

**Plans for Further Education
A Joint Survey of Lake Sumter Community College and the University of
Central Florida**

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Background, Methodology, and Major Findings

A survey sponsored by Lake Sumter Community College (LSCC) and the University of Central Florida was initiated to inform the planned expansion of academic programs offered at University of Central Florida at South Lake.

UCF Operational Excellence and Assessment Support staff and a planning committee with membership from Lake Sumter and UCF designed the survey instrument collaboratively. The instrument was designed to assess Lake Sumter Community College students' intended plans for further education.

Surveys were distributed in class to students who were taking courses at the Lake Sumter Community College in Spring 2005. Surveys were collected between April 25, 2005 and April 29, 2005.

Respondents

- Completed surveys were received from 634 students.

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.
- Twenty-five percent were age 18 or under, 49% were age 19-24, 12% were age 25-34 and the remaining 14% were 35 or older.
- Of those respondents who were pursuing a degree (A.A., A.S. or A.A.S.), 23% completed 46 or more credit hours, while 18% had between 31 and 45 credits, 25% finished between 16-30 and 34% had completed 15 credit hours or less.

Major Findings

Major findings are summarized below.

- 68% of respondents are pursuing an A.A. degree, while 16% are pursuing an A.S., and 4% are taking an A.A.S. degree.
- 96% of LSCC A.A. degrees seeking respondents plan to pursue their Baccalaureate degree in the future.
- Only 65% of LSCC respondents seeking A.S. or A.A.S. degrees plan to pursue their Baccalaureate degree in the future.
- About 21% of the LSCC A.A. degree seeking respondents had met with a UCF adviser.
- About 18% of the LSCC A.S. or A.A.S. degree seeking respondents had met with a UCF advisor.
- 57% of A.A. degree seeking respondents, who planned to pursue a bachelor's degree, are planning to attend UCF.
- 61% of A.S. or A.A.S. seeking respondents, planning to pursue a bachelor's degree, are planning to attend UCF.
- 43% of the A.A. respondents and 39% of the A.S. or A.A.S. respondents said they would not attend UCF.
- 55% of respondents pursuing an A.A. and 62% of students pursuing an A.S. or A.A.S. reported that if they could take all their classes required for their major (junior and senior years) at UCF at Southlake, they would

do so. While 19% pursuing an AA. And 26% pursuing an A.S. or A.A.S. said they would prefer to take their Baccalaureate at the Leesburg campus.

- Most respondents (45%) did not specify a baccalaureate major: 25% (n=158) gave no response to the question (left it blank), while 20% said they didn't know their major (n=126.)
- Of the academic programs for a baccalaureate major included in the survey, respondents named three most often: 1. Elementary Education with 12% (n=77); 2. Nursing with 10.1% (n=65), and 3. Business: General Business with 9.2% (n=59) and Other Business (Accounting) with 2.2% (n=14).
- 80% of A.A. students and 74% of A.S. or A.A.S. students intend to enroll full-time.
- When respondents were asked to code the times they most preferred to attend classes (CODE ALL THAT APPLY), most students (60%) prefer to attend classes on weekday mornings, followed by weekday afternoons (40%) and weekday evenings (30%).
- 80% of respondents preferred to take live courses, but 12% wanted classes on-line and 23% preferred mixed mode. (Note: This was a CODE All THAT APPLY question.)
- Only 35% of respondents received financial aid that required them to attend school full-time
- 92% 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.
- 46% of respondents commute 15 minutes or less to LSCC, while an additional 36% commute between 16 and 30 minutes.

Results - Tables of Counts and Percents for Each Question

| | | Column % | Count |
|--|-------------|----------|-------|
| 1. Which Lake Sumter Campus do you attend primarily? | Lake Sumter | 9.4% | 59 |
| | Leesburg | 56.3% | 352 |
| | South Lake | 34.2% | 214 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 625 |

| | | Column % | Count |
|--|--------|----------|-------|
| 2. What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at Lake Sumter Community College (LSCC)? | A.A. | 67.6% | 418 |
| | A.S. | 16.0% | 99 |
| | A.A.S. | 3.7% | 23 |
| | Other | 5.5% | 34 |
| | None | 7.1% | 44 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 618 |

Questions 3 and 4 are only of those pursuing an A.A., A.S., A.A.S., or Other degree at LSCC:

| | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | | | | | |
|--|------------|--|-------|----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | TOTAL | | A.A. | | A.S./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 | 33.9% | 200 | 35.8% | 148 | 30.0% | 36 |
| | 16 to 30 | 24.9% | 147 | 19.6% | 81 | 39.2% | 47 |
| | 31 to 45 | 18.1% | 107 | 18.9% | 78 | 18.3% | 22 |
| | 46 or more | 23.1% | 136 | 25.7% | 106 | 12.5% | 15 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 590 | 100.0% | 413 | 100.0% | 120 |

| | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | | | | | |
|---|-------|--|-------|----------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | TOTAL | | A.A. | | A.S./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 | 89.5% | 531 | 96.4% | 400 | 65.0% | 78 |
| | No | 10.5% | 62 | 3.6% | 15 | 35.0% | 42 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 593 | 100.0% | 415 | 100.0% | 120 |

