

# Graduating Student Survey Spring 2024 College of Education

By the Office of Planning & Assessment

**University of Houston-Clear Lake**

## Summary of the Survey

The purpose of the Graduating Student Survey is to determine the level of satisfaction of students with their recent higher education experience at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL). In addition, we solicit the students' opinions regarding which areas or issues need improvement to ensure that UHCL maintains the highest quality of instruction and support. Finally, the percentage of students who would recommend UHCL to family or friends is included in the UHCL progress card each year and is on the next page.

We conduct the Graduating Student Surveys in the fall and spring semesters using Qualtrics, a cloud-based software often used to capture a user's experience. The Office of Planning and Assessment sent an invitation to all students who applied for graduation during the Spring 2024 semester to complete the survey on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The survey was active through May 12<sup>th</sup>. You'll find the data grouped by college, degree level, gender, ethnicity, and program. The following pages summarize data collected in the Graduating Student Survey Spring 2024 by UHCL on the College of Education.

The final reports are posted online at:

<https://www.uhcl.edu/about/administrative-offices/institutional-research/survey-data>

## College of Education

### Demographics

#### Respondents:

235 graduating COE students were invited to participate. During this collection period, 179 students started the survey. The response rate for this survey is 76.2%.

|        |      |              |
|--------|------|--------------|
| Fall   | 2023 | 46.8%        |
| Spring | 2023 | 37.9%        |
| Fall   | 2022 | 41.5%        |
| Spring | 2022 | 37.7%        |
| Fall   | 2021 | 44.4%        |
| Spring | 2021 | 27.1%        |
| Fall   | 2020 | Not Captured |
| Spring | 2020 | 23.7%        |
| Fall   | 2019 | 39.5%        |
| Spring | 2019 | 27.0%        |

#### Gender:

|                         |     |        |
|-------------------------|-----|--------|
| Female                  | 156 | 87.15% |
| Male                    | 11  | 6.15%  |
| Non-binary/third gender | 0   | 0.00%  |
| Prefer not to respond   | 0   | 0.00%  |
| No Response             | 12  | 6.70%  |

#### Ethnicity:

|                                     |    |        |
|-------------------------------------|----|--------|
| American Indian or Alaskan Native   | 0  | 0.00%  |
| Asian                               | 4  | 2.23%  |
| Black or African American           | 19 | 10.61% |
| Hispanic                            | 85 | 47.49% |
| Multi-racial                        | 2  | 1.12%  |
| Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander | 0  | 0.00%  |
| Other                               | 3  | 1.68%  |
| White                               | 58 | 32.40% |
| Prefer to not respond               | 4  | 2.23%  |
| No Response                         | 12 | 6.70%  |

#### Citizenship:

|                            |     |        |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|
| International              | 2   | 1.12%  |
| U.S. Citizen               | 161 | 89.94% |
| U.S. Resident (Green Card) | 3   | 1.68%  |
| Prefer to not respond      | 1   | 0.56%  |
| No response                | 12  | 6.70%  |

**College of Education  
Overall Satisfaction**

**The overall education received at UHCL was one of high quality.**

|                            |     |        |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|
| Strongly agree             | 124 | 69.27% |
| Somewhat agree             | 36  | 20.11% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 4   | 2.23%  |
| Somewhat disagree          | 7   | 3.91%  |
| Strongly disagree          | 2   | 1.12%  |
| No response                | 6   | 3.35%  |

**I would recommend UHCL to friends and family considering college.**

|                            |     |        |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|
| Strongly agree             | 130 | 72.62% |
| Somewhat agree             | 24  | 13.40% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 9   | 5.02%  |
| Somewhat disagree          | 4   | 2.23%  |
| Strongly disagree          | 4   | 2.23%  |
| No response                | 8   | 4.47%  |

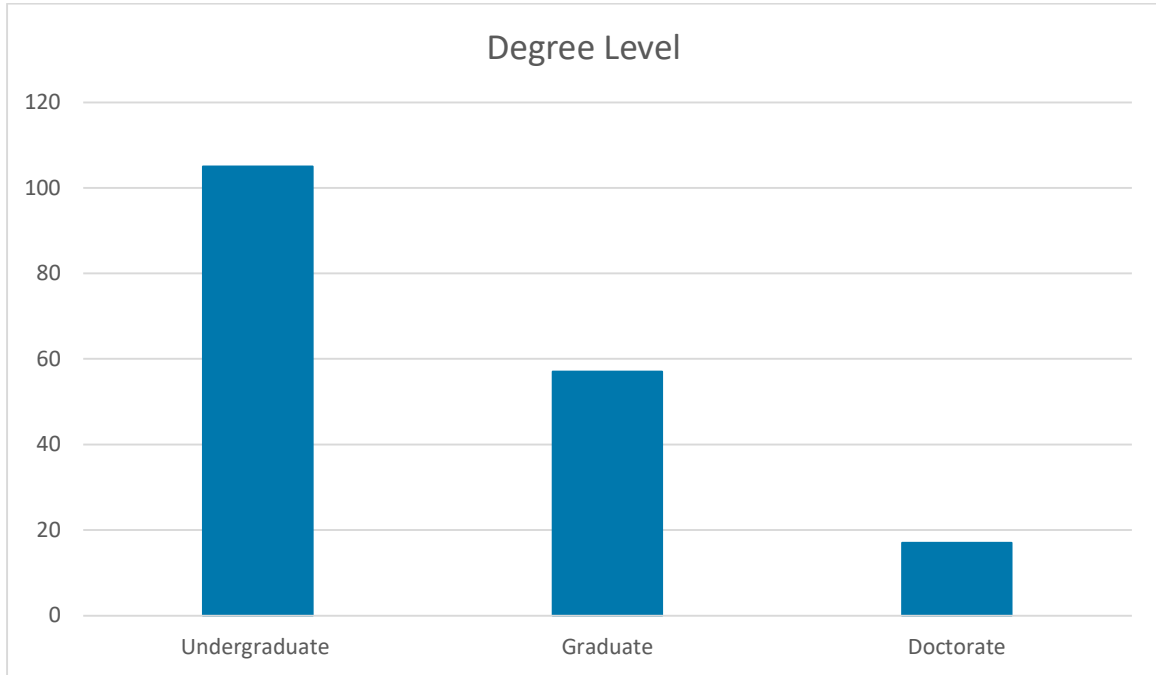
**If I were to start over, I would still choose to attend UHCL.**

|                            |     |        |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|
| Strongly agree             | 124 | 69.27% |
| Somewhat agree             | 19  | 10.61% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 16  | 8.93%  |
| Somewhat disagree          | 5   | 2.80%  |
| Strongly disagree          | 8   | 4.47%  |
| No response                | 7   | 3.91%  |

**If I were to start over, I would still choose the same program of study.**

|                            |     |        |
|----------------------------|-----|--------|
| Strongly agree             | 118 | 65.92% |
| Somewhat agree             | 30  | 16.75% |
| Neither agree nor disagree | 12  | 6.70%  |
| Somewhat disagree          | 7   | 3.91%  |
| Strongly disagree          | 6   | 3.35%  |
| No response                | 6   | 3.35%  |

