



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
AT COLORADO SPRINGS

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
2007 Graduate Alumni Survey Results  
University-wide Comparisons

2006 ALUMNI N=222	2007 ALUMNI N=206	2007 BETH-EL N=22	2007 BUS N=53	2007 EDUC N=74	2007 EAS N=15	2007 GSPA N=15	2007 LAS N=27
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Respondent Percentages by College

100%	11%	26%	36%	7%	7.0%	13%
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SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS

1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?

	N=181	N=175	N=19	N=47	N=59	N=13	N=13	N=24
Fall	49.7%	51.4%	47.4%	63.8%	28.8%	69.2%	53.8%	70.8%
Spring	24.9%	26.3%	36.8%	27.7%	23.7%	23.1%	38.5%	16.7%
Summer	25.4%	22.3%	15.8%	8.5%	47.5%	7.7%	7.7%	12.5%

	N=203	N=193	N=22	N=50	N=67	N=14	N=14	N=26
2006	-	0.5%	-	-	-	-	-	3.8%
2005	-	1.6%	4.5%	-	3.0%	-	-	-
2004	1.0%	11.9%	4.5%	8.0%	22.4%	7.1%	-	7.7%
2003	15.3%	28.5%	31.8%	22.0%	32.8%	21.4%	14.3%	38.5%
2002	36.5%	30.6%	40.9%	26.0%	29.9%	14.3%	57.1%	26.9%
2001	21.2%	9.8%	9.1%	14.0%	4.5%	14.3%	14.3%	11.5%
2000	11.8%	8.3%	4.5%	22.0%	4.5%	7.1%	-	-
1999	6.9%	2.1%	4.5%	4.0%	-	7.1%	-	-
1998	1.5%	3.1%	-	-	-	14.3%	14.3%	7.7%
1997 and before	2.0%	3.6%	-	4.0%	3.0%	14.3%	-	3.8%

2. What was your initial student level?

	N=217	N=204	N=21	N=53	N=73	N=15	N=15	N=27
Fully Accepted	73.7%	72.5%	81.0%	77.4%	71.2%	40.0%	60.0%	85.2%
Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	9.8%	4.8%	15.1%	5.5%	20.0%	-	11.1%
Unclassified	12.4%	17.6%	14.3%	7.5%	23.3%	40.0%	40.0%	3.7%

3. What was your initial student tuition classification?

	N=218	N=205	N=22	N=52	N=74	N=15	N=15	N=27
Resident	78.4%	78.5%	77.3%	61.5%	93.2%	73.3%	86.7%	70.4%
Non-resident	11.5%	21.5%	22.7%	38.5%	6.8%	26.7%	13.3%	29.6%
Online Instruction Only	8.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?

	N=218	N=205	N=22	N=53	N=74	N=14	N=15	N=27
Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	73.4%	60.0%	77.3%	39.6%	70.3%	50.0%	40.0%	74.1%
Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	40.0%	22.7%	60.4%	29.7%	50.0%	60.0%	25.9%

5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.

	N=213	N=205	N=22	N=53	N=73	N=15	N=15	N=27
2004	53.5%	56.1%	77.3%	39.6%	58.9%	46.7%	60.0%	66.7%
2005	19.2%	20.5%	-	32.1%	27.4%	6.7%	-	14.8%
2006	27.2%	23.4%	22.7%	28.3%	13.7%	46.7%	40.0%	18.5%

6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?

	N=217	N=206	N=22	N=53	N=73	N=15	N=15	N=27
Master of Arts	47.0%	47.6%	-	100.0%	100.0%	-	-	92.6%
Master of Business Administration	27.9%	25.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Master of Public Administration	7.8%	7.3%	-	-	-	-	100.0%	-
Master of Science Nursing	7.3%	8.7%	81.8%	-	-	-	-	-
Master of Engineering	4.6%	1.9%	-	-	-	26.7%	-	-
Master of Science	3.7%	6.3%	13.6%	-	-	60.0%	-	3.7%
Master of Basic Science	1.8%	1.5%	4.5%	-	-	-	-	3.7%
Doctor of Philosophy	-	1.0%	-	-	-	13.3%	-	-

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<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS</b>	<b>N=210</b>	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=21</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Business Administration (MBA)	29.9%	17.5%	~	100.0%	~	~	~	~
Curriculum & Instruction (MA)	27.0%	22.0%	~	~	60.3%	~	~	~
Counseling & Human Services (MA)	8.1%	9.0%	~	~	24.7%	~	~	~
Public Administration (MPA)	7.6%	6.5%	~	~	~	~	100.0%	~
Nursing (MSN)	7.6%	9.0%	85.7%	~	~	~	~	~
Special Education (MA)	4.7%	5.0%	~	~	13.7%	~	~	~
Engineering (ME)	3.3%	1.0%	~	~	~	13.3%	~	~
Sociology (MA)	2.4%	2.0%	~	~	~	~	~	14.8%
Applied Geography (MA)	1.4%	2.0%	~	~	~	~	~	14.8%
Electrical Engineering (MS)	1.4%	2.5%	~	~	~	33.3%	~	~
Psychology (MA)	1.4%	2.5%	~	~	~	~	~	18.5%
Applied Mathematics (MS)	0.9%	0.5%	~	~	~	~	~	3.7%
Basic Science (MS)	0.9%	0.5%	~	~	~	~	~	3.7%
Communication (MA)	0.9%	4.0%	~	~	~	~	~	29.6%
Computer Science (MS)	0.9%	2.5%	~	~	~	33.3%	~	~
History (MA)	0.9%	2.0%	~	~	~	~	~	14.8%
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	0.5%	0.5%	~	~	~	6.7%	~	~
Other	-	11.0%	14.3%	~	1.4%	13.3%	~	~

