



**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
2006 Graduate Alumni Survey Report  
University Totals**

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS	2005 ALUMNI	2006 ALUMNI	DIFFERENCE
	N=270	N=222	
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?</b>			
Fall	59.9%	49.7%	-10.20
Spring	24.3%	24.9%	0.60
Summer	15.8%	25.4%	9.60
2004	0.0%	1.0%	0.00
2003	1.5%	15.3%	13.80
2002	11.5%	36.5%	25.00
2001	35.5%	21.2%	-14.30
2000	27.4%	11.8%	-15.60
1999	11.6%	6.9%	-4.70
1998	5.8%	1.5%	-4.30
1997	4.1%	2.0%	-2.10
1996	1.5%	1.5%	0.00
1995 and before	1.2%	2.5%	1.30
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	75.0%	73.7%	-1.30
2 - Provisionally Accepted	11.2%	13.8%	2.60
3 - Unclassified	13.8%	12.4%	-1.40
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	78.4%	78.4%	0.00
2 - Non-resident	12.6%	11.5%	-1.10
3- Online Instruction Only	8.9%	10.1%	1.20
<b>4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?</b>			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.6%	73.4%	-0.20
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.4%	26.6%	0.20
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
2003		2004	
1 - May	60.3%	53.5%	-6.80
2 - August	14.6%	19.2%	4.60
3 - December	25.1%	27.2%	2.10
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Arts	45.0%	47.0%	2.03
Master of Business Administration	28.3%	27.9%	-0.45
Master of Public Administration	4.5%	7.8%	3.26
Master of Science Nursing	9.7%	7.3%	-2.40
Master of Engineering	4.1%	4.6%	0.47
Master of Science	6.3%	3.7%	-2.65
Master of Basic Science	2.2%	1.8%	-0.38
<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?</b>			
Business Administration (MBA)	21.7%	29.9%	8.15
Curriculum & Instruction (MA)	23.0%	27.0%	4.01
Counseling & Human Services (MA)	10.4%	8.1%	-2.35
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	4.3%	7.6%	3.28
Nursing (MSN)	11.3%	7.6%	-3.72
Special Education (MA)	4.8%	4.7%	-0.07
Engineering (MS)	1.7%	3.3%	1.61
Sociology (MA)	2.2%	2.4%	0.16
Applied Geography (MA)	1.3%	1.4%	0.12
Electrical Engineering (MS)	2.2%	1.4%	-0.78
Psychology (MA)	3.5%	1.4%	-2.08

Applied Mathematics (MS)	0.9%	0.9%	0.04
Basic Science (MS)	2.6%	0.9%	-1.66
Communication (MA)	3.5%	0.9%	-2.56
Computer Science (MS)	3.0%	0.9%	-2.06
History (MA)	2.2%	0.9%	-1.26
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	1.3%	0.5%	-0.83
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?			
Education	33.5%	37.7%	4.22
Business	27.9%	29.1%	1.19
Nursing	10.0%	9.5%	-0.46
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	15.2%	8.6%	-6.57
Engineering & Applied Science	8.9%	8.2%	-0.72
Public Affairs	4.5%	6.8%	2.31
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?			
1 - Yes	32.6%	37.2%	4.60
2 - No	67.4%	62.8%	-4.60
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online			
	N=	86	81
Percent <= 50%		54.8%	57.9%
Percent > 50%		45.4%	41.7%
MEAN=		48.6%	51.4%
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.5%	32.4%	-0.07
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	11.6%	16.2%	4.61
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	17.9%	18.9%	1.01
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	6.7%	5.0%	-1.75
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	13.8%	14.4%	0.61
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.4%	3.6%	0.20
7 - For self-development.	11.2%	8.6%	-2.65
8 - Other	3.0%	0.9%	-2.10
			0.00
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	6.3%	12.0%	5.70
2 - No	93.7%	88.0%	-5.70
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=	16	25
Master of Science (MS)		0.0%	32.0%
Ph.D.		50.0%	28.0%
Master of Arts (MA)		6.3%	20.0%
Other		18.8%	12.0%
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)		6.3%	4.0%
Master of Public Administration (MPA)		6.3%	4.0%
University:			
Other		42.9%	46.2%
UCCS		0.0%	42.3%
University of Northern Colorado (UNC)		0.0%	3.8%
Adams State		0.0%	3.8%
CU-Denver		7.1%	3.8%
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
	N=	238	182
1 - Yes		27.3%	22.0%
2 - No		72.7%	78.0%
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	33.7%	28.1%	-5.60
2 - Continued current employment	53.7%	59.0%	5.30
3 - Attended further graduate school	2.2%	5.1%	2.90
4 -Took time off	6.7%	1.8%	-4.90
5 - Other	3.7%	6.0%	2.30

12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	86.7%	83.3%	-3.40
2 - Employed part-time	6.3%	8.3%	2.00
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	4.1%	3.7%	-0.40
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	3.0%	4.6%	1.60
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?			
	N=	17	16
Spouse	47.1%	56.3%	9.15
Savings	17.6%	12.5%	-5.10
Retirement	11.8%	12.5%	0.70
Loans/Grants	5.9%	12.5%	6.60
Other	17.6%	6.3%	-11.35
13b. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	47.8%	55.7%	7.90
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	21.7%	14.3%	-7.40
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.6%	29.1%	-0.50
4 - Outside of the U.S.	0.9%	1.0%	0.10
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	5.1%	7.5%	2.40
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	2.0%	0.5%	-1.50
4 - Education	39.0%	43.2%	4.20
5 - Finance	4.7%	5.0%	0.30
6 - Government	9.4%	7.5%	-1.90
7 - Homemaker	1.2%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	0.4%	1.5%	1.10
9 - Manufacturing	6.7%	7.0%	0.30
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	13.4%	9.0%	-4.40
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	0.8%	1.0%	0.20
13 - Public Service	2.8%	2.5%	-0.30
14 - Services	2.8%	4.5%	1.70
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.8%	0.5%	-0.30
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	0.4%	1.0%	0.60
17 - Other (specify)	10.6%	9.0%	-1.60
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?			
1 - Yes	89.3%	92.0%	2.70
2 - No	10.7%	8.0%	-2.70
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?			
1 - Very Satisfied	40.2%	40.6%	0.40
2 - Satisfied	43.8%	42.6%	-1.20
3 - Neutral	12.0%	11.9%	-0.10
4 - Dissatisfied	3.2%	3.5%	0.30
5 - Very dissatisfied	0.8%	1.5%	0.70
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?			
1 - Yes	51.6%	61.9%	10.30
2 - No	48.4%	38.1%	-10.30
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?			
1 - Yes	83.2%	86.5%	3.30
2 - No	16.8%	13.5%	-3.30
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?			
	MEAN=	4.87	6.22
< 1 month	28.0%	6.9%	-21.10
1 - 2 months	29.2%	31.0%	1.80
> 2 months	42.4%	62.1%	19.70
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
1 - Did not have to relocate	84.6%	88.4%	3.80
2 - Relocated within Colorado	4.3%	1.5%	-2.80
3 - Relocated to another state	9.9%	10.1%	0.20
4 - Relocated to another country	1.2%	0.0%	0.00

17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
1 - Had no previous employment experience	19.6%	16.7%	-2.90
2 - Had some previous employment experience	40.0%	33.8%	-6.20
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	40.4%	49.5%	9.10
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	2.0%	0.00
2 - Disagree	3.5%	4.5%	1.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.2%	4.5%	3.30
4 - Slightly Agree	14.5%	9.0%	-5.50
5 - Agree	23.9%	20.9%	-3.00
6 - Strongly Agree	54.9%	59.2%	4.30
MEAN=	5.20	5.20	0.00
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.3%	1.5%	-0.80
2 - Disagree	3.5%	5.1%	1.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.1%	3.6%	0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	9.7%	-0.50
5 - Agree	38.3%	35.9%	-2.40
6 - Strongly Agree	42.6%	44.1%	1.50
MEAN=	5.06	5.06	0.00
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.1%	5.0%	1.90
2 - Disagree	10.5%	18.5%	8.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	7.4%	9.5%	2.10
4 - Slightly Agree	20.2%	15.0%	-5.20
5 - Agree	23.3%	24.5%	1.20
6 - Strongly Agree	35.4%	27.5%	-7.90
MEAN=	4.56	4.18	-0.38
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS</b>			
21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.9%	1.4%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	3.0%	3.3%	0.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.1%	3.3%	-0.80
4 - Slightly Agree	22.0%	22.2%	0.20
5 - Agree	41.0%	42.5%	1.50
6 - Strongly Agree	28.0%	27.4%	-0.60
MEAN=	4.81	4.83	0.02
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.0%	0.5%	-2.50
2 - Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.4%	4.7%	-1.70
4 - Slightly Agree	18.0%	19.1%	1.10
5 - Agree	44.7%	51.6%	6.90
6 - Strongly Agree	25.6%	24.2%	-1.40
MEAN=	4.76	4.94	0.18
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	0.9%	-0.60
2 - Disagree	1.5%	3.7%	2.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	5.2%	2.3%	-2.90
4 - Slightly Agree	13.3%	12.6%	-0.70
5 - Agree	37.0%	38.1%	1.10
6 - Strongly Agree	41.5%	42.3%	0.80
MEAN=	5.07	5.10	0.03
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	1.4%	-0.10
2 - Disagree	4.5%	3.3%	-1.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	2.4%	-0.90
4 - Slightly Agree	17.8%	17.5%	-0.30
5 - Agree	40.9%	42.5%	1.60
6 - Strongly Agree	32.0%	33.0%	1.00
MEAN=	4.88	4.95	0.07

25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.1%	0.9%	-0.20
2 - Disagree	1.5%	2.3%	0.80
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.9%	0.5%	-1.40
4 - Slightly Agree	11.5%	10.2%	-1.30
5 - Agree	44.6%	49.8%	5.20
6 - Strongly Agree	39.4%	36.3%	-3.10
MEAN=	5.15	5.14	-0.01
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	9.7%	10.1%	0.40
2 - No	90.3%	89.9%	-0.40
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?			
	N=	22	20
Business (MBA)	18.2%	20.0%	1.82
Nurse Practitioner (MSN)	0.0%	15.0%	15.00
Counseling and Human Services	0.0%	10.0%	0.00
Electrical Engineering (MS)	0.0%	10.0%	0.00
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	4.5%	10.0%	5.46
Not Offered at UCCS	9.1%	10.0%	0.91
Basic Science	9.1%	5.0%	-4.09
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	4.5%	5.0%	0.46
Curriculum & Instruction	4.5%	5.0%	0.46
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	4.5%	5.0%	0.46
Psychology (MA)	4.5%	5.0%	0.46
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	11.9%	8.5%	-3.40
2 - No	88.1%	91.5%	3.40
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	87.3%	83.1%	-4.20
2 - No	12.7%	16.9%	4.20
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes	44.7%	33.7%	-11.00
2 - No	55.3%	66.3%	11.00
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never was advised	2.6%	4.6%	2.00
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	13.1%	14.4%	1.30
2 - Very Poor	3.4%	5.1%	1.70
3 - Poor	4.9%	4.6%	-0.30
4 - Fair	22.0%	18.5%	-3.50
5 - Good	36.2%	40.7%	4.50
6 - Excellent	17.9%	12.0%	-5.90
MEAN*=	4.72	4.62	-0.10
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	20.5%	22.0%	1.50
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.2%	18.3%	7.10
2 - Never had a mentor	9.7%	11.0%	1.30
3 - Very Poor	1.1%	0.9%	-0.20
4 - Poor	1.9%	1.4%	-0.50
5 - Fair	11.6%	8.3%	-3.30
6 - Good	24.6%	22.9%	-1.70
7 - Excellent	19.4%	15.1%	-4.30
MEAN*=	6.01	6.03	0.02
* Only includes responses 3 through 7			
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	41.0%	37.3%	-3.70
2 - No	59.0%	62.7%	3.70

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?

1 - Never	35.9%	35.0%	-0.90
2 - Rarely	32.6%	30.8%	-1.80
3 - Sometimes	26.7%	23.8%	-2.90
4 - Often	4.1%	8.4%	4.30
5 - Always	0.7%	1.9%	1.20
MEAN=	2.01	2.11	0.10

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?

Location	12.2%	19.3%	7.10
Faculty	14.2%	15.3%	1.10
Able to get a degree	0.8%	9.5%	8.70
Cost	6.4%	7.7%	1.30
Class hours/schedule	6.8%	6.1%	-0.70
Convenient	10.2%	6.1%	-4.10
Good reputation	1.2%	4.5%	3.30
Curriculum	2.8%	3.7%	0.90
Good departmental programs	3.8%	3.7%	-0.10
Small class size	6.2%	3.4%	-2.80
Availability of faculty	0.8%	2.6%	1.80
Night classes	3.6%	2.4%	-1.20
Small school/atmosphere	1.2%	1.8%	0.60
Friendly atmosphere	1.2%	1.6%	0.40
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.0%	1.6%	0.60
Accredited	2.4%	1.3%	-1.10
Quality education	2.4%	1.1%	-1.30
High academic standards	1.8%	0.8%	-1.00
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.6%	0.8%	-1.80
Beautiful campus	0.6%	0.5%	-0.10
Had major I wanted	0.6%	0.5%	-0.10
Older, mature student body	1.0%	0.5%	-0.50
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.4%	0.3%	-0.10
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.3%	0.00
Good academic advising	0.6%	0.3%	-0.30
Had no choice	0.0%	0.3%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	1.0%	0.3%	-0.70
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	1.4%	0.3%	-1.10
Well rounded education	0.6%	0.3%	-0.30

**Top "Other" Advantages**

- Connections with the community
- Professors with recent field experience
- Graduate quickly
- Great learning environment

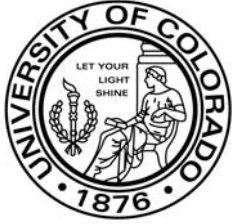
33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?