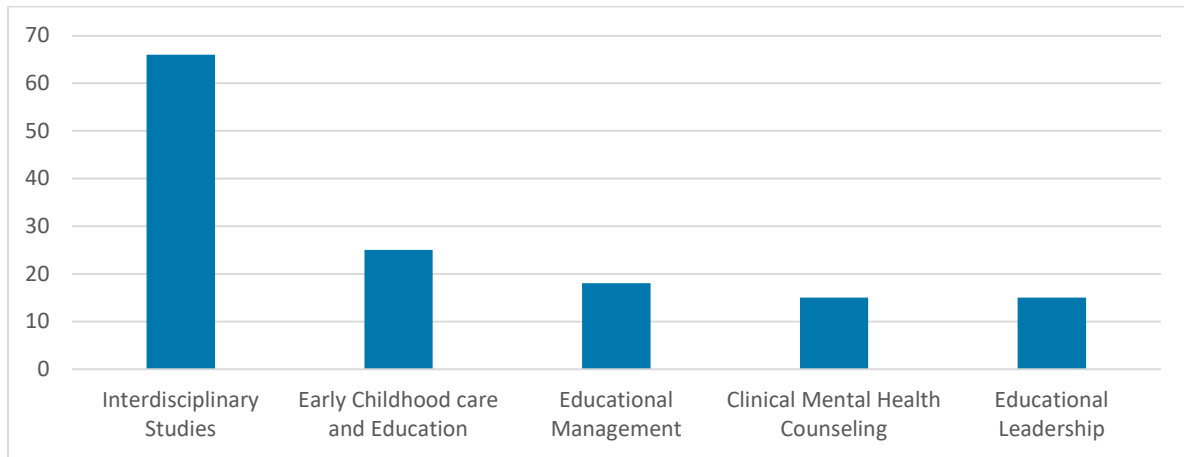
## What will be your degree level?



| Degree        | Count of Responses | Percentage     |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Undergraduate | 105                | 58.66%         |
| Graduate      | 57                 | 31.84%         |
| Doctorate     | 17                 | 9.50%          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>179</b>         | <b>100.00%</b> |

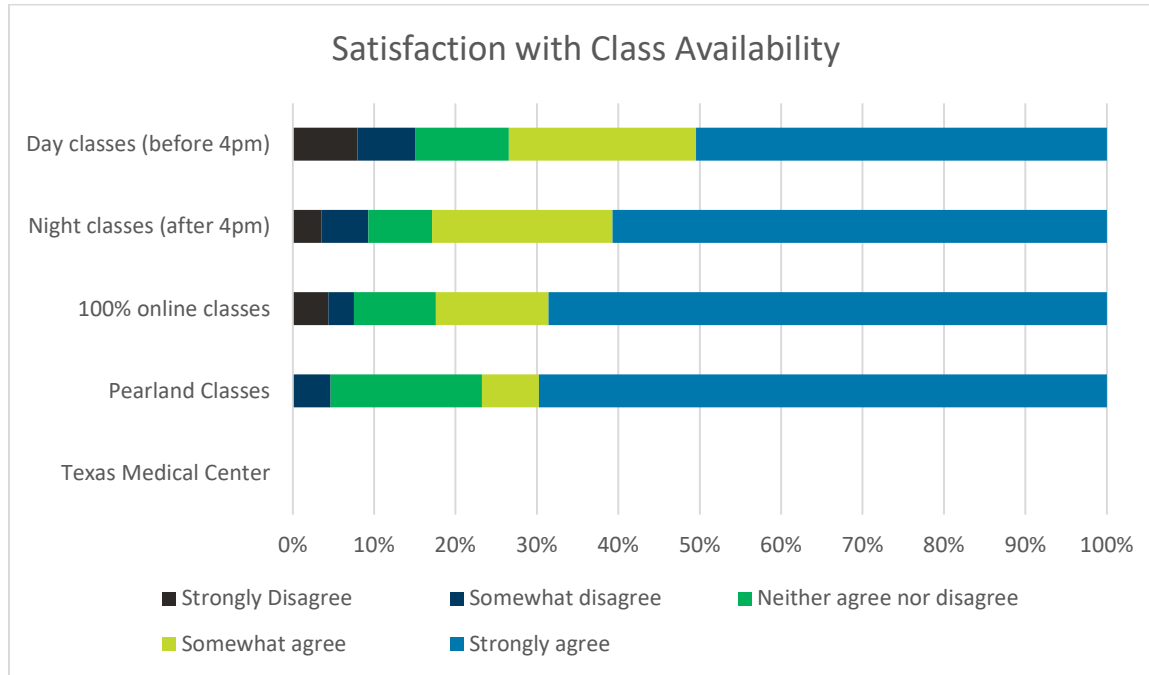
## What is your primary degree program in the College of Education?

### Top 5



| Degree                               | Count |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Addictions Counseling                | 1     |
| Clinical Mental Health Counseling    | 15    |
| Counseling                           | 1     |
| Curriculum & Instruction             | 5     |
| Early Childhood Care and Education   | 25    |
| Early Childhood Education            | 4     |
| Education (BSE)                      | 10    |
| Educational Leadership               | 15    |
| Educational Management               | 18    |
| Instructional Design and Technology  | 2     |
| Interdisciplinary Studies            | 66    |
| Multicultural Studies in Education   | 1     |
| Obtained a dual degree               | 4     |
| Reading                              | 2     |
| School Library & Information Science | 8     |
| Teaching                             | 3     |

**I was satisfied with the availability of classes at the following times & locations.**



| <b>Time/Location</b>              | <b>Strongly disagree</b> | <b>Somewhat disagree</b> | <b>Neither agree nor disagree</b> | <b>Somewhat agree</b> | <b>Strongly agree</b> | <b>Blank/Not applicable</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Day classes (before 4 pm)</b>  | 9                        | 8                        | 13                                | 26                    | 57                    | 66                          |
| <b>Night classes (after 4 pm)</b> | 5                        | 8                        | 11                                | 31                    | 85                    | 39                          |
| <b>100% online classes</b>        | 7                        | 5                        | 16                                | 22                    | 109                   | 20                          |
| <b>Pearland Classes</b>           | 0                        | 2                        | 8                                 | 3                     | 30                    | 136                         |
| <b>Texas Medical Center</b>       | 0                        | 0                        | 0                                 | 0                     | 0                     | 179                         |

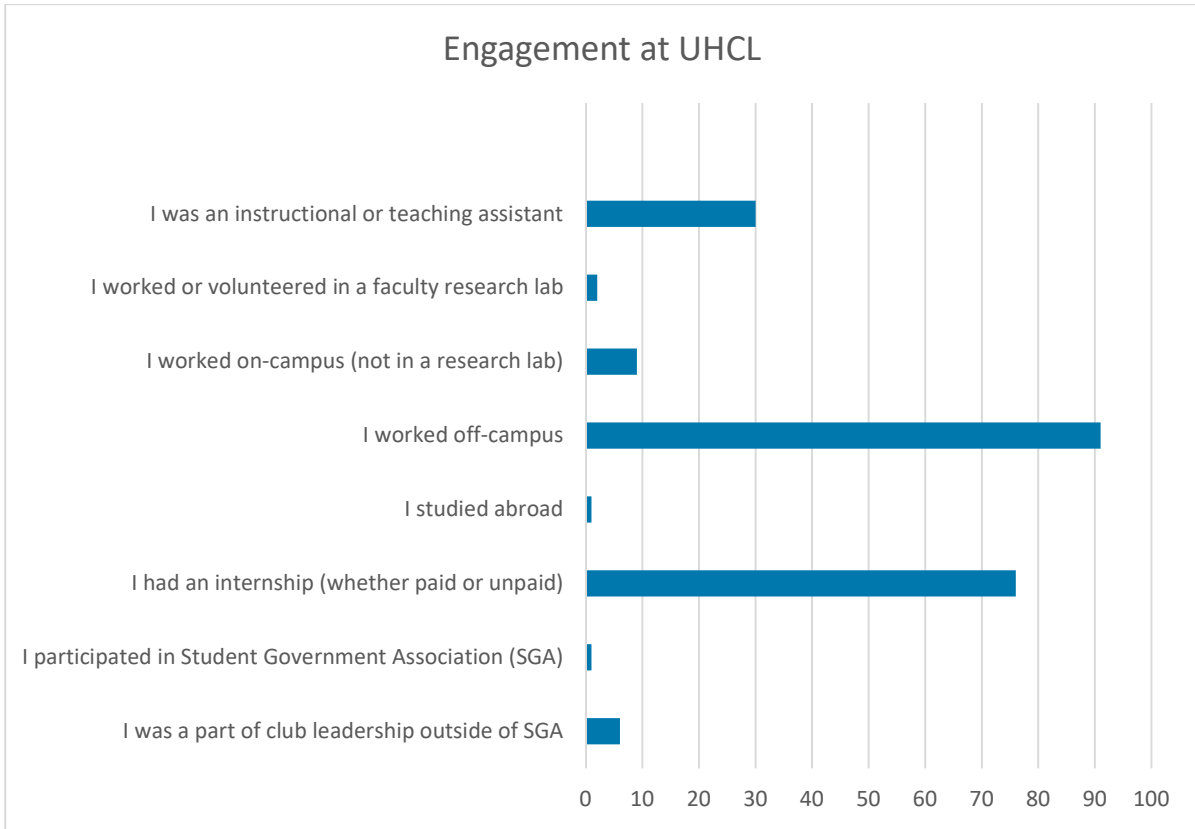
**Please indicate your level of agreement with how well your program prepared you in each of the following areas:**



