

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

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Background, Methodology, and Major Findings

A survey sponsored by Valencia Community College, West 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 MetroWest.

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

http://oeas.ucf.edu/survey_vcc05.htm

An email invitation was distributed to all students who were taking courses at the VCC, West Campus in Spring 2005 (approximately 13,500 students.) The email invitation from the Provost of the VCC, West 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. Surveys were collected between April 15, 2005 and April 21, 2005.

Respondents

- Completed surveys were received from 1250 students.
- Of those who responded, 1203 were self-identified as West Campus students, the focus of this survey, representing a response rate of 9% of the total population taking courses at VCC, West Campus.

Respondent Characteristics

- A comparison of the survey sample characteristics to the population of eligible respondents was not available for this preliminary report.
- Sixty-seven percent of the sample was female and 33% were male.
- Forty-eight percent were age 24 or less, 29% were age 25-34 and the remaining 23% were 35 or older.
- 43% of the VCC, West Campus respondents completed 46 or more credit hours, while 19% had between 31 and 45, 19% finished between 16-30 and 18% had completed 15 credit hours or less.

Major Findings

Major findings are summarized below.

- 58% of respondents are pursuing an A.A. degree, while 40% are pursuing an A.S.
- 99% of VCC, West Campus A.A. seeking respondents plan to pursue their Baccalaureate degree in the future.
- 91% of VCC, West Campus A.S. seeking respondents plan to pursue their Baccalaureate degree in the future.
- About 20% of VCC, West Campus A.A. degree seeking respondents had met with a UCF adviser.
- About 15% of VCC, West Campus A.S. degree seeking respondents had met with a UCF advisor.
- 68% of A.A. seeking respondents, planning to pursue a bachelor's degree, are planning to attend UCF. While an additional 24% did not know if they would attend UCF.

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- 55% of A.S. degree seeking respondents, who planned to pursue a bachelor's degree, are planning to attend UCF. While an additional 40% did not know if they would attend UCF.
- Only 8% of the A.A. respondents and 6% of the A.S. respondents said they would not attend UCF.
- 84% of respondents pursuing an A.A. and 89% of students pursuing an A.S. reported that if they could take all their classes required for their major (junior and senior years) at UCF at MetroWest (VCC, West Campus) they would do so.
- Of the academic programs for a baccalaureate major included in the survey, respondents named three most often: 1. Nursing with 21% (n=241); 2. Business: General Business with 9.3% (n=106) and Other Business (Business Administration/Marketing/Finance/MIS) with 5.2% (n=59) and 3. Engineering with 9.8% (n=112).
- Only 43 respondents did not specify an intended major.
- 67% of A.A. students and 59% of A.S. students intend to enroll full-time.
- When respondents were asked to specify the times they most preferred to attend classes (CODE ALL THAT APPLY), most students (56%) prefer to attend classes on weekday mornings, followed by weekday evenings (45%) and weekday afternoons (37%).
- 76% of respondents preferred to take live courses, but 27% wanted classes on-line and 39% preferred mixed mode. (Note: This was a CODE All THAT APPLY question.)
- Only 36% of respondents received financial aid that required them to attend school full-time
- 91% of respondents pursuing an A.S. degree said they would be interested in the option of obtaining a 4-year degree without having to complete the additional courses for the A.A. degree.
- About one third (35%) of respondents commute 15 minutes or less to VCC, West Campus, while an additional 38% commute between 16 and 30 minutes.

Results - Tables of Counts and Percents for Each Question

		Column %	Count
1. Are you a West Campus student?	Yes	96.2%	1203
	No	3.8%	47
	Total	100.0%	1250

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		Column %	Count
2. What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at Valencia Community College (VCC)?	A.A.	58.5%	701
	A.S.	39.7%	476
	None	1.8%	22
	Total	100.0%	1199

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		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		TOTAL		A.A.		A.S.	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
3. How many credit hours have you completed towards this degree? (EXCLUDING those in which you are CURRENTLY enrolled)	15 or less	18.3%	219	15.8%	110	21.6%	103
	16 to 30	20.3%	243	20.1%	140	20.8%	99
	31 to 45	18.9%	227	21.5%	150	15.8%	75
	46 or more	42.5%	509	42.7%	298	41.8%	199
	Total	100.0%	1198	100.0%	698	100.0%	476