Parking	9.5%	9.2%	-0.30
Curriculum	3.4%	7.3%	3.90
Department/program disorganized	5.7%	7.3%	1.60
Need more graduate programs	2.3%	6.9%	4.60
Faculty	6.4%	6.4%	0.00
School lacks a big name	5.3%	6.4%	1.10
High fees, costs	4.9%	3.7%	-1.20
Need wider selection of courses	8.0%	3.7%	-4.30
Class hours/schedule	3.8%	3.2%	-0.60
Location	3.8%	3.2%	-0.60
Bureaucracy	0.4%	2.8%	2.40
Poor student/customer services	0.8%	2.8%	2.00
Availability of faculty	1.9%	2.3%	0.40
Poor job placement, career guidance	3.0%	2.3%	-0.70
Lack of internships, work experience	4.2%	1.8%	-2.40
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.4%	1.8%	-1.60
Poor academic advising	1.5%	1.8%	0.30
School is too small	2.3%	1.8%	-0.50
Group projects	1.5%	1.4%	-0.10
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	1.1%	1.4%	0.30
Little campus life / social life	0.8%	1.4%	0.60
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.1%	1.4%	0.30
Classes too big	0.8%	0.9%	0.10

Lack of financial aid	0.8%	0.9%	0.10
No involvement with community	0.0%	0.9%	0.00
Staff	0.4%	0.9%	0.50
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.8%	0.9%	0.10
Construction	0.4%	0.5%	0.10
Inadequate library resources	1.9%	0.5%	-1.40
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.5%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.0%	0.5%	0.00
Use of student funds	0.4%	0.5%	0.10
<b>Top "Other" Disadvantages</b>			
Coursework not challenging enough			
Semesters are too long; quarters or trimesters would be better			
Did not cater to working / traveling professionals			
Need to have more flexible online payment options			
Less experienced and less dedicated peers			
<b>34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?</b>			
Be prepared / work hard	13.0%	19.1%	6.12
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	9.1%	12.7%	3.61
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	9.5%	8.3%	-1.22
Seek advice	7.4%	7.8%	0.45
Advocate for yourself	6.9%	7.4%	0.48
Seek out students with similar interests	1.3%	7.4%	6.11
Choose program carefully	3.0%	6.9%	3.87
Develop business / networking relationships	2.2%	4.4%	2.24
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	5.6%	3.4%	-2.22
Enjoy yourself	3.0%	2.9%	-0.13
Be sure that this is what you want	10.0%	2.5%	-7.45
Get involved in research / practical experience	1.3%	2.5%	1.21
Enroll full time	3.9%	2.0%	-1.89
Start thesis ASAP	1.7%	0.5%	-1.23
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.3%	0.5%	-0.79
<b>Top "Other" Advice</b>			
Take care of yourself healthwise, nutrition, and exercise			
Take advantage of knowing students in all age brackets			
Continue to update professional portfolio as you complete courses			
<b>35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?</b>			
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time	16.2%	18.8%	2.60
2 - Professional publication	3.4%	2.3%	-1.10
3 - Brochure	3.0%	4.1%	1.10
4 - Web site	23.8%	19.7%	-4.10
5 - Word of mouth	34.3%	31.7%	-2.60
6- Other	19.2%	23.4%	4.20
<b>35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?</b>			
	N=		
1 - Not helpful	262	214	0.60
2-	0.8%	1.4%	2.70
3 - Somewhat helpful	3.8%	6.5%	-1.90
4-	29.0%	27.1%	-4.20
5 - Very helpful	39.7%	35.5%	2.70
26.7%	29.4%		
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>			
<b>36. Your gender is:</b>			
1 - Male	39.4%	38.9%	-0.50
2 - Female	60.6%	61.1%	0.50
<b>37. Your primary ethnic group is?</b>			
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian	85.0%	87.0%	2.00
2 - African American or black	2.3%	3.7%	1.40
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic	5.6%	2.8%	-2.80
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut	2.6%	0.5%	-2.10
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander	4.5%	2.8%	-1.70
6 - Other		3.3%	
<b>38. Your year of birth is:</b>			
	MEAN=	1966.96	1967.18
	RANGE	1940-1981	1944-1981

39. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married	15.2%	14.9%	-0.30
2 - Married	69.9%	69.8%	-0.10
3 - Separated	0.4%	1.9%	1.50
4 - Divorced	12.6%	12.1%	-0.50
5 - Widowed	0.7%	0.5%	-0.20
6 - Other	1.1%	0.9%	-0.20
40. How many dependants are in your household?			
0	39.4%	44.4%	5.00
1	19.0%	22.2%	3.20
2	23.8%	18.1%	-5.70
3	8.9%	15.3%	6.40
4	5.2%	0.0%	0.00
5-7	3.7%	0.0%	0.00
MEAN=	1.35	2.04	0.69
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999	3.0%	3.4%	0.40
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	2.6%	5.3%	2.70
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	6.8%	6.8%	0.00
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	27.9%	22.7%	-5.20
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	18.9%	17.9%	-1.00
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	22.3%	24.2%	1.90
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	10.2%	8.2%	-2.00
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999	2.3%	5.3%	3.00
9 - \$110,000 or more	6.0%	6.3%	0.30
MEAN=	5.13	5.16	0.03





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2006 Graduate Alumni Survey Report  
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**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS**

	<b>2006 CAU N=188</b>	<b>2006 MIN N=27</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?</b>			
Fall	47.4%	60.9%	13.50
Spring	25.6%	21.7%	-3.90
Summer	26.9%	17.4%	-9.50
2004	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
2003	16.1%	3.7%	-12.40
2002	37.4%	11.1%	-26.30
2001	19.0%	33.3%	14.30
2000	12.1%	37.0%	24.90
1999	8.0%	7.4%	-0.60
1998	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
1997	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
1996	1.1%	3.7%	2.60
1995 and before	2.4%	3.7%	1.30
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	73.3%	77.8%	4.50
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.4%	18.5%	5.10
3 - Unclassified	13.4%	3.7%	-9.70
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	78.1%	85.2%	7.10
2 - Non-resident	11.2%	7.4%	-3.80
3- Online Instruction Only	10.7%	7.4%	-3.30
<b>4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?</b>			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	72.2%	85.2%	13.00
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	27.8%	14.8%	-13.00
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
1 - May	53.8%	56.0%	2.20
2 - August	20.1%	16.0%	-4.10
3 - December	26.1%	28.0%	1.90
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Arts	47.1%	53.6%	6.47
Master of Business Administration	28.3%	25.0%	-3.30
Master of Science Nursing	7.0%	10.7%	3.71
Master of Public Administration	8.0%	3.6%	-4.43
Master of Engineering	4.3%	3.6%	-0.73
Master of Basic Science	1.6%	3.6%	1.97
Master of Science	3.7%	0.0%	0.00
<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?</b>			
Business Administration (MBA)	30.2%	28.6%	-1.63
Curriculum & Instruction (MA)	27.4%	28.6%	1.17
Counseling & Human Services (MA)	7.3%	14.3%	6.98
Nursing (MSN)	7.3%	10.7%	3.41
Applied Geography (MA)	1.1%	3.6%	2.47
Engineering (MS)	2.8%	3.6%	0.77
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	7.8%	3.6%	-4.23
Sociology (MA)	2.2%	3.6%	1.37
Special Education (MA)	5.0%	3.6%	-1.43
Applied Mathematics (MS)	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
Basic Science (MS)	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10

Communication (MA)	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
Computer Science (MS)	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Electrical Engineering (MS)	1.7%	0.0%	-1.70
History (MA)	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Psychology (MA)	1.7%	0.0%	-1.70
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?			
Education	37.6%	42.9%	5.29
Business	28.6%	32.1%	3.57
Nursing	9.0%	14.3%	5.29
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	9.0%	7.1%	-1.85
Engineering & Applied Science	7.9%	3.6%	-4.36
Public Affairs	7.4%	-	-7.40
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?			
1 - Yes	36.4%	40.7%	4.30
2 - No	63.6%	59.3%	-4.30
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online			
	N=	68	11
Percent <= 50%		58.8%	45.5%
Percent > 50%		41.3%	56.6%
	MEAN=	50.1%	65.3%
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	31.1%	41.4%	10.32
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.8%	10.3%	-6.50
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	17.9%	27.6%	9.69
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	4.2%	10.3%	6.13
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	16.3%	3.4%	-12.87
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	4.2%	0.0%	-4.20
7 - For self-development.	7.9%	6.9%	-1.00
8 - Other	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	11.8%	14.8%	3.00
2 - No	88.2%	85.2%	-3.00
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=	21	4
Master of Arts (MA)		14.3%	50.0%
Other		9.5%	25.0%
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)		33.3%	25.0%
Master of Public Administration (MPS)		4.8%	0.0%
Master of Science (MS)		38.1%	0.0%
University:			
Other		45.5%	50.0%
UCCS		45.5%	25.0%
Adams State		0.0%	25.0%
CU-Denver		4.5%	0.0%
University of Northern Colorado (UNC)		4.5%	0.0%
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
	N=	157	23
1 - Yes		21.0%	30.4%
2 - No		79.0%	69.6%

## SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	28.3%	25.9%	-2.40
2 - Continued current employment	58.8%	63.0%	4.20
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.3%	0.0%	-5.30
4 - Took time off	1.6%	3.7%	2.10
5 - Other	5.9%	7.4%	1.50

12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	82.3%	88.9%	6.60
2 - Employed part-time	8.6%	7.4%	-1.20
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.8%	3.7%	-0.10
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	5.4%	0.0%	-5.40
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?	N=	15	1
Spouse	53.3%	100.0%	46.67
Loans/Grants	13.3%	0.0%	-13.30
Other	13.3%	0.0%	-13.30
Savings	13.3%	0.0%	-13.30
Retirement	6.7%	0.0%	-6.70
13b. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	58.0%	46.2%	-11.80
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	13.2%	19.2%	6.00
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	27.6%	34.6%	7.00
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.6%	4.0%	-3.60
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.0%	4.0%	4.00
4 - Education	45.0%	36.0%	-9.00
5 - Finance	5.3%	20.0%	14.70
6 - Government	5.8%	0.0%	-5.80
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.8%	0.0%	-1.80
9 - Manufacturing	8.2%	0.0%	-8.20
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	8.8%	12.0%	3.20
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.2%	0.0%	-1.20
13 - Public Service	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
14 - Services	4.7%	4.0%	-0.70
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.6%	4.0%	3.40
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	8.2%	4.0%	-4.20
17 - Other (specify)	-	12.0%	12.00
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?			
1 - Yes	91.8%	92.3%	0.50
2 - No	8.2%	7.7%	-0.50
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?			
1 - Very Satisfied	41.6%	38.5%	-3.10
2 - Satisfied	43.4%	34.6%	-8.80
3 - Neutral	10.4%	23.1%	12.70
4 - Dissatisfied	3.5%	3.8%	0.30
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.2%	0.0%	-1.20
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?			
1 - Yes	60.1%	69.2%	9.10
2 - No	39.9%	30.8%	-9.10
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?			
1 - Yes	87.3%	80.0%	-7.30
2 - No	12.7%	20.0%	7.30
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?	MEAN=	6.34	5.43
< 1 month		6.0%	14.3%
1 - 2 months		30.0%	42.9%
> 2 months		64.0%	42.9%
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
1 - Did not have to relocate	89.3%	85.2%	-4.10
2 - Relocated within Colorado	1.2%	0.0%	-1.20
3 - Relocated to another state	9.2%	14.8%	5.60
4 - Relocated to another country	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00

17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
1 - Had no previous employment experience	16.6%	15.4%	-1.20
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.7%	38.5%	4.80
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	49.7%	46.2%	-3.50
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.7%	3.8%	2.10
2 - Disagree	4.1%	7.7%	3.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	5.2%	0.0%	-5.20
4 - Slightly Agree	8.7%	11.5%	2.80
5 - Agree	20.3%	19.2%	-1.10
6 - Strongly Agree	59.9%	57.7%	-2.20
MEAN=	5.22	5.08	-0.14
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.6%	3.8%	3.20
2 - Disagree	6.0%	0.0%	-6.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.6%	3.8%	0.20
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	7.7%	-2.50
5 - Agree	37.1%	26.9%	-10.20
6 - Strongly Agree	42.5%	57.7%	15.20
MEAN=	5.05	5.27	0.22
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	4.1%	7.7%	3.60
2 - Disagree	19.3%	15.4%	-3.90
3 - Slightly Disagree	9.4%	11.5%	2.10
4 - Slightly Agree	16.4%	3.8%	-12.60
5 - Agree	24.6%	23.1%	-1.50
6 - Strongly Agree	26.3%	38.5%	12.20
MEAN=	4.17	4.35	0.18
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS</b>			
21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.0%	7.4%	7.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	3.7%	0.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.7%	7.4%	4.70
4 - Slightly Agree	23.6%	11.1%	-12.50
5 - Agree	44.0%	33.3%	-10.70
6 - Strongly Agree	26.4%	37.0%	10.60
MEAN=	4.87	4.70	-0.17
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
2 - Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	5.4%	0.0%	-5.40
4 - Slightly Agree	18.9%	18.5%	-0.40
5 - Agree	53.0%	44.4%	-8.60
6 - Strongly Agree	22.7%	37.0%	14.30
MEAN=	4.93	5.19	0.26
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.0%	3.7%	3.70
2 - Disagree	3.7%	3.7%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.7%	0.0%	-2.70
4 - Slightly Agree	13.0%	11.1%	-1.90
5 - Agree	38.4%	33.3%	-5.10
6 - Strongly Agree	42.2%	48.1%	5.90
MEAN=	5.12	5.11	-0.01
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.0%	7.4%	7.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	3.7%	0.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.2%	3.7%	1.50
4 - Slightly Agree	18.7%	7.4%	-11.30
5 - Agree	43.4%	37.0%	-6.40
6 - Strongly Agree	32.4%	40.7%	8.30
MEAN=	4.99	4.85	-0.14

