



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT COLORADO SPRINGS

2007 GRADUATE ALUMNI SURVEY

This survey is an important part of evaluating the educational experiences of our graduate students. It is voluntary. 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.

Directions: Read each of the questions carefully, and then circle the answer that best applies to you. Mark only one response to each question.

1. **What semester and year did you first enroll in courses toward a graduate degree at UCCS?**

2. **When you first enrolled, which of the following described your initial student level?**
1 – Fully Accepted
(Unconditionally accepted as candidate into graduate program)
2 – Provisionally Accepted
(Accepted into graduate program dependent upon certain conditions)
3 – Unclassified
(Started as non-degree graduate student and then transferred to a graduate program)
3. **What was your initial student tuition classification?**
1 – Resident
2 – Non-Resident
4. **During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?**
1 – Full Time (6 or more) 2 – Part Time
5. **Please indicate when you received your last Graduate degree from UCCS.**
1 – May, 2005
2 – August, 2005
3 – December, 2005
6. **What was the last degree you received at the graduation indicated above?**
1 – Master of Arts
2 – Master of Science
3 – Master of Basic Science
4 – Master of Science Nursing
5 – Master of Business Administration
6 – Master of Public Administration
7 – Master of Engineering
8 – Doctor of Philosophy
7. **What was the major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis of your last graduate degree from UCCS?**

8. **In which school/college were you enrolled for the majority of the time you were a graduate student?**
1 – Business
2 – Education
3 – Engineering and Applied Science
5 – Nursing
4 – Letters, Arts, and Sciences
5 – Nursing
6 – Public Affairs
- 8a. **Did you take any of your courses on-line?**
1 – YES
2 – NO (skip to 9)
- 8b. **If yes, estimate what percent of your program you completed online. _____%**
9. **What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree? CIRCLE ONE ANSWER ONLY**
1 – To become better qualified for future employment
2 – To become better qualified in my current employment
3 – To qualify for advancement in my field of employment
4 – To prepare for a better job than my current employment
5 – To prepare for changing my occupation
6 – To prepare for a further Graduate Degree (e.g., earning a masters or Ph.D.)
7 – For self development
8 – Other (specify) _____
10. **Are you currently enrolled in a certificate program or an advanced degree program? (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS)?**
1 – YES 2 – NO (skip to Q. 10b)
- 10a. **If yes, what is the degree/certificate and program in which you are enrolled and at what university?**
Program _____
University _____ (Skip to Q. 10c)

- 10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credential, license, and/or certification within the next year?**
1 – YES 2 – NO
- 10c. What additional educational degrees, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications have you obtained since graduating from UCCS?**
Field: _____
University: _____
- 11. Immediately following graduation:**
1 – I sought new employment
2 – I continued current employment
3 – I attended further graduate school
4 – I took time off
5 – Other (specify) _____
- 12. What is your current employment status?**
1 – Employed full time (Skip TO Q. 13)
2 – Employed part time (Skip TO Q. 13)
3 – Unemployed and seeking employment
4 – Unemployed and not seeking employment
- 12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?** _____ (Skip TO Q. 21)
- 13. What is your current occupation?**

- 13a. What is the name of your current employer?**

- 13b. Where is your current job located?**
1 – In Colorado Springs/or 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
- 14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?**
1 – Aerospace Industry
2 – Agricultural
3 – Construction
4 – Education
5 – Finance
6 – Government
7 – Homemaker
8 – Insurance/Real Estate
9 – Manufacturing
10 – Mining
11 – Medical/Nursing/Allied Health
12 – Professional (medical or law)
13 – Public Service
14 – Services
15 – Technology
16 – Transportation & Public Utilities
17 – Wholesale & Retail
18 – Other (specify) _____
- 14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?**
1–YES 2 –NO