| Area   | Strongly disagree | Somewhat disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Somewhat agree | Strongly agree | Blank/Not applicable |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Think critically   | 1                 | 3                 | 5                          | 30             | 128            | 12                   |
| Write effectively  | 0                 | 6                 | 8                          | 28             | 128            | 9                    |
| Speak effectively  | 0                 | 4                 | 10                         | 42             | 114            | 9                    |
| Apply & manage information technology effectively                | 0                 | 2                 | 10                         | 45             | 112            | 10                   |
| Work effectively in a team environment                           | 0                 | 5                 | 11                         | 29             | 124            | 10                   |
| Develop intercultural awareness                                  | 0                 | 6                 | 10                         | 35             | 120            | 8                    |
| Understand the ethical commitments of professional life          | 0                 | 3                 | 8                          | 26             | 133            | 9                    |
| Become more conscientious about my role as a responsible citizen | 1                 | 5                 | 15                         | 21             | 126            | 11                   |
| Build skills that develop an awareness of local and global needs | 1                 | 3                 | 18                         | 28             | 118            | 11                   |
| Have the skills and knowledge needed for employment in my field  | 1                 | 3                 | 4                          | 27             | 136            | 8                    |

**Please select the box for each activity you did while a student at UHCL, regardless of when or how often you did so. Check all that apply.**

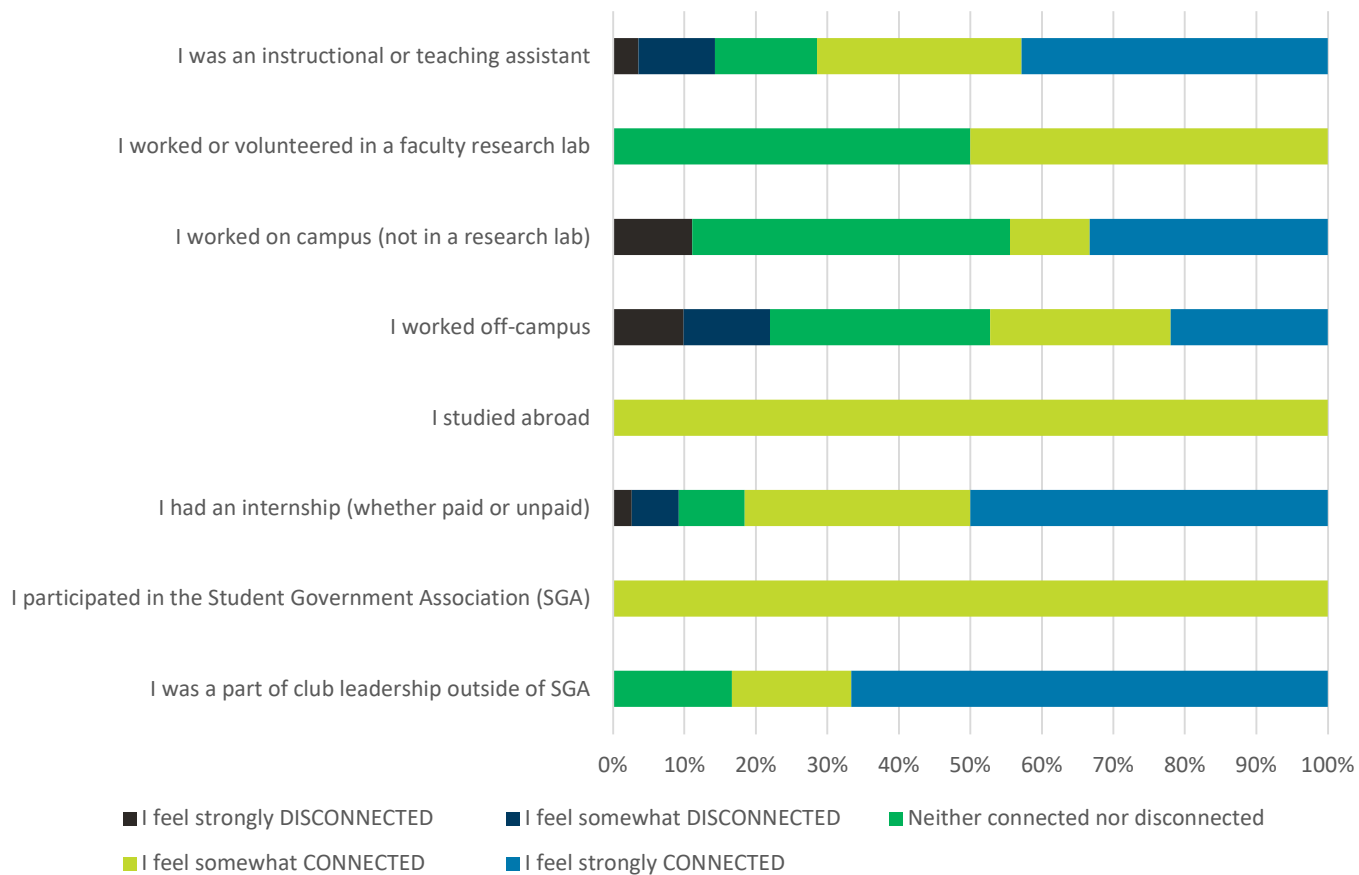




| Response   | Count | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| I was an instructional or teaching assistant           | 30    | 16.76%     |
| I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab      | 2     | 1.12%      |
| I worked on-campus (not in a research lab)             | 9     | 5.03%      |
| I worked off-campus                                    | 91    | 50.84%     |
| I studied abroad                                       | 1     | 0.56%      |
| I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)           | 76    | 42.46%     |
| I participated in Student Government Association (SGA) | 1     | 0.56%      |
| I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA         | 6     | 3.35%      |
| Blank/Not applicable                                   | 30    | 16.76%     |