25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	2.7%	0.0%	-2.70
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.3%	7.4%	-2.90
5 - Agree	49.2%	55.6%	6.40
6 - Strongly Agree	36.8%	37.0%	0.20
MEAN=	5.15	5.30	0.15
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	9.6%	11.1%	1.50
2 - No	90.4%	88.9%	-1.50
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?			
	N=	17	3
Business (MBA)	17.6%	33.3%	15.70
Counseling and Human Services	5.9%	33.3%	27.40
Not Offered at UCCS	5.9%	33.3%	27.40
Nursing (MSN)	17.6%	0.0%	-17.60
Electrical Engineering (MS)	11.8%	0.0%	-11.80
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	11.8%	0.0%	-11.80
Basic Science	5.9%	0.0%	-5.90
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	5.9%	0.0%	-5.90
Curriculum & Instruction	5.9%	0.0%	-5.90
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	5.9%	0.0%	-5.90
Psychology (MA)	5.9%	0.0%	-5.90
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	9.2%	0.0%	-9.20
2 - No	90.8%	100.0%	9.20
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	82.7%	85.0%	2.30
2 - No	17.3%	15.0%	-2.30
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes	32.4%	44.4%	12.00
2 - No	67.6%	55.6%	-12.00
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never was advised	4.3%	7.4%	3.10
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	15.1%	7.4%	-7.70
2 - Very Poor	4.8%	3.7%	-1.10
3 - Poor	4.3%	7.4%	3.10
4 - Fair	20.4%	7.4%	-13.00
5 - Good	41.4%	37.0%	-4.40
6 - Excellent	9.7%	29.6%	19.90
MEAN*=	4.58	4.96	0.38
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	23.4%	14.8%	-8.60
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	17.6%	22.2%	4.60
2 - Never had a mentor	11.7%	7.4%	-4.30
3 - Very Poor	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Poor	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
5 - Fair	9.0%	3.7%	-5.30
6 - Good	23.9%	14.8%	-9.10
7 - Excellent	12.2%	37.0%	24.80
MEAN*=	5.97	6.60	0.63
* Only includes responses 3 through 7			
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	34.8%	51.9%	17.10
2 - No	65.2%	48.1%	-17.10

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
1 - Never	34.2%	44.4%	10.20
2 - Rarely	33.2%	14.8%	-18.40
3 - Sometimes	23.4%	25.9%	2.50
4 - Often	8.2%	7.4%	-0.80
5 - Always	1.1%	7.4%	6.30
MEAN=	2.09	2.19	0.10

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Faculty	13.9%	24.4%	10.50
Location	20.0%	15.6%	-4.40
Able to get a degree	9.4%	11.1%	1.70
Cost	7.6%	8.9%	1.30
Availability of faculty	1.8%	6.7%	4.90
Class hours/schedule	6.4%	4.4%	-2.00
Good reputation	4.5%	4.4%	-0.10
Good departmental programs	3.6%	4.4%	0.80
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.2%	4.4%	3.20
Convenient	6.7%	2.2%	-4.50
Curriculum	3.9%	2.2%	-1.70
Small class size	3.3%	2.2%	-1.10
Small school/atmosphere	1.8%	2.2%	0.40
Older, mature student body	0.3%	2.2%	1.90
Night classes	2.7%	0.0%	-2.70
Accredited	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
Friendly atmosphere	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
Quality education	1.2%	0.0%	-1.20
High academic standards	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
Orientation to non-traditional students	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
Beautiful campus	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Had major I wanted	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Diversity on campus	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Good academic advising	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Had no choice	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Well rounded education	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Parking	9.5%	7.7%	-1.80
Curriculum	7.4%	7.7%	0.30
Faculty	6.3%	7.7%	1.40
Location	2.6%	7.7%	5.10
Department/program disorganized	7.9%	3.8%	-4.10
Need more graduate programs	7.4%	3.8%	-3.60
School lacks a big name	6.3%	3.8%	-2.50
High fees, costs	3.7%	3.8%	0.10
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	3.8%	0.10
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	3.8%	0.60
Bureaucracy	2.6%	3.8%	1.20
Poor student/customer services	2.6%	3.8%	1.20
Poor job placement, career guidance	2.1%	3.8%	1.70
Little campus life / social life	1.1%	3.8%	2.70
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.1%	3.8%	2.70
Lack of financial aid	0.5%	3.8%	3.30
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.5%	3.8%	3.30
Use of student funds	0.0%	3.8%	3.80
Availability of faculty	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
Lack of internships, work experience	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
Poor academic advising	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
School is too small	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
Group projects	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Classes too big	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
No involvement with community	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
Staff	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
Construction	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
Inadequate library resources	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50

Lack of diversity among students	0.5%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.5%	0.0%	0.00
34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?			
Be prepared / work hard	18.1%	27.6%	9.50
Choose program carefully	5.8%	13.8%	8.00
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	8.2%	10.3%	2.10
Seek advice	7.0%	10.3%	3.30
Seek out students with similar interests	7.0%	10.3%	3.30
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	13.5%	6.9%	-6.60
Enjoy yourself	2.9%	3.4%	0.50
Be sure that this is what you want	2.3%	3.4%	1.10
Get involved in research / practical experience	2.3%	3.4%	1.10
Advocate for yourself	8.2%	0.0%	-8.20
Develop business / networking relationships	5.3%	0.0%	-5.30
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	4.2%	0.0%	-4.20
Enroll full time	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
Start thesis ASAP	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?			
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time	17.0%	33.3%	16.30
2 - Professional publication	2.7%	0.0%	-2.70
3 - Brochure	3.7%	7.4%	3.70
4 - Web site	20.7%	14.8%	-5.90
5 - Word of mouth	32.4%	25.9%	-6.50
6- Other	23.4%	18.5%	-4.90
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?	N=		
1 - Not helpful	185	27	
2-	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
3 - Somewhat helpful	4.9%	18.5%	13.60
4-	28.1%	14.8%	-13.30
5 - Very helpful	37.3%	28.9%	-8.40
	28.1%	40.7%	12.60
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>			
36. Your gender is:			
1 - Male	39.4%	33.3%	-6.10
2 - Female	60.6%	66.7%	6.10
37. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian	100.0%	0.0%	0.00
2 - African American or black	0.0%	29.6%	0.00
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic	0.0%	22.2%	0.00
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut	0.0%	3.7%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander	0.0%	22.2%	0.00
6 - Other	0.0%	22.2%	0.00
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1967.19	1967.11
	RANGE	1946-1981	1944-1980
39. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married	11.7%	38.5%	26.80
2 - Married	72.3%	50.0%	-22.30
3 - Separated	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
4 - Divorced	12.2%	11.5%	-0.70
5- Widowed	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
6 - Other	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
40. How many dependants are in your household?			
0	44.7%	44.4%	-0.30
1	21.3%	29.6%	8.30
2	18.6%	14.8%	-3.83
3	15.4%	11.1%	-4.30
4	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5-7	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
	MEAN=	2.05	1.93
			-0.12

41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:

1 - Less than \$9,999	3.4%	3.7%	0.30
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	5.6%	3.7%	-1.90
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	6.1%	11.1%	5.00
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	21.2%	33.3%	12.10
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	18.4%	14.8%	-3.60
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	24.0%	22.2%	-1.80
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	8.9%	3.7%	-5.20
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999	5.6%	3.7%	-1.90
9 - \$110,000 or more	6.7%	3.7%	-3.00
MEAN=	5.22	4.74	-0.48





**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**  
**2006 Graduate Alumni Survey Report**  
**Comparison of University Totals to the**  
**Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS**

**2006 ALUMNI    2006 BETH-EL**  
**N=222            N=21            DIFFERENCE**

1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?			
Fall	49.7%	72.7%	23.00
Spring	24.9%	18.2%	-6.70
Summer	25.4%	9.1%	-16.30
2004	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
2003	15.3%	7.7%	-7.60
2002	36.5%	38.5%	2.00
2001	21.2%	46.2%	25.00
2000	11.8%	7.7%	-4.10
1999	6.9%	0.0%	-6.90
1998	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1997	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
1996	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1995 and before	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2. What was your initial student level?			
1 - Fully Accepted	73.7%	81.3%	7.60
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	18.8%	5.00
3 - Unclassified	12.4%	0.0%	-12.40
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?			
1 - Resident	78.4%	81.3%	2.90
2 - Non-resident	11.5%	18.8%	7.30
3- Online Instruction Only	10.1%	0.0%	-10.10
4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.4%	87.5%	14.10
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	12.5%	-14.10
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.			
1 - May	53.5%	68.8%	15.30
2 - August	19.2%	0.0%	-19.20
3 - December	27.2%	31.3%	4.10
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?			
Master of Science Nursing	7.3%	100.0%	
7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?			
Nursing (MSN)	7.6%	100.0%	
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?			
Nursing	9.5%	100.0%	
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?			
1 - Yes	37.2%	81.3%	44.10
2 - No	62.8%	18.8%	-44.00
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online			
	N=	81	13
	Percent <= 50%	57.9%	53.8%
	Percent > 50%	41.7%	46.2%
	MEAN=	51.4%	52.5%
			-4.10
			4.50
			0.01

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	12.5%	-19.93
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	18.8%	2.59
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	56.3%	37.39
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	0.0%	-14.40
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.6%	0.0%	-3.60
7 - For self-development.	8.6%	12.5%	3.95
8 - Other	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	12.0%	0.0%	-12.00
2 - No	88.0%	100.0%	12.00
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=		
Ph.D.	25	0	
	28.0%	0.0%	-28.00
University:			
Other	46.2%	0.0%	-46.20
UCCS	42.3%	0.0%	-42.30
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
1 - Yes	N=	16	
	182	12.5%	-9.50
2 - No	78.0%	87.5%	9.50
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	28.1%	37.5%	9.40
2 - Continued current employment	59.0%	43.8%	-15.20
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.1%	6.3%	1.20
4 -Took time off	1.8%	0.0%	-1.80
5 - Other	6.0%	12.5%	6.50
12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	83.3%	68.8%	-14.50
2 - Employed part-time	8.3%	18.8%	10.50
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	12.5%	8.80
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?			
Spouse	N=	2	
	16	100.0%	43.75
12b. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	55.7%	14.3%	-41.40
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	57.1%	42.80
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	28.6%	-0.50
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.5%	0.0%	-7.50
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Education	43.2%	0.0%	-43.20
5 - Finance	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
6 - Government	7.5%	0.0%	-7.50
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
9 - Manufacturing	7.0%	0.0%	-7.00
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	9.0%	85.7%	76.70
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	14.3%	13.30
13 - Public Service	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
14 - Services	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
17 - Other (specify)	9.0%	0.0%	-9.00

14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?			
1 - Yes	92.0%	100.0%	8.00
2 - No	8.0%	0.0%	-8.00
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?			
1 - Very Satisfied	40.6%	57.1%	16.50
2 - Satisfied	42.6%	42.9%	0.30
3- Neutral	11.9%	0.0%	-11.90
4 - Dissatisfied	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?			
1 - Yes	61.9%	60.0%	-1.90
2 - No	38.1%	40.0%	1.90
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?			
1 - Yes	86.5%	100.0%	13.50
2 - No	13.5%	0.0%	-13.50
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?			
	MEAN=	6.22	3.50
< 1 month		6.9%	25.0%
1 - 2 months		31.0%	25.0%
> 2 months		62.1%	50.0%
			-2.72
			18.10
			-6.00
			-12.10
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
1 - Did not have to relocate	88.4%	73.3%	-15.10
2 - Relocated within Colorado	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
3 - Relocated to another state	10.1%	26.7%	-10.10
4 - Relocated to another country	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
1 - Had no previous employment experience	16.7%	14.3%	-2.40
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.8%	28.6%	-5.20
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	49.5%	57.1%	7.60
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
2 - Disagree	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
4 - Slightly Agree	9.0%	0.0%	-9.00
5 - Agree	20.9%	7.1%	-13.80
6 - Strongly Agree	59.2%	92.9%	33.70
	MEAN=	5.20	5.90
			0.70
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
2 - Disagree	5.1%	7.7%	2.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.6%	7.7%	4.10
4 - Slightly Agree	9.7%	0.0%	-9.70
5 - Agree	35.9%	30.8%	-5.10
6 - Strongly Agree	44.1%	53.8%	9.70
	MEAN=	5.06	5.15
			0.09
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
2 - Disagree	18.5%	7.1%	-11.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	9.5%	0.0%	-9.50
4 - Slightly Agree	15.0%	7.1%	-7.90
5 - Agree	24.5%	35.7%	11.20
6 - Strongly Agree	27.5%	50.0%	22.50
	MEAN=	4.18	5.21
			1.03

**Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS**

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
4 - Slightly Agree	22.2%	21.4%	-0.80
5 - Agree	42.5%	57.1%	14.60
6 - Strongly Agree	27.4%	21.4%	-6.00
MEAN=	4.83	5.00	0.17
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.7%	0.0%	-4.70
4 - Slightly Agree	19.1%	13.3%	-5.80
5 - Agree	51.6%	66.7%	15.10
6 - Strongly Agree	24.2%	20.0%	-4.20
MEAN=	4.94	5.07	0.13
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	0.00
2 - Disagree	3.7%	6.7%	3.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
4 - Slightly Agree	12.6%	6.7%	-5.90
5 - Agree	38.1%	33.3%	-4.80
6 - Strongly Agree	42.3%	53.3%	11.00
MEAN=	5.10	5.27	0.17
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
4 - Slightly Agree	17.5%	13.3%	-4.20
5 - Agree	42.5%	46.7%	4.20
6 - Strongly Agree	33.0%	40.0%	7.00
MEAN=	4.95	5.27	0.32
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
2 - Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	0.0%	-10.20
5 - Agree	49.8%	57.1%	7.30
6 - Strongly Agree	36.3%	42.9%	6.60
MEAN=	5.14	5.43	0.29
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	10.1%	12.5%	2.40
2 - No	89.9%	87.5%	-2.40
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?	N=	2	
Nursing (MSN)	15.0%	100.0%	85.00
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	8.5%	6.3%	-2.20
2 - No	91.5%	93.8%	2.30
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	83.1%	75.0%	-8.10
2 - No	16.9%	25.0%	8.10
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes	33.7%	80.0%	46.30
2 - No	66.3%	20.0%	-46.30

28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?				
0 - Never was advised	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60	
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	6.7%	-7.70	
2 - Very Poor	5.1%	0.0%	-5.10	
3 - Poor	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60	
4 - Fair	18.5%	13.3%	-5.20	
5 - Good	40.7%	40.0%	-0.70	
6 - Excellent	12.0%	40.0%	28.00	
	MEAN*=	4.62	5.29	0.67

