

Plans for Further Education
A Joint Survey of Valencia Community College, Osceola
Campus and the University of Central Florida

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Background, Methodology, and Organization of Report

A Joint Survey of Valencia Community College, Osceola Campus and the University of Central Florida was initiated to inform the planned expansion of academic programs offered at the University of Central Florida at Osceola.

UCF Operational Excellence and Assessment Support staff and a planning committee with membership from VCC and UCF designed the survey instrument collaboratively. The instrument was designed to assess VCC students' intended plans for further education. It can be found at the following link:

http://www2.oemas.ucf.edu/oemas2/survey/vcc_osceola.asp

An email invitation was distributed to 1608 students who were taking courses at the VCC, Osceola Campus in Spring 2004, and who will have accumulated 45 credits or more by the end of the semester. The email invitation from the Provost of the Osceola Campus explained the purpose and benefits of the survey, asked for cooperation, assured the confidentiality of results, and contained a link to the online survey. Two follow-up emails were also sent from the Provost, Osceola Campus. Surveys were collected between April 9, 2004 and May 4, 2004. Completed surveys were received from 603 students, representing a response rate of 38% of the population.

A comparison of the survey sample characteristics to the population of eligible respondents was not available for this preliminary report. Seventy-four percent of the sample was female and 26% were male. Forty-eight percent were age 24 or less, 29% 25-34 and the remaining 24% were 35 or older.

A summary of the major findings is given. Frequency tables are shown for each question for students who plan to obtain their Bachelor's degree in the next year or two. Tables are also given for students who do not have immediate plans for a Bachelor's degree. Open-end comments will be summarized and presented in a separate document.

Major Findings

Major findings are summarized below.

- 569 respondents plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree in the next year or two, while 34 do not.
- About 28% of these 569 respondents had met with a UCF adviser.
- 77% of respondents who were planning to pursue their Baccalaureate degree in the next two years are planning to go to UCF.
- Over a third of respondents (36%, n = 152) named a program other than those listed in the survey as their intended major.

- Of the academic programs included in the survey, respondents named three most often: Elementary Education with 16% (n=66); General Business with 14% (n=55) and Nursing with 13% (n=51).
- About 164 respondents did not specify an intended major.
- If offered, 88% of the respondents said they would “probably” take all their classes required for their major at UCF at Osceola. An additional 7% said “maybe”.
- Most (56%) respondents commuted 15 minutes or less to the VCC, Osceola Campus while an additional 29% commuted between 16 and 30 minutes.

Results for Respondents Planning to Pursue a Baccalaureate Degree

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the next year or two?	Yes	100.0%	568
	Total	100.0%	568

Joint Survey

		Col Response %	Responses
Have you ever met with a University of Central Florida advisor while attending Valencia Community College?	Yes, at Grad Track	7.4%	42
	Yes, at an information desk	9.5%	54
	Yes, at an individual appointment	13.8%	79
	No	72.3%	413
Total		103.0%	588

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
Are you planning to attend the University of Central Florida?	Yes	76.9%	439
	No	8.4%	48
	Don't Know	14.7%	84
	Total	100.0%	571

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
What is your intended major or program of study?	Elementary Education	16.3%	66
	General Business	13.6%	55
	Psychology	4.2%	17
	Liberal Studies	3.2%	13
	Nursing	12.6%	51
	Exceptional Education	2.7%	11
	Sociology or Anthropology	.7%	3
	Criminal Justice	.7%	3
	Legal Studies	1.5%	6
	Political Science	1.5%	6
	Social Work	1.7%	7
	Other	37.5%	152
	Don't know/undeclared major	3.7%	15
	Total	100.0%	405

What is your intended major or program of study? (other)

