

2006 SURVEY OF UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT COLORADO SPRINGS BACCALAUREATE ALUMNI

This survey is an important part of evaluating the educational experiences of our students. Please take 15-20 minutes to answer the questions listed below. After completing the questionnaire, return it in the enclosed postage-paid reply envelope. *The information you give us will be **strictly confidential**; only summary statistics will be used in reporting the results.*

Section A: Education at UCCS

1. What semester and year did you first enroll in courses toward a degree program at UCCS? _____
2. What was your initial student level?
 1. FRESHMAN
 2. TRANSFER (From which institution? _____)
 3. UNCLASSIFIED
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?
 1. RESIDENT
 2. NON-RESIDENT
4. During your studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?
 1. FULL-TIME (12 or more hours a semester)
 2. PART-TIME (less than 12 hours a semester)
5. When did you graduate from UCCS?
 1. AUGUST, 2004
 2. DECEMBER, 2004
 3. MAY, 2005
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?
 1. BACHELOR OF ARTS
 2. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
7. In what major(s) did you receive your degree from UCCS?

8. Did you change **your major** during your studies at UCCS?
 1. YES
 2. NO
9. Upon graduation, what was your cumulative grade point average? _____
10. After graduating from UCCS, did you pursue further graduate school study?
 1. YES, I CONTINUED IMMEDIATELY
 2. YES, I CONTINUED IN ONE YEAR
 3. YES, I CONTINUED WITHIN FIVE YEARS
 4. NO, BUT I PLAN TO CONTINUE IN _____ YEARS (**GO TO Q. 13**)
 5. NO (**GO TO Q. 13**)

11. If you **enrolled in** a graduate school program, please indicate the field.
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| 1. ENGINEERING | 6. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION |
| 2. LAW SCHOOL | 7. THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL/SEMINARY |
| 3. MEDICAL SCHOOL | 8. VETERINARY MEDICINE |
| 4. DENTAL SCHOOL | 9. ARTS AND SCIENCES |
| 5. EDUCATION | 10. OTHER _____ |
12. What graduate school did you attend?

13. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a baccalaureate degree? **Circle one answer only**
1. TO GET AN EDUCATION
 2. PARENTS WANTED ME TO GET A DEGREE
 3. TO DISCOVER WHAT TYPE OF OCCUPATION I DESIRE
 4. TO BECOME BETTER QUALIFIED FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT
 5. TO BECOME BETTER QUALIFIED FOR MY PRESENT EMPLOYMENT
 6. TO QUALIFY FOR ADVANCEMENT IN MY FIELD OF EMPLOYMENT
 7. TO PREPARE FOR A BETTER JOB THAN MY PRESENT EMPLOYMENT
 8. TO PREPARE FOR CHANGING MY OCCUPATION
 9. TO PREPARE FOR A GRADUATE DEGREE
 10. PERSONAL FULFILLMENT
 11. TO FULFILL A CAREER GOAL
 12. TO EARN A HIGHER SALARY
 13. TO LEARN A SKILL
 14. TO GET AWAY FROM HOME
 15. OTHER (specify) _____

Section B: Employment

14. What is your current employment status?
1. FULL TIME (35 OR MORE HOURS)
 2. PART TIME (LESS THAN 35 HOURS)
 3. UNEMPLOYED, BUT SEEKING EMPLOYMENT (**GO TO Q. 26**)
 4. UNEMPLOYED, AND NOT SEEKING EMPLOYMENT (**GO TO Q. 26**)
15. How many months after graduating did it take to find your current job? _____
16. After graduating from UCCS, did you enter the job market in a field related to your major?
1. I HAD A JOB IN A FIELD RELATED TO MY MAJOR PRIOR TO GRADUATION
 2. YES, WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION
 3. YES, WITHIN ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION
 4. YES, WITHIN TWO YEARS OF GRADUATION
 5. NO. I ENTERED THE JOB MARKET, BUT NOT IN A FIELD RELATED TO MY MAJOR.
17. What is your current occupation? _____
18. Where is your current job located?
1. IN COLORADO SPRINGS AND SURROUNDING AREAS
 2. OUTSIDE OF COLORADO SPRINGS, BUT IN COLORADO
 3. OUTSIDE OF COLORADO, BUT IN THE U.S.
 4. OUTSIDE OF THE U.S.
19. What is the name of your current employer? (Please be as specific as possible. This information will be kept confidential. No one will contact your employer concerning your response.)

20. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?
1. MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS & FINANCIAL
 2. SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS
 3. HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONER PROFESSIONALS
 4. OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORKERS (teachers, lawyers, religious workers, social workers, librarians).
 5. TECHNICIANS
 6. SALES WORKERS
 7. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT WORKERS
 8. CONSTRUCTION AND EXTRACTIVE CRAFT WORKERS
 9. INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CRAFT WORKERS (Electronics, Automotive)
 10. PRODUCTION OPERATIVE WORKERS (Assemblers, Fabricators, Machinists)
 11. TRANSPORTATION AND MATERIAL MOVING OPERATIVE WORKERS
 12. LABORERS AND HELPERS
 13. PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKERS (corrections, fire fighters, law enforcement)
 14. SERVICE WORKERS, EXCEPT PROTECTIVE (food service, hairdresser, dental assistants)
21. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current job? Circle only one.

Very Satisfied	Satisfied		Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
5	4	3	2	1

22. How much experience did you have in your current field of employment prior to graduation?
1. HAD NO PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE
 2. HAD SOME PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE
 3. HAD SUBSTANTIAL PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Please circle the number that reflects your opinion on the following items:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
23. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	1	2	3	4	5	6
24. The specific knowledge, skills and expertise I acquired at UCCS have been useful in my present occupation.	1	2	3	4	5	6
25. My studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.	1	2	3	4	5	6

Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS

Please circle the number that reflects your opinion on the following items:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
26. I am pleased with my choice of degree program.	1	2	3	4	5	6
27. The technical skills I learned at UCCS were complete and up-to-date.	1	2	3	4	5	6

28. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different program of study.
- 1 - YES (GO TO Q. 28a)
 - 2 - NO (GO TO Q. 29)

28a. What degree program do you wish you had chosen? _____

During your entire UCCS career, how many COURSES (not hours) required:

29. In-class writing assignment(s)	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
30. Out-of-class writing assignment(s) of at least 10 pages	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
31. Oral presentation(s)	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
32. Group project(s)/activities	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
33. Problems requiring quantitative (mathematical) skills	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
34. Computer applications (either mainframe or personal computer)	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
35. Activities requiring knowledge of other cultures	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
36. Activities where you applied knowledge of gender issues	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
37. Scientific methodology	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +
38. Service learning (the integration of meaningful community service with instruction and reflection)	0	1-10	11-20	20-30	31 +

Please circle the number that best reflects your opinion on the following items:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
39. The specific knowledge, skills and expertise I acquired at UCCS have been useful in my present occupation.	1	2	3	4	5	6
40. My studies at UCCS met the educational goal I had in mind when I enrolled.	1	2	3	4	5	6
41. I learned the theoretical foundations of the academic disciplines I studied during my university education.	1	2	3	4	5	6

42. During the years you were completing your degree at UCCS, how often were courses you needed for your *general education requirements* unavailable in the semester you needed them?

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| 1. NEVER | 4. OFTEN |
| 2. RARELY | 5. ALWAYS |
| 3. SOMETIMES | |

43. How often were courses needed for your *major* unavailable in the semester that you needed them?

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| 1. NEVER | 4. OFTEN |
| 2. RARELY | 5. ALWAYS |
| 3. SOMETIMES | |

44. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your major program of study?

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| 1. VERY POOR | 4. GOOD |
| 2. POOR | 5. EXCELLENT |
| 3. FAIR | |

45. How would you evaluate the advising you received at the Student Success Center?

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| 1. VERY POOR | 4. GOOD |
| 2. POOR | 5. EXCELLENT |
| 3. FAIR | |

46. If you attended another college or university prior to attending UCCS, **GO TO QUESTION 46A.** If you did not attend another college or university, **GO TO QUESTION 47.**

46a. What type of college(s) did you attend prior to enrolling at UCCS?

1. 2 YEAR PUBLIC 3. 4 YEAR PUBLIC
 2. 2 YEAR PRIVATE 4. 4 YEAR PRIVATE

46b. How many hours of college credit did you transfer to UCCS? _____

How would you rate the overall quality of your education at UCCS, in the following areas?

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
47. Oral Communication (public speaking, small groups, one-on-one)	1	2	3	4	5
48. Quantitative Skills (math, statistics)	1	2	3	4	5
49. Scientific Reasoning (scientific method and empirical principle)	1	2	3	4	5
50. Qualitative Skills (observation, case studies, interpretation based on examples)	1	2	3	4	5
51. Analytical Reasoning (logic)	1	2	3	4	5
52. Graphic Communication (using charts and graphs to present information)	1	2	3	4	5
53. Reading Skills	1	2	3	4	5
54. Writing Skills	1	2	3	4	5
55. Problem Solving Skills (critical thinking)	1	2	3	4	5
56. Working with Others (teams, groups, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5
57. Computer Skills (software applications)	1	2	3	4	5
58. Information Gathering Skills (library, resources)	1	2	3	4	5
59. Motivation (to pursue more knowledge in my discipline)	1	2	3	4	5
60. Self Discipline (time management, study, organizational skills)	1	2	3	4	5
61. Multi-Cultural Awareness (sensitivity to others unlike you)	1	2	3	4	5
62. Understanding and Synthesizing Historical Events (an understanding of today's world in light of past events)	1	2	3	4	5
63. Primary College of Academic Work	1	2	3	4	5
64. Overall Instruction	1	2	3	4	5

65. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?
1. YES
 2. NO
66. Approximately how many faculty members took an interest in your educational and career goals (other than for advising purposes) during your years at UCCS?
1. NONE
 2. ONE
 3. TWO OR THREE
 4. FOUR OR MORE
67. How often, either formally or informally, did you meet with faculty members outside of regular classroom hours?
1. NEVER
 2. RARELY
 3. SOMETIMES
 4. OFTEN

For the following statements, indicate your response by circling the appropriate number.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree	Strongly Agree
68. UCCS prepared me well for my field of specialization.	1	2	3	4	5	6
69. Overall, I am satisfied with the education I received at UCCS.	1	2	3	4	5	6
70. I would send my child(ren) to UCCS.	1	2	3	4	5	6
71. I would never recommend UCCS to a prospective student.	1	2	3	4	5	6
72. I sought formal advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	1	2	3	4	5	6

73. In your opinion, what was the **single most important advantage** of going to UCCS?

74. In your opinion, what was the **single most important disadvantage** of going to UCCS?

75. What **one piece of advice** would you give to a first-year student who just enrolled at UCCS?

Section D: Personal Development

On the following items, please rate your gain in **personal development** that resulted from your attendance at UCCS. Please **circle** the number that reflects your opinion on the following items:

	No Gain				High Gain
76. Problem-solving ability	1	2	3	4	5
77. Skill in written expression	1	2	3	4	5
78. Skill in oral expression	1	2	3	4	5
79. Self-understanding	1	2	3	4	5
80. Ability to manage emotions appropriately	1	2	3	4	5
81. Ability to make close friends	1	2	3	4	5
82. Appreciation for persons of other races and ethnic backgrounds	1	2	3	4	5
83. Ability to relate to people	1	2	3	4	5
84. Knowledge of social/domestic issues	1	2	3	4	5
85. Knowledge of international issues	1	2	3	4	5
86. Ability to make ethical decisions	1	2	3	4	5
87. Appreciation for the arts	1	2	3	4	5
88. Appreciation for literature	1	2	3	4	5
89. Appreciation of the humanities	1	2	3	4	5
90. Skill in gathering information	1	2	3	4	5
91. Technical knowledge	1	2	3	4	5
92. Computer Literacy	1	2	3	4	5
93. Scholarly knowledge	1	2	3	4	5

Section E: Demographics

94. Your gender is:

1. MALE
2. FEMALE
3. OTHER

95. Your year of birth is _____

96. If you are not a U.S. citizen, what is your country of citizenship? _____

97. Your primary ethnic group is:

1. AFRICAN AMERICAN or BLACK
2. ASIAN AMERICAN, ASIAN, or PACIFIC ISLANDER
3. HISPANIC or LATINO/A
4. NATIVE AMERICAN
5. WHITE (NON-HISPANIC)
6. MULTI-ETHNIC
7. OTHER

98. The highest education level completed by your mother was:

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| 1. GRADE SCHOOL | 5. VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL/BUSINESS
(BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL) |
| 2. JUNIOR HIGH | 6. SOME COLLEGE |
| 3. SOME HIGH SCHOOL | 7. COLLEGE GRADUATE (4-YR DEGREE) |
| 4. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE | 8. GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL |

99. The highest education level completed by your father was:

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| 1. GRADE SCHOOL | 5. VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL/BUSINESS
(BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL) |
| 2. JUNIOR HIGH | 6. SOME COLLEGE |
| 3. SOME HIGH SCHOOL | 7. COLLEGE GRADUATE (4-YR DEGREE) |
| 4. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE | 8. GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL |

100. Your current marital status is:

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| 1. SINGLE, NEVER MARRIED | 4. DIVORCED |
| 2. MARRIED | 5. WIDOWED |
| 3. SEPARATED | 6. OTHER |

101. Your total **personal** annual income (before deductions) in the year subsequent to your graduation was.

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| 1. LESS THAN \$9,999 | 5. \$40,000 -- \$54,999 |
| 2. \$10,000 -- \$19,999 | 6. \$55,000 -- \$79,999 |
| 3. \$20,000 -- \$29,999 | 7. \$80,000 -- \$99,999 |
| 4. \$30,000 -- \$39,999 | 8. \$100,000 OR MORE |

102. How many dependents (Children or elderly persons that you care for) are in your household? _____

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. The information provided will be used to improve the quality of education at UCCS. Please add any additional comments below or on a separate sheet. Please return to the Office of Institutional Research, PO Box 7150, ADM-16, Colorado Springs, CO 80918.