## Graduating Student Survey College of Science and Engineering Fall 2021

By the Office of Institutional Effectiveness

## Summary of the Survey

The purpose of the Graduating Student Survey is to determine the level of satisfaction of students with their recent higher education experience at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL). In addition, we solicit the student's opinions regarding which areas or issues need improvement to ensure that UHCL maintains the highest quality of instruction and support. Finally, the percentage of students who would recommend UHCL to family or friends is included in the UHCL progress card each year and is on the next page.

We conduct the Graduating Student Surveys in the fall, and spring semesters using Qualtrics, a cloud-based software often used to capture a user's experience. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness sent an invitation to all students who applied for graduation during the Fall 2021 semester to complete the survey on October 27. The survey was active through December 12, 2021. The following pages summarize data collected in the Graduating Student Survey Fall 2021 by those who intend to receive a degree from the College of Science and Engineering.

The final reports are posted online at:
https://www.uhcl.edu/about/administrative-offices/institutional-effectiveness/institutional-research/survey-data.aspx

## College of Science and Engineering Demographics

| Respondents: |  |  | Ethnicity: |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 246 graduating CSE students were invited to |  |  | American Indian or |  |  |
| participate. During this collection period, |  |  | Alaskan Native | 1.9\% | 2 |
| 106 students started the survey. |  |  | Asian | 29.2\% | 31 |
| The response rate for this survey is $\mathbf{4 3 . 1 \%}$ |  |  | Black | 5.7\% | 6 |
| Spring 2021 | 23.8\% |  | Hispanic | 24.5\% | 26 |
| Fall 2020 | Not Captured |  | International | 2.8\% | 3 |
| Spring 2020 | 19.4\% |  | Multi-racial | 0.9\% | 1 |
| Fall 2019 | 28.2\% |  | White | 11.3\% | 12 |
| Spring 2019 | 25.0\% |  | No Response | 23.6\% | 25 |
| Fall 2018 | 24.7\% |  |  |  |  |
| Spring 2018 | 25.7\% |  |  |  |  |
| Gender: |  |  | Citizenship: |  |  |
| Female | 47.2\% | 50 | International | 23.6\% | 25 |
| Male | 29.2\% | 31 | U.S. Citizen | 50.0\% | 53 |
| No Response | 23.6\% | 25 | U.S. Resident (Green Card) | 1.9\% | 2 |
|  |  |  | No Response | 24.5\% | 26 |

## College of Science and Engineering

## Overall Satisfaction

| Excellent | 33.0\% | 35 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Good | 34.0\% | 36 |
| Fair | 7.5\% | 8 |
| Poor | 1.9\% | 2 |
| No Response | 23.6\% | 25 |
| "In your opinion, did UHCL provide an education worthy of your yearly tuition and fees?" |  |  |
| Yes | 59.4\% | 63 |
| No | 16.0\% | 17 |
| No Response | 24.5\% | 26 |
| "Would you still choose the same program of study?" |  |  |
| Yes | 53.8\% | 57 |
| Not sure | 16.0\% | 17 |
| No | 8.5\% | 9 |
| No Response | 21.7\% | 23 |

"Will you recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college?"

| Yes | $68.9 \%$ | 73 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| No | $7.5 \%$ | 8 |
| No Response | $23.6 \%$ | 25 |

## What will be your degree level?



| Degree | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Graduate | 59 | $55.7 \%$ |
| Undergraduate | 47 | $44.3 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{1 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

What is your primary degree program in the College of Human Science and Humanities?

Top 5


## What is your primary degree program in the College of Human Science and Humanities? (continued)

| Row Labels | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Biological Sciences | 30 | $28.6 \%$ |
| Biotechnology | 6 | $5.7 \%$ |
| Chemistry | 3 | $2.9 \%$ |
| Computer Engineering | 3 | $2.9 \%$ |
| Computer Information Systems | 4 | $3.8 \%$ |
| Computer Science | 30 | $28.6 \%$ |
| Engineering Management | 3 | $2.9 \%$ |
| Environmental Science | 6 | $5.7 \%$ |
| Information Technology | 1 | $1.0 \%$ |
| Mathematical Sciences | 7 | $6.7 \%$ |
| Obtained Dual Degree | 1 | $1.0 \%$ |
| Occupational Safety and Health | 3 | $2.9 \%$ |
| Physics | 1 | $1.0 \%$ |
| Software Engineering | 7 | $6.7 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{1 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

While attending UHCL, did you take any classes away from the main UHCL campus? (e.g. Sugar Land, Pearland, Medical Center)


| Response |  | Count |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| No | 92 | Percent |
| Yes | 13 | $87.6 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{1 0 5}$ | $12.4 \%$ |

While attending UHCL, did you take any web-based or internet classes?


| Response | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 81 | $77.1 \%$ |
| No | 24 | $22.9 \%$ |
| Grand Total | 105 | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

While attending UHCL, if you did take any web-based or internet courses at UHCL, how would you rate your overall experience using that format?