**Please rank your CONNECTEDNESS to UHCL based on the activity(ies) you participated in:**

## Ranking Engagement with UHCL



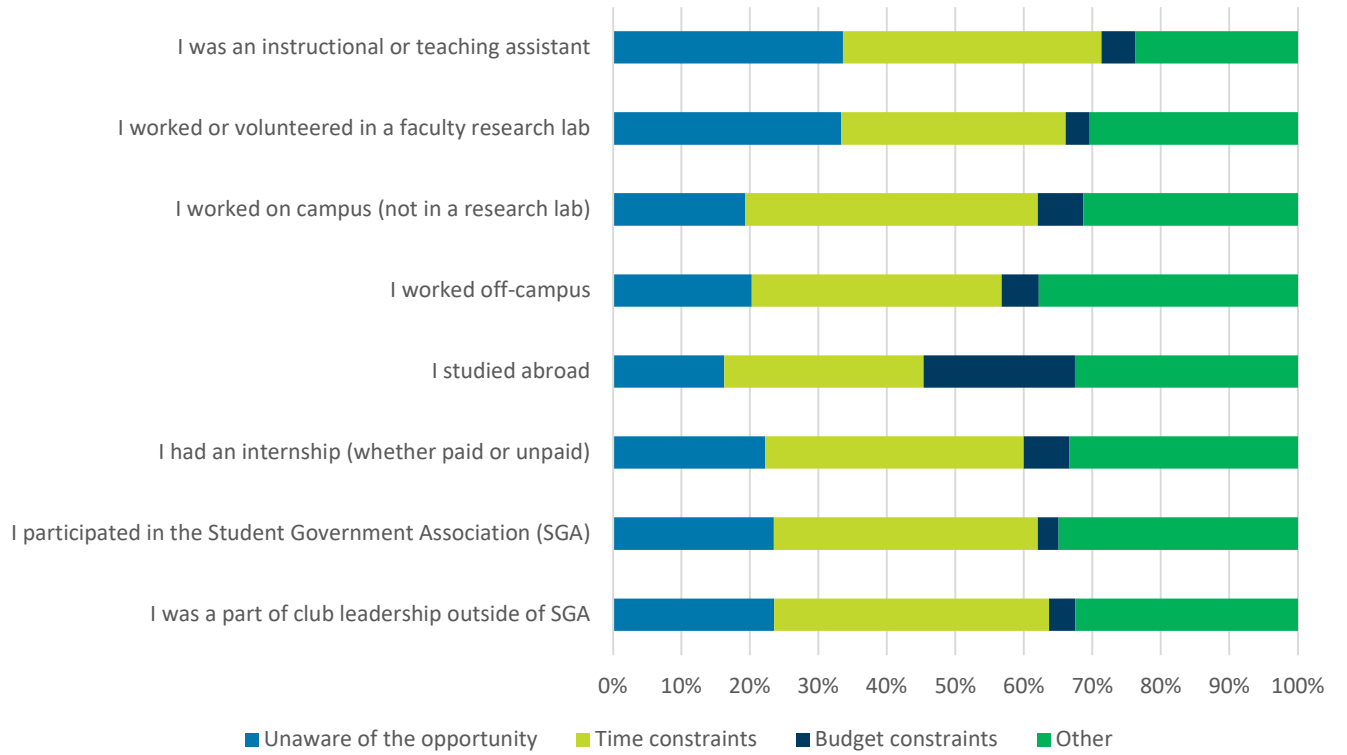
| Response | I feel strongly DISCONNECTED | I feel somewhat DISCONNECTED | Neither connected | I feel somewhat CONNECTED | I feel strongly CONNECTED | Blank/Not applicable |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
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|  |   |    |    |    |    |     |
|--|---|----|----|----|----|-----|
| I was an instructional or teaching assistant               | 1 | 3  | 4  | 8  | 12 | 151 |
| I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab          | 0 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 177 |
| I worked on campus (not in a research lab)                 | 1 | 0  | 4  | 1  | 3  | 170 |
| I worked off-campus  | 9 | 11 | 28 | 23 | 20 | 88  |
| I studied abroad   | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 178 |
| I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)               | 2 | 5  | 7  | 24 | 38 | 103 |
| I participated in the Student Government Association (SGA) | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 178 |
| I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA             | 0 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 4  | 173 |

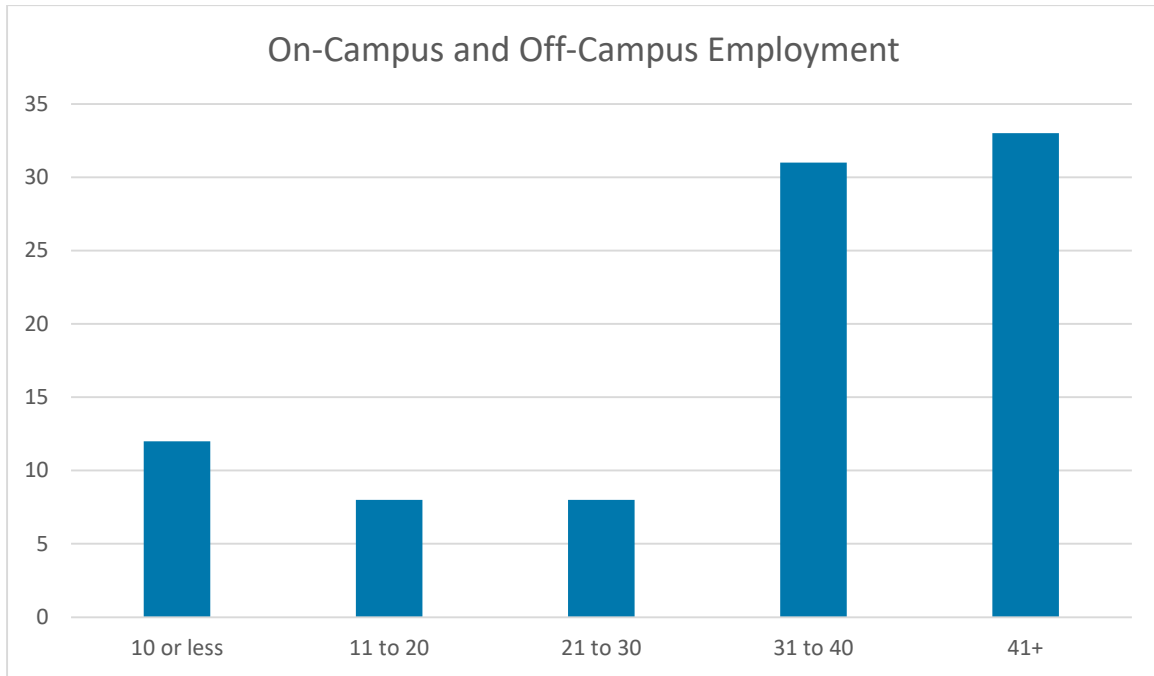
**For the activity(ies) you did NOT participate in, please select the box or boxes for why you didn't. Select all that apply.**