		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		TOTAL		A.A.		A.S.	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
4. Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the future?	Yes	95.2%	1137	98.9%	688	90.7%	428
	No	4.8%	57	1.1%	8	9.3%	44
	Total	100.0%	1194	100.0%	696	100.0%	472

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		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		TOTAL		A.A.		A.S.	
		Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count
Have you ever met with a UCF advisor?	5(1) Yes, at an information session	11.3%	130	13.0%	90	8.5%	37
	5(2) Yes, at an individual appointment	6.9%	79	7.2%	50	6.0%	26
	5(3) No	83.2%	956	81.6%	565	86.2%	376
	Total	101.4%	1149	101.9%	692	100.7%	436

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		TOTAL					
		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		Total		A.A.		A.S.	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
6. Are you planning to attend UCF to earn a baccalaureate degree?	Yes	63.0%	727	68.2%	474	54.6%	239
	No	7.2%	83	7.9%	55	5.7%	25
	Don't know	29.8%	344	23.9%	166	39.7%	174
	Total	100.0%	1154	100.0%	695	100.0%	438

		TOTAL					
		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		Total		A.A.		A.S.	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
7. If you could take all your classes required for your major (junior and senior years) at UCF at MetroWest (VCC – West Campus), would you do so?	Yes	86.0%	990	83.8%	581	89.2%	390
	No	4.3%	50	5.8%	40	2.3%	10
	Don't know	9.6%	111	10.4%	72	8.5%	37
	Total	100.0%	1151	100.0%	693	100.0%	437

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		TOTAL		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?			
		Total		A.A.		A.S.	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
Intended baccalaureate major or program of study (including 'Other Specify')	Nursing	21.0%	241	8.1%	56	41.4%	181
	Engineering	9.8%	112	9.6%	66	9.4%	41
	General Business	9.3%	106	10.9%	75	7.1%	31
	Computer Science	5.9%	67	3.6%	25	9.6%	42
	Other Business (Busn Admin/Marketing/Finance/MIS)	5.2%	59	6.7%	46	2.7%	12
	Psychology	5.2%	59	7.0%	48	2.3%	10
	Accounting	4.5%	52	5.8%	40	2.5%	11
	Arts (Architecture, Culinary, Graphics, History, Journalism,	4.1%	47	4.9%	34	2.7%	12
	Elementary Education	4.0%	46	6.0%	41	1.1%	5
	Don't know	3.8%	43	4.1%	28	3.0%	13
	Biology (including Micro and Molecular)	3.0%	34	4.5%	31	.7%	3
	Medical (Pre-Med/Med Lab/Pharmacy/Respiratory Therapist)	2.4%	28	3.3%	23	1.1%	5
	Hospitality	2.3%	26	1.0%	7	4.1%	18
	Radiology	2.1%	24	1.3%	9	3.4%	15
	Health (Health Admin/Info/Sciences, Occup Therapy, Athletic	2.1%	24	2.9%	20	.9%	4
	Political Science	2.1%	24	2.8%	19	.9%	4
	Criminal Justice	1.9%	22	2.6%	18	.9%	4
	Sciences (Chemistry, Forensics, Environmental)	1.7%	20	2.5%	17	.7%	3
	Legal Studies	1.2%	14	1.2%	8	1.4%	6
	Liberal Studies	1.1%	13	1.0%	7	1.1%	5
	Fine Arts (Art, Music, Theater)	1.0%	12	1.5%	10	.5%	2
	Other Education	1.0%	12	1.5%	10	.5%	2
	English	1.0%	11	1.5%	10	.2%	1
Social Work	.8%	9	1.0%	7	.2%	1	

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Communication	.7%	8	1.2%	8	.0%	0
Sociology or Anthropology	.7%	8	1.2%	8	.0%	0
Human Resources	.6%	7	.6%	4	.5%	2
Advertising/PR	.5%	6	.7%	5	.2%	1
Exceptional Education	.4%	5	.6%	4	.2%	1
Dentistry and Dental Hygiene	.3%	4	.3%	2	.5%	2
Film	.2%	2	.3%	2	.0%	0
Total	100.0%	1145	100.0%	688	100.0%	437

		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		TOTAL		A.A.		A.S.	
		Total		A.A.		A.S.	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
9. Do you intend to enroll as a full-time or part-time student?	Full-time	66.9%	767	71.6%	495	59.5%	259
	Part-time	33.1%	379	28.4%	196	40.5%	176
	Total	100.0%	1146	100.0%	691	100.0%	435