<b>7a. What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in? (Includes "Other" category)</b>	<b>N=90</b>	<b>N=84</b>	<b>N=5</b>	<b>N=49</b>	<b>N=18</b>	<b>N=4</b>	<b>N=2</b>	<b>N=4</b>
Finance	20.0%	21.4%	~	34.7%	~	~	~	~
Management	10.0%	16.7%	~	26.5%	~	25.0%	~	~
Reading Education	~	11.9%	~	~	55.6%	~	~	~
Leadership	13.3%	7.1%	~	4.1%	16.7%	~	50.0%	~
Marketing	5.6%	6.0%	~	10.2%	~	~	~	~
School Counseling	1.1%	4.8%	~	~	22.2%	~	~	~
Forensic Nursing	1.1%	4.8%	80.0%	~	~	~	~	~
Health Care Administration	2.2%	4.6%	~	8.2%	~	~	~	~
Clinical Psychology	1.1%	3.5%	~	~	~	~	~	75.0%
Space Operations	~	3.5%	~	~	~	~	~	~
Accounting	4.4%	3.5%	~	6.1%	~	~	~	~
International Business	0.0%	2.4%	~	4.1%	~	~	~	~
Human Resources	5.6%	2.4%	~	4.1%	~	~	~	~
Student Affairs	2.2%	2.4%	~	~	5.6%	~	50.0%	~
Exercise Science	0.0%	2.4%	20.0%	~	~	~	~	~
Biology	2.2%	1.2%	~	~	~	~	~	25.0%
General Business Administration	~	1.2%	~	2.0%	~	~	~	~
Space Operations	~	0.3%	~	~	~	75.0%	~	~

<b>8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?</b>	<b>N=219</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Education	37.7%	35.9%	~	~	100.0%	~	~	~
Business	29.1%	24.3%	~	100.0%	~	~	~	~
Nursing	9.5%	10.7%	100.0%	~	~	~	~	~
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	8.6%	13.1%	~	~	~	~	~	100.0%
Engineering & Applied Science	8.2%	7.3%	~	~	~	100.0%	~	~
Public Affairs	6.8%	8.7%	~	~	~	~	100.0%	~

<b>8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?</b>	<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Yes	37.2%	36.4%	59.1%	67.9%	9.5%	20.0%	80.0%	14.8%
No	62.8%	63.6%	40.9%	32.1%	90.5%	80.0%	20.0%	85.2%

<b>8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online</b>	<b>N=81</b>	<b>N=75</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=36</b>	<b>N=7</b>	<b>N=3</b>	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=4</b>
Percent <= 50%	57.9%	61.3%	61.5%	36.1%	100.0%	66.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Percent > 50%	41.7%	38.7%	38.5%	63.9%	~	33.3%	~	~
MEAN	51.4%	47.0%						

<b>9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?</b>	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	30.7%	18.2%	34.6%	25.7%	40.0%	33.3%	40.7%
To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	17.6%	9.1%	5.8%	31.1%	20.0%	26.7%	3.7%
To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	21.5%	36.4%	28.8%	21.6%	6.7%	20.0%	3.7%
To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	5.9%	4.5%	11.5%	4.1%	13.3%	~	~
To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	10.2%	9.1%	1.9%	14.9%	6.7%	~	22.2%
To prepare for a further graduate degree earning a masters and a Ph.D.). (e.g.	3.6%	3.4%	9.1%	1.9%	~	~	~	14.8%
For self-development.	8.6%	10.2%	13.6%	15.4%	1.4%	13.3%	20.0%	14.8%
Other	0.9%	0.5%	~	~	1.4%	~	~	~

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<b>10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?</b>	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Yes	12.0%	10.2%	3.6%	7.5%	12.2%	6.7%	~	14.8%
No	88.0%	89.8%	86.4%	92.5%	87.8%	93.3%	100.0%	85.2%

**10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>N=25</b>	<b>N=23</b>	<b>N=4</b>	<b>N=3</b>	<b>N=10</b>	<b>N=1</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=5</b>
Master of Arts (MA)	20.0%	34.8%	~	~	10.0%	~	~	~
Other	12.0%	30.4%	25.0%	66.7%	40.0%	~	~	~
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)	4.0%	17.4%	25.0%	~	~	~	~	~
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	-	13.0%	25.0%	~	~	100.0%	~	~
Master of Public Administration (MPA)	4.0%	4.3%	~	~	10.0%	~	~	~
Ph.D.	28.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	60.0%
Master of Science (MS)	32.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
CFA	~	~	~	33.3%	~	~	~	~
Counseling	~	~	25.0%	~	10.0%	~	~	40.0%
Education Certificate	~	~	~	~	20.0%	~	~	~
Leadership	~	~	~	~	10.0%	~	~	~
<b>University:</b>	<b>N=26</b>	<b>N=17</b>	<b>N=3</b>	<b>N=2</b>	<b>N=8</b>	<b>N=1</b>	<b>N=0</b>	<b>N=4</b>
Other	46.2%	35.3%	33.3%	~	~	~	~	75.0%
UCCS	42.3%	64.7%	66.7%	50.0%	87.5%	100.0%	~	25.0%
Walden University (Other)	~	~	~	~	12.5%	~	~	~
Boston University	~	~	~	50.0%	~	~	~	~

**10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?**

	<b>N=182</b>	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=19</b>	<b>N=47</b>	<b>N=65</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=21</b>
Yes	22.0%	16.1%	21.1%	19.1%	12.3%	28.6%	14.3%	9.5%
No	78.0%	83.9%	78.9%	80.9%	87.7%	71.4%	85.7%	90.5%

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

**11. Immediately following graduation I:**

	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Sought new employment	28.1%	29.9%	40.9%	28.3%	34.2%	13.3%	14.3%	29.6%
Continued current employment	59.0%	57.8%	40.9%	64.2%	53.4%	80.0%	71.4%	51.9%
Attended further graduate school	5.1%	3.9%	9.1%	1.9%	2.7%	~	~	14.8%
Took time off	1.8%	6.4%	4.5%	5.7%	6.8%	6.7%	7.1%	3.7%
Other	6.0%	2.0%	4.5%	~	2.7%	~	7.1%	~

**12. What is your current employment status?**

	<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=72</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=25</b>
Employed full-time	83.3%	80.6%	72.7%	88.7%	79.2%	80.0%	71.4%	76.0%
Employed part-time	8.3%	14.9%	27.3%	7.5%	13.9%	13.3%	14.3%	24.0%
Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	0.5%	~	~	~	6.7%	~	~
Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	4.0%	~	3.8%	6.9%	~	14.3%	~

**12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?**

	<b>N=16</b>	<b>N=6</b>
Spouse	56.3%	50.0%
Retirement	12.5%	33.3%
Other	6.3%	16.7%
Savings	12.5%	~
Loans/Grants	12.5%	~

**13b. Where is your current job located?**

	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=71</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=26</b>
In Colorado Springs	55.7%	59.6%	54.5%	33.3%	77.5%	64.3%	76.9%	57.7%
Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	10.6%	9.1%	5.9%	14.1%	14.3%	15.4%	7.7%
Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	25.3%	36.4%	45.1%	8.5%	21.4%	7.7%	30.8%
Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	4.5%	~	15.7%	~	~	~	3.8%