\* Only includes responses 2 through 6

29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?				
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	15.8%	-6.20	
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	5.3%	-13.00	
2 - Never had a mentor	11.0%	5.3%	-5.70	
3 - Very Poor	0.9%	5.3%	-0.90	
4 - Poor	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40	
5 - Fair	8.3%	0.0%	-8.30	
6 - Good	22.9%	42.1%	19.20	
7 - Excellent	15.1%	26.3%	11.20	
	MEAN*=	6.03	6.36	0.33

\* Only includes responses 3 through 7

30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	37.3%	37.5%	0.20
2 - No	62.7%	62.5%	-0.20

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?				
1 - Never	35.0%	56.3%	21.30	
2 - Rarely	30.8%	25.0%	-5.80	
3 - Sometimes	23.8%	6.3%	-17.50	
4 - Often	8.4%	12.5%	4.10	
5 - Always	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90	
	MEAN=	2.11	1.75	-0.36

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Able to get a degree	9.5%	21.2%	11.70
Faculty	15.3%	18.2%	2.90
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	12.1%	6.00
Location	19.3%	12.1%	-7.20
Cost	7.7%	6.1%	-1.60
Good departmental programs	3.7%	6.1%	2.40
Good reputation	4.5%	6.1%	1.60
Small class size	3.4%	6.1%	2.70
Availability of faculty	2.6%	3.0%	0.40
Beautiful campus	0.5%	3.0%	2.50
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	0.3%	3.0%	2.70

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	14.3%	7.00
Bureaucracy	2.8%	9.5%	6.70
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	9.5%	6.30
Location	3.2%	9.5%	6.30
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	9.5%	2.60
Poor academic advising	1.8%	9.5%	7.70
High fees, costs	3.7%	4.8%	1.10
Inadequate library resources	0.5%	4.8%	4.30
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	1.4%	4.8%	3.40
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	4.8%	1.10
Parking	9.2%	4.8%	-4.40
Poor job placement, career guidance	2.3%	4.8%	2.50

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?			
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	12.7%	28.6%	15.90
Be prepared / work hard	19.1%	19.0%	-0.10
Advocate for yourself	7.4%	14.3%	6.90
Choose program carefully	6.9%	14.3%	7.40
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	8.3%	9.5%	1.20
Seek advice	7.8%	4.8%	-3.00
35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?			
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time	18.8%	4.8%	-14.00
2 - Professional publication	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Brochure	4.1%	6.3%	2.20
4 - Web site	19.7%	25.0%	5.30
5 - Word of mouth	31.7%	50.0%	18.30
6- Other	23.4%	18.8%	-4.60
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?			
	N=	214	16
1 - Not helpful		1.4%	0.0%
2-		6.5%	0.0%
3 - Somewhat helpful		27.1%	25.0%
4-		35.5%	25.0%
5 - Very helpful		29.4%	50.0%
			-1.40
			-6.50
			-2.10
			-10.50
			20.60
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>			
36. Your gender is:			
1 - Male		38.9%	0.0%
2 - Female		61.1%	100.0%
			-38.90
			38.90
37. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.0%	81.3%
2 - African American or black		3.7%	0.0%
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		2.8%	12.5%
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.5%	0.0%
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		2.8%	6.3%
6 - Other		3.3%	0.0%
			-5.70
			-3.70
			9.70
			-0.50
			3.50
			-3.30
38. Your year of birth is:			
	MEAN=	1967	1961
	RANGE	1944-1981	1947-1974
39. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married		14.9%	18.8%
2 - Married		69.8%	62.5%
3 - Separated		1.9%	0.0%
4 - Divorced		12.1%	18.8%
5- Widowed		0.5%	0.0%
6 - Other		0.9%	0.0%
			3.90
			-7.30
			-1.90
			6.70
			-0.50
			-0.90
40. How many dependants are in your household?			
0		44.4%	75.0%
1		22.2%	6.3%
2		18.1%	12.5%
3		15.3%	6.3%
4		0.0%	0.0%
5-7		0.0%	0.0%
	MEAN=	2.04	1.5
			30.60
			-15.90
			-5.60
			-9.00
			0.00
			0.00
			-0.54
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999		3.4%	6.7%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		5.3%	0.0%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.8%	5.0%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.7%	0.0%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.9%	6.7%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		24.2%	60.0%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		8.2%	13.3%
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.3%	6.7%
9 - \$110,000 or more		6.3%	6.7%
	MEAN=	5.16	6.07
			3.30
			-5.30
			-1.80
			-22.70
			-11.20
			35.80
			5.10
			1.40
			0.40
			0.91



**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**  
**2006 Graduate Alumni Survey Report**  
**Comparison of University Totals to the**  
**College of Business**

**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS**

	<b>2006 ALUMNI</b>	<b>2006 BUS</b>	
	<b>N=222</b>	<b>N=63</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?			
Fall	49.7%	40.7%	-9.00
Spring	24.9%	42.6%	17.70
Summer	25.4%	16.7%	-8.70
2004	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
2003	15.3%	10.2%	-5.10
2002	36.5%	30.5%	-6.00
2001	21.2%	30.5%	9.30
2000	11.8%	16.9%	5.10
1999	6.9%	8.5%	1.60
1998	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1997	2.0%	1.7%	-0.30
1996	1.5%	1.7%	0.20
1995 and before	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2. What was your initial student level?			
1 - Fully Accepted	73.7%	82.5%	8.80
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	14.3%	0.50
3 - Unclassified	12.4%	3.2%	-9.20
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?			
1 - Resident	78.4%	61.9%	-16.50
2 - Non-resident	11.5%	11.1%	-0.40
3 - Online Instruction Only	10.1%	27.0%	16.90
4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.4%	61.9%	-11.50
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	38.1%	11.50
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.			
1 - May	53.5%	44.4%	-9.10
2 - August	19.2%	17.5%	-1.70
3 - December	27.2%	38.1%	10.90
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?			
Master of Business Administration	27.9%	100.0%	
7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?			
Business Administration (MBA)	29.9%	100.0%	
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?			
Business	29.1%	100.0%	
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?			
1 - Yes	37.2%	68.3%	31.10
2 - No	62.8%	31.7%	-31.10
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online			
	N=	81	43
	Percent <= 50%	57.9%	46.4%
	Percent > 50%	41.7%	53.5%
	MEAN=	51.4%	62.5%
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	39.7%	7.27
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	9.5%	-6.71
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	23.8%	4.89
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	7.9%	2.95
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	9.5%	-4.91
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.6%	0.0%	-3.60
7 - For self-development.	8.6%	7.9%	-0.65
8 - Other	0.9%	1.6%	-0.90

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	12.0%	7.9%	-4.10
2 - No	88.0%	92.1%	4.10
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=		
Master of Science (MS)	25	5	
Master of Public Administration (MPA)	32.0%	80.0%	48.00
	4.0%	20.0%	16.00
University:			
UCCS	42.3%	66.7%	24.40
Other	46.2%	33.3%	-12.90
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
1 - Yes	N= 182	52	
2 - No	22.0%	21.2%	-0.80
	78.0%	78.8%	0.80
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	28.1%	15.9%	-12.20
2 - Continued current employment	59.0%	74.6%	15.60
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.1%	4.8%	-0.30
4 -Took time off	1.8%	1.6%	-0.20
5 - Other	6.0%	3.2%	-2.80
12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	83.3%	84.1%	0.80
2 - Employed part-time	8.3%	4.8%	-3.50
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	4.8%	1.10
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	6.3%	1.70
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?			
	N=		
Spouse	16	5	
Savings	56.3%	40.0%	-16.25
Other	12.5%	40.0%	27.50
	6.3%	20.0%	13.75
13b. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	55.7%	35.7%	-20.00
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	8.9%	-5.40
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	53.6%	24.50
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	1.8%	0.80
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.5%	7.1%	-0.40
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.5%	1.8%	1.30
4 - Education	43.2%	3.6%	-39.60
5 - Finance	5.0%	14.3%	9.30
6 - Government	7.5%	10.7%	3.20
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	3.6%	2.10
9 - Manufacturing	7.0%	21.4%	14.40
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	9.0%	8.9%	-9.00
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
14 - Services	4.5%	10.7%	6.20
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.5%	1.8%	1.30
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.0%	1.8%	0.80
17 - Other	9.0%	14.3%	5.30
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?			
1 - Yes	92.0%	85.7%	-6.30
2 - No	8.0%	14.3%	6.30
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?			
1 - Very Satisfied	40.6%	31.6%	-9.00
2 - Satisfied	42.6%	43.9%	1.30
3- Neutral	11.9%	17.5%	5.60
4 - Dissatisfied	3.5%	3.5%	0.00
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	3.5%	2.00
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?			
1 - Yes	61.9%	66.7%	4.80
2 - No	38.1%	33.3%	-4.80



15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?			
1 - Yes	86.5%	78.4%	-8.10
2 - No	13.5%	21.6%	8.10
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?			
	MEAN=	6.22	8.13
< 1 month		6.9%	6.3%
1 - 2 months		31.0%	6.3%
> 2 months		62.1%	87.4%
			-24.70
			25.30
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
1 - Did not have to relocate	88.4%	80.0%	-8.40
2 - Relocated within Colorado	1.5%	5.5%	4.00
3 - Relocated to another state	10.1%	14.5%	4.40
4 - Relocated to another country	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
1 - Had no previous employment experience	16.7%	10.7%	-6.00
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.8%	30.4%	-3.40
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	49.5%	58.9%	9.40
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
2 - Disagree	4.5%	12.5%	8.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.5%	7.1%	2.60
4 - Slightly Agree	9.0%	21.4%	12.40
5 - Agree	20.9%	21.4%	0.50
6 - Strongly Agree	59.2%	37.5%	-21.70
	MEAN=	5.20	4.64
			-0.56
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	3.6%	2.10
2 - Disagree	5.1%	8.9%	3.80
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.6%	1.8%	-1.80
4 - Slightly Agree	9.7%	10.7%	1.00
5 - Agree	35.9%	50.0%	14.10
6 - Strongly Agree	44.1%	25.0%	-19.10
	MEAN=	5.06	4.70
			-0.36
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	8.9%	3.90
2 - Disagree	18.5%	17.9%	-0.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	9.5%	17.9%	8.40
4 - Slightly Agree	15.0%	12.5%	-2.50
5 - Agree	24.5%	33.9%	9.40
6 - Strongly Agree	27.5%	8.9%	-18.60
	MEAN=	4.18	3.71
			-0.47
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS</b>			
21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	3.2%	1.80
2 - Disagree	3.3%	4.8%	1.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	4.8%	1.50
4 - Slightly Agree	22.2%	29.0%	6.80
5 - Agree	42.5%	43.5%	1.00
6 - Strongly Agree	27.4%	14.5%	-12.90
	MEAN=	4.83	4.48
			-0.35
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	1.6%	1.10
2 - Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.7%	4.8%	0.10
4 - Slightly Agree	19.1%	17.5%	-1.60
5 - Agree	51.6%	54.0%	2.40
6 - Strongly Agree	24.2%	22.2%	-2.00
	MEAN=	4.94	4.89
			-0.05
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	1.6%	0.70
2 - Disagree	3.7%	1.6%	-2.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.3%	1.6%	-0.70
4 - Slightly Agree	12.6%	11.1%	-1.50
5 - Agree	38.1%	39.7%	1.60
6 - Strongly Agree	42.3%	44.4%	2.10
	MEAN=	5.10	5.19
			0.09

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	3.3%	1.90
2 - Disagree	3.3%	4.9%	1.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.4%	1.6%	-0.80
4 - Slightly Agree	17.5%	24.6%	7.10
5 - Agree	42.5%	37.7%	-4.80
6 - Strongly Agree	33.0%	27.9%	-5.10
MEAN=	4.95	4.72	-0.23
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	1.6%	0.70
2 - Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	9.5%	-0.70
5 - Agree	49.8%	49.2%	-0.60
6 - Strongly Agree	36.3%	39.7%	3.40
MEAN=	5.14	5.24	0.10
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	10.1%	9.5%	-0.60
2 - No	89.9%	90.5%	0.60
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?			
	N=	20	4
Business (MBA)		20.0%	25.0%
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)		10.0%	25.0%
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)		5.0%	25.0%
Mechanical Engineering (MS)		5.0%	25.0%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	8.5%	10.2%	1.70
2 - No	91.5%	89.8%	-1.70
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	83.1%	81.6%	-1.50
2 - No	16.9%	18.4%	1.50
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes	33.7%	10.5%	-23.20
2 - No	66.3%	89.5%	23.20
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never was advised	4.6%	4.8%	0.20
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	27.0%	12.60
2 - Very Poor	5.1%	9.5%	4.40
3 - Poor	4.6%	4.8%	0.20
4 - Fair	18.5%	12.7%	-5.80
5 - Good	40.7%	31.7%	-9.00
6 - Excellent	12.0%	9.5%	-2.50
MEAN*=	4.62	4.40	-0.22
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	39.7%	17.70
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	23.8%	5.50
2 - Never had a mentor	11.0%	12.7%	1.70
3 - Very Poor	0.9%	1.6%	0.70
4 - Poor	1.4%	3.2%	1.80
5 - Fair	8.3%	3.2%	-5.10
6 - Good	22.9%	11.1%	-11.80
7 - Excellent	15.1%	4.8%	-10.30
MEAN*=	6.03	5.60	-0.43
* Only includes responses 3 through 7			
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	37.3%	9.5%	-27.80
2 - No	62.7%	90.5%	27.80
31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
1 - Never	35.0%	14.5%	-20.50
2 - Rarely	30.8%	35.5%	4.70
3 - Sometimes	23.8%	33.9%	10.10
4 - Often	8.4%	12.9%	4.50
5 - Always	1.9%	3.2%	1.30
MEAN=	2.11	2.55	0.44