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		TOTAL		A.A.		A.S.	
		Total Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count
When would you prefer to attend classes?	10(1) Prefer to attend classes on Weekday Mornings	56.0%	645	60.5%	419	49.3%	216
	10(2) Prefer to attend classes on Weekday Afternoons	36.9%	425	39.2%	272	33.6%	147
	10(3) Prefer to attend classes on Weekday Evenings	44.6%	513	42.1%	292	49.5%	217
	10(4) Prefer to attend classes on Weekends	19.0%	219	17.6%	122	21.9%	96
	10(5) No preference on when to attend classes at this site	11.7%	135	9.7%	67	14.4%	63
	Total	168.3%	1151	169.1%	693	168.7%	438

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		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		TOTAL		A.A.		A.S.	
		Total			Total		
		Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count
What type of classes would you take?	10(1) Prefer to take classes Live	76.2%	875	79.2%	547	70.9%	310
	10(2) Prefer to take classes On-line	26.6%	305	24.7%	171	29.1%	127
	10(3) Prefer to take classes Mixed	38.9%	446	35.3%	244	45.3%	198
	10(4) Prefer to take classes Video	7.1%	81	6.7%	46	8.0%	35
	10(5) No preference on type of classes at this site	4.0%	46	3.8%	26	4.6%	20
Total		152.7%	1148	149.6%	691	157.9%	437

		What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC?					
		TOTAL		A.A.		A.S.	
		Total			Total		
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
12. Do you currently receive financial aid which requires you to go to school full-time?	Yes	35.6%	409	35.6%	247	35.5%	154
	No	64.4%	740	64.4%	447	64.5%	280
	Total	100.0%	1149	100.0%	694	100.0%	434

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Q13 IS OF WEST CAMPUS STUDENTS WHO ARE PURSUING AN A.S.:

		TOTAL					
		4. Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the future?					
		Total		Yes		No	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
13. If you are pursuing an A.S. degree, would you be interested in the option of obtaining a 4-year degree without having to complete the additional courses for the A.A. degree?	Yes	90.9%	427	91.3%	386	86.0%	37
	No	8.1%	38	7.8%	33	11.6%	5
	Not pursuing an A.S. degree	1.1%	5	.9%	4	2.3%	1
	Total	100.0%	470	100.0%	423	100.0%	43

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		TOTAL					
		4. Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the future?					
		Total		Yes		No	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
14. What is the zip code of your current residence (where you currently live)?	32159	1.1%	13	1.1%	13	.0%	0
	32608	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
	32701	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
	32703	.4%	5	.4%	5	.0%	0
	32704	1.9%	23	1.9%	22	1.8%	1
	32707	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
	32707	.3%	4	.4%	4	.0%	0
	32708	.4%	5	.4%	5	.0%	0
	32709	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
	32712	2.2%	27	2.2%	25	3.5%	2
	32714	.7%	9	.7%	8	1.8%	1
	32726	.3%	4	.4%	4	.0%	0
	32738	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
	32746	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
	32750	.2%	3	.3%	3	.0%	0
	32751	.7%	9	.8%	9	.0%	0
	32757	.1%	1	.0%	0	1.8%	1
	32765	.4%	5	.4%	5	.0%	0
	32766	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0

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32771	.2%	3	.3%	3	.0%	0
32773	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
32776	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
32778	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
32779	.3%	4	.4%	4	.0%	0
32780	.1%	1	.0%	0	1.8%	1
32789	.7%	9	.8%	9	.0%	0
32792	.7%	9	.5%	6	5.3%	3
32798	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
32801	.6%	7	.6%	7	.0%	0
32803	.8%	10	.8%	9	1.8%	1
32804	.9%	11	1.0%	11	.0%	0
32805	1.5%	18	1.5%	17	1.8%	1
32806	1.0%	12	1.1%	12	.0%	0
32807	.5%	6	.5%	6	.0%	0
32808	3.9%	47	4.0%	45	3.5%	2
32809	2.7%	32	2.6%	30	3.5%	2
32810	2.0%	24	1.9%	22	3.5%	2
32811	7.0%	84	7.1%	81	5.3%	3
32812	1.8%	22	1.7%	19	5.3%	3
32814	.1%	1	.0%	0	.0%	0
32817	.7%	9	.8%	9	.0%	0
32818	6.1%	73	6.2%	70	3.5%	2
32819	3.3%	40	3.2%	36	7.0%	4
32820	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
32821	2.1%	25	1.9%	22	3.5%	2
32822	1.5%	18	1.4%	16	3.5%	2
32824	2.2%	27	2.2%	25	.0%	0
32825	1.4%	17	1.5%	17	.0%	0
32826	.5%	6	.5%	6	.0%	0
32827	.2%	3	.3%	3	.0%	0
32828	1.2%	15	1.2%	14	1.8%	1
32829	.4%	5	.4%	5	.0%	0
32830	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
32832	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
32833	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
32835	9.7%	117	9.8%	111	7.0%	4
32836	1.7%	20	1.8%	20	.0%	0