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<b>14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?</b>	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=71</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=25</b>
Aerospace Industry	7.5%	2.5%	~	1.9%	~	21.4%	7.7%	~
Agricultural	0.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Contract Construction	0.5%	2.5%	~	5.8%	1.4%	~	~	4.0%
Education	43.2%	36.4%	13.6%	1.9%	78.9%	7.1%	7.7%	36.0%
Finance	5.0%	3.5%	~	11.5%	1.4%	~	~	~
Government	7.5%	9.6%	~	13.5%	4.2%	7.1%	23.1%	20.0%
Homemaker	0.0%	2.0%	~	~	4.2%	~	7.7%	~
Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	1.0%	~	1.9%	~	7.1%	~	~
Manufacturing	7.0%	2.0%	~	5.8%	~	7.1%	~	~
Mining	0.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	9.0%	15.7%	81.8%	11.5%	2.8%	14.3%	~	12.0%
Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	1.0%	~	~	2.8%	~	~	~
Public Service	2.5%	4.0%	4.5%	1.9%	4.2%	~	23.1%	~
Services	4.5%	3.5%	~	9.6%	~	~	15.4%	~
Technology	~	7.1%	~	13.5%	~	35.7%	~	8.0%
Transportation & Public Utilities	0.5%	1.5%	~	3.8%	~	~	~	4.0%
Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.0%	1.5%	~	5.8%	~	~	~	~
Other (specify)	9.0%	6.1%	~	11.5%	~	~	15.4%	16.0%
<b>14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?</b>	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=197</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=70</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Yes	92.0%	90.4%	95.5%	94.1%	88.6%	92.9%	92.3%	80.8%
No	8.0%	9.6%	4.5%	5.9%	11.4%	7.1%	7.7%	19.2%
<b>14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?</b>	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=20</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=71</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Very Satisfied	40.6%	45.6%	45.0%	41.2%	50.7%	15.4%	46.2%	53.8%
Satisfied	42.6%	34.9%	40.0%	37.3%	32.4%	46.2%	30.8%	30.8%
Neutral	11.9%	11.8%	5.0%	15.7%	11.3%	23.1%	7.7%	7.7%
Dissatisfied	3.5%	6.2%	10.0%	5.9%	2.8%	15.4%	7.7%	7.7%
Very dissatisfied	1.5%	1.5%	~	~	2.8%	~	7.7%	~
<b>15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?</b>	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=71</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Yes	61.9%	53.8%	45.5%	51.9%	57.7%	50.0%	76.9%	46.2%
No	38.1%	46.2%	54.5%	48.1%	42.3%	50.0%	23.1%	53.8%
<b>15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?</b>	<b>N=141</b>	<b>N=142</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=33</b>	<b>N=54</b>	<b>N=9</b>	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=20</b>
Yes	86.5%	83.8%	100.0%	69.7%	92.6%	88.9%	83.3%	70.0%
No	13.5%	16.2%	~	30.3%	7.4%	11.1%	6.7%	30.0%
<b>15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?</b>	<b>N=58</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=9</b>	<b>N=16</b>	<b>N=17</b>	<b>N=3</b>	<b>N=2</b>	<b>N=4</b>
MEAN=	6.22	4.98	7.22	4.44	3.18	9.00	2.00	6.50
< 1 month	6.9%	11.5%	11.1%	6.3%	23.5%	~	~	~
1 - 2 months	31.0%	36.5%	22.2%	37.5%	41.2%	~	100.0%	50.0%
> 2 months	62.1%	51.9%	66.7%	56.3%	35.3%	100.0%	~	50.0%
<b>16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?</b>	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=191</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=47</b>	<b>N=67</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Did not have to relocate	88.4%	84.8%	81.8%	78.7%	91.0%	85.7%	100.0%	76.9%
Relocated within Colorado	1.5%	3.7%	~	4.3%	4.5%	7.1%	~	3.8%
Relocated to another state	10.1%	8.9%	9.1%	10.6%	4.5%	7.1%	~	19.2%
Relocated to another country	0.0%	2.6%	9.1%	6.4%	~	~	~	~
<b>17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?</b>	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=70</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Had no previous employment experience	16.7%	21.6%	31.8%	15.4%	21.4%	28.6%	~	30.8%
Had some previous employment experience	33.8%	35.7%	27.3%	17.3%	44.3%	21.4%	57.1%	53.8%
Had substantial previous employment experience	49.5%	42.7%	40.9%	67.3%	34.3%	50.0%	42.9%	15.4%
<b>17a. What type of position would you like to have two years from now? (Top 4 positions)</b>								
Manager/Director								
Teacher/Professor								
Same Position								
Administrative Position								

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<b>18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.</b>	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=71</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Strongly Disagree	2.0%	7.0%	~	5.9%	7.0%	14.3%	7.1%	7.7%
Disagree	4.5%	5.0%	13.6%	3.9%	2.8%	~	14.3%	3.8%
Slightly Disagree	4.5%	2.5%	~	2.0%	1.4%	~	~	11.5%
Slightly Agree	9.0%	8.0%	~	13.7%	5.6%	14.3%	14.3%	3.8%
Agree	20.9%	30.7%	18.2%	51.0%	21.1%	28.6%	7.1%	42.3%
Strongly Agree	59.2%	46.7%	68.2%	23.5%	62.0%	42.9%	57.1%	30.8%

<b>19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.</b>	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=69</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=13</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Strongly Disagree	1.5%	4.6%	9.1%	3.9%	7.2%	~	~	~
Disagree	5.1%	5.1%	9.1%	7.8%	2.9%	~	~	7.7%
Slightly Disagree	3.6%	1.5%	4.5%	~	1.4%	7.1%	~	~
Slightly Agree	9.7%	10.2%	4.5%	13.7%	7.2%	14.3%	7.7%	11.5%
Agree	35.9%	35.2%	18.2%	47.1%	30.4%	35.7%	38.5%	38.5%
Strongly Agree	44.1%	43.4%	54.5%	27.5%	50.7%	42.9%	53.8%	42.3%