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Location	19.3%	18.4%	-0.90
Able to get a degree	9.5%	17.5%	8.00
Faculty	15.3%	12.3%	-3.00
Convenient	6.1%	7.0%	0.90
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	6.1%	0.00
Cost	7.7%	6.1%	-1.60
Curriculum	3.7%	6.1%	2.40
Night classes	2.4%	4.4%	2.00
Accredited	1.3%	2.6%	1.30
Good departmental programs	3.7%	2.6%	-1.10
Good reputation	4.5%	2.6%	-1.90
Older, mature student body	0.5%	1.8%	1.30
Orientation to non-traditional students	0.8%	1.8%	1.00
Quality education	1.1%	1.8%	0.70
Small class size	3.4%	1.8%	-1.60
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.3%	0.9%	0.60
Friendly atmosphere	1.6%	0.9%	-0.70
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.6%	0.9%	-0.70
High academic standards	0.8%	0.9%	0.10
Small school/atmosphere	1.8%	0.9%	-0.90
33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
School lacks a big name	6.4%	16.7%	10.30
Faculty	6.4%	6.1%	-0.30
Poor job placement, career guidance	2.3%	6.1%	3.80
Availability of faculty	2.3%	4.5%	2.20
Group projects	1.4%	4.5%	3.10
Little campus life / social life	1.4%	4.5%	3.10
Location	3.2%	4.5%	1.30
Parking	9.2%	4.5%	-4.70
Poor student/customer services	2.8%	4.5%	1.70
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	3.0%	-0.20
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	3.0%	-3.90
No involvement with community	0.9%	3.0%	-
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	1.8%	3.0%	1.20
School is too small	1.8%	3.0%	1.20
Bureaucracy	2.8%	1.5%	-1.30
Construction	0.5%	1.5%	1.00
Curriculum	7.3%	1.5%	-5.80
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	1.5%	-5.80
High fees, costs	3.7%	1.5%	-2.20
Lack of financial aid	0.9%	1.5%	0.60
Lack of internships, work experience	1.8%	1.5%	-0.30
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	1.5%	-2.20
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.5%	1.5%	-
Poor academic advising	1.8%	1.5%	-0.30
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.4%	1.5%	0.10
34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?			
Be prepared / work hard	19.1%	25.0%	5.90
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	12.7%	13.5%	0.80
Seek advice	7.8%	9.6%	1.80
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	3.4%	9.6%	6.20
Enroll full time	2.0%	7.7%	5.70
Seek out students with similar interests	7.4%	7.7%	0.30
Be sure that this is what you want	2.5%	3.8%	1.30
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	8.3%	3.8%	-4.50
Choose program carefully	6.9%	3.8%	-3.10
Develop business / networking relationships	4.4%	3.8%	-0.60
Advocate for yourself	7.4%	1.9%	-5.50
Enjoy yourself	2.9%	1.9%	-1.00
Start thesis ASAP	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?			
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time	18.8%	19.0%	0.20
2 - Professional publication	2.3%	6.3%	4.00
3 - Brochure	4.1%	1.6%	-2.50
4 - Web site	19.7%	33.3%	13.60
5 - Word of mouth	31.7%	19.0%	-12.70
6- Other	23.4%	20.6%	-2.80
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?			
	N=	214	62
1 - Not helpful		1.4%	3.2%
2-		6.5%	11.3%
3 - Somewhat helpful		27.1%	22.6%
4-		35.5%	35.5%
5 - Very helpful		29.4%	27.4%

**Section D. Demographics**

36. Your gender is:			
1 - Male	38.9%	61.3%	22.40
2 - Female	61.1%	38.7%	-22.40
37. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian	87.0%	85.5%	-1.50
2 - African American or black	3.7%	3.2%	-0.50
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic	2.8%	1.6%	-1.20
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander	2.8%	4.8%	2.00
6 - Other	3.3%	4.8%	1.50
38. Your year of birth is:			
	MEAN=	1967	1970
	RANGE	1944-1981	1946-1981
39. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married	14.9%	19.4%	4.50
2 - Married	69.8%	71.0%	1.20
3 - Separated	1.9%	1.6%	-0.30
4 - Divorced	12.1%	6.5%	-5.60
5 - Widowed	0.5%	1.6%	1.10
6 - Other	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
40. How many dependants are in your household?			
0	44.4%	37.1%	-7.30
1	22.2%	30.6%	8.40
2	18.1%	14.5%	-3.60
3	15.3%	17.7%	2.40
4	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5-7	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
	MEAN=	2.04	2.13
			0.09
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999	3.4%	5.2%	1.80
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	5.3%	5.2%	-0.10
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	6.8%	0.0%	-6.80
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	22.7%	3.4%	-19.30
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	17.9%	13.8%	-4.10
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	24.2%	32.8%	8.60
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	8.2%	12.1%	3.90
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999	5.3%	12.1%	6.80
9 - \$110,000 or more	6.3%	15.5%	9.20
	MEAN=	5.16	6.16
			1.00



**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**  
**2006 Graduate Alumni Survey Report**  
**Comparison of University Totals to the**  
**College of Education**

**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS**

	<b>2006 ALUMNI</b>	<b>2006 EDUC</b>	
	<b>N=222</b>	<b>N=88</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?</b>			
Fall	49.7%	47.2%	-2.50
Spring	24.9%	13.9%	-11.00
Summer	25.4%	38.8%	13.40
2004	1.0%	2.4%	1.40
2003	15.3%	22.9%	7.60
2002	36.5%	43.4%	6.90
2001	21.2%	15.7%	-5.50
2000	11.8%	4.8%	-7.00
1999	6.9%	2.4%	-4.50
1998	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1997	2.0%	2.4%	0.40
1996	1.5%	1.2%	-0.30
1995 and before	2.5%	4.8%	2.30
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	73.7%	73.9%	0.20
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	10.2%	-3.60
3 - Unclassified	12.4%	15.9%	3.50
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	78.4%	89.8%	11.40
2 - Non-resident	11.5%	10.2%	-1.30
3- Online Instruction Only	10.1%	0.0%	-10.10
<b>4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?</b>			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.4%	87.5%	14.10
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	12.5%	-14.10
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
1 - May	53.5%	55.3%	1.80
2 - August	19.2%	27.1%	7.90
3 - December	27.2%	17.6%	-9.60
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Arts	47.0%	100.0%	52.97
<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?</b>			
Curriculum & Instruction (MA)	27.0%	67.9%	40.89
Counseling & Human Services (MA)	8.1%	20.2%	12.15
Special Education (MA)	4.7%	11.9%	7.17
<b>8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?</b>			
Education	37.7%	100.0%	62.28
<b>8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?</b>			
1 - Yes	37.2%	8.0%	-29.20
2 - No	62.8%	92.0%	29.20
<b>8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online</b>			
	N=	81	7
Percent <= 50%		57.9%	85.7%
Percent > 50%		41.7%	14.3%
	MEAN=	51.4%	22.4%
			-29.01

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	33.0%	0.57
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	20.5%	4.29
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	14.8%	-4.11
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	23.9%	9.49
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.6%	2.3%	-1.30
7 - For self-development.	8.6%	3.4%	-5.15
8 - Other	0.9%	2.3%	-0.90

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	12.0%	12.5%	0.50
2 - No	88.0%	87.5%	-0.50

10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=		
Master of Science (MS)	25	10	
Ph.D.	32.0%	20.0%	-12.00
Master of Arts (MA)	28.0%	30.0%	2.00
Other	20.0%	10.0%	-10.00
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)	12.0%	30.0%	18.00
	4.0%	10.0%	6.00
University:			
Other	46.2%	50.0%	3.80
UCCS	42.3%	20.0%	-22.30
University of Northern Colorado (UNC)	3.8%	10.0%	6.20
Adams State	3.8%	10.0%	6.20
CU-Denver	3.8%	10.0%	6.20

10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
1 - Yes	N=		
2 - No	182	73	
	22.0%	26.7%	4.70
	78.0%	73.3%	-4.70

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	28.1%	39.8%	11.70
2 - Continued current employment	59.0%	52.3%	-6.70
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.1%	1.1%	-4.00
4 -Took time off	1.8%	2.3%	0.50
5 - Other	6.0%	4.5%	-1.50

12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	83.3%	88.6%	5.30
2 - Employed part-time	8.3%	6.8%	-1.50
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	4.5%	-0.10

12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?			
Spouse	N=		
	16	3	
	56.3%	100.0%	43.75

13b. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	55.7%	72.9%	17.20
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	14.1%	-0.20
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	11.8%	-17.30
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	1.2%	0.20

14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.5%	1.2%	-7.50
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Education	43.2%	89.0%	45.80
5 - Finance	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
6 - Government	7.5%	3.7%	-3.80
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
9 - Manufacturing	7.0%	0.0%	-7.00
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00

11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	9.0%	0.0%	-9.00	
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00	
13 - Public Service	2.5%	1.2%	-1.30	
14 - Services	4.5%	2.4%	-2.10	
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50	
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.0%	1.2%	0.20	
17 - Other (specify)	9.0%	1.2%	-7.80	
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?				
1 - Yes	92.0%	97.6%	5.60	
2 - No	8.0%	2.4%	-5.60	
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?				
1 - Very Satisfied	40.6%	41.7%	1.10	
2 - Satisfied	42.6%	45.2%	2.60	
3 - Neutral	11.9%	10.7%	-1.20	
4 - Dissatisfied	3.5%	2.4%	-1.10	
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?				
1 - Yes	61.9%	55.4%	-6.50	
2 - No	38.1%	44.6%	6.50	
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?				
1 - Yes	86.5%	92.9%	6.40	
2 - No	13.5%	7.1%	-6.40	
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?				
	MEAN=	6.22	5.38	-0.84
< 1 month		6.9%	7.7%	0.80
1 - 2 months		31.0%	46.1%	15.10
> 2 months		62.1%	46.2%	-15.90
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?				
1 - Did not have to relocate	88.4%	95.2%	6.80	
2 - Relocated within Colorado	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
3 - Relocated to another state	10.1%	4.8%	-5.30	
4 - Relocated to another country	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?				
1 - Had no previous employment experience	16.7%	24.1%	7.40	
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.8%	41.0%	7.20	
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	49.5%	34.9%	-14.60	
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	2.4%	0.40	
2 - Disagree	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50	
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50	
4 - Slightly Agree	9.0%	1.2%	-7.80	
5 - Agree	20.9%	15.5%	-5.40	
6 - Strongly Agree	59.2%	81.0%	21.80	
	MEAN=	5.20	5.70	0.50
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
2 - Disagree	5.1%	3.7%	-1.40	
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.6%	1.2%	-2.40	
4 - Slightly Agree	9.7%	4.9%	-4.80	
5 - Agree	35.9%	26.8%	-9.10	
6 - Strongly Agree	44.1%	63.4%	19.30	
	MEAN=	5.06	5.45	0.39
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	4.8%	-0.20	
2 - Disagree	18.5%	20.5%	2.00	
3 - Slightly Disagree	9.5%	6.0%	-3.50	
4 - Slightly Agree	15.0%	14.5%	-0.50	
5 - Agree	24.5%	14.5%	-10.00	
6 - Strongly Agree	27.5%	39.8%	12.30	
	MEAN=	4.18	4.33	0.15

**Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS**

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	1.2%	-2.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	2.3%	-1.00
4 - Slightly Agree	22.2%	16.3%	-5.90
5 - Agree	42.5%	40.7%	-1.80
6 - Strongly Agree	27.4%	39.5%	12.10
MEAN=	4.83	5.15	0.32
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.7%	6.9%	2.20
4 - Slightly Agree	19.1%	21.8%	2.70
5 - Agree	51.6%	46.0%	-5.60
6 - Strongly Agree	24.2%	25.3%	1.10
MEAN=	4.94	4.9	-0.04
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	1.1%	0.20
2 - Disagree	3.7%	4.6%	0.90
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.3%	3.4%	1.10
4 - Slightly Agree	12.6%	12.6%	0.00
5 - Agree	38.1%	36.8%	-1.30
6 - Strongly Agree	42.3%	41.4%	-0.90
MEAN=	5.10	5.03	-0.07
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	3.4%	0.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.4%	2.3%	-0.10
4 - Slightly Agree	17.5%	11.5%	-6.00
5 - Agree	42.5%	44.8%	2.30
6 - Strongly Agree	33.0%	37.9%	4.90
MEAN=	4.95	5.11	0.16
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	1.1%	0.20
2 - Disagree	2.3%	4.5%	2.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	1.1%	0.60
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	9.1%	-1.10
5 - Agree	49.8%	50.0%	0.20
6 - Strongly Agree	36.3%	34.1%	-2.20
MEAN=	5.14	5.05	-0.09
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	10.1%	5.7%	-4.40
2 - No	89.9%	94.3%	4.40
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?			
	N=	20	5
Counseling and Human Services		10.0%	20.0%
Electrical Engineering (MS)		10.0%	20.0%
Not Offered at UCCS		10.0%	20.0%
Basic Science		5.0%	20.0%
Psychology (MA)		5.0%	20.0%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	8.5%	10.1%	1.60
2 - No	91.5%	89.9%	-1.60
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	83.1%	88.7%	5.60
2 - No	16.9%	11.3%	-5.60
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes	33.7%	38.4%	4.70
2 - No	66.3%	61.6%	-4.70



28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?

