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Graduating Student Survey - Fall 2008

Total UHCL Results

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GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

There were a total of 988 UHCL students who applied for graduation for the Fall 2008 class. 495 students completed the GSS survey resulting in a 50.1% response rate.

	Count	Percent
Which school will you receive your degree from:		
School of Business (BUS)	155	31.31 %
School of Human Sciences and Humanities (HSH)	144	29.09 %
School of Science and Computer Engineering (SCE)	62	12.53 %
School of Education (SOE)	134	27.07 %
Total Responses	495	100.00 %

What is your primary degree program in the School of Business?

Accounting	27	17.76 %
Business Administration (MBA)	33	21.71 %
Environmental Management	3	1.97 %
Finance	12	7.89 %
General Business	13	8.55 %
Healthcare Administration	14	9.21 %
Healthcare Admin/Bus Admin	3	1.97 %
Human Resource Mgmt	1	0.66 %
Legal Studies	2	1.32 %
Management	14	9.21 %
Mgmt Information Systems	18	11.84 %
Marketing	5	3.29 %
Professional Accounting	2	1.32 %
Obtained Dual Degree	5	3.29 %
Total Responses	152	100.00 %

What is your primary degree program in the School of Human Sciences and Humanities?

Anthropology	2	1.39 %
Appl Design & Visual Arts	3	2.08 %
Behavioral Sciences - Gen	11	7.64 %
Clinical Psychology	7	4.86 %
Communication	7	4.86 %
Criminology	15	10.42 %
Cross-Cultural Studies	4	2.78 %
Fitness & Human Performance	9	6.25 %
History	24	16.67 %
Humanities	12	8.33 %
Literature	17	11.81 %
Psychology	26	18.06 %
Sociology	3	2.08 %
Other	4	2.78 %
Total Responses	144	100.00 %

What is your primary degree program in the School of Science and Computer Engineering?

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	Count	Percent
What is your primary degree program in the School of Science and Computer Engineering?		
Biological Sciences	11	17.74 %
Biotechnology	2	3.23 %
Chemistry	2	3.23 %
Computer Engineering	9	14.52 %
Computer Info Systems	9	14.52 %
Computer Science	12	19.35 %
Computer Systems Engineering	1	1.61 %
Environmental Science	9	14.52 %
Mathematical Science	2	3.23 %
Physics	1	1.61 %
Software Engineering	2	3.23 %
Systems Engineering	1	1.61 %
Other	1	1.61 %
Total Responses	62	100.00 %

What is your primary degree program in the School of Education?		
Counseling	11	8.33 %
Curriculum & Instruction	2	1.52 %
Early Childhood Education	24	18.18 %
Educational Leadership	16	12.12 %
Education Management	30	22.73 %
Geography	2	1.52 %
Instructional Technology	9	6.82 %
Interdisciplinary Studies	29	21.97 %
Library & Info Sciences	4	3.03 %
Reading	4	3.03 %
Non-Degree Certification	1	0.76 %
Total Responses	132	100.00 %

While attending UHCL, did you take any classes away from the main UHCL campus (e.g., Sugar Land, Pearland, Medical Center, etc.)?		
Yes	116	25.05 %
No	347	74.95 %
Total Responses	463	100.00 %

While attending UHCL, did you take any web-based/internet classes?		
Yes	369	79.53 %
No	95	20.47 %
Total Responses	464	100.00 %

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	Count	Percent
If you did take web-based/internet courses at UHCL, how would you rate your overall experience using that format?		
Excellent	151	39.95 %
Good	169	44.71 %
Fair	50	13.23 %
Poor	8	2.12 %
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Total Responses	378	100.00 %

My faculty treated me with respect.

Strongly Agree	250	52.30 %
Agree	218	45.61 %
Disagree	6	1.26 %
Strongly Disagree	1	0.21 %
Not Applicable	3	0.63 %
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Total Responses	478	100.00 %

My faculty were effective teachers.

Strongly Agree	185	38.70 %
Agree	264	55.23 %
Disagree	23	4.81 %
Strongly Disagree	5	1.05 %
Not Applicable	1	0.21 %
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Total Responses	478	100.00 %

My faculty provided guidance on obtaining employment in my field.