## Understanding Engagement Barriers



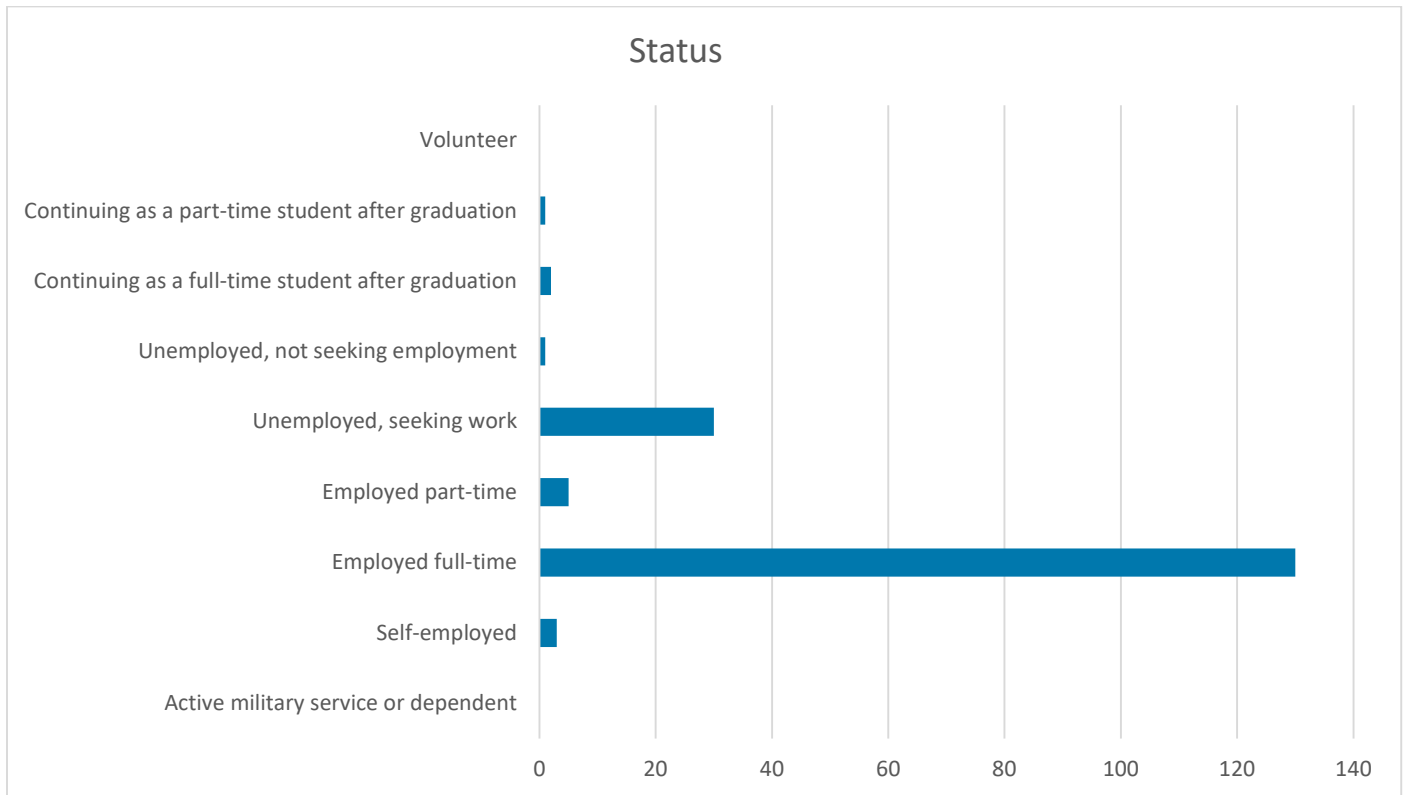
| <b>Response</b>   | <b>Unaware of the opportunity</b> | <b>Time constraints</b> | <b>Budget constraints</b> | <b>Other</b> |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| <b>I was an instructional or teaching assistant</b>           | 48                                | 54                      | 7                         | 34           |
| <b>I worked or volunteered in a faculty research lab</b>      | 57                                | 56                      | 6                         | 52           |
| <b>I worked on-campus (not in a research lab)</b>             | 32                                | 71                      | 11                        | 52           |
| <b>I worked off-campus</b>                                    | 15                                | 27                      | 4                         | 28           |
| <b>I studied abroad</b>                                       | 28                                | 50                      | 38                        | 56           |
| <b>I had an internship (whether paid or unpaid)</b>           | 20                                | 34                      | 6                         | 30           |
| <b>I participated in Student Government Association (SGA)</b> | 39                                | 64                      | 5                         | 58           |
| <b>I was a part of club leadership outside of SGA</b>         | 37                                | 63                      | 6                         | 51           |
| <b>Blank/Not applicable</b>                                   | 98                                | 81                      | 134                       | 100          |

**If you were employed on-campus or off-campus, how many hours per week did you work?**



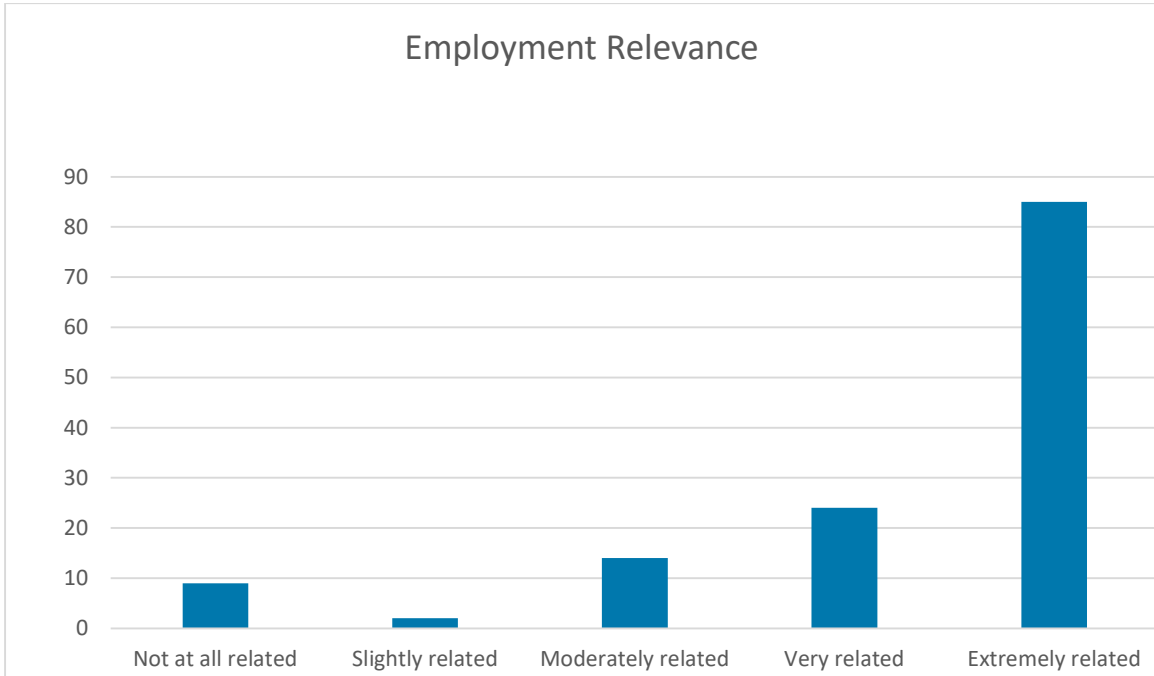
| Response          | Count      | Percentage     |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| 10 or less        | 12         | 6.70%          |
| 11-20             | 8          | 4.47%          |
| 21-30             | 8          | 4.47%          |
| 31-40             | 31         | 17.32%         |
| 41+               | 33         | 18.44%         |
| No Response/Blank | 87         | 48.60%         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>179</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

## What will be your status upon graduating?



| Response   | Count | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| Active military service or dependent               | 0     | 0.00%      |
| Self-employed                                      | 3     | 1.66%      |
| Employed full-time                                 | 130   | 72.63%     |
| Employed part-time                                 | 5     | 2.80%      |
| Unemployed, seeking work                           | 30    | 16.76%     |
| Unemployed, not seeking employment                 | 1     | 0.56%      |
| Continuing as a full-time student after graduation | 2     | 1.18%      |
| Continuing as a part-time student after graduation | 1     | 0.56%      |
| Volunteer  | 0     | 0.00%      |
| Blank/No Response                                  | 179   | 100.00%    |