0 - Never was advised	4.6%	3.4%	-1.20
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	9.1%	-5.30
2 - Very Poor	5.1%	1.1%	-4.00
3 - Poor	4.6%	8.0%	3.40
4 - Fair	18.5%	29.5%	11.00
5 - Good	40.7%	38.6%	-2.10
6 - Excellent	12.0%	10.2%	-1.80
MEAN*=	4.62	4.56	-0.06

\* Only includes responses 2 through 6

29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	18.2%	-3.80
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	12.5%	-5.80
2 - Never had a mentor	11.0%	12.5%	1.50
3 - Very Poor	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
4 - Poor	1.4%	1.1%	-1.40
5 - Fair	8.3%	15.9%	7.60
6 - Good	22.9%	20.5%	-2.40
7 - Excellent	15.1%	19.3%	4.20
MEAN*=	6.03	6.02	-0.01

\* Only includes responses 3 through 7

30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	37.3%	48.3%	11.00
2 - No	62.7%	51.7%	-11.00

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
1 - Never	35.0%	45.5%	10.50
2 - Rarely	30.8%	25.0%	-5.80
3 - Sometimes	23.8%	21.6%	-2.20
4 - Often	8.4%	5.7%	-2.70
5 - Always	1.9%	2.3%	0.40
MEAN=	2.11	1.94	-0.17

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Location	19.3%	23.5%	4.20
Faculty	15.3%	16.2%	0.90
Cost	7.7%	8.8%	1.10
Convenient	6.1%	7.4%	1.30
Good reputation	4.5%	7.4%	2.90
Availability of faculty	2.6%	4.4%	1.80
Curriculum	3.7%	3.7%	0.00
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.6%	3.7%	2.10
Able to get a degree	9.5%	2.9%	-6.60
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	2.9%	-3.20
Good departmental programs	3.7%	2.2%	-1.50
Night classes	2.4%	2.2%	-0.20
Small class size	3.4%	2.2%	-1.20
Small school/atmosphere	1.8%	2.2%	0.40
Accredited	1.3%	0.7%	-0.60
Beautiful campus	0.5%	0.7%	0.20
Friendly atmosphere	1.6%	0.7%	-0.90
Had major I wanted	0.5%	0.7%	0.20
High academic standards	0.8%	0.7%	-0.10
Quality education	1.1%	0.7%	-0.40
Well rounded education	0.3%	0.7%	0.40

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Parking	9.2%	17.1%	7.90
Curriculum	7.3%	15.8%	8.50
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	7.9%	0.60
High fees, costs	3.7%	7.9%	4.20
Faculty	6.4%	5.3%	-1.10
Bureaucracy	2.8%	3.9%	1.10
Poor student/customer services	2.8%	3.9%	1.10
Classes too big	0.9%	2.6%	1.70
Lack of internships, work experience	1.8%	2.6%	0.80
Location	3.2%	2.6%	-0.60
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	2.6%	-4.30
Staff	0.9%	2.6%	1.70
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.9%	2.6%	1.70
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	1.3%	-1.90

Lack of financial aid	0.9%	1.3%	0.40
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	1.3%	-2.40
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	1.8%	1.3%	-0.50
School is too small	1.8%	1.3%	-0.50
Use of student funds	0.5%	1.3%	0.80
34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?			
Be prepared / work hard	19.1%	17.9%	-1.20
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	8.3%	10.3%	2.00
Advocate for yourself	7.4%	10.3%	2.90
Choose program carefully	6.9%	7.7%	0.80
Seek out students with similar interests	7.4%	7.7%	0.30
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	12.7%	6.4%	-6.30
Seek advice	7.8%	6.4%	-1.40
Develop business / networking relationships	4.4%	6.4%	2.00
Get involved in research / practical experience	2.5%	3.8%	1.30
Be sure that this is what you want	2.5%	2.6%	0.10
Enjoy yourself	2.9%	2.6%	-0.30
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	3.4%	1.3%	-2.10
Enroll full time	2.0%	1.3%	-0.70
35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?			
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time	18.8%	19.3%	0.50
2 - Professional publication	2.3%	1.1%	-1.20
3 - Brochure	4.1%	4.5%	0.40
4 - Web site	19.7%	10.2%	-9.50
5 - Word of mouth	31.7%	40.9%	9.20
6- Other	23.4%	23.9%	0.50
			0.00
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?	N=	214	88
1 - Not helpful		1.4%	1.1%
2-		6.5%	5.7%
3 - Somewhat helpful		27.1%	31.8%
4-		35.5%	34.1%
5 - Very helpful		29.4%	27.3%
			-1.40
			-0.80
			4.70
			-1.40
			-2.10
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>			
36. Your gender is:			
1 - Male		38.9%	28.4%
2 - Female		61.1%	71.6%
			-10.50
			10.50
37. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.0%	86.4%
2 - African American or black		3.7%	5.7%
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		2.8%	3.4%
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.5%	1.1%
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		2.8%	1.1%
6 - Other		3.3%	2.3%
			-0.60
			2.00
			0.60
			-0.50
			-1.70
			-1.00
38. Your year of birth is:			
	MEAN=	1967	1966
	RANGE	1944-1981	1944-1981
39. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married		14.9%	12.6%
2 - Married		69.8%	75.9%
3 - Separated		1.9%	1.1%
4 - Divorced		12.1%	10.3%
5- Widowed		0.5%	0.0%
6 - Other		0.9%	0.0%
			-2.30
			6.10
			-0.80
			-1.80
			-0.50
			-0.90
40. How many dependants are in your household?			
0		44.4%	39.8%
1		22.2%	23.9%
2		18.1%	20.5%
3		15.3%	15.9%
4		0.0%	0.0%
5-7		0.0%	0.0%
	MEAN=	2.04	2.13
			0.09

41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:

1 - Less than \$9,999	3.4%	2.3%	-1.10
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	5.3%	1.2%	-4.10
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	6.8%	15.1%	8.30
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	22.7%	41.9%	19.20
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	17.9%	19.8%	1.90
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	24.2%	14.0%	-10.20
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	8.2%	2.3%	-5.90
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999	5.3%	2.3%	-3.00
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MEAN=	5.16	4.45	-0.71



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Summer	25.4%	7.1%	-18.30
2004	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
2003	15.3%	0.0%	-15.30
2002	36.5%	13.3%	-23.20
2001	21.2%	13.3%	-7.90
2000	11.8%	20.0%	8.20
1999	6.9%	26.7%	19.80
1998	1.5%	20.0%	18.50
1997	2.0%	6.7%	4.70
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	73.7%	43.8%	-29.90
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	12.5%	-1.30
3 - Unclassified	12.4%	37.5%	25.10
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	78.4%	62.5%	-15.90
2 - Non-resident	11.5%	18.8%	7.30
3- Online Instruction Only	10.1%	18.8%	8.70
<b>4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?</b>			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.4%	25.0%	-48.40
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	75.0%	48.40
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
1 - May	53.5%	56.3%	2.80
2 - August	19.2%	12.5%	-6.70
3 - December	27.2%	31.3%	4.10
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Engineering	4.6%	56.3%	51.73
Master of Science	3.7%	43.8%	40.15
<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?</b>			
Engineering (MS)	3.3%	42.9%	39.59
Electrical Engineering (MS)	1.4%	21.4%	19.98
Applied Mathematics (MS)	0.9%	14.3%	13.36
Computer Science (MS)	0.9%	14.3%	13.36
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	0.5%	4.1%	3.63
<b>8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?</b>			
Engineering & Applied Science	8.2%	100.0%	91.82
<b>8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?</b>			
1 - Yes	37.2%	25.0%	-12.20
2 - No	62.8%	75.0%	12.20
<b>8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online</b>			
	N=	81	4
Percent <= 50%	57.9%	50.0%	-7.90
Percent > 50%	41.7%	50.0%	8.30
MEAN=	51.4%	57.5%	0.06

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	18.8%	-13.63
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	37.5%	21.29
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	6.3%	-12.61
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	0.0%	-14.40
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.6%	18.8%	15.20
7 - For self-development.	8.6%	18.8%	10.25
8 - Other	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	12.0%	18.8%	6.80
2 - No	88.0%	81.3%	-6.70
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=		
Ph.D.	25	3	
	28.0%	100.0%	72.00
University:			
UCCS	42.3%	100.0%	57.70
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
1 - Yes	N=	13	
2 - No	182	13	
	22.0%	15.4%	-6.60
	78.0%	84.6%	6.60
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	28.1%	18.8%	-9.30
2 - Continued current employment	59.0%	56.3%	-2.70
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.1%	18.8%	13.70
4 - Took time off	1.8%	0.0%	-1.80
5 - Other	6.0%	6.3%	0.30
12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	83.3%	93.3%	10.00
2 - Employed part-time	8.3%	6.7%	-1.60
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?	N=	0	
13b. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	55.7%	31.3%	-24.40
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	12.5%	-1.80
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	56.3%	27.20
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.5%	56.3%	48.80
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Education	43.2%	12.5%	-30.70
5 - Finance	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
6 - Government	7.5%	0.0%	-7.50
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	6.3%	4.80
9 - Manufacturing	7.0%	12.5%	5.50
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	9.0%	0.0%	-9.00
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
14 - Services	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
17 - Other (specify)	9.0%	12.5%	3.50

14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?				
1 - Yes	92.0%	100.0%	8.00	
2 - No	8.0%	0.0%	-8.00	
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?				
1 - Very Satisfied	40.6%	37.5%	-3.10	
2 - Satisfied	42.6%	50.0%	7.40	
3 - Neutral	11.9%	6.3%	-5.60	
4 - Dissatisfied	3.5%	6.3%	2.80	
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?				
1 - Yes	61.9%	81.3%	19.40	
2 - No	38.1%	18.8%	-19.30	
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?				
1 - Yes	86.5%	100.0%	13.50	
2 - No	13.5%	0.0%	-13.50	
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?				
	MEAN=	6.22	1.50	-4.72
< 1 month		6.9%	0.0%	-6.90
1 - 2 months		31.0%	100.0%	69.00
> 2 months		62.1%	0.0%	-62.10
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?				
1 - Did not have to relocate	88.4%	85.7%	-2.70	
2 - Relocated within Colorado	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
3 - Relocated to another state	10.1%	14.3%	4.20	
4 - Relocated to another country	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?				
1 - Had no previous employment experience	16.7%	20.0%	3.30	
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.8%	0.0%	-33.80	
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	49.5%	80.0%	30.50	
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00	
2 - Disagree	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50	
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50	
4 - Slightly Agree	9.0%	6.3%	-2.70	
5 - Agree	20.9%	37.5%	16.60	
6 - Strongly Agree	59.2%	56.3%	-2.90	
	MEAN=	5.20	5.50	0.30
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
2 - Disagree	5.1%	0.0%	-5.10	
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.6%	7.7%	4.10	
4 - Slightly Agree	9.7%	15.4%	5.70	
5 - Agree	35.9%	46.2%	10.30	
6 - Strongly Agree	44.1%	30.8%	-13.30	
	MEAN=	5.06	5.00	-0.06
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00	
2 - Disagree	18.5%	18.8%	0.30	
3 - Slightly Disagree	9.5%	6.3%	-3.20	
4 - Slightly Agree	15.0%	31.3%	16.30	
5 - Agree	24.5%	25.0%	0.50	
6 - Strongly Agree	27.5%	18.8%	-8.70	
	MEAN=	4.18	4.19	0.01

**Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS**

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	6.3%	3.00
4 - Slightly Agree	22.2%	25.0%	2.80
5 - Agree	42.5%	43.8%	1.30
6 - Strongly Agree	27.4%	25.0%	-2.40
MEAN=	4.83	4.88	0.05
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.7%	6.3%	1.60
4 - Slightly Agree	19.1%	18.8%	-0.30
5 - Agree	51.6%	56.3%	4.70
6 - Strongly Agree	24.2%	18.8%	-5.40
MEAN=	4.94	4.88	-0.06
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
2 - Disagree	3.7%	6.3%	2.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.3%	6.3%	4.00
4 - Slightly Agree	12.6%	25.0%	12.40
5 - Agree	38.1%	31.3%	-6.80
6 - Strongly Agree	42.3%	31.3%	-11.00
MEAN=	5.10	4.75	-0.35
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.4%	6.3%	3.90
4 - Slightly Agree	17.5%	12.5%	-5.00
5 - Agree	42.5%	62.5%	20.00
6 - Strongly Agree	33.0%	18.8%	-14.20
MEAN=	4.95	4.94	-0.01
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
2 - Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	25.0%	14.80
5 - Agree	49.8%	50.0%	0.20
6 - Strongly Agree	36.3%	25.0%	-11.30
MEAN=	5.14	5.00	-0.14
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	10.1%	12.5%	2.40
2 - No	89.9%	87.5%	-2.40
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?			
Business (MBA)	N= 20	2	30.00
Electrical Engineering (MS)	20.0%	50.0%	40.00
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	8.5%	8.3%	-0.20
2 - No	91.5%	91.7%	0.20
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	83.1%	72.7%	-10.40
2 - No	16.9%	27.3%	10.40
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes	33.7%	25.0%	-8.70
2 - No	66.3%	75.0%	8.70



28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never was advised	4.6%	12.5%	7.90
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	12.5%	-1.90
2 - Very Poor	5.1%	6.3%	1.20
3 - Poor	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
4 - Fair	18.5%	12.5%	-6.00
5 - Good	40.7%	50.0%	9.30
6 - Excellent	12.0%	6.3%	-5.70
MEAN*=	4.62	4.67	0.05
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	12.5%	-9.50
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	25.0%	6.70
2 - Never had a mentor	11.0%	12.5%	1.50
3 - Very Poor	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
4 - Poor	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
5 - Fair	8.3%	0.0%	-8.30
6 - Good	22.9%	43.8%	20.90
7 - Excellent	15.1%	6.3%	-8.80
MEAN*=	6.03	6.13	0.10
* Only includes responses 3 through 7			
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	37.3%	43.8%	6.50
2 - No	62.7%	56.3%	-6.40
31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
1 - Never	35.0%	15.4%	-19.60
2 - Rarely	30.8%	53.8%	23.00
3 - Sometimes	23.8%	23.1%	-0.70
4 - Often	8.4%	7.7%	-0.70
5 - Always	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90
MEAN=	2.11	2.23	0.12
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Faculty	15.3%	15.4%	0.10
Location	19.3%	15.4%	-3.90
Able to get a degree	9.5%	11.5%	2.00
Good departmental programs	3.7%	11.5%	7.80
Availability of faculty	2.6%	7.7%	5.10
Curriculum	3.7%	7.7%	4.00
Small class size	3.4%	7.7%	4.30
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	3.8%	-2.30
Cost	7.7%	3.8%	-3.90
Friendly atmosphere	1.6%	3.8%	2.20
Good reputation	4.5%	3.8%	-0.70
Had no choice	0.3%	3.8%	3.50
33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	15.8%	8.50
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	15.8%	8.90
Availability of faculty	2.3%	10.5%	8.20
Faculty	6.4%	10.5%	4.10
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	5.3%	2.10
Curriculum	7.3%	5.3%	-2.00
Lack of internships, work experience	1.8%	5.3%	3.50
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	5.3%	1.60
School lacks a big name	6.4%	5.3%	-1.10