<b>20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.</b>	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=71</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Strongly Disagree	5.0%	5.0%	4.5%	5.8%	2.8%	14.3%	7.1%	3.8%
Disagree	18.5%	16.0%	4.5%	19.2%	14.1%	14.3%	21.4%	23.1%
Slightly Disagree	9.5%	8.5%	9.1%	13.5%	7.0%	14.3%	7.1%	7.7%
Slightly Agree	15.0%	19.0%	18.2%	25.0%	22.5%	14.3%	14.3%	7.7%
Agree	24.5%	23.0%	22.7%	25.0%	22.5%	14.3%	50.0%	19.2%
Strongly Agree	27.5%	28.5%	40.9%	11.5%	31.0%	28.6%	~	38.5%

### Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS

<b>21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.</b>	<b>N=212</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=14</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Strongly Disagree	1.4%	2.5%	4.5%	3.8%	2.7%	~	~	~
Disagree	3.3%	3.9%	4.5%	3.8%	4.1%	7.1%	~	3.7%
Slightly Disagree	3.3%	3.9%	9.1%	5.7%	~	7.1%	~	7.4%
Slightly Agree	22.2%	16.7%	18.2%	20.8%	12.2%	7.1%	14.3%	25.9%
Agree	42.5%	46.1%	22.7%	56.6%	47.3%	57.1%	57.1%	33.3%
Strongly Agree	27.4%	27.0%	40.9%	9.4%	33.8%	21.4%	28.6%	29.6%

<b>22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.</b>	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=21</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Strongly Disagree	0.5%	2.9%	14.3%	~	1.4%	6.7%	~	3.7%
Disagree	0.0%	2.0%	4.8%	1.9%	1.4%	6.7%	~	~
Slightly Disagree	4.7%	6.9%	~	5.8%	6.8%	6.7%	6.7%	14.8%
Slightly Agree	19.1%	14.2%	19.0%	9.6%	20.3%	6.7%	~	14.8%
Agree	51.6%	48.0%	28.6%	67.3%	41.9%	40.0%	60.0%	40.7%
Strongly Agree	24.2%	26.0%	33.3%	15.4%	28.4%	33.3%	33.3%	25.9%

<b>23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.</b>	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Strongly Disagree	0.9%	1.9%	4.5%	~	2.7%	~	6.7%	~
Disagree	3.7%	3.4%	4.5%	1.9%	5.4%	~	~	3.7%
Slightly Disagree	2.3%	3.4%	4.5%	~	5.4%	13.3%	~	~
Slightly Agree	12.6%	8.3%	9.1%	5.7%	6.8%	13.3%	~	18.5%
Agree	38.1%	38.8%	22.7%	56.6%	31.1%	46.7%	40.0%	37.0%
Strongly Agree	42.3%	44.2%	54.5%	35.8%	48.6%	26.7%	53.3%	40.7%

<b>24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.</b>	<b>N=212</b>	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=72</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Strongly Disagree	1.4%	2.0%	4.5%	2.0%	1.4%	~	6.7%	~
Disagree	3.3%	2.5%	~	~	2.8%	~	6.7%	7.7%
Slightly Disagree	2.4%	2.0%	4.5%	3.9%	~	6.7%	~	~
Slightly Agree	17.5%	19.3%	18.2%	17.6%	18.1%	40.0%	20.0%	15.4%
Agree	42.5%	46.0%	22.7%	62.7%	44.4%	40.0%	40.0%	42.3%
Strongly Agree	33.0%	28.2%	50.0%	13.7%	33.3%	13.3%	26.7%	34.6%

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<b>25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.</b>	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Strongly Disagree	0.9%	2.4%	4.5%	1.9%	1.4%	6.7%	6.7%	~
Disagree	2.3%	2.4%	~	~	5.4%	~	~	3.7%
Slightly Disagree	0.5%	2.9%	4.5%	~	4.1%	6.7%	~	3.7%
Slightly Agree	10.2%	8.7%	22.7%	9.4%	5.4%	6.7%	~	11.1%
Agree	49.8%	40.3%	22.7%	52.8%	37.8%	33.3%	60.0%	29.6%
Strongly Agree	36.3%	43.2%	45.5%	35.8%	45.9%	46.7%	33.3%	51.9%
<b>26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.</b>	<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=21</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Yes	10.1%	7.4%	4.8%	3.8%	9.6%	20.0%	~	3.8%
No	89.9%	92.6%	95.2%	96.2%	90.4%	80.0%	100.0%	96.2%
<b>26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?</b>	<b>N=20</b>	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=1</b>	<b>N=2</b>	<b>N=6</b>	<b>N=2</b>	<b>N=0</b>	<b>N=0</b>
Business (MBA)	20.0%	25.0%	100.0%	50.0%	16.7%	~	~	~
Not Sure	-	16.7%	~	~	~	50.0%	~	~
Other	-	16.7%	~	50.0%	16.7%	~	~	~
Basic Science	5.0%	8.3%	~	~	16.7%	~	~	~
Counseling and Human Services	10.0%	8.3%	~	~	16.7%	~	~	~
Curriculum & Instruction	5.0%	8.3%	~	~	16.7%	~	~	~
Electrical Engineering (Ph.D.)	10.0%	8.3%	~	~	~	50.0%	~	~
Psychology (MA)	5.0%	8.3%	~	~	16.7%	~	~	~
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	5.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	10.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	5.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Not Offered at UCCS	10.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Nurse Practitioner (MSN)	15.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
<b>26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?</b>	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Yes	8.5%	12.2%	22.7%	11.3%	13.7%	20.0%	~	3.7%
No	91.5%	87.8%	77.3%	88.7%	86.3%	80.0%	100.0%	96.3%
<b>26c. Could you have attended a different institution?</b>	<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=50</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Yes	83.1%	78.6%	77.3%	74.0%	83.6%	73.3%	93.3%	69.2%
No	16.9%	21.4%	22.7%	26.0%	16.4%	26.7%	6.7%	30.8%
<b>27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).</b>	<b>N=208</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Yes	33.7%	41.2%	54.5%	20.8%	43.8%	60.0%	46.7%	50.0%
No	66.3%	58.8%	45.5%	79.2%	56.2%	40.0%	53.3%	50.0%
<b>28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?</b>	<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Never was advised	4.6%	1.5%	4.5%	~	2.7%	~	~	~
Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	12.7%	~	24.5%	9.5%	6.7%	13.3%	7.7%
Very Poor	5.1%	2.0%	9.1%	~	1.4%	~	6.7%	~
Poor	4.6%	4.4%	~	9.4%	4.1%	~	~	3.8%
Fair	18.5%	20.0%	13.6%	18.9%	24.3%	26.7%	20.0%	7.7%
Good	40.7%	40.0%	40.9%	32.1%	39.2%	46.7%	26.7%	61.5%
Very Good	12.0%	19.5%	27.3%	15.1%	18.9%	20.0%	33.3%	19.2%
<b>29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?</b>	<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	25.9%	22.7%	43.4%	24.7%	6.7%	33.3%	7.4%
Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	11.7%	9.1%	15.1%	12.3%	6.7%	13.3%	3.7%
Very Poor	0.9%	2.0%	4.5%	~	2.7%	~	~	3.7%
Poor	1.4%	2.9%	~	3.8%	2.7%	~	13.3%	~
Fair	8.3%	12.7%	18.2%	15.1%	12.3%	13.3%	6.7%	7.4%
Good	22.9%	22.4%	18.2%	11.3%	20.5%	60.0%	~	44.4%
Very Good	15.1%	22.4%	27.3%	11.3%	24.7%	13.3%	33.3%	33.3%
<b>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?</b>	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Yes	37.3%	51.5%	59.1%	22.6%	48.6%	80.0%	73.3%	81.5%
No	62.7%	48.5%	40.9%	77.4%	51.4%	20.0%	26.7%	18.5%

