

2017 Graduate and Professional Student Survey

**USE OF TIME AND RESOURCES**

During this past year (i.e., previous 12 months), on average how many hours per week did you spend doing the following activities?

	<b>None, I do not do this activity</b>	<b>Up to 2</b>	<b>3-5</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>11-20</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>Over 30</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commuting	6.0%	18.0%	28.3%	30.8%	12.0%	2.2%	2.6%	100.0%
	154	466	731	795	311	57	68	2582
Fulfilling family/household responsibilities	8.0%	19.9%	29.1%	24.6%	10.4%	3.7%	4.4%	100.0%
	206	512	749	633	267	94	112	2573
Performing volunteer work or community service	52.3%	29.8%	9.3%	5.1%	2.0%	0.9%	0.7%	100.0%
	1343	765	238	132	51	22	18	2569
Participating in student organizations or groups	42.3%	29.0%	16.0%	8.0%	2.6%	1.1%	1.1%	100.0%
	1085	744	409	204	66	29	27	2564
Working for pay on campus	55.6%	2.1%	3.7%	9.0%	13.9%	7.0%	8.6%	100.0%
	1428	54	95	232	357	179	222	2567
Working for pay off campus	66.5%	4.4%	4.9%	6.4%	5.3%	2.4%	10.1%	100.0%
	1701	113	125	165	135	62	258	2559

Is your...

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>On-campus</b> employment related to your field of study?	86.4%	13.6%	100.0%
	982	155	1137
<b>Off-campus</b> employment related to your field of study?	69.9%	30.1%	100.0%
	594	256	850

How concerned are you about...

	<b>Not concerned</b>	<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>Very concerned</b>	<b>Total</b>
Paying for your graduate education	38.8%	33.3%	27.8%	100.0%
	1005	862	720	2587
Your total accumulated educational debt	44.1%	23.7%	32.3%	100.0%
	1135	610	831	2576
Your ability to budget and manage your finances effectively	34.5%	41.1%	24.5%	100.0%
	887	1056	629	2572
Your funding running out before you complete your graduate program	47.4%	27.8%	24.9%	100.0%
	1218	714	639	2571
Filing your taxes accurately	41.0%	37.9%	21.1%	100.0%
	1054	972	542	2568
Covering your expenses during the summer	36.8%	31.2%	32.0%	100.0%
	945	803	823	2571

Has your total income (e.g., from fellowships, employment, etc. EXCLUDING loans) been sufficient to cover your expenses during this year (i.e., previous 12 months)?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Total</b>
52.9%	47.1%	100.0%
1366	1215	2581

What method(s) are you using to resolve the gap between your expenses and your income? (Check all that apply)  
 Note: This item was only asked to those answering "No" on previous item.

	% of total respondents	Count
Federal Student Loans	41.5%	504
Private Student Loans	13.6%	165
Credit cards	38.5%	468
Saving accounts, trust funds, stocks	41.1%	499
Gifts from family, relatives, etc.	52.3%	635
Public assistance (e.g. Cal Fresh, general relief, state disability, housing assistance)	4.4%	54
Other (please specify)	10.1%	123
Don't know	1.3%	16

Note: Total respondents = 1215, the number saying "No", total income does not cover expenses during the year.

How would rate your comfort with assuming student loan debt?

Very uncomfortable	Uncomfortable	Comfortable	Very uncomfortable	Not applicable	Total
34.4%	30.5%	14.5%	2.7%	18.0%	100.0%
881	783	371	68	461	2564

How frequently have you done the following in the past year?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Most of the time	Always	Total
Carried a balance on your credit card from month to month	49.7%	13.2%	11.1%	8.8%	17.2%	100.0%
	1272	338	284	225	440	2559
Consulted with <b>on-campus</b> resources about your finances (e.g. counselors from ECRT, Financial Aid, Student Loan Services, Financial Wellness Program, Graduate Division)	78.2%	11.6%	7.6%	1.5%	1.1%	100.0%
	1985	295	192	38	28	2538
Consulted with <b>off-campus</b> resources about your finances (e.g. banker, accountant, tax professional, wealth manager)	66.8%	18.3%	12.1%	1.9%	0.9%	100.0%
	1699	465	308	49	24	2545

Have you ever received a Pell grant?

Yes	No	Don't know	Total
22.0%	65.0%	13.0%	100.0%
560	1658	331	2549

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements in terms of your graduate/professional experience at UCLA.

	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Total</b>
The approach to distribution of funding in my department is equitable	12.6%	29.5%	52.4%	5.5%	100.0%
	316	738	1311	137	2502
If I were to take time off from my studies for personal reasons, it would affect my ability to secure continuing funding	5.4%	24.8%	48.7%	21.1%	100.0%
	135	618	1211	524	2488
I am comfortable approaching my department with my financial concerns	14.4%	35.9%	44.6%	5.1%	100.0%
	361	900	1118	129	2508
The total cost of attending UCLA is manageable	18.3%	35.0%	42.9%	3.8%	100.0%
	462	885	1083	96	2526