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32837	4.6%	55	4.7%	53	1.8%	1
32838	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
32839	4.4%	53	4.4%	50	3.5%	2
32926	.1%	1	.0%	0	1.8%	1
32934	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
33813	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
33837	.8%	10	.9%	10	.0%	0
33838	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
33868	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
33880	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
33896	.4%	5	.4%	5	.0%	0
33897	.2%	2	.2%	2	.0%	0
33935	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
34711	1.9%	23	2.0%	23	.0%	0
34714	.2%	3	.3%	3	.0%	0
34715	.3%	4	.4%	4	.0%	0
34734	.8%	10	.8%	9	1.8%	1
34736	.3%	4	.3%	3	1.8%	1
34741	1.3%	16	1.4%	16	.0%	0
34743	1.9%	23	1.9%	22	1.8%	1
34744	1.4%	17	1.3%	15	3.5%	2
34745	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
34746	1.2%	14	1.1%	13	1.8%	1
34747	.7%	8	.6%	7	1.8%	1
34756	.3%	4	.3%	3	1.8%	1
34758	.9%	11	1.0%	11	.0%	0
34759	.3%	4	.4%	4	.0%	0
34760	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
34761	4.8%	58	4.7%	54	7.0%	4
34769	.6%	7	.6%	7	.0%	0
34771	.2%	3	.3%	3	.0%	0
34772	.3%	4	.4%	4	.0%	0
34786	1.3%	16	1.3%	15	1.8%	1
34787	2.7%	32	2.7%	31	1.8%	1
34818	.1%	1	.0%	0	1.8%	1
37807	.1%	1	.1%	1	.0%	0
Total	100.0%	1203	100.0%	1137	100.0%	57

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		TOTAL		4. Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the future?			
		Total		Yes		No	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
15. About how long is your usual commute to the VCC West Campus?	Usually 15 minutes or less	35.1%	417	35.0%	393	38.6%	22
	Usually 16 to 30 minutes	38.2%	454	38.0%	426	36.8%	21
	Usually 31 to 45 minutes	19.1%	227	19.3%	217	17.5%	10
	Usually 46 minutes or more	7.6%	90	7.7%	86	7.0%	4
	Total	100.0%	1188	100.0%	1122	100.0%	57

		TOTAL		4. Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the future?			
		Total		Yes		No	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
16. What is your gender?	Male	33.1%	394	33.0%	371	36.8%	21
	Female	66.9%	795	67.0%	752	63.2%	36
	Total	100.0%	1189	100.0%	1123	100.0%	57

		TOTAL		4. Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the future?			
		Total		Yes		No	
		Column %	Count	Column %	Count	Column %	Count
17. What is your age?	18 or under	4.4%	53	4.5%	51	3.5%	2
	19 to 24	43.6%	520	43.9%	495	35.1%	20
	25 to 34	29.2%	348	29.3%	330	28.1%	16
	35 to 44	15.5%	185	15.4%	173	17.5%	10
	45 and over	7.3%	87	6.9%	78	15.8%	9
	Total	100.0%	1193	100.0%	1127	100.0%	57

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		TOTAL		4. Do you plan to pursue a Baccalaureate degree at a university or college in the future?			
		Total		Yes		No	
		Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count	Column Response % (Base: Count)	Count
What is your racial or ethnic identification?	18(1) White	51.4%	594	50.9%	556	63.6%	35
	18(2) Hispanic or Latino	20.3%	235	20.1%	220	20.0%	11
	18(3) Black or African-American	19.7%	228	20.3%	222	10.9%	6
	18(4) Asian	6.8%	78	6.6%	72	9.1%	5
	18(5) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	.6%	7	.6%	7	.0%	0
	18(6) Native American or Alaskan Native	1.4%	16	1.5%	16	.0%	0
	18(7) Other	4.9%	57	5.1%	56	1.8%	1
	Total	105.2%	1155	105.2%	1092	105.5%	55