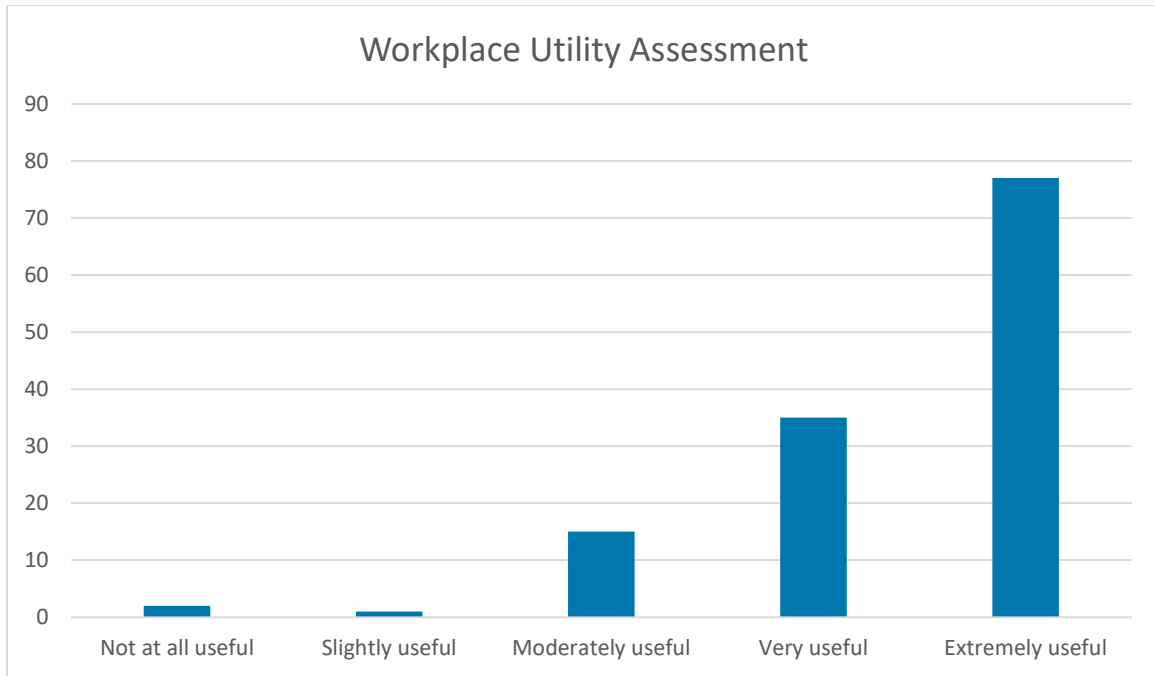
**To what extent is your employment related to your major or area of study at UHCL if employed, self-employed, or volunteering?**



| Response           | Count      | Percentage     |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| Not at all related | 9          | 5.02%          |
| Slightly related   | 2          | 1.12%          |
| Moderately related | 14         | 7.82%          |
| Very related       | 24         | 13.41%         |
| Extremely related  | 85         | 47.49%         |
| Blank/No Response  | 45         | 25.14%         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>179</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

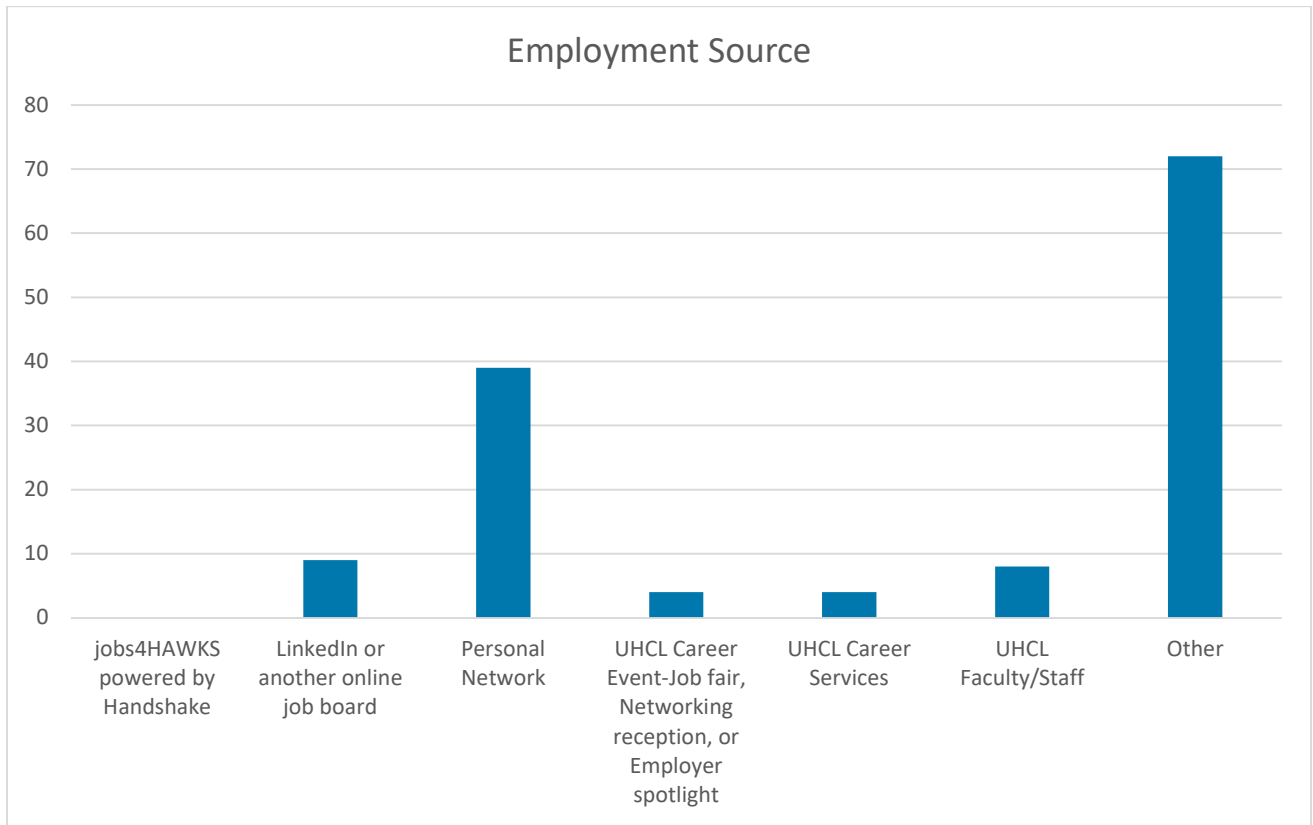


**If employed, self-employed, or volunteering, how useful is what you learned at UHCL in your daily work at your place of employment?**



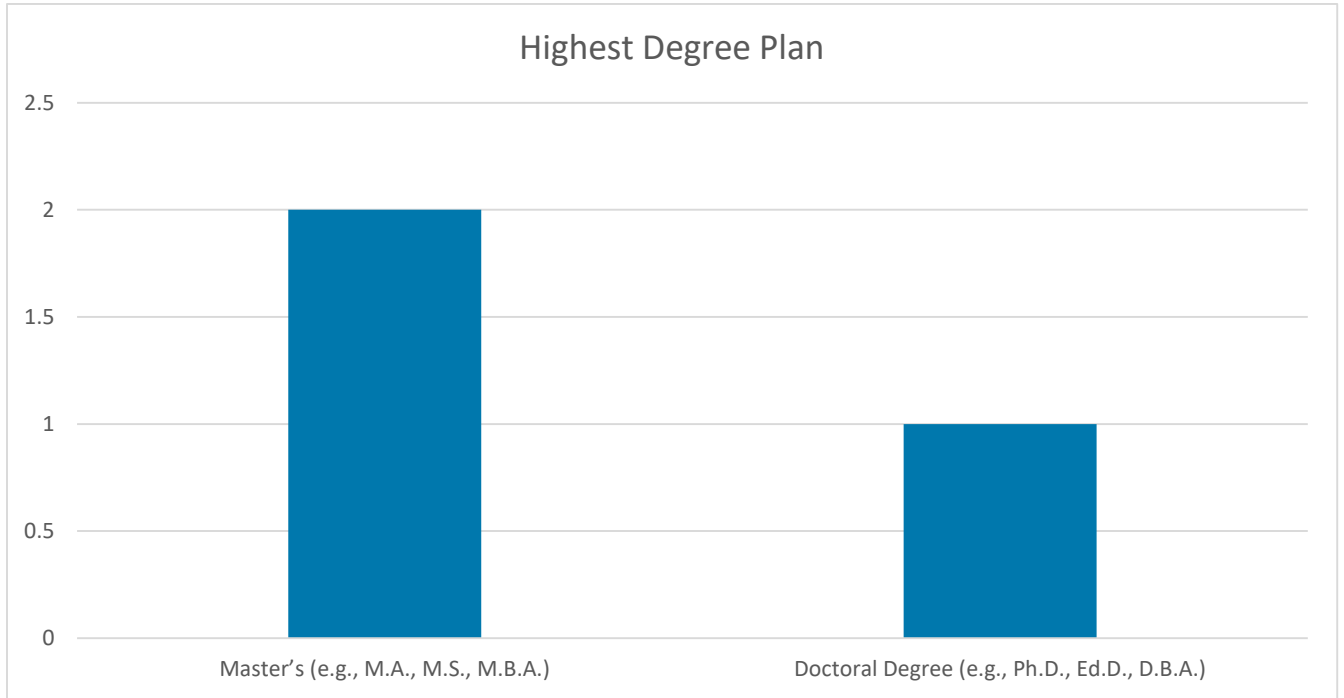
| Response          | Count      | Percentage     |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Not at all useful | 2          | 1.12%          |
| Slightly useful   | 1          | 0.56%          |
| Moderately useful | 15         | 8.38%          |
| Very useful       | 35         | 19.55%         |
| Extremely useful  | 77         | 43.02%         |
| Blank/No Response | 49         | 27.37%         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>179</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

