# Survey of UCSB Graduating Seniors, Summer 2017-Spring 2018

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"UCSB was the best decision I have ever made. This school is the perfect balance of academics, community involvement, and leadership. I would not be who I am today without UCSB. It helped shape my future career, and I have excelled more than I ever thought possible."

-UCSB Senior, Class of 2018

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<th>TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS</th>
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## Employment Trajectories

### Seeking Employment Full-Time, Part-Time, or Not at All

- **60%** Full-Time
- **17%** Part-Time
- **23%** Not at All

## Post-graduate Education Trajectories

### Seeking Enrollment Within Next Year, In the Future, or Not at All

- **36%** Plan to pursue further education within the next year
- **50%** Plan to pursue further education sometime in the future
- **13%** No plans for further education

### FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT SEEKERS (WITHIN NEXT YEAR)

| Total | 815 |

#### Which best describes your current state of plans for employment immediately after graduation?

- Currently searching for a position: **344** (42%)
- Have been offered a position: **278** (34%)
- Will begin searching for a position after graduation: **112** (14%)
- Have been offered a position, but still deciding: **80** (10%)

#### Location of job offer

- California: **298** (35%)
- Other Western US: **10** (1%)
- Other Northeastern US: **17** (2%)
- New York: **5** (1%)
- Southern US: **12** (3%)
- Midwest US: **6** (2%)
- International: **13** (4%)

#### Average Expected Salary (AES)

- **$50,507**

### POST-GRADUATE DEGREE SEEKERS (WITHIN NEXT YEAR)

| Total | 496 |

#### Degree Program (multiple responses allowed)

- Academic or Professional Master’s (MA, MS, MBA, etc.): **304** (61%)
- Professional Certificate or License: **87** (17%)
- Doctorate (PhD): **56** (11%)
- Medical / Health Doctorate (MD, DDS, etc.): **54** (11%)
- Teaching Credential: **51** (10%)
- Juris Doctor / Law (JD): **50** (10%)
- Second Bachelor’s Degree: **13** (3%)

#### Institution (advanced degree seekers only)

- Out-of-State College / University: **106** (25%)
- Other California College or University: **75** (18%)
- Other UC: **63** (15%)
- California State University: **50** (12%)
- UCSB: **43** (10%)
- Other: **81** (19%)

#### Field of Study (Master’s/PhD only)

- Sciences, Math, or Statistics: **117** (32%)
- Engineering or Computer Science: **49** (13%)
- Business Management / Marketing: **47** (13%)
- Humanities: **41** (11%)
- Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences: **34** (9%)
- Psychology: **33** (9%)
- Education: **33** (9%)
- Social Sciences: **32** (9%)
- Communication / Journalism: **11** (3%)
- Legal Studies: **9** (2%)
- Other: **49** (14%)

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Preparation for Employment

FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

How well did UCSB prepare you for your planned occupation?

Attitudes Towards Employment

How confident are you that you will achieve a satisfying career?

Future Plans for Education

Which additional degrees do you expect to receive?

EXTRACURRICULAR LIFE

COMMUNITY SERVICE OR VOLUNTEER WORK

WORKING FOR PAY
### Skill Preparation

The University of California, Santa Barbara is a leading research institution that also provides a comprehensive liberal arts learning experience. Because teaching and research go hand in hand at UC Santa Barbara, our students are full participants in an educational journey of discovery that stimulates independent thought, critical reasoning, and creativity.

Please rate these skill areas in terms of how well UCSB prepared you in each one.

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<td>Ability to understand the scientific method and how scientists ask questions and design experiments</td>
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<td>Understanding of international perspectives on economic, political, social and cultural issues</td>
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<td>Gain a sense of responsibility to your community</td>
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<td>Ability to understand and apply quantitative principles and methods</td>
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<td>Effective writing skills</td>
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<td>Ability to lead others</td>
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<td>Understanding of and appreciation for the arts</td>
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<td>Use information technology for research</td>
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<td>Effective speaking skills</td>
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Alumni are most likely to report receiving excellent preparation at UCSB in:

- Ability to get along with people of diverse backgrounds and perspectives
- Ability to acquire new skills and knowledge on your own
- Ability to judge the value of information...based on the soundness of sources, methods, and reasoning
- Ability to use the knowledge, ideas, or perspectives gained from your major field
- Problem solving skills
- Ability to work as a member of a team or group
- Ability to understand the scientific method
- Understanding of international perspectives on economic, political, social, and cultural issues
- Evaluate alternative courses of action
Satisfaction with UC Santa Barbara

**ALL RESPONDENTS**

How satisfied are you with UCSB overall?

- **Very Satisfied**: 51%
- **Satisfied**: 30%
- **Neutral**: 9%
- **Dissatisfied**: 4%
- **Very Dissatisfied**: 5%

81% of graduating seniors are satisfied with UCSB overall.

If you could start your undergraduate studies over, would you still choose to attend UCSB?

- **Definitely Yes**: 52%
- **Probably Yes**: 25%
- **Not Sure**: 12%
- **Probably No**: 7%
- **Definitely No**: 4%

Almost 8 out of 10 graduating seniors would still choose to attend UCSB in retrospect.

If you could start your undergraduate studies over, would you take the same major?

- **Definitely Yes**: 492
- **Probably Yes**: 380
- **Not Sure**: 158
- **Probably No**: 205
- **Definitely No**: 121

I am satisfied with the social experience I have had at UCSB

- **Very Satisfied**: 73%
- **Satisfied**: 72%
- **Neutral**: 65%
- **Dissatisfied**: 12%
- **Very Dissatisfied**: 7%

Did you find UCSB to be academically challenging?

- **Definitely Yes**: 612
- **Somewhat Yes**: 572
- **Not Sure**: 81
- **Somewhat No**: 80
- **Definitely No**: 13

Faculty members are outstanding or superior teachers

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- **Neutral**: 9%
- **Dissatisfied**: 6%
- **Very Dissatisfied**: 5%

If you had to credit a percentage of your intellectual growth while in college to your experiences at UCSB, what percentage would you assign?

- <= 25%: 3%
- 26% - 50%: 11%
- 51% - 75%: 30%
- 76%+: 56%

Mean: 74% *
Mode: 80% **

I have gained a greater appreciation for ethnic and cultural heritages that are different from my own

- **% Agree**: 76%

I am satisfied with the academic experience I have had at UCSB

- **% Agree**: 75%

Faculty members are genuinely interested in teaching

- **% Agree**: 75%

Faculty members are on the cutting edge of their fields

- **% Agree**: 74%

I am satisfied with the social experience I have had at UCSB

- **% Agree**: 73%

Faculty members are outstanding or superior teachers

- **% Agree**: 72%

Faculty members are genuinely interested in students

- **% Agree**: 72%

My own beliefs and values have changed because of my experiences at UCSB

- **% Agree**: 71%

I am satisfied with the opportunities to interact with faculty outside of class

- **% Agree**: 65%

The benefits I received from attending UCSB were worth the financial costs to me and my family

- **% Agree**: 64%

I have performed academically as well as I anticipated

- **% Agree**: 60%

My political views have changed because of my experiences at UCSB

- **% Agree**: 40%