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?			
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	12.7%	25.0%	12.30
Be prepared / work hard	19.1%	12.5%	-6.60
Seek advice	7.8%	12.5%	4.70
Advocate for yourself	7.4%	12.5%	5.10
Choose program carefully	6.9%	12.5%	5.60
Seek out students with similar interests	7.4%	12.5%	5.10
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	0.5%	6.3%	5.80
35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?			
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time	18.8%	18.8%	0.00
2 - Professional publication	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Brochure	4.1%	12.5%	8.40
4 - Web site	19.7%	6.3%	-13.40
5 - Word of mouth	31.7%	31.3%	-0.40
6 - Other	23.4%	31.3%	7.90
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?	N=		
1 - Not helpful	214	16	
2 -	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
3 - Somewhat helpful	6.5%	13.3%	6.80
4 -	27.1%	33.3%	6.20
5 - Very helpful	35.5%	33.3%	-2.20
	29.4%	20.0%	-9.40
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>			
36. Your gender is:			
1 - Male	38.9%	66.7%	27.80
2 - Female	61.1%	33.3%	-27.80
37. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian	87.0%	100.0%	13.00
2 - African American or black	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
6 - Other	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1967	1965
	RANGE	1944-1981	1947-1980
39. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married	14.9%	20.0%	5.10
2 - Married	69.8%	73.3%	3.50
3 - Separated	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90
4 - Divorced	12.1%	6.7%	-5.40
5 - Widowed	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
6 - Other	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
40. How many dependants are in your household?			
0	44.4%	53.3%	8.90
1	22.2%	6.7%	-15.50
2	18.1%	6.7%	-11.40
3	15.3%	33.3%	18.00
4	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5-7	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
	MEAN=	2.04	2.2
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999	5.3%	6.7%	1.40
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999	6.8%	0.0%	-6.80
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999	22.7%	6.7%	-16.00
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999	17.9%	6.7%	-11.20
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999	24.2%	53.3%	29.10
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999	8.2%	13.3%	5.10
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999	5.3%	0.0%	-5.30
9 - \$110,000 or more	6.3%	13.3%	7.00
	MEAN=	5.16	6.07



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**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS**

	<b>2006 ALUMNI N=222</b>	<b>2006 GSPA N=16</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?</b>			
Fall	49.7%	28.6%	-21.10
Spring	24.9%	42.9%	18.00
Summer	25.4%	28.6%	3.20
<b>2004</b>			
	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
<b>2003</b>			
	1.5%	20.0%	18.50
<b>2002</b>			
	11.5%	26.7%	15.20
<b>2001</b>			
	35.5%	6.7%	-28.80
<b>2000</b>			
	27.4%	33.3%	5.90
<b>1999</b>			
	11.6%	13.3%	1.70
<b>1998</b>			
	5.8%	0.0%	-5.80
<b>1997</b>			
	4.1%	0.0%	-4.10
<b>1996</b>			
	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
<b>1995 and before</b>			
	1.2%	0.0%	-1.20
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	73.7%	62.5%	-11.20
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	25.0%	11.20
3 - Unclassified	12.4%	12.5%	0.10
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	78.4%	81.3%	2.90
2 - Non-resident	11.5%	6.3%	-5.20
3- Online Instruction Only	10.1%	12.5%	2.40
<b>4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?</b>			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.4%	68.8%	-4.60
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	31.3%	4.70
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
1 - May	53.5%	60.0%	6.50
2 - August	19.2%	6.7%	-12.50
3 - December	27.2%	33.3%	6.10
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Public Administration	7.8%	100.0%	92.24
<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?</b>			
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	7.6%	100.0%	92.42
<b>8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?</b>			
Public Affairs	6.8%	100.0%	93.19
<b>8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?</b>			
1 - Yes	37.2%	81.3%	44.10
2 - No	62.8%	18.8%	-44.00
<b>8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online</b>			
	N=	81	13
Percent <= 50%	57.9%	84.6%	26.70
Percent > 50%	41.7%	15.4%	-26.30
MEAN=	51.4%	30.7%	-0.21

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	40.0%	7.57
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	13.3%	-2.91
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	13.3%	-5.61
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	20.0%	15.05
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	13.3%	-1.11
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.6%	0.0%	-3.60
7 - For self-development.	8.6%	0.0%	-8.55
8 - Other	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90

10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	12.0%	6.7%	-5.30
2 - No	88.0%	93.3%	5.30

10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=		
Master of Science (MS)	25	1	
	32.0%	100.0%	68.00
University:			
Other	46.2%	100.0%	53.80

10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
1 - Yes	N=	14	
2 - No	182	78.6%	0.60
	22.0%	21.4%	-0.60
	78.0%	78.6%	0.60

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	28.1%	33.3%	5.20
2 - Continued current employment	59.0%	66.7%	7.70
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.1%	0.0%	-5.10
4 - Took time off	1.8%	0.0%	-1.80
5 - Other	6.0%	0.0%	-6.00

12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	83.3%	86.7%	3.40
2 - Employed part-time	8.3%	6.7%	-1.60
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	6.7%	3.00
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60

13. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	55.7%	60.0%	4.30
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	13.3%	-1.00
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	26.7%	-2.40
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00

14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.5%	0.0%	-7.50
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Education	43.2%	14.3%	-28.90
5 - Finance	5.0%	7.1%	2.10
6 - Government	7.5%	21.4%	13.90
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
9 - Manufacturing	7.0%	0.0%	-7.00
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	9.0%	7.1%	-1.90
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service	2.5%	21.4%	18.90
14 - Services	4.5%	7.1%	2.60
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
17 - Other (specify)	9.0%	21.4%	12.40

14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?				
1 - Yes	92.0%	85.7%	-6.30	
2 - No	8.0%	14.3%	6.30	
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?				
1 - Very Satisfied	40.6%	46.7%	6.10	
2 - Satisfied	42.6%	40.0%	-2.60	
3 - Neutral	11.9%	6.7%	-5.20	
4 - Dissatisfied	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50	
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	6.7%	5.20	
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?				
1 - Yes	61.9%	60.0%	-1.90	
2 - No	38.1%	40.0%	1.90	
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?				
1 - Yes	86.5%	80.0%	-6.50	
2 - No	13.5%	20.0%	6.50	
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?				
	MEAN=	6.22	9.14	2.92
< 1 month		6.9%	0.0%	-6.90
1 - 2 months		31.0%	0.0%	-31.00
> 2 months		62.1%	100.0%	37.90
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?				
1 - Did not have to relocate	88.4%	93.3%	4.90	
2 - Relocated within Colorado	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
3 - Relocated to another state	10.1%	6.7%	-3.40	
4 - Relocated to another country	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?				
1 - Had no previous employment experience	16.7%	0.0%	-16.70	
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.8%	35.7%	1.90	
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	49.5%	64.3%	14.80	
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	6.7%	4.70	
2 - Disagree	4.5%	6.7%	2.20	
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.5%	13.3%	8.80	
4 - Slightly Agree	9.0%	13.3%	4.30	
5 - Agree	20.9%	40.0%	19.10	
6 - Strongly Agree	59.2%	20.0%	-39.20	
	MEAN=	5.20	4.33	-0.87
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50	
2 - Disagree	5.1%	0.0%	-5.10	
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.6%	13.3%	9.70	
4 - Slightly Agree	9.7%	26.7%	17.00	
5 - Agree	35.9%	26.7%	-9.20	
6 - Strongly Agree	44.1%	33.3%	-10.80	
	MEAN=	5.06	4.80	-0.26
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.				
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00	
2 - Disagree	18.5%	20.0%	1.50	
3 - Slightly Disagree	9.5%	13.3%	3.80	
4 - Slightly Agree	15.0%	13.3%	-1.70	
5 - Agree	24.5%	26.7%	2.20	
6 - Strongly Agree	27.5%	26.7%	-0.80	
	MEAN=	4.18	4.27	0.09

**Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS**

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	13.3%	10.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
4 - Slightly Agree	22.2%	20.0%	-2.20
5 - Agree	42.5%	40.0%	-2.50
6 - Strongly Agree	27.4%	26.7%	-0.70
MEAN=	4.83	4.67	-0.16
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	-
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.7%	0.0%	-4.70
4 - Slightly Agree	19.1%	13.3%	-5.80
5 - Agree	51.6%	46.7%	-4.90
6 - Strongly Agree	24.2%	40.0%	15.80
MEAN=	4.94	5.27	0.33
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
2 - Disagree	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
4 - Slightly Agree	12.6%	6.7%	-5.90
5 - Agree	38.1%	53.3%	15.20
6 - Strongly Agree	42.3%	40.0%	-2.30
MEAN=	5.10	5.33	0.23
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2 - Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.4%	7.1%	4.70
4 - Slightly Agree	17.5%	35.7%	18.20
5 - Agree	42.5%	21.4%	-21.10
6 - Strongly Agree	33.0%	35.7%	2.70
MEAN=	4.95	4.86	-0.09
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
2 - Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	6.7%	-3.50
5 - Agree	49.8%	53.3%	3.50
6 - Strongly Agree	36.3%	40.0%	3.70
MEAN=	5.14	5.33	0.19
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	10.1%	20.0%	9.90
2 - No	89.9%	80.0%	-9.90
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?			
	N=	20	3
Business (MBA)		20.0%	66.7%
Nursing (MSN)		15.0%	33.3%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	8.5%	6.7%	-1.80
2 - No	91.5%	93.3%	1.80
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes	83.1%	69.2%	-13.90
2 - No	16.9%	30.8%	13.90
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes	33.7%	42.9%	9.20
2 - No	66.3%	57.1%	-9.20

28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never was advised	4.6%	6.7%	2.10
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	6.7%	-7.70
2 - Very Poor	5.1%	6.7%	1.60
3 - Poor	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
4 - Fair	18.5%	6.7%	-11.80
5 - Good	40.7%	66.7%	26.00
6 - Excellent	12.0%	6.7%	-5.30
MEAN* =	4.62	4.77	0.15
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	0.0%	-22.00
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	46.7%	28.40
2 - Never had a mentor	11.0%	0.0%	-11.00
3 - Very Poor	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
4 - Poor	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
5 - Fair	8.3%	6.7%	-1.60
6 - Good	22.9%	33.3%	10.40
7 - Excellent	15.1%	13.3%	-1.80
MEAN* =	6.03	6.13	0.10
* Only includes responses 3 through 7			
30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	37.3%	33.3%	-4.00
2 - No	62.7%	66.7%	4.00
31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
1 - Never	35.0%	33.3%	-1.70
2 - Rarely	30.8%	40.0%	9.20
3 - Sometimes	23.8%	20.0%	-3.80
4 - Often	8.4%	6.7%	-1.70
5 - Always	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90
MEAN =	2.11	2.00	-0.11
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Location	19.3%	17.6%	-1.70
Faculty	15.3%	14.7%	-0.60
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	11.8%	5.70
Cost	7.7%	11.8%	4.10
Convenient	6.1%	8.8%	2.70
Friendly atmosphere	1.6%	5.9%	4.30
Good departmental programs	3.7%	5.9%	2.20
Able to get a degree	9.5%	2.9%	-6.60
Accredited	1.3%	2.9%	1.60
Good reputation	4.5%	2.9%	-1.60
High academic standards	0.8%	2.9%	2.10
Orientation to non-traditional students	0.8%	2.9%	2.10
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.3%	2.9%	2.60
Quality education	1.1%	2.9%	1.80
Small school/atmosphere	1.8%	2.9%	1.10
33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	20.0%	13.10
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	10.0%	6.80
Curriculum	7.3%	10.0%	2.70
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	10.0%	2.70
Lack of diversity among students	0.5%	10.0%	-
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	10.0%	6.30
Parking	9.2%	10.0%	0.80
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.4%	10.0%	8.60

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?			
Seek advice		7.8%	23.1%
Build relationship with faculty / mentor		8.3%	15.4%
Be prepared / work hard		19.1%	7.7%
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus		12.7%	7.7%
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes		3.4%	7.7%
Enjoy yourself		2.9%	7.7%
Start thesis ASAP		0.5%	7.7%
Get involved in research / practical experience		2.5%	7.7%
Seek out students with similar interests		7.4%	7.7%
			15.30
			7.10
			-11.40
			-5.00
			4.30
			4.80
			7.20
			5.20
			0.30
35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?			
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		18.8%	6.7%
2 - Professional publication		2.3%	0.0%
3 - Brochure		4.1%	6.7%
4 - Web site		19.7%	46.7%
5 - Word of mouth		31.7%	20.0%
6- Other		23.4%	20.0%
			-12.10
			-2.30
			2.60
			27.00
			-11.70
			-3.40
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?	N=	214	14
1 - Not helpful		1.4%	0.0%
2-		6.5%	0.0%
3 - Somewhat helpful		27.1%	7.1%
4-		35.5%	50.0%
5 - Very helpful		29.4%	42.9%
			-1.40
			-6.50
			-20.00
			14.50
			13.50
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>			
36. Your gender is:			
1 - Male		38.9%	33.3%
2 - Female		61.1%	66.7%
			-5.60
			5.60
37. Your primary ethnic group is?			
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.0%	93.3%
2 - African American or black		3.7%	0.0%
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		2.8%	0.0%
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.5%	0.0%
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		2.8%	6.7%
6 - Other		3.3%	0.0%
			6.30
			-3.70
			-2.80
			-0.50
			3.90
			-3.30
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1967	1966
	RANGE	1944-1981	1948-1978
39. Your marital status is:			
1 - Single, Never Married		14.9%	0.0%
2 - Married		69.8%	60.0%
3 - Separated		1.9%	6.7%
4 - Divorced		12.1%	33.3%
5- Widowed		0.5%	0.0%
6 - Other		0.9%	0.0%
			-14.90
			-9.80
			4.80
			21.20
			-0.50
			-0.90
40. How many dependants are in your household?			
0		44.4%	46.7%
1		22.2%	20.0%
2		18.1%	26.7%
3		15.3%	6.7%
4		0.0%	0.0%
5-7		0.0%	0.0%
	MEAN=	2.04	1.93
			2.30
			-2.20
			8.60
			-8.60
			0.00
			0.00
			-0.11
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:			
1 - Less than \$9,999		3.4%	7.1%
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		5.3%	0.0%
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.8%	0.0%
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.7%	35.7%
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.9%	21.4%
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		24.2%	14.3%
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		8.2%	14.3%
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.3%	7.1%
9 - \$110,000 or more		6.3%	0.0%
	MEAN=	5.16	5.00
			3.70
			-5.30
			-6.80
			13.00
			3.50
			-9.90
			6.10
			1.80
			-6.30
			-0.16