## If employed, how did you find your position?



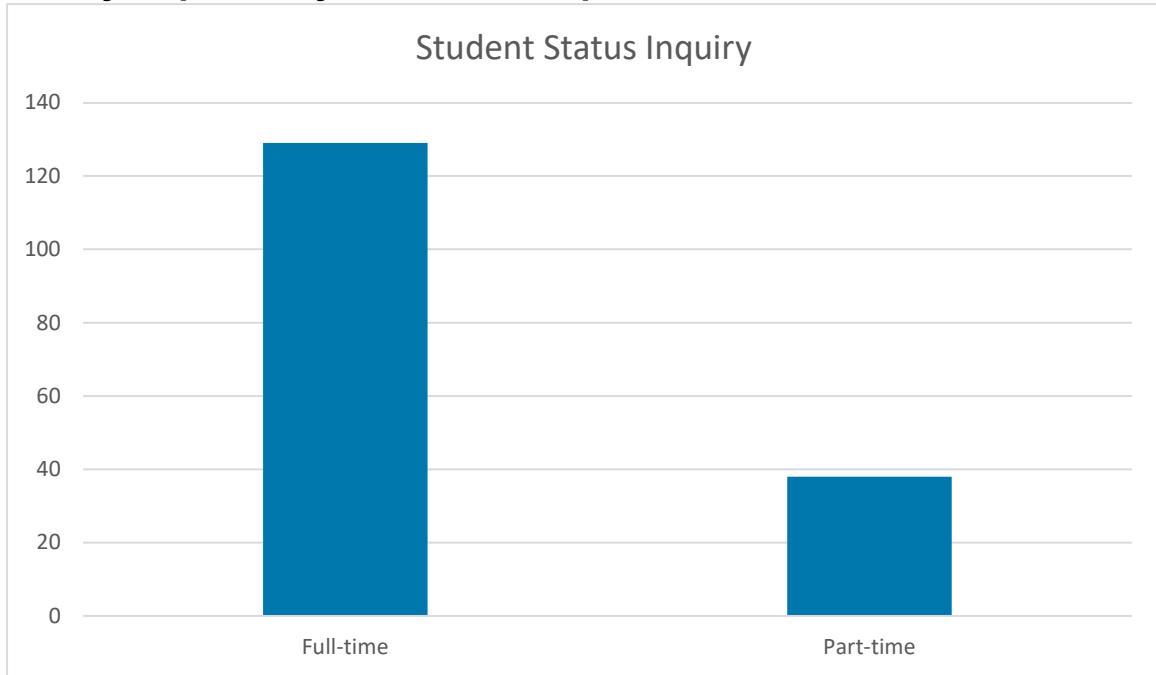
| Response   | Count | Percentage |
|--|-------|------------|
| jobs4HAWKS powered by Handshake  | 0     | 0.00%      |
| LinkedIn or another online job board                                   | 9     | 5.03%      |
| Personal Network   | 39    | 21.79%     |
| UHCL Career Event-Job fair, Networking reception or Employer spotlight | 4     | 2.23%      |
| UHCL Career Services   | 4     | 2.23%      |
| UHCL Faculty/Staff   | 8     | 4.47%      |
| Other  | 72    | 40.22%     |
| Blank/No Response  | 49    | 27.37%     |

**If you're continuing as a full-time or part-time student, what is the highest degree you plan to earn?**



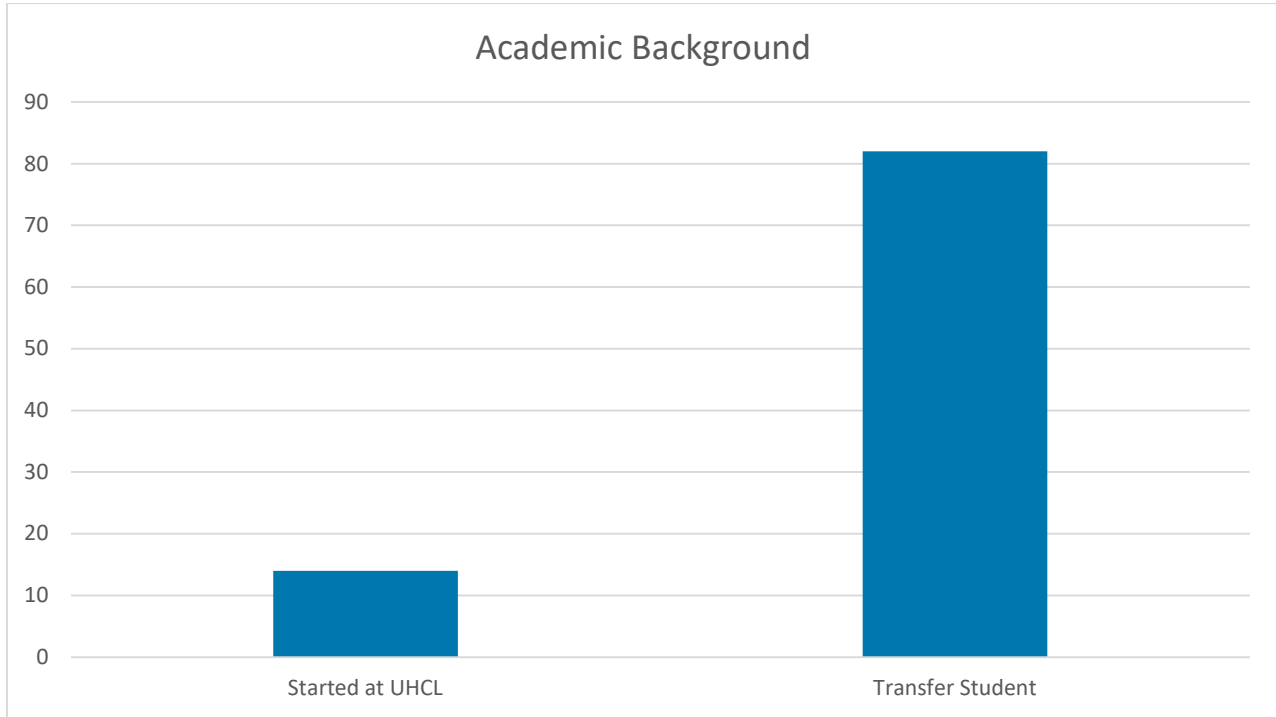
| Response                                     | Count      | Percentage     |
|--|------------|----------------|
| Master's (e.g., M.A., M.S., M.B.A.)          | 2          | 1.12%          |
| Doctoral Degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A.) | 1          | 0.56%          |
| Blank/No Response                            | 176        | 98.32%         |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>179</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