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<b>31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?</b>	<b>N=214</b>	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=21</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Never	35.0%	34.8%	47.6%	23.5%	42.5%	20.0%	20.0%	38.5%
Rarely	30.8%	29.9%	33.3%	27.5%	31.5%	6.7%	46.7%	34.6%
Sometimes	23.8%	26.4%	9.5%	37.3%	19.2%	53.3%	26.7%	23.1%
Often	8.4%	8.0%	9.5%	9.8%	6.8%	20.0%	~	3.8%
Always	1.9%	1.0%	~	2.0%	~	~	6.7%	~

	2006 ALUMNI	2007 ALUMNI	2007 BETH-EL	2007 BUS	2007 EDUC	2007 EAS	2007 GSPA	2007 LAS
<b>32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?</b>	<b>N=379</b>	<b>N=271</b>	<b>N=30</b>	<b>N=72</b>	<b>N=98</b>	<b>N=19</b>	<b>N=21</b>	<b>N=33</b>
Location	19.3%	16.6%	26.6%	13.9%	18.4%	21.1%	9.5%	9.1%
Convenient	6.1%	13.7%	13.3%	13.9%	18.4%	10.5%	~	9.1%
Faculty	15.3%	11.1%	10.0%	13.9%	9.2%	5.3%	9.5%	18.2%
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	8.1%	6.7%	16.7%	2.0%	10.5%	9.5%	6.1%
Good reputation	4.5%	6.3%	3.3%	2.8%	9.2%	~	23.8%	~
Small class size	3.4%	4.8%	6.7%	4.2%	2.0%	5.3%	~	15.2%
Cost	7.7%	4.4%	~	2.8%	6.1%	~	14.3%	3.0%
Good departmental programs	3.7%	4.1%	3.3%	~	6.1%	10.5%	~	6.1%
Accredited	1.3%	3.7%	~	8.3%	4.1%	~	4.8%	~
Able to get a degree	9.5%	3.3%	3.3%	4.2%	3.1%	5.3%	~	3.0%
Other	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	4.2%	2.0%	5.3%	~	6.1%
Quality education	1.1%	3.3%	3.3%	1.4%	4.1%	5.3%	4.8%	3.0%
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	0.3%	3.0%	3.3%	4.2%	1.0%	5.3%	4.8%	3.0%
Night classes	2.4%	2.2%	~	1.4%	2.0%	~	4.8%	6.1%
Orientation to non-traditional students	0.8%	2.2%	~	4.2%	3.1%	~	~	~
Availability of faculty	2.6%	1.5%	~	~	2.0%	~	~	6.1%
Curriculum	3.7%	1.5%	3.3%	1.4%	1.0%	~	4.8%	~
Had major I wanted	0.5%	1.5%	6.7%	~	1.0%	5.3%	~	~
High academic standards	0.8%	1.5%	3.3%	~	3.1%	~	~	~
Well rounded education	0.3%	1.1%	~	~	2.0%	5.3%	~	~
Older, mature student body	0.5%	0.7%	~	1.4%	~	~	4.8%	~
Diversity among instructors	0.0%	0.4%	~	~	~	~	~	3.0%
Beautiful campus	0.5%	0.4%	3.3%	~	~	~	~	~
Financial Aid	0.0%	0.4%	~	~	~	~	~	3.0%
Diversity among students	~	0.4%	~	~	~	~	4.8%	~
Good academic advising	~	0.4%	~	~	~	5.3%	~	~
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.6%	0.4%	~	1.4%	~	~	~	~

	2006 ALUMNI	2007 ALUMNI	2007 BETH-EL	2007 BUS	2007 EDUC	2007 EAS	2007 GSPA	2007 LAS
<b>33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS</b>	<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=125</b>	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=32</b>	<b>N=48</b>	<b>N=11</b>	<b>N=4</b>	<b>N=19</b>
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	14.4%	8.3%	21.9%	4.2%	9.1%	~	36.8%
Parking	9.2%	10.4%	~	3.1%	18.8%	9.1%	25.0%	5.3%
Other	12.8%	9.6%	16.7%	12.5%	8.3%	~	25.0%	5.3%
High fees, costs	3.7%	8.0%	~	3.1%	18.8%	~	~	~
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	7.2%	~	6.3%	14.6%	~	~	~
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	6.4%	8.3%	6.3%	6.3%	~	~	15.8%
Lack of internships, work experience	1.8%	4.8%	8.3%	6.3%	~	~	~	10.5%
Bureaucracy	2.8%	3.2%	8.3%	6.3%	~	9.1%	~	~
No cohesiveness/communication	0.0%	3.2%	~	~	6.3%	9.1%	~	~
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	1.8%	3.2%	~	3.1%	2.1%	9.1%	25.0%	~
Poor academic advising	1.8%	3.2%	8.3%	~	2.1%	9.1%	~	5.3%
Availability of faculty	2.3%	2.4%	16.7%	~	2.1%	~	~	~
Faculty	6.4%	2.4%	8.3%	~	4.2%	~	~	~
Inadequate library resources	0.5%	2.4%	~	6.3%	~	~	~	5.3%
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	1.4%	2.4%	~	3.1%	2.1%	9.1%	~	~
School is too small	1.8%	2.4%	8.3%	~	~	~	~	10.5%
School lacks a big name	6.4%	2.4%	~	6.3%	~	9.1%	~	~
Curriculum	7.3%	1.6%	8.3%	~	~	9.1%	~	~
Group projects	1.4%	1.6%	~	3.1%	~	~	~	5.3%
Location	3.2%	1.6%	~	~	4.2%	~	~	~
Poor student/customer services	2.8%	1.6%	~	~	2.1%	9.1%	~	~
Staff	0.9%	1.6%	~	~	4.2%	~	~	~
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	0.8%	~	3.1%	~	~	~	~
No involvement with community	0.9%	0.8%	~	3.1%	~	~	~	~
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.5%	0.8%	~	~	~	~	25.0%	~
Poor job placement, career guidance	2.3%	0.8%	~	3.1%	~	9.1%	~	~
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.9%	0.8%	~	3.1%	~	~	~	~