	Frequency	Percent
Valid NO RESPONSE	390	67.59099
Accounting	16	2.772964
Accounting / Finance	1	0.17331
Aeronautical Science	1	0.17331
Art	3	0.519931
Art / Graphics	1	0.17331
Biology	12	2.079723
Business	1	0.17331
Business / Accounting	1	0.17331
Business / Network Engineering	1	0.17331
Business Administration	1	0.17331
Business Administration / Management Information Systems	1	0.17331
Cellular and Molecular Biology	1	0.17331
CET	1	0.17331
Chemistry	1	0.17331
Cinema Studies	1	0.17331
Civil Engineering	2	0.34662
Communication	2	0.34662
Communicative Disorders	2	0.34662
Computer	2	0.34662
Computer Engineering	3	0.519931
Computer Information	1	0.17331
Computer Network Engineering	1	0.17331

Computer Programming	2	0.34662
Computer Science	18	3.119584
Computer Science / Information Technology	1	0.17331
Dentistry	2	0.34662
Digital Media	2	0.34662
Early Childhood Education	2	0.34662
Economics	1	0.17331
Education / Psychology	1	0.17331
Electronic Engineering	1	0.17331
Engineering	7	1.213172
Engineering / Computer Science	1	0.17331
English - Creative Writing	1	0.17331
English	5	0.866551
English Education	4	0.693241
Entrepreneur	1	0.17331
Environmental Engineering	2	0.34662
Forensic Science	4	0.693241
Graphic Design	3	0.519931
Graphics Technology	1	0.17331
Health Services Administration	2	0.34662
Heath Services Administration	1	0.17331
History	2	0.34662
Hospitality Management	4	0.693241
Humanities / Philosophy	1	0.17331
Information Systems Technology	1	0.17331
Information Technology	8	1.386482
IT, Engineering, Computer Science	1	0.17331
Journalism	2	0.34662
Liberal Arts	1	0.17331
Management	1	0.17331
Management Information Systems	7	1.213172
Management of Information Technology	1	0.17331
Management Information Systems	2	0.34662
Marketing	2	0.34662
Marketing / Public Relations	1	0.17331
Math Senior Education	1	0.17331
Medical Lab Technology	1	0.17331
Medical Laboratory of Science	1	0.17331
Medical Secretary	1	0.17331
Medicine	1	0.17331
Molecular Biology	2	0.34662
Molecular Biology and Microbiology	1	0.17331
Music Education	1	0.17331
Non degree transient work	1	0.17331
Organizational Communication	1	0.17331
Post Secondary Education	2	0.34662
Pre-professional (Medical) or Molecular biology	1	0.17331

Public Administration	3	0.519931
Public Health	1	0.17331
Public Relations	1	0.17331
Radio-Television	1	0.17331
Radiography	1	0.17331
Radiology	2	0.34662
Secondary Education	4	0.693241
Social Science Education	7	1.213172
Social Studies Education	1	0.17331
Total	577	100

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
Do you intend to enroll as a full-time or a part-time student?	Full-time	63.3%	276
	Part-time	36.7%	160
	Total	100.0%	436

Joint Survey

		Col Response %	Responses
When would you prefer to attend classes?	Weekday morning	52.4%	230
	Weekday afternoon	39.0%	171
	Weekday evenings	47.2%	207
	Weekends	22.3%	98
	No preference	12.8%	56
Total		173.6%	762

Joint Survey

		Col Response %	Responses
What types of classes would you take?	Live - in a classroom	97.3%	427
	Web only class	42.8%	188
	Total	140.1%	615

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
While taking classes for your Baccalaureate degree (junior and senior years), about how many hours per week do you intend to work for pay?	1-10 hours per week	5.7%	25
	11-20 hours per week	22.8%	100
	21-39 hours per week	40.3%	177
	40 or more hours per week	26.2%	115
	Do not expect to be employed	5.0%	22
Total		100.0%	439

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
If you could take all your classes required for your major (junior and senior years) at UCF at Osceola, would you do so?	Probably	88.2%	494
	Maybe	7.3%	41
	No	3.4%	19
	Don't Know	1.1%	6
	Total	100.0%	560

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
What is the highest degree you eventually expect to obtain?	Baccalaureate degree	27.7%	157
	Masters degree	49.3%	279
	Professional degree (M.D., D.D.S., etc.)	10.4%	59
	Doctorate	11.0%	62
	Other	1.6%	9
Total		100.0%	566

