-15*	*16-20*	*21-25*	*26-30*	*Over 30*
Partying	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Socializing with friends informally on-campus	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Socializing with friends informally off-campus	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Participating in campus-organized activities (e.g., residence hall activities, recreational activities)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Participating in community service activites	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Participating in student clubs and groups	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

Since entering UC Merced, how many hours have you spent during a typical week doing the following personal activities? (Choose one for each item).

	None	*1-5*	*6-10*	*11-15*	*16-20*	*21-25*	*26-30*	*Over 30*
Exercising or playing sports	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Working for pay on-campus	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Working for pay off-campus	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Watching TV	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Playing video/computer games	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Praying/meditating	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Communicating via e-mail, Instant Messenger, etc.	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Surfing the internet (for fun/non-course related, My Space/Facebook)	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Reading for pleasure	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Household/childcare duties	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Commuting	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

When you applied to colleges, was UC Merced your: (Choose one)

○ *First Choice* ○ *Third Choice*

○ *Second Choice* ○ *Lower than third choice*

If UC Merced was not your first choice, please indicate which college/university was your first choice.

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If your college of first choice was not in the drop-down box, please enter the information below

How important to you were each of the following reasons for attending UC Merced? (Choose one for each item).

	Very Important	*Somewhat Important*	*Not Important*
Parents/relatives wanted you to come here	○	○	○
Advice from high school teachers/counselors	○	○	○
Friendliness/helpfulness of staff	○	○	○
Friendliness/helpfulness of faculty	○	○	○
Small size of campus	○	○	○
Personal attention from faculty and staff	○	○	○
Opportunity to work closely with faculty	○	○	○
Opportunity to be part of a new campus	○	○	○
Ability to live near or at home	○	○	○
Campus visit	○	○	○
Opportunity to be involved in research projects	○	○	○
Reputation of campus and UC system	○	○	○
Quality of intended major	○	○	○
Financial aid offer	○	○	○
Unable to get into first college choice	○	○	○
Not offered financial aid by preferred campus	○	○	○

While you are at UC Merced, how likely are you to: (Choose one for each item).

	Very Likely	*Somewhat Likely*	*Somewhat Unlikely*	*Very Unlikely*
Be satisfied with your first semester GPA	○	○	○	○

Change your major	○	○	○	○
Change your choice of career	○	○	○	○
Transfer to another college before graduating	○	○	○	○
Participate in research activities with a faculty member	○	○	○	○

What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at UC Merced? (Choose one)

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What is the highest degree you intend to obtain at another institution? (Choose one)

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How concerned are you about paying for your undergraduate education?

○ *Not at all concerned*
○ *Unconcerned*
○ *Somewhat unconcerned*
○ *Somewhat concerned*
○ *Concerned*
○ *Very concerned*

How concerned are you about the educational debt, if any, that you will accumulate while in college?

○ *Not at all concerned*
○ *Unconcerned*
○ *Somewhat unconcerned*
○ *Somewhat concerned*
○ *Concerned*
○ *Very concerned*

Have you heard about the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan, which ensures that scholarships and grants will cover fees for students who meet eligibility requirements, have unmet financial need, and come from families making less than $70,000 per year?

○ *Yes*
○ *No*

To what extent to you agree or disagree with this statement: Given the grants and scholarships, if any, that you receive, the total cost of attending UC Merced is manageable.

○ *Strongly disagree*
○ *Disagree*
○ *Somewhat disagree*

- *Somewhat agree*
- *Agree*
- *Strongly agree*

How many of the textbooks that are required for courses you are taking this semester did you borrow, rent, or go without rather than purchase?

- *None*
- *One*
- *Two*
- *Three*
- *Four*
- *Five or more*

What, if anything, would you have done differently that would have enhanced your undergraduate experience at UC Merced?

What could UC Merced have done differently that would have enhanced your undergraduate experience up to this point?

Please provide any additional questions or comments you have:

Thank you for completing the survey.