	2006 ALUMNI	2007 ALUMNI	2007 BETH-EL	2007 BUS	2007 EDUC	2007 EAS	2007 GSPA	2007 LAS
<b>34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?</b>	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=162</b>	<b>N=21</b>	<b>N=35</b>	<b>N=56</b>	<b>N=9</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Be prepared / work hard	19.1%	21.6%	23.8%	22.9%	23.2%	11.1%	20.0%	19.2%
Other	12.1%	19.1%	28.6%	22.9%	21.4%	11.1%	6.7%	11.5%
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	12.7%	11.1%	14.3%	5.7%	10.7%	33.3%	13.3%	7.7%
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	8.3%	9.9%	9.5%	14.3%	5.4%	~	20.0%	11.5%
Advocate for yourself	7.4%	4.9%	4.8%	~	8.9%	~	~	7.7%
Seek advice	7.8%	4.3%	4.8%	2.9%	5.4%	11.1%	~	7.7%
Seek out students with similar interests	7.4%	4.3%	~	17.1%	1.8%	~	~	~
Enjoy yourself	2.9%	4.3%	4.8%	~	~	11.1%	13.3%	11.5%
Choose program carefully	6.9%	3.7%	~	~	8.9%	~	~	3.8%
Develop business / networking relationships	4.4%	3.7%	4.8%	~	3.6%	~	~	3.8%
Get involved in research / practical experience	2.5%	3.7%	~	2.9%	5.4%	~	6.7%	3.8%
Be sure that this is what you want	2.5%	3.1%	4.8%	2.9%	1.8%	11.1%	13.3%	3.8%
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	3.4%	2.5%	~	5.7%	~	~	6.7%	~
Start thesis ASAP	0.5%	1.9%	~	~	1.8%	~	~	7.7%
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	0.5%	1.9%	~	2.9%	1.8%	11.1%	~	~
Enroll full time	2.0%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~

**Top "Other" Advice**

- Change schools (N=3)
- Parking is a waste of time and money (N=3)
- Pace yourself (N=2)
- Take your time (N=2)

<b>35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?</b>	<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
I was a UCCS student at the time	18.8%	16.7%	36.4%	5.8%	15.1%	13.3%	13.3%	29.6%
Professional publication	2.3%	2.5%	4.5%	~	4.1%	~	~	3.7%
Brochure	4.1%	3.9%	4.5%	3.8%	4.1%	~	13.3%	~
Web site	19.7%	30.9%	22.7%	61.5%	15.1%	40.0%	6.7%	33.3%
Word of mouth	31.7%	30.9%	22.7%	25.0%	41.1%	33.3%	33.3%	14.8%
Other	23.4%	15.2%	9.1%	3.8%	20.5%	13.3%	33.3%	18.5%

<b>35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?</b>	<b>N=214</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=73</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=26</b>
Not helpful	1.4%	8.3%	13.6%	3.8%	8.2%	13.3%	13.3%	3.8%
Somewhat helpful	27.1%	34.8%	40.9%	24.5%	37.0%	40.0%	46.7%	34.6%
Helpful	35.5%	39.2%	27.3%	50.9%	39.7%	26.7%	33.3%	34.6%
Very helpful	29.4%	17.6%	18.2%	20.8%	15.1%	20.0%	6.7%	26.9%

**Section D. Demographics**

<b>36. Your gender is:</b>	<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Male	38.9%	35.4%	18.2%	60.4%	17.6%	66.7%	26.7%	37.0%
Female	61.1%	64.6%	81.8%	39.6%	82.4%	33.3%	73.3%	63.0%

<b>37. Your primary ethnic group is?</b>	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=53</b>	<b>N=74</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
White / Anglo / Caucasian	87.0%	87.4%	100.0%	77.4%	93.2%	86.7%	73.3%	92.6%
African American or black	3.7%	2.4%	~	~	~	~	20.0%	3.7%
Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic	2.8%	3.9%	~	5.7%	6.8%	~	~	~
Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut	0.5%	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander	2.8%	4.4%	~	13.2%	~	13.3%	~	~
Multi-ethnic	1.9%	1.0%	~	1.9%	~	~	~	3.7%
Other	1.4%	1.0%	~	1.9%	~	~	6.7%	~

<b>38. Your year of birth is:</b>	<b>MEAN= 1967.18</b>	<b>1966.71</b>	<b>1963.57</b>	<b>1967.9</b>	<b>1966.56</b>	<b>1967.80</b>	<b>1961.87</b>	<b>1969.12</b>
RANGE	1944-1981	1940-1982	1948-1982	1951-1981	1940-1982	1952-1982	1942-1978	1949-1981

<b>39. Your marital status is:</b>	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=72</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
Single, Never Married	14.9%	16.2%	9.1%	17.3%	16.7%	13.3%	6.7%	25.9%
Married	69.8%	72.1%	72.7%	82.7%	68.1%	80.0%	53.3%	66.7%
Separated	1.9%	1.0%	4.5%	~	~	~	6.7%	~
Divorced	12.1%	9.3%	13.6%	~	13.9%	6.7%	20.0%	7.4%
Widowed	0.5%	1.0%	~	~	~	~	13.3%	~
Other	0.9%	0.5%	~	~	1.4%	~	~	~