What is the highest degree you eventually expect to obtain?(other)

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	NO RESPONSE	569	98.6
	A.S.	1	.2
	associate	1	.2
	CPA	1	.2
	double bachelors degree	1	.2
	i do not know yet	2	.3
	not sure	1	.2
	specialist	1	.2
	Total	577	100.0

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
About how long is your usual commute to the Valencia Community College, Osceola Campus?	Usually 46 minutes or more	5.5%	31
	Usually 31-45 minutes	9.9%	56
	Usually 16-30 minutes	29.2%	166
	Usually 15 minutes or less	55.5%	315
	Total	100.0%	568

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
What is your gender?	Male	26.1%	148
	Female	73.9%	419
	Total	100.0%	567

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
What is your age?	45 or over	10.4%	59
	35 to 44	13.2%	75
	25 to 34	28.7%	163
	19 to 24	46.0%	261
	18 and under	1.6%	9
	Total	100.0%	567

Joint Survey

		Col	
		Response %	Responses
What is your racial or ethnic identification?	Black or African American	10.2%	53
	White	49.5%	257
	Hispanic or Latino	38.5%	200
	Native American or Alaskan Native	1.5%	8
	Other	4.6%	24
	Total	104.4%	542

What is your racial or ethnic identification?(other)

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	NO RESPONSE	550	95.3
	a little of everything	1	.2
	American	1	.2
	arab	1	.2
	arabic dad/american mom	1	.2
	Brazilian	1	.2
	Caucasian	1	.2
	Caucasian (Romanian)	1	.2
	Central Asian, former USSR	1	.2
	Egyptian	2	.3
	German and Irish	2	.3
	Guyanese	2	.3
	Haitian	1	.2
	Human	1	.2
	Midel East	1	.2
	n/a	1	.2
	Native American	1	.2
	Not Specifying	1	.2
	please, no more surveys, I am very busy	1	.2
	spain	1	.2
	Spanish	3	.5
	West Indian	2	.3
	Total	577	100.0

Results for Respondents Who are Not Planning to Pursue a Baccalaureate Degree

Joint Survey

		Col Response %	Responses
Have you ever met with a University of Central Florida advisor while attending Valencia Community College?	Yes, at an information desk	17.6%	6
	Yes, at an individual appointment	8.8%	3
	No	73.5%	25
	Total	100.0%	34

If you are not going to pursue your Baccalaureate degree in the next one or two years, please tell us why.

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	NO RESPONSE	6	17.1
	Already have a BA in Political Science, and am now trying to obtain an AS degree in a field with employment opportunities.	1	2.9
	already have a degree	1	2.9
	AS Nursing	1	2.9
	Because I am taking only one class at a time and will not be eligible for graduation in the next two years.	1	2.9
	because i have other career goals	1	2.9
	Because UCF is growing at a rapid rate in which I feel cannot accomodate the needs of the students. With a big class size you cannot get the one- to- one attention with a professor like I can at another small college, for exaple Rollins College. The pric	1	2.9
	Because Valencia doesn't have Baccalaureate for Graphic Desing and going to UCF will take too long to finish, because I would have to do Arts and then have a specialitation in Graphic Design.	1	2.9
	been in school for 3 years and still have one year, need a little break first	1	2.9
	Better job	1	2.9
	cause i'm planning on going into the work field	1	2.9
	Entering Pharmacy College with an AA from VCC.	1	2.9
	I already possess a Master's Degree in education and right now I am just pursuing a technical certificate. I am not sure whether I will continue in this pursuit to a higher degree.	1	2.9
	I already possess a Master's Degree in Education. I am only going for three technical certificates for now. I am not sure what I might do after that.	1	2.9
	I am not to sure yet.	1	2.9
	I am pursuing an secondary education degree and I would like to take UCF classes at Osceola campus VCC.	1	2.9
	I am undecided at this time	1	2.9
	I have a BS in Education, which I am not using. At this time I am pursuing an AS for Sonography	1	2.9
	I have a visual impairment and I am not sure what I will be able to pursue after I finish with my AA degree. I would like to take a Graphic Design direction but I don't know if that will be possible.	1	2.9
	i have one already	1	2.9
	I have to finish my A.A. first.	1	2.9
	I plan to get My A.S. Degree in Nursing and then pursue my Bachelor's to get my Master's	1	2.9
	I think I will need more than 1-2 years. But am planning on it.	1	2.9
	Its too time consuming especially when you have a family.	1	2.9
	master	1	2.9
	my career needs an as degree.	1	2.9
	Not sure of my academic plans after my AS	1	2.9
	Right now I am going for my AS degree, but I am not sure if I am going to change my major.	1	2.9
	School burnout.	1	2.9
	Too old, no money	1	2.9
	Total	35	100.0