Questions 5 – 12 are only of those planning to pursue a 4-year degree:

| | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | | | | | |
|--|--|--|-------|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | | TOTAL | | A.A. | | A.S./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 while attending LSCC? | 5(1) Yes, at an information session | 10.1% | 55 | 11.2% | 45 | 7.0% | 6 |
| | 5(2) Yes, at an individual appointment | 9.2% | 50 | 9.5% | 38 | 10.5% | 9 |
| | 5(3) No | 81.0% | 440 | 79.6% | 320 | 82.6% | 71 |
| | Total | 100.4% | 543 | 100.2% | 402 | 100.0% | 86 |

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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./A.A.S. | | | |
| | | Column % | Count | Column % | Count | Column % | Count | | |
| 6. Are you planning to attend UCF to earn a baccalaureate degree? | Yes | 56.6% | 209 | 57.5% | 158 | 60.7% | 34 | | |
| | No | 43.4% | 160 | 42.5% | 117 | 39.3% | 22 | | |
| | Total | 100.0% | 369 | 100.0% | 275 | 100.0% | 56 | | |

| | | TOTAL | | | | | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | |
|---|--|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| | | Total | | A.A. | | A.S./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 South Lake (at the LSCC campus in Clermont), would you? | Yes | 54.9% | 257 | 54.5% | 187 | 62.3% | 48 | | |
| | No | 23.1% | 108 | 26.2% | 90 | 11.7% | 9 | | |
| | Would prefer to take them at the Leesburg campus | 22.0% | 103 | 19.2% | 66 | 26.0% | 20 | | |
| | Total | 100.0% | 468 | 100.0% | 343 | 100.0% | 77 | | |

| | | TOTAL | | | | | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------------|-------|--|--|
| | | Total | | A.A. | | A.S./A.A.S. | | | |
| | | Column % | Count | Column % | Count | Column % | Count | | |
| 8. What is your intended baccalaureate major or program of study? | NO RESPONSE | 24.6% | 158 | 14.8% | 62 | 31.1% | 38 | | |
| | Don't know/Undeclared major | 19.6% | 126 | 23.9% | 100 | 9.0% | 11 | | |
| | Elementary Education | 12.0% | 77 | 15.8% | 66 | 4.1% | 5 | | |
| | Nursing | 10.1% | 65 | 5.0% | 21 | 27.9% | 34 | | |
| | Other | 9.8% | 63 | 13.4% | 56 | 3.3% | 4 | | |
| | General Business | 9.2% | 59 | 10.5% | 44 | 7.4% | 9 | | |
| | Psychology | 3.3% | 21 | 3.8% | 16 | 1.6% | 2 | | |
| | Accounting | 2.2% | 14 | 2.6% | 11 | 2.5% | 3 | | |
| | Computer Science | 2.0% | 13 | 1.9% | 8 | 3.3% | 4 | | |
| | Legal Studies | 1.6% | 10 | 1.4% | 6 | 2.5% | 3 | | |
| | Criminal Justice | 1.6% | 10 | 1.4% | 6 | 3.3% | 4 | | |
| | Engineering | 1.4% | 9 | 1.4% | 6 | 2.5% | 3 | | |
| | Film | .8% | 5 | 1.0% | 4 | .8% | 1 | | |

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|---------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Exceptional Education | .8% | 5 | 1.2% | 5 | .0% | 0 |
| Liberal Studies | .6% | 4 | .7% | 3 | .8% | 1 |
| Political Science | .5% | 3 | .7% | 3 | .0% | 0 |
| Sociology or Anthropology | .2% | 1 | .2% | 1 | .0% | 0 |
| Social Work | .0% | 0 | .0% | 0 | .0% | 0 |
| Total | 100.0% | 643 | 100.0% | 418 | 100.0% | 122 |

| | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| | | TOTAL | | A.A. | | A.S./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 | 79.1% | 391 | 79.7% | 291 | 73.8% | 59 |
| | Part-time | 20.9% | 103 | 20.3% | 74 | 26.3% | 21 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 494 | 100.0% | 365 | 100.0% | 80 |

| | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | | TOTAL | | A.A. | | A.S./A.A.S. | |
| | | 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 | 59.6% | 326 | 58.5% | 235 | 63.6% | 56 |
| | 10(2) Prefer to attend classes on Weekday Afternoons | 39.9% | 218 | 40.8% | 164 | 39.8% | 35 |
| | 10(3) Prefer to attend classes on Weekday Evenings | 29.6% | 162 | 31.8% | 128 | 25.0% | 22 |
| | 10(4) Prefer to attend classes on Weekends | 7.3% | 40 | 6.0% | 24 | 13.6% | 12 |
| | 10(5) No preference on when to attend classes at this site | 10.4% | 57 | 10.0% | 40 | 12.5% | 11 |
| Total | 146.8% | 547 | 147.0% | 402 | 154.5% | 88 | |