## Were you primarily a full-time or part-time student while at UHCL?



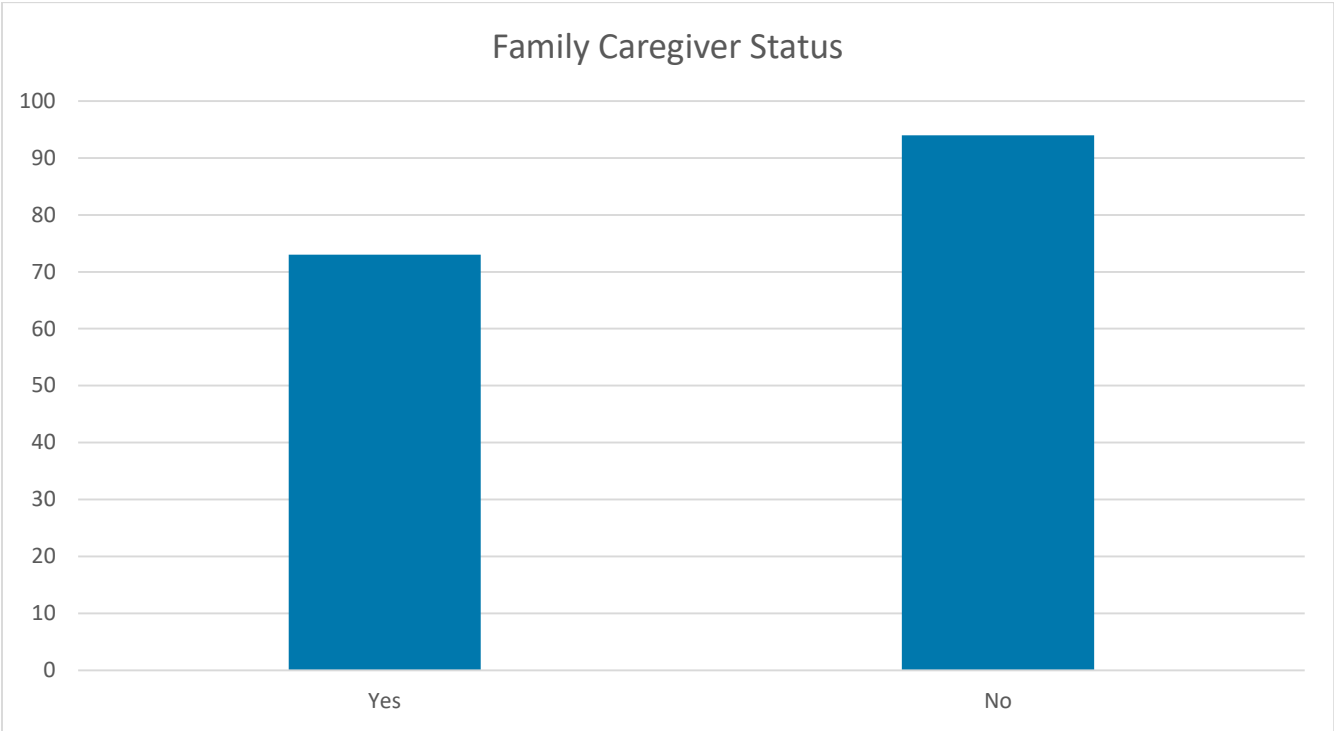
| Response          | Count | Percentage |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Full-time         | 129   | 72.07%     |
| Part-time         | 38    | 21.22%     |
| Blank/No Response | 12    | 6.71%      |
| Total             | 179   | 100.00%    |

## Did you start your education at UHCL, or did you transfer from another institution?



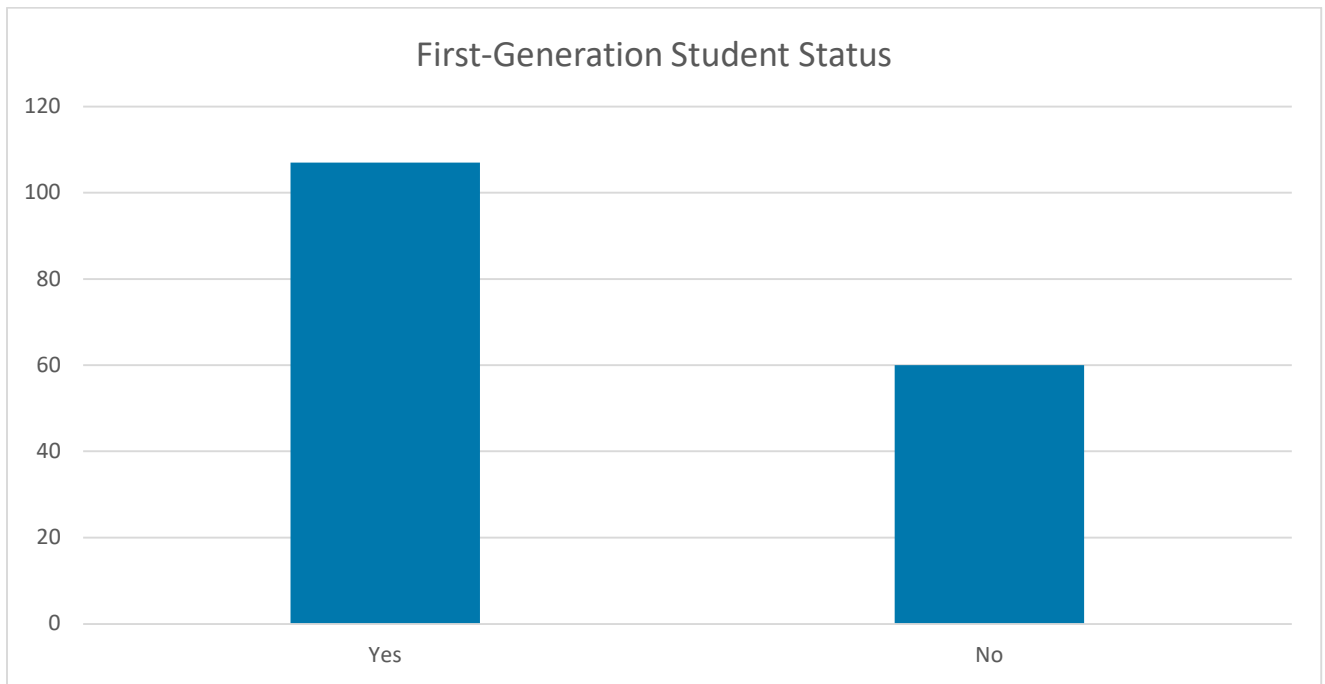
| Response          | Count      | Percentage     |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| Started at UHCL   | 14         | 7.82%          |
| Transfer Student  | 82         | 45.81%         |
| Blank/No Response | 83         | 46.37%         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>179</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

# Are you a parent or primary caregiver for someone in your family?



| Response          | Count | Percentage |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Yes               | 73    | 40.78%     |
| No                | 94    | 52.51%     |
| Blank/No Response | 12    | 6.71%      |
| Total             | 179   | 100.00%    |

## Are you a first-generation student?



| Response          | Count | Percentage |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| Yes               | 107   | 59.78%     |
| No                | 60    | 33.52%     |
| Blank/No Response | 12    | 6.70%      |
| Total             | 179   | 100.00%    |

End of Report