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
If you could take all your classes required for your major (junior and senior years) at UCF at Osceola, would you do so?	Probably	44.1%	15
	Maybe	29.4%	10
	No	14.7%	5
	Don't Know	11.8%	4
	Total	100.0%	34

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
What is the highest degree you eventually expect to obtain?	Baccalaureate degree	31.8%	7
	Masters degree	22.7%	5
	Doctorate	13.6%	3
	Other	13.6%	3
	No further study intended	18.2%	4
Total	100.0%	22	

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	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	32	91.4	91.4	91.4
AA or cert.	1	2.9	2.9	94.3
AS in Sonography	1	2.9	2.9	97.1
bachelors	1	2.9	2.9	100.0
Total	35	100.0	100.0	

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
After you receive your associate degree, what are your plans?	Obtain employment in a job related to my interest or studies	65.2%	15
	Continue in present job	13.0%	3
	Take time off	8.7%	2
	Other	13.0%	3
	Total	100.0%	23

**Obtain employment in a job related to my interest or studies
(specify)**

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	NO RESPONSE	21	60.0
	Information Technology	1	2.9
	medical/coder biller	1	2.9
	not sure need aptitude test	1	2.9
	Nuclear Medicine	1	2.9
	Nursing	5	14.3
	Paralegal	1	2.9
	Paramedic	1	2.9
	R.N	1	2.9
	radiology	1	2.9
	Sonography	1	2.9
	Total	35	100.0

**After you receive your associate degree, what are
your plans?(other)**

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	NO RESPONSE	32	91.4
	Continue studying	1	2.9
	Further Studies	1	2.9
	Not getting an AS	1	2.9
	Total	35	100.0

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
While attending	1-10 hours per week	40.6%	13
classes at VCC	11-20 hours per week	31.3%	10
Osceola Campus,	21-39 hours per week	15.6%	5
about how many	Do not expect to be	12.5%	4
hours per week	employed		
are you working for			
pay?	Total	100.0%	32

What is the zip code of your current residence (where you currently live)?

		Frequency	Percent
Valid	32809	1	2.9
	32821	2	5.7
	32824	2	5.7
	32837	1	2.9
	34741	4	11.4
	34742	1	2.9
	34743	4	11.4
	34744	5	14.3
	34746	3	8.6
	34747	1	2.9
	34758	2	5.7
	34759	1	2.9
	34769	4	11.4
	34771	1	2.9
	34772	1	2.9
	Total	33	94.3
Missing	System	2	5.7
Total		35	100.0

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
About how long is your usual commute to the Valencia Community College, Osceola Campus?	Usually 46 minutes or more	3.0%	1
	Usually 31-45 minutes	9.1%	3
	Usually 16-30 minutes	39.4%	13
	Usually 15 minutes or less	48.5%	16
	Total	100.0%	33

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
What is your gender?	Male	9.4%	3
	Female	90.6%	29
	Total	100.0%	32

Joint Survey

		Col %	Count
What is your age?	45 or over	26.5%	9
	35 to 44	14.7%	5
	25 to 34	29.4%	10
	19 to 24	29.4%	10
	Total	100.0%	34

Joint Survey

		Col Response %	Responses
What is your racial or ethnic identification?	Black or African American	6.5%	2
	White	71.0%	22
	Hispanic or Latino	29.0%	9
	Total	106.5%	33