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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./A.A.S. | | | |
| | | Column Response % (Base: Count) | Count | Column Response % (Base: Count) | Count | Column Response % (Base: Count) | Count | | |
| What types of classes would you prefer to take? | 11(1) Prefer to take classes Live | 79.6% | 433 | 80.8% | 323 | 73.9% | 65 | | |
| | 11(2) Prefer to take classes On-line | 11.6% | 63 | 9.8% | 39 | 14.8% | 13 | | |
| | 11(3) Prefer to take classes Mixed | 22.6% | 123 | 20.5% | 82 | 31.8% | 28 | | |
| | 11(4) Prefer to take classes Video | 2.0% | 11 | 2.0% | 8 | 2.3% | 2 | | |
| | 11(5) No preference on type of classes at this site | 5.1% | 28 | 5.8% | 23 | 3.4% | 3 | | |
| Total | | 121.0% | 544 | 118.8% | 400 | 126.1% | 88 | | |

| | | TOTAL | | | | What type of degree are you pursuing, or do you intend to pursue at VCC? | |
|--|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|--|-------|
| | | Total | | A.A. | | A.S./A.A.S. | |
| | | Column % | Count | Column % | Count | Column % | Count |
| 12. Do you currently receive financial aid which requires you to go to school full-time? | Yes | 34.9% | 189 | 34.2% | 136 | 35.6% | 31 |
| | No | 65.1% | 352 | 65.8% | 262 | 64.4% | 56 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 541 | 100.0% | 398 | 100.0% | 87 |

Question 13 are of those pursuing an A.A., A.S., A.A.S., or Other degree at LSCC:

| | | 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 | 88.4% | 84 | 91.9% | 57 | 81.8% | 27 |
| | No | 9.5% | 9 | 6.5% | 4 | 15.2% | 5 |
| | Not pursuing an A.S. degree | 2.1% | 2 | 1.6% | 1 | 3.0% | 1 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 95 | 100.0% | 62 | 100.0% | 33 |

The remaining questions are of all respondents:

| | | 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 LSCC campus you attend? | Usually 15 minutes or less | 45.8% | 290 | 45.6% | 238 | 36.1% | 22 |
| | Usually 16 to 30 minutes | 36.2% | 229 | 36.2% | 189 | 39.3% | 24 |
| | Usually 31 to 45 minutes | 11.5% | 73 | 11.7% | 61 | 14.8% | 9 |
| | Usually 46 minutes or more | 6.5% | 41 | 6.5% | 34 | 9.8% | 6 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 633 | 100.0% | 522 | 100.0% | 61 |

| | | 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 | 32.6% | 207 | 34.9% | 183 | 9.8% | 6 |
| | Female | 67.4% | 427 | 65.1% | 342 | 90.2% | 55 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 634 | 100.0% | 525 | 100.0% | 61 |

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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 |
| 17. What is your age? | 18 or under | 25.6% | 163 | 23.9% | 126 | 10.0% | 6 |
| | 19 to 24 | 48.7% | 310 | 52.1% | 275 | 38.3% | 23 |
| | 25 to 34 | 11.9% | 76 | 12.1% | 64 | 16.7% | 10 |
| | 35 to 44 | 9.1% | 58 | 8.3% | 44 | 21.7% | 13 |
| | 45 and over | 4.7% | 30 | 3.6% | 19 | 13.3% | 8 |
| | Total | 100.0% | 637 | 100.0% | 528 | 100.0% | 60 |

| | | 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 | 80.1% | 506 | 79.0% | 414 | 81.7% | 49 |
| | 18(2) Hispanic or Latino | 7.8% | 49 | 7.8% | 41 | 6.7% | 4 |
| | 18(3) Black or African-American | 7.1% | 45 | 7.3% | 38 | 8.3% | 5 |
| | 18(4) Asian | 3.6% | 23 | 4.0% | 21 | 1.7% | 1 |
| | 18(5) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 1.1% | 7 | 1.1% | 6 | 1.7% | 1 |
| | 18(6) Native American or Alaskan Native | 2.1% | 13 | 2.1% | 11 | 1.7% | 1 |
| | 18(7) Other | 3.2% | 20 | 3.6% | 19 | .0% | 0 |
| | Total | 104.9% | 632 | 105.0% | 524 | 101.7% | 60 |