Descriptive Statistics

| N | Valid | 75 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | Missing | 31 |
| Mean | 3.160 |  |
| Median | 3.000 |  |
| Std. Deviation | 0.771 |  |
| Variance | 0.595 |  |
| Minimum | 1 |  |
| Maximum | 4 |  |





## What is your current status?



| Status | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Active military service or dependent | 4 | $4.3 \%$ |
| Continuing as a full-time student | 13 | $13.8 \%$ |
| Continuing as a part-time student | 1 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Employed full-time | 20 | $21.3 \%$ |
| Employed part-time | 25 | $26.6 \%$ |
| Self-employed | 1 | $1.1 \%$ |
| Unemployed, not seeking employment | 3 | $3.2 \%$ |
| Unemployed, seeking work | 27 | $28.7 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{9 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

To what extent is your employment related to your major or area of study at UHCL?


| Related | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Directly Related | 38 | $46.3 \%$ |
| Not related | 24 | $29.3 \%$ |
| Somewhat related | 20 | $24.4 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

How did you find your position? (Please check all that apply)


| Response | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| jobs4HAWKS - UHCL online Resume Database | 7 | $8.9 \%$ |
| Other | 39 | $49.4 \%$ |
| Personal Network | 27 | $34.2 \%$ |
| UHCL Career Event - Job fair, Networking Reception | 1 | $1.3 \%$ |
| UHCL Career Services | 1 | $1.3 \%$ |
| UHCL Faculty/Staff | 4 | $5.1 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{7 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## Which industry best describes your current place of employment?

Top 5


Which industry best describes your current place of employment? (continued)

| Industry | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Accounting/Finance | 1 | $1.2 \%$ |
| Aerospace | 2 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Communications | 1 | $1.2 \%$ |
| Computer Information Systems | 16 | $19.8 \%$ |
| Construction | 2 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Education (Admin/Support) | 2 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Education (Teaching) | 8 | $9.9 \%$ |
| Engineering \& Mgmt. Services | 4 | $4.9 \%$ |
| Government | 3 | $3.7 \%$ |
| Health related | 11 | $13.6 \%$ |
| Manufacturing | 2 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Medical related | 6 | $7.4 \%$ |
| Other | 17 | $21.0 \%$ |
| Retail | 5 | $6.2 \%$ |
| Social Services | 1 | $1.2 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{8 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## What best describes your current professional position?

## Top 5



| Position | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Administrative | 4 | $5.3 \%$ |
| Education Professional/Teacher | 6 | $7.9 \%$ |
| Entry Level Management | 6 | $\mathbf{7 . 9 \%}$ |
| Middle Management | 6 | $\mathbf{7 . 9 \%}$ |
| Other | 25 | $32.9 \%$ |
| Professional | 6 | $\mathbf{7 . 9 \%}$ |
| Self-Employed | 3 | $3.9 \%$ |
| Gupport Staff | $\mathbf{2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 . 3 \%}$ |

## What is your current yearly salary range?



| Salary | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than $\$ 14,999$ | 39 | $54.2 \%$ |
| $\$ 15,000-\$ 24,999$ | 10 | $13.9 \%$ |
| $\$ 25,000-\$ 34,999$ | 5 | $6.9 \%$ |
| $\$ 35,000-\$ 49,999$ | 3 | $4.2 \%$ |
| $\$ 50,000-\$ 74,999$ | 11 | $15.3 \%$ |
| $\$ 75,000-\$ 99,999$ | 2 | $2.8 \%$ |
| $\$ 100,000-\$ 149,999$ | 1 | $1.4 \%$ |
| $\$ 150,000-\$ 199,999$ | 1 | $1.4 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{7 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

How useful is what you learned at UHCL in your day-to-day work at your place of employment?


| Usefulness | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not useful at all | 6 | $7.9 \%$ |
| Not very useful | 6 | $\mathbf{7 . 9 \%}$ |
| Somewhat useful | 31 | $40.8 \%$ |
| Very useful | 33 | $43.4 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{7 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## If you plan to continue your education, what is the highest degree you plan to earn?



| Degree | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Master's Degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA) | 5 | $38.5 \%$ |
| Doctoral Degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed. D., D.B.A.) | 5 | $38.5 \%$ |
| Professional Degree (e.g., M.D., O.D., J.D.) | 3 | $23.1 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

What was your primary reason for obtaining a degree?


| Reason | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Advance in current career | 31 | $38.3 \%$ |
| Change careers | 9 | $11.1 \%$ |
| Other | 2 | $2.5 \%$ |
| Personal enrichment | 4 | $4.9 \%$ |
| Start a career | 32 | $39.5 \%$ |
| To support myself | 3 | $3.7 \%$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{8 1}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

Looking back, how would you evaluate your overall experiences?


| Experience | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Excellent | 40 | $48.8 \%$ |
| Good | 31 | $37.8 \%$ |
| Fair | 9 | $11.0 \%$ |
| Poor | 2 | $2.4 \%$ |
| Grand Total | 82 | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## Would you still choose to attend UHCL?



| Response | Count | Percent |
| ---: | :---: | :---: |
| No | 8 | $9.8 \%$ |
| Not Sure | 13 | $15.9 \%$ |
| Yes | 61 | $\mathbf{7 4 . 4 \%}$ |
| Grand Total | $\mathbf{8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0 . 0 \%}$ |

## End of Report