- 14b. Overall, how satisfied are you with your current job?**
1 – Very Dissatisfied
2 – Dissatisfied
3 – Neutral
4 – Satisfied
5 – Very Satisfied
- 15. Did you have your current job prior to graduation?**
1–YES 2 –NO
- 15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?**
1–YES 2 –NO
- 15b. If no, how many months after graduating did it take to find a job related to your graduate degree?** _____
- 16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?**
1 – Did not have to relocate
2 – Relocated within Colorado
3 – Relocated to another state
4 – Relocated to another country
- 17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?**
1 – No previous employment experience
2 – Some previous employment experience
3 – Substantial previous employment experience
- 17a. What type of position would you like to have two years from now?**

- 18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.**
1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
2. Disagree 5. Agree
3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree
- 19. My Graduate Studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.**
1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
2. Disagree 5. Agree
3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree

20. **A graduate degree is required to do my job well.**
 1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
 2. Disagree 5. Agree
 3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree
21. **My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.**
 1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
 2. Disagree 5. Agree
 3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree
22. **The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.**
 1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
 2. Disagree 5. Agree
 3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree
23. **I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.**
 1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
 2. Disagree 5. Agree
 3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree
24. **The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.**
 1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
 2. Disagree 5. Agree
 3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree
25. **Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.**
 1. Strongly Disagree 4. Agree Slightly
 2. Disagree 5. Agree
 3. Disagree Slightly 6. Strongly Agree
26. **In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.**
 1 – YES 2 – NO (skip to Q.26b)
- 26a. **If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?** _____

- 26b. **Do you wish you had attended a different institution?**
 1–YES 2–NO
- If yes, why?** _____
- 26c. **Could you have attended a different institution?**
 1–YES 2–NO
27. **I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis** (at least once a semester).
 1–YES 2–NO

28. **How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?**
 0 – Never requested or needed advisement
 1 – Never advised
 2 – Very Poor
 3 – Poor
 4 – Fair
 5 – Good
 6 – Very Good
29. **How would you evaluate the mentoring you Received in your graduate program?**
 0 – Never had a mentor and did not want one
 1 – Never had a mentor but wanted one
 2 – Very Poor
 3 – Poor
 4 – Fair
 5 – Good
 6 – Very Good
30. **Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at the UCCS, either in or outside of class?**
 1 – YES with whom? _____
 2 – NO
31. **How often were the courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?**
 1– Never 2– Rarely 3– Sometimes 4– Often 5– Always
32. **In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?**

33. **In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?**

34. **What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?**

35. **Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?**
1 – I was a UCCS student at the time
2 – Professional publication
3 – Brochure
4 – Website
5 – Word of mouth
6 – Other, describe: _____

35a. **To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful in learning about UCCS?**
1 – Not helpful at all
2 – Somewhat helpful
3 – Helpful
4 – Very helpful

36. **Your gender is:**
1 – Male
2 – Female
3 – Transgender

37. **Your primary ethnic origin is:**
1 – Caucasian, White, or Anglo
2 – African American or Black
3 – Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic
4 – Native American, Alaskan Native, or Aleut
5 – Asian American, Asian, or Pacific Islander
6 – Multi-ethnic
7 – Other: _____

38. **Your year of birth is** _____

39. **Your current marital status is:**
1 – Single, Never Married
3 – Separated
5 – Widowed
2 – Married
4 – Divorced
6 – Other

40. **How many dependants (children or elderly) are in your household?**
0 – None
1 – One
2 – Two
3 – Three
4 – Four or more

41. **Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:**
1 – Less than \$9,999
2 – \$10,000--\$19,999
3 – \$20,000--\$29,999
4 – \$30,000--\$39,999
5 – \$40,000--\$54,999
6 – \$55,000--\$79,999
7 – \$80,000--\$99,999
8 – \$100,000--\$109,000
9 – \$110,000 or more

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. The information provided will be used directly to improve the quality of education at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Please add any additional comments in the space below or on a separate page.

Please return in the prepaid envelope addressed to:

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