	2006 ALUMNI	2007 ALUMNI	2007 BETH-EL	2007 BUS	2007 EDUC	2007 EAS	2007 GSPA	2007 LAS
<b>40. How many dependants are in your household?</b>	<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=51</b>	<b>N=72</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=15</b>	<b>N=27</b>
0	44.4%	43.3%	36.4%	47.1%	40.3%	46.7%	26.7%	59.3%
1	22.2%	27.1%	36.4%	19.6%	29.2%	26.7%	40.0%	18.5%
2	18.1%	18.7%	18.2%	19.6%	19.4%	13.3%	33.3%	11.1%
3	15.3%	7.9%	4.5%	9.8%	6.9%	13.3%	~	11.1%
4 or more	0.0%	3.0%	4.5%	3.9%	4.2%	~	~	~
MEAN=	2.04	1.00	1.05	1.04	1.06	0.93	1.07	0.74

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

	N=207	N=195	N=22	N=47	N=71	N=12	N=15	N=27
Less than \$9,999	3.4%	2.1%	~	2.1%	1.4%	~	6.7%	3.7%
\$10,000 - \$19,999	5.3%	1.5%	4.5%	~	~	~	~	7.4%
\$20,000 - \$29,999	6.8%	6.7%	9.1%	~	9.9%	8.3%	~	11.1%
\$30,000 - \$39,999	22.7%	22.6%	13.6%	2.1%	43.7%	~	20.0%	22.2%
\$40,000 - \$54,999	17.9%	20.5%	13.6%	14.9%	23.9%	16.7%	26.7%	22.2%
\$55,000 - \$79,999	24.2%	22.1%	36.4%	23.4%	12.7%	25.0%	33.3%	25.9%
\$80,000 - \$99,999	8.2%	10.3%	18.2%	21.3%	2.8%	16.7%	6.7%	3.7%
\$100,000 - \$109,999	5.3%	5.6%	4.5%	10.6%	2.8%	16.7%	6.7%	~
\$110,000 or more	6.3%	8.7%	~	25.5%	2.8%	16.7%	~	3.7%



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SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS

	2006 ALUMNI N=222	2007 ALUMNI N=206	DIFFERENCE
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?</b>			
Fall	N=181 49.7%	N=175 51.4%	1.70
Spring	24.9%	26.3%	1.40
Summer	25.4%	22.3%	-3.10
<b>2006</b>			
2006	-	0.5%	-
2005	-	1.6%	-
2004	1.0%	11.9%	10.90
2003	15.3%	28.5%	13.20
2002	36.5%	30.6%	-5.90
2001	21.2%	9.8%	-11.40
2000	11.8%	8.3%	-3.50
1999	6.9%	2.1%	-4.80
1998	1.5%	3.1%	1.60
1997 and before	2.0%	3.6%	1.60
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	N=217 73.7%	N=204 72.5%	-1.20
2 - Provisionally Accepted	13.8%	9.8%	-4.00
3 - Unclassified	12.4%	17.6%	5.20
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	N=218 78.4%	N=205 78.5%	0.10
2 - Non-resident	11.5%	21.5%	10.00
3 - Online Instruction Only	8.9%	-	
<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)	N=218 73.4%	N=205 60.0%	-13.40
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	26.6%	40.0%	13.40
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
1 - May	N=213 53.5%	N=205 56.1%	2.60
2 - August	19.2%	20.5%	1.30
3 - December	27.2%	23.4%	-3.80
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Arts	N=217 47.0%	N=206 47.6%	0.57
Master of Business Administration	27.9%	25.7%	-2.15
Master of Public Administration	7.8%	7.3%	-0.46
Master of Science Nursing	7.3%	8.7%	1.40
Master of Engineering	4.6%	1.9%	-2.67
Master of Science	3.7%	6.3%	2.65
Master of Basic Science	1.8%	1.5%	-0.32
Doctor of Philosophy	-	1.0%	

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?	N=210	N=200	
Business Administration (MBA)	29.9%	17.5%	-12.35
Curriculum & Instruction (MA)	27.0%	22.0%	-5.01
Counseling & Human Services (MA)	8.1%	9.0%	0.95
Public Administration (MPA)	7.6%	6.5%	-1.08
Nursing (MSN)	7.6%	9.0%	1.42
Special Education (MA)	4.7%	5.0%	0.27
Engineering (ME)	3.3%	1.0%	-2.31
Sociology (MA)	2.4%	2.0%	-0.36
Applied Geography (MA)	1.4%	2.0%	0.58
Electrical Engineering (MS)	1.4%	2.5%	1.08
Psychology (MA)	1.4%	2.5%	1.08
Applied Mathematics (MS)	0.9%	0.5%	-0.44
Basic Science (MS)	0.9%	0.5%	-0.44
Communications (MA)	0.9%	4.0%	3.06
Computer Science (MS)	0.9%	2.5%	1.56
History (MA)	0.9%	2.0%	1.06
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	0.5%	0.5%	0.03
Other	-	11.0%	

What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in? (Includes "Other" category)	N=90	N=84	
Finance	20.0%	21.4%	1.43
Management	10.0%	16.7%	6.66
Reading Education	0.0%	11.9%	11.90
Leadership	13.3%	7.1%	-6.19
Marketing	5.6%	6.0%	0.40
School Counseling	1.1%	4.8%	3.69
Forensic Nursing	1.1%	4.8%	3.70
Health Care Administration	2.2%	4.6%	2.38
Accounting	1.1%	3.6%	2.47
Clinical Psychology	0.0%	3.6%	3.60
Space Operations	4.4%	3.6%	-0.84
Human Resources	0.0%	2.4%	2.38
International Business	5.6%	2.4%	-3.15
Student Affairs	2.2%	2.4%	0.16
Exercise Science	0.0%	2.4%	2.38
Biology	2.2%	1.2%	-1.02
General Business Administration	0.0%	1.2%	1.19

8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?	N=219	N=206	
Education	37.7%	35.9%	-1.82
Business	29.1%	24.3%	-4.79
Nursing	9.5%	10.7%	1.16
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	8.6%	13.1%	4.47
Engineering & Applied Science	8.2%	7.3%	-0.88
Public Affairs	6.8%	8.7%	1.89

8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?	N=218	N=206	
1 - Yes	37.2%	36.4%	-0.80
2 - No	62.8%	63.6%	0.80

8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online	N=81	N=75	
Percent <= 50%	57.9%	61.3%	3.43
Percent > 50%	41.7%	38.7%	-3.04
MEAN=	51.4%	47.0%	-0.04

