PROFILE OF THE INCOMING CLASS

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