

### PROFILE OF THE INCOMING CLASS

Assessment Brief #4, October 2015

#### Overview

The following preliminary data were compiled by Institutional Research and Decisions Support and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. These data include only first-time, full-time students who are enrolled in 12 units or more, and matriculated for the first time at UC Merced in Fall, 2015 (N=1783 students).

#### Student Demographics

- 57% female, 47% male
- Nearly 100% are from California
  - 23% Los Angeles County
  - 23% San Francisco Bay Area
  - 20% North San Joaquin Valley
- 73% said first language was a language other than English or English and another language
- Ethnic Diversity
  - 54 % Hispanic/Latin@
  - 21% Asian
  - 10% White
  - 7% International
- 72% First generation college students
- 64% Eligible for Pell Grant [based on their family income]
- 79% Living on campus

#### Academic Credentials

- 28% of the first-year students graduated in the top 9% of their class
- 42% have transfer credits (e.g., AP), with an average of 11 hours received
- Average SAT score is 1506
  - Average Math is 516
  - Average Reading is 499
  - Average Writing is 492

#### Academic Coursework

- Students list 24 different intended Majors; 19% of the students entered as Undeclared
- 72% are enrolled in 15 or more units
- Distribution of Majors across Schools
  - Natural Sciences 36%
  - Social Sciences and Humanities 33%
  - Engineering 31%

- Writing
  - 58% in Writing 1
  - 29% in Writing 10
- Math
  - 43% in Math 5
  - 9% in Math 15
  - 11% in Math 21
- First Year Courses
  - 16% in University Studies 10
  - 13% in Core 1
- Natural Sciences
  - 38% in Chemistry 1
  - 11% in Chemistry 2
  - 13% in Physics 8
- Social Sciences
  - 34% in Psychology 1
  - 10% in Sociology 1
  - 9% in Cognitive Science 1
  - 13% in Computer Science 20

## Financial Information

- 96% of first year students applied for aid
- 91% of first year students received some kind of financial aid
- 87% of first year students received need-based aid
- 50% of first year students had family incomes less than \$40k
- 43% of first year students had an Estimated Family Contribution of \$0

## Appreciation

Thanks go out to Institutional Research and Decisions Support and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for compiling data. More information can be accessed on their websites: <http://irds.ucmerced.edu> and <http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu> and more Assessment Briefs can be viewed on the Student Affairs Assessment website: <http://studentaffairs.ucmerced.edu/assessment/assessment-research-and-evaluation>