**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**  
**2006 Graduate Alumni Survey Report**  
**Comparison of University Totals to the**  
**College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences**

**SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS**

	<b>2006 ALUMNI</b>	<b>2006 LAS</b>	
	<b>N=222</b>	<b>N=19</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?</b>			
Fall	49.7%	68.8%	19.10
Spring	24.9%	12.5%	-12.40
Summer	25.4%	18.8%	-6.60
2003	15.3%	11.1%	-4.20
2002	36.5%	50.0%	13.50
2001	21.2%	16.7%	-4.50
2000	11.8%	5.6%	-6.20
1999	6.9%	5.6%	-6.90
1998	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1997	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
1996	1.5%	5.6%	4.10
1995 and before	2.5%	5.6%	3.10
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	73.7%	68.4%	-5.30
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	15.8%	2.00
3 - Unclassified	12.4%	15.8%	3.40
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	78.4%	89.5%	11.10
2 - Non-resident	11.5%	10.5%	-1.00
3- Online Instruction Only	10.1%	0.0%	-10.10
<b>4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?</b>			
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.4%	78.9%	5.50
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	21.1%	-5.50
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
1 - May	53.5%	55.6%	2.10
2 - August	19.2%	22.2%	3.00
3 - December	27.2%	22.2%	-5.00
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Arts	47.0%	84.2%	37.17
Master of Basic Science	1.8%	15.8%	13.98
<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?</b>			
Sociology (MA)	2.4%	26.3%	23.94
Applied Geography (MA)	1.4%	15.8%	14.38
Psychology (MA)	1.4%	15.8%	14.38
Basic Science (MS)	0.9%	10.5%	9.56
Communication (MA)	0.9%	10.5%	9.56
History (MA)	0.9%	10.5%	9.56
<b>8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?</b>			
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	8.6%	100.0%	91.37
<b>8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?</b>			
1 - Yes	37.2%	5.3%	-31.90
2 - No	62.8%	94.7%	31.90
<b>8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online</b>			
	N=	81	1
Percent <= 50%		57.9%	100.0%
MEAN=		51.4%	10.0%

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?			
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	31.6%	-0.83
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	5.3%	-10.91
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	10.5%	-8.41
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	5.3%	0.35
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	15.8%	1.39
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.6%	15.8%	12.20
7 - For self-development.	8.6%	15.8%	7.25
8 - Other	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?			
1 - Yes	12.0%	31.6%	19.60
2 - No	88.0%	68.4%	-19.60
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	N=		
Master of Science (MS)	25	6	
Ph.D.	32.0%	16.7%	-15.30
Master of Arts (MA)	28.0%	16.7%	-11.30
Other	20.0%	50.0%	30.00
	12.0%	16.7%	4.70
University:			
Other	46.2%	66.7%	20.50
UCCS	42.3%	33.3%	-9.00
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?			
	N=		
1 - Yes	182	12	
2 - No	22.0%	16.7%	-5.30
	78.0%	83.3%	5.30
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?			
1 - Sought new employment	28.1%	10.5%	-17.60
2 - Continued current employment	59.0%	47.4%	-11.60
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.1%	15.8%	10.70
4 -Took time off	1.8%	5.3%	3.50
5 - Other	6.0%	21.1%	15.10
12. What is your current employment status?			
1 - Employed full-time	83.3%	57.9%	-25.40
2 - Employed part-time	8.3%	21.1%	12.80
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	10.5%	6.80
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	10.5%	5.90
12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?			
	N=		
Loans/Grants	16	4	
Retirement	12.5%	40.0%	27.50
Spouse	12.5%	20.0%	7.50
Other	56.3%	20.0%	-36.25
	6.3%	20.0%	13.75
13b. Where is your current job located?			
1 - In Colorado Springs	55.7%	87.5%	31.80
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	0.0%	-14.30
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	12.5%	-16.60
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?			
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.5%	6.3%	-1.20
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Education	43.2%	37.5%	-5.70
5 - Finance	5.0%	6.3%	1.30
6 - Government	7.5%	18.8%	11.30
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
9 - Manufacturing	7.0%	0.0%	-7.00

10 - Mining		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health		9.0%	0.0%	-9.00
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service		2.5%	6.3%	3.80
14 - Services		4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
15 - Transportation & Public Utilities		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
16 - Wholesale & Retail Trades		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
17 - Other (specify)		9.0%	25.0%	16.00
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?				
1 - Yes		92.0%	73.3%	-18.70
2 - No		8.0%	26.7%	18.70
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?				
1 - Very Satisfied		40.6%	46.7%	6.10
2 - Satisfied		42.6%	20.0%	-22.60
3 - Neutral		11.9%	20.0%	8.10
4 - Dissatisfied		3.5%	13.3%	9.80
5 - Very dissatisfied		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?				
1 - Yes		61.9%	60.0%	-1.90
2 - No		38.1%	40.0%	1.90
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?				
1 - Yes		86.5%	54.5%	-32.00
2 - No		13.5%	45.5%	32.00
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?				
	MEAN=	6.22	3.33	-2.89
	< 1 month	6.9%	66.7%	59.80
	1 - 2 months	31.0%	0.0%	-31.00
	> 2 months	62.1%	33.3%	-28.80
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?				
1 - Did not have to relocate		88.4%	93.3%	4.90
2 - Relocated within Colorado		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
3 - Relocated to another state		10.1%	6.7%	-3.40
4 - Relocated to another country		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - N/A (e.g., already had a job in my field)		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?				
1 - Had no previous employment experience		16.7%	13.3%	-3.40
2 - Had some previous employment experience		33.8%	46.7%	12.90
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience		49.5%	40.0%	-9.50
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.				
1 - Strongly Disagree		2.0%	6.7%	4.70
2 - Disagree		4.5%	6.7%	2.20
3 - Slightly Disagree		4.5%	20.0%	15.50
4 - Slightly Agree		9.0%	13.3%	4.30
5 - Agree		20.9%	26.7%	5.80
6 - Strongly Agree		59.2%	26.7%	-32.50
	MEAN=	5.20	4.27	-0.93
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.				
1 - Strongly Disagree		1.5%	6.7%	5.20
2 - Disagree		5.1%	6.7%	1.60
3 - Slightly Disagree		3.6%	6.7%	3.10
4 - Slightly Agree		9.7%	20.0%	10.30
5 - Agree		35.9%	33.3%	-2.60
6 - Strongly Agree		44.1%	26.7%	-17.40
	MEAN=	5.06	4.47	-0.59
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.				
1 - Strongly Disagree		5.0%	6.7%	1.70
2 - Disagree		18.5%	20.0%	1.50
3 - Slightly Disagree		9.5%	6.7%	-2.80
4 - Slightly Agree		15.0%	20.0%	5.00
5 - Agree		24.5%	26.7%	2.20
6 - Strongly Agree		27.5%	20.0%	-7.50
	MEAN=	4.18	4.00	-0.18

**Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS**

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	5.6%	4.20
2 - Disagree	3.3%	5.6%	2.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	5.6%	2.30
4 - Slightly Agree	22.2%	27.8%	5.60
5 - Agree	42.5%	33.3%	-9.20
6 - Strongly Agree	27.4%	22.2%	-5.20
MEAN=	4.83	4.44	-0.39
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.7%	0.0%	-4.70
4 - Slightly Agree	19.1%	22.2%	3.10
5 - Agree	51.6%	55.6%	4.00
6 - Strongly Agree	24.2%	22.2%	-2.00
MEAN=	4.94	5.00	0.06
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
2 - Disagree	3.7%	5.6%	1.90
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
4 - Slightly Agree	12.6%	16.7%	4.10
5 - Agree	38.1%	33.3%	-4.80
6 - Strongly Agree	42.3%	44.4%	2.10
MEAN=	5.10	5.11	0.01
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	5.6%	4.20
2 - Disagree	3.3%	5.6%	2.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
4 - Slightly Agree	17.5%	16.7%	-0.80
5 - Agree	42.5%	38.9%	-3.60
6 - Strongly Agree	33.0%	33.3%	0.30
MEAN=	4.95	4.78	-0.17
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
2 - Disagree	2.3%	5.6%	3.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	16.7%	6.50
5 - Agree	49.8%	38.9%	-10.90
6 - Strongly Agree	36.3%	38.9%	2.60
MEAN=	5.14	5.06	-0.08
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
1 - Yes	10.1%	21.1%	11.00
2 - No	89.9%	78.9%	-11.00
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?			
	N=	20	4
Counseling and Human Services		10.0%	25.0%
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)		10.0%	25.0%
Not Offered at UCCS		10.0%	25.0%
Curriculum & Instruction		5.0%	25.0%
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes		8.5%	0.0%
2 - No		91.5%	100.0%
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?			
1 - Yes		83.1%	88.2%
2 - No		16.9%	11.8%
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).			
1 - Yes		33.7%	47.4%
2 - No		66.3%	52.6%

28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never was advised	4.6%	5.6%	1.00
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	11.1%	-3.30
2 - Very Poor	5.1%	11.1%	6.00
3 - Poor	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
4 - Fair	18.5%	0.0%	-18.50
5 - Good	40.7%	55.6%	14.90
6 - Excellent	12.0%	16.7%	4.70
MEAN* =	4.62	4.80	0.18

\* Only includes responses 2 through 6

29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?			
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	15.8%	-6.20
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	5.3%	-13.00
2 - Never had a mentor	11.0%	5.3%	-5.70
3 - Very Poor	0.9%	5.3%	4.40
4 - Poor	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
5 - Fair	8.3%	0.0%	-8.30
6 - Good	22.9%	42.1%	19.20
7 - Excellent	15.1%	26.3%	11.20
MEAN* =	6.03	6.14	0.11

\* Only includes responses 3 through 7

30. Did you work directly with any faculty member on research, service, or creative projects during your time at UCCS, either in or outside of class?			
1 - Yes	37.3%	78.9%	41.60
2 - No	62.7%	21.1%	-41.60

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
1 - Never	35.0%	47.4%	12.40
2 - Rarely	30.8%	26.3%	-4.50
3 - Sometimes	23.8%	21.1%	-2.70
4 - Often	8.4%	5.3%	-3.10
5 - Always	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90
MEAN =	2.11	1.84	-0.27

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Faculty	15.3%	20.6%	5.30
Location	19.3%	14.7%	-4.60
Small class size	3.4%	11.8%	8.40
Cost	7.7%	8.8%	1.10
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	5.9%	-0.20
Convenient	6.1%	5.9%	-0.20
Small school/atmosphere	1.8%	5.9%	4.10
Able to get a degree	9.5%	2.9%	-6.60
Availability of faculty	2.6%	2.9%	0.30
Diversity on campus	0.3%	2.9%	-
Friendly atmosphere	1.6%	2.9%	1.30
Good academic advising	0.3%	2.9%	2.60
Good departmental programs	3.7%	2.9%	-0.80
Had major I wanted	0.5%	2.9%	2.40
Night classes	2.4%	2.9%	0.50

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?			
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	16.0%	9.10
Faculty	6.4%	12.0%	5.60
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	12.0%	8.30
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	8.0%	0.70
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	1.4%	8.0%	6.60
Parking	9.2%	8.0%	-1.20
School lacks a big name	6.4%	8.0%	1.60
Curriculum	7.3%	4.0%	-3.30
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	1.8%	4.0%	2.20
Poor academic advising	1.8%	4.0%	2.20
School is too small	1.8%	4.0%	2.20
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.4%	4.0%	2.60

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?				
Be prepared / work hard		19.1%	20.8%	1.70
Build relationship with faculty / mentor		8.3%	12.5%	4.20
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus		12.7%	12.5%	-0.20
Develop business / networking relationships		4.4%	8.3%	3.90
Seek out students with similar interests		7.4%	8.3%	0.90
Be sure that this is what you want		2.5%	4.2%	1.70
Advocate for yourself		7.4%	4.2%	-3.20
Enjoy yourself		2.9%	4.2%	1.30
Choose program carefully		6.9%	4.2%	-2.70
Get involved in research / practical experience		2.5%	4.2%	1.70
35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?				
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		18.8%	42.1%	23.30
2 - Professional publication		2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
3 - Brochure		4.1%	0.0%	-4.10
4 - Web site		19.7%	5.3%	-14.40
5 - Word of mouth		31.7%	21.1%	-10.60
6- Other		23.4%	31.6%	8.20
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?	N=	214	18	
1 - Not helpful		1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
2-		6.5%	0.0%	-6.50
3 - Somewhat helpful		27.1%	27.8%	0.70
4-		35.5%	44.4%	8.90
5 - Very helpful		29.4%	27.8%	-1.60
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:				
1 - Male		38.9%	31.6%	-7.30
2 - Female		61.1%	68.4%	7.30
37. Your primary ethnic group is?				
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.0%	84.2%	-2.80
2 - African American or black		3.7%	5.3%	1.60
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
6 - Other		3.3%	10.5%	7.20
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1967.18	1965.58	
	RANGE	1944-1981	1949-1980	
39. Your marital status is:				
1 - Single, Never Married		14.9%	15.8%	0.90
2 - Married		69.8%	47.4%	-22.40
3 - Separated		1.9%	5.3%	3.40
4 - Divorced		12.1%	21.1%	9.00
5- Widowed		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
6 - Other		0.9%	10.5%	9.60
40. How many dependants are in your household?				
0		44.4%	57.9%	13.50
1		22.2%	10.5%	-11.70
2		18.1%	26.3%	8.20
3		15.3%	5.3%	-10.00
4		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5-7		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
	MEAN=	2.04	1.79	-0.25
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:				
1 - Less than \$9,999		3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		5.3%	33.3%	28.00
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.8%	5.6%	-1.20
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.7%	16.7%	-6.00
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.9%	33.3%	15.40
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		24.2%	0.0%	-24.20
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		8.2%	11.1%	2.90
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.3%	0.0%	-5.30
9 - \$110,000 or more		6.3%	0.0%	-6.30
	MEAN=	5.16	3.94	-1.22