Strongly Agree	100	20.96 %
Agree	189	39.62 %
Disagree	101	21.17 %
Strongly Disagree	43	9.01 %
Not Applicable	44	9.22 %
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Total Responses	477	100.00 %

My faculty gave me frequent and prompt feedback regarding academic work.

Strongly Agree	162	33.96 %
Agree	263	55.14 %
Disagree	39	8.18 %
Strongly Disagree	10	2.10 %
Not Applicable	3	0.63 %
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Total Responses	477	100.00 %

Count and Percent-Total UHCL Results

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

	Count	Percent
My faculty challenged me academically.		
Strongly Agree	204	43.04 %
Agree	237	50.00 %
Disagree	28	5.91 %
Strongly Disagree	4	0.84 %
Not Applicable	1	0.21 %
Total Responses	474	100.00 %

My faculty were accessible.		
Strongly Agree	219	46.20 %
Agree	228	48.10 %
Disagree	21	4.43 %
Strongly Disagree	5	1.05 %
Not Applicable	1	0.21 %
Total Responses	474	100.00 %

My faculty ADVISOR gave me accurate information about my program/major.		
Strongly Agree	209	43.63 %
Agree	180	37.58 %
Disagree	29	6.05 %
Strongly Disagree	35	7.31 %
Not Applicable	26	5.43 %
Total Responses	479	100.00 %

My faculty ADVISOR was courteous.		
Strongly Agree	237	49.58 %
Agree	174	36.40 %
Disagree	22	4.60 %
Strongly Disagree	19	3.97 %
Not Applicable	26	5.44 %
Total Responses	478	100.00 %

My faculty ADVISOR gave me the time I needed to discuss my program/major.		
Strongly Agree	217	45.40 %
Agree	170	35.56 %
Disagree	38	7.95 %
Strongly Disagree	23	4.81 %
Not Applicable	30	6.28 %
Total Responses	478	100.00 %

Count and Percent-Total UHCL Results

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

Count Percent

My faculty ADVISOR gave me the time I needed to discuss my program/major.

My advisors provided accurate information about degree requirements and course sequencing.

Strongly Agree	196	41.35 %
Agree	196	41.35 %
Disagree	37	7.81 %
Strongly Disagree	22	4.64 %
Not Applicable	23	4.85 %
Total Responses		
	474	100.00 %

My advisors were knowledgeable of campus policies and procedures.

Strongly Agree	193	40.89 %
Agree	203	43.01 %
Disagree	21	4.45 %
Strongly Disagree	12	2.54 %
Not Applicable	43	9.11 %
Total Responses		
	472	100.00 %

My advisors were accessible.

Strongly Agree	201	42.68 %
Agree	195	41.40 %
Disagree	34	7.22 %
Strongly Disagree	16	3.40 %
Not Applicable	25	5.31 %
Total Responses		
	471	100.00 %

My advisors cared about me as a person.

Strongly Agree	173	36.73 %
Agree	181	38.43 %
Disagree	42	8.92 %
Strongly Disagree	25	5.31 %
Not Applicable	50	10.62 %
Total Responses		
	471	100.00 %

I am satisfied with the availability of day classes (before 4 p.m.).

Count and Percent-Total UHCL Results

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

	Count	Percent
I am satisfied with the availability of day classes (before 4 p.m.).		
Strongly Agree	79	16.88 %
Agree	170	36.32 %
Disagree	54	11.54 %
Strongly Disagree	32	6.84 %
Not Applicable	133	28.42 %
Total Responses	468	100.00 %

I am satisfied with the availability of night classes (after 4 p.m.).		
Strongly Agree	161	33.97 %
Agree	226	47.68 %
Disagree	58	12.24 %
Strongly Disagree	15	3.16 %
Not Applicable	14	2.95 %
Total Responses	474	100.00 %

I am satisfied with the availability of weekend classes.		
Strongly Agree	59	12.50 %
Agree	72	15.25 %
Disagree	66	13.98 %
Strongly Disagree	24	5.08 %
Not Applicable	251	53.18 %
Total Responses	472	100.00 %

I am satisfied with the availability of web-based classes.		
Strongly Agree	112	23.68 %
Agree	193	40.80 %
Disagree	73	15.43 %
Strongly Disagree	23	4.86 %
Not Applicable	72	15.22 %
Total Responses	473	100.00 %

I am satisfied with the availability of off-campus classes.		
Strongly Agree	73	15.47 %
Agree	110	23.31 %
Disagree	43	9.11 %
Strongly Disagree	9	1.91 %
Not Applicable	237	50.21 %
Total Responses	472	100.00 %

Count and Percent-Total UHCL Results

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

	Count	Percent
My program provided the skills and knowledge needed for employment in my field.		
Strongly Agree	180	38.05 %
Agree	252	53.28 %
Disagree	22	4.65 %
Strongly Disagree	9	1.90 %
Not Applicable	10	2.11 %
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Total Responses	473	100.00 %

My program prepared me to think critically.		
Strongly Agree	218	45.99 %
Agree	236	49.79 %
Disagree	18	3.80 %
Strongly Disagree	2	0.42 %
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Total Responses	474	100.00 %

My program prepared me to write effectively.		
Strongly Agree	204	43.04 %
Agree	228	48.10 %
Disagree	34	7.17 %
Strongly Disagree	4	0.84 %
Not Applicable	4	0.84 %
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Total Responses	474	100.00 %

My program prepared me to speak effectively.		
Strongly Agree	177	37.50 %
Agree	241	51.06 %
Disagree	41	8.69 %
Strongly Disagree	4	0.85 %
Not Applicable	9	1.91 %
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Total Responses	472	100.00 %

My program prepared me to apply and manage information technology effectively.		
Strongly Agree	156	33.05 %
Agree	245	51.91 %
Disagree	36	7.63 %
Strongly Disagree	8	1.69 %
Not Applicable	27	5.72 %
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Total Responses	472	100.00 %

Count and Percent-Total UHCL Results

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

	Count	Percent
My program prepared me to work effectively in a team environment.		
Strongly Agree	210	44.30 %
Agree	233	49.16 %
Disagree	15	3.16 %
Strongly Disagree	4	0.84 %
Not Applicable	12	2.53 %
Total Responses	474	100.00 %

My program helped me to develop an awareness of local and global diversity.		
Strongly Agree	205	43.25 %
Agree	227	47.89 %
Disagree	25	5.27 %
Strongly Disagree	6	1.27 %
Not Applicable	11	2.32 %
Total Responses	474	100.00 %

My program prepared me to address the ethical commitments of professional life.		
Strongly Agree	215	45.65 %
Agree	220	46.71 %
Disagree	22	4.67 %
Strongly Disagree	5	1.06 %
Not Applicable	9	1.91 %
Total Responses	471	100.00 %

My program has made me more reflective about my personal morality.		
Strongly Agree	179	37.92 %
Agree	213	45.13 %
Disagree	50	10.59 %
Strongly Disagree	6	1.27 %
Not Applicable	24	5.08 %
Total Responses	472	100.00 %

My program has helped me become more conscientious about my role as a responsible citizen.

Count and Percent-Total UHCL Results

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

	Count	Percent
My program has helped me become more conscientious about my role as a responsible citizen.		
Strongly Agree	181	38.27 %
Agree	229	48.41 %
Disagree	37	7.82 %
Strongly Disagree	5	1.06 %
Not Applicable	21	4.44 %
Total Responses	473	100.00 %

Participation in school events made me feel more connected to the university.		
Strongly Agree	73	15.50 %
Agree	129	27.39 %
Disagree	32	6.79 %
Strongly Disagree	11	2.34 %
Not Applicable	226	47.98 %
Total Responses	471	100.00 %

Participation in internship and co-op projects made me feel more connected to those in my program/major.		
Strongly Agree	87	18.59 %
Agree	93	19.87 %
Disagree	24	5.13 %
Strongly Disagree	7	1.50 %
Not Applicable	257	54.91 %
Total Responses	468	100.00 %

Participation in the Student Government Association provided an opportunity for my voice to be heard in the university.		
Strongly Agree	29	6.17 %
Agree	41	8.72 %
Disagree	14	2.98 %
Strongly Disagree	7	1.49 %
Not Applicable	379	80.64 %
Total Responses	470	100.00 %

Participation in student leadership training provided the skills for me to have a successful academic career.

Count and Percent-Total UHCL Results

GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY FALL 2008

Count Percent

Participation in student leadership training provided the skills for me to have a successful academic career.

Strongly Agree	43	9.15 %
Agree	57	12.13 %
Disagree	14	2.98 %
Strongly Disagree	3	0.64 %
Not Applicable	353	75.11 %

Total Responses 470 100.00 %

Participation in student organizations provided an opportunity for me to learn from my peers.

Strongly Agree	66	14.04 %
Agree	90	19.15 %
Disagree	15	3.19 %
Strongly Disagree	5	1.06 %
Not Applicable	294	62.55 %

Total Responses 470 100.00 %

What are your immediate employment plans?

To seek employment	273	59.48 %
To start graduate studies	60	13.07 %
To join a volunteer service	1	0.22 %
To join a Military service	1	0.22 %
To pursue additional undergrad studies	1	0.22 %
Starting or raising a family	18	3.92 %
Other	105	22.88 %

Total Responses 459 100.00 %

If you currently have, or will be starting a new job, to what extent is it related to your major or area of study at UHCL?

Directly related	260	61.90 %
Somewhat related	104	24.76 %
Not related	56	13.33 %

Total Responses 420 100.00 %

If you have plans for additional education do you plan to re-enroll at UHCL?

Yes	247	57.44 %
No	183	42.56 %

Total Responses 430 100.00 %

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	Count	Percent
If you plan to continue your education, what is the highest degree you plan to earn (choose ONE response)?		
Master's Degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)	226	57.95 %
Professional Degree (e.g., medicine, law)	15	3.85 %
Doctoral Degree (e.g., Ph.D. Ed. D., D.B.A.)	149	38.21 %
Total Responses	390	100.00 %

Gender

Male	144	30.90 %
Female	322	69.10 %
Total Responses	466	100.00 %

Ethnicity

White - non Hispanic	259	55.58 %
Black - non Hispanic	45	9.66 %
Hispanic	77	16.52 %
Asian or Pacific Islander	68	14.59 %
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	0.21 %
International	11	2.36 %
Multi-racial	5	1.07 %
Total Responses	466	100.00 %

Citizenship:

U.S. Citizen	395	84.95 %
U.S. resident (green card holder)	13	2.80 %
International (F1, J1, H1 Visa i.e. not US citizen or resident)	57	12.26 %
Total Responses	465	100.00 %

What is your degree level?

Undergraduate	226	48.29 %
Graduate	241	51.50 %
Doctorate	1	0.21 %
Total Responses	468	100.00 %

Are you the first person in your family to obtain a degree?

Yes	190	40.51 %
No	279	59.49 %
Total Responses	469	100.00 %

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Count Percent

Are you the first person in your family to obtain a degree?

What is the highest level of education achieved by your MOTHER or female guardian?

Less than high school	74	15.88 %
High School or GED	123	26.39 %
Some College	113	24.25 %
Associate's Degree	32	6.87 %
Bachelor's Degree	90	19.31 %
Master's Degree	26	5.58 %
Doctorate or Professional Degree	8	1.72 %

Total Responses	466	100.00 %
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What is the highest level of education achieved by your FATHER or male guardian?

Less than high school	59	12.72 %
High School or GED	130	28.02 %
Some College	108	23.28 %
Associate's Degree	28	6.03 %
Bachelor's Degree	86	18.53 %
Master's Degree	37	7.97 %
Doctorate or Professional Degree	16	3.45 %

Total Responses	464	100.00 %
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What was your primary reason for obtaining a degree?

Start a career	165	35.33 %
Change careers	68	14.56 %
Advance in current career	165	35.33 %
Personal enrichment	56	11.99 %
Other	13	2.78 %

Total Responses	467	100.00 %
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Would you still attend UHCL?

Yes	358	76.33 %
No	51	10.87 %
Not Sure	60	12.79 %

Total Responses	469	100.00 %
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Would you still choose the same major or program?

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	Count	Percent
Would you still choose the same major or program?		
Yes	352	75.05 %
No	48	10.23 %
Not Sure	69	14.71 %
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Total Responses	469	100.00 %

Will you recommend UHCL to friends and family?		
Yes	425	91.40 %
No	40	8.60 %
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Total Responses	465	100.00 %