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=205</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	32.4%	30.7%	-1.73
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	16.2%	17.6%	1.39
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	18.9%	21.5%	2.59
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.0%	5.9%	0.95
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	14.4%	10.2%	-4.21
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.6%	3.4%	-0.20
7 - For self-development.	8.6%	10.2%	1.65
8 - Other	0.9%	0.5%	-0.40
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=206</b>	
1 - Yes	12.0%	10.2%	-1.80
2 - No	88.0%	89.8%	1.80
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	<b>N=25</b>	<b>N=23</b>	
Master of Arts (MA)	20.0%	34.8%	14.78
Other	12.0%	30.4%	18.43
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)	4.0%	17.4%	13.39
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	-	13.0%	-
Master of Public Administration (MPA)	4.0%	4.3%	0.34
Ph.D.	28.0%	0.0%	-28.00
Master of Science (MS)	32.0%	0.0%	-32.00
University:	<b>N=26</b>	<b>N=17</b>	
Other	46.2%	35.3%	-10.90
UCCS	42.3%	64.7%	22.40
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?	<b>N=182</b>	<b>N=180</b>	
1 - Yes	22.0%	16.1%	-5.90
2 - No	78.0%	83.9%	5.90
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Immediately following graduation I:	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=204</b>	
1 - Sought new employment	28.1%	29.9%	1.80
2 - Continued current employment	59.0%	57.8%	-1.20
3 - Attended further graduate school	5.1%	3.9%	-1.20
4 -Took time off	1.8%	6.4%	4.60
5 - Other	6.0%	2.0%	-4.00
12. What is your current employment status?	<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=201</b>	
1 - Employed full-time	83.3%	80.6%	-2.70
2 - Employed part-time	8.3%	14.9%	6.60
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	3.7%	0.5%	-3.20
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	4.0%	-0.60

12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?	<b>N=16</b>	<b>N=6</b>	
Spouse	56.3%	50.0%	-6.30
Retirement	12.5%	33.3%	20.80
Other	6.3%	16.7%	10.45
Savings	12.5%	0.0%	-12.50
Loans/Grants	12.5%	0.0%	-12.50
13b. Where is your current job located?	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=198</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs	55.7%	59.6%	3.90
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	14.3%	10.6%	-3.70
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	29.1%	25.3%	-3.80
4 - Outside of the U.S.	1.0%	4.5%	3.50
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=198</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry	7.5%	2.5%	-5.00
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	0.5%	2.5%	2.00
4 - Education	43.2%	36.4%	-6.80
5 - Finance	5.0%	3.5%	-1.50
6 - Government	7.5%	9.6%	2.10
7 - Homemaker	0.0%	2.0%	2.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.5%	1.0%	-0.50
9 - Manufacturing	7.0%	2.0%	-5.00
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	9.0%	15.7%	6.70
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	1.0%	0.00
13 - Public Service	2.5%	4.0%	1.50
14 - Services	4.5%	3.5%	-1.00
15 - Technology	-	7.1%	-
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities	0.5%	1.5%	1.00
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.0%	1.5%	0.50
18 - Other (specify)	9.0%	6.1%	-2.90
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=197</b>	
1 - Yes	92.0%	90.4%	-1.60
2 - No	8.0%	9.6%	1.60
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=195</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied	40.6%	45.6%	5.00
2 - Satisfied	42.6%	34.9%	-7.70
3 - Neutral	11.9%	11.8%	-0.10
4 - Dissatisfied	3.5%	6.2%	2.70
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	1.5%	0.00
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=199</b>	
1 - Yes	61.9%	53.8%	-8.10
2 - No	38.1%	46.2%	8.10
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?	<b>N=141</b>	<b>N=142</b>	
1 - Yes	86.5%	83.8%	-2.70
2 - No	13.5%	16.2%	2.70
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?	<b>N=58</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
	MEAN=		
	6.22	4.98	-1.24
< 1 month	6.9%	11.5%	4.64
1 - 2 months	31.0%	36.5%	5.54
> 2 months	62.1%	51.9%	-10.18

16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=191</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate	88.4%	84.8%	-3.60
2 - Relocated within Colorado	1.5%	3.7%	2.20
3 - Relocated to another state	10.1%	8.9%	-1.20
4 - Relocated to another country	0.0%	2.6%	2.60

17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=199</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience	16.7%	21.6%	4.90
2 - Had some previous employment experience	33.8%	35.7%	1.90
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	49.5%	42.7%	-6.80

17a. What type of position would you like to have two years from now?(*Top 4 positions*)

- Manager/Director
- Teacher/Professor
- Same Position
- Administrative Position

18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=199</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	7.0%	5.00
2 - Disagree	4.5%	5.0%	0.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.5%	2.5%	-2.00
4 - Slightly Agree	9.0%	8.0%	-1.00
5 - Agree	20.9%	30.7%	9.80
6 - Strongly Agree	59.2%	46.7%	-12.50
	MEAN=	4.90	-0.30

19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=196</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.5%	4.6%	3.10
2 - Disagree	5.1%	5.1%	0.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.6%	1.5%	-2.10
4 - Slightly Agree	9.7%	10.2%	0.50
5 - Agree	35.9%	35.2%	-0.70
6 - Strongly Agree	44.1%	43.4%	-0.70
	MEAN=	4.96	-0.10

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=200</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	5.0%	0.00
2 - Disagree	18.5%	16.0%	-2.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	9.5%	8.5%	-1.00
4 - Slightly Agree	15.0%	19.0%	4.00
5 - Agree	24.5%	23.0%	-1.50
6 - Strongly Agree	27.5%	28.5%	1.00
	MEAN=	4.25	0.07

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

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.	<b>N=212</b>	<b>N=204</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	2.5%	1.10
2 - Disagree	3.3%	3.9%	0.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	3.9%	0.60
4 - Slightly Agree	22.2%	16.7%	-5.50
5 - Agree	42.5%	46.1%	3.60
6 - Strongly Agree	27.4%	27.0%	-0.40
	MEAN=	4.81	-0.02

22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=204</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.5%	2.9%	2.40
2 - Disagree	0.0%	2.0%	2.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	4.7%	6.9%	2.20
4 - Slightly Agree	19.1%	14.2%	-4.90
5 - Agree	51.6%	48.0%	-3.60
6 - Strongly Agree	24.2%	26.0%	1.80
MEAN=	4.94	4.80	-0.14
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=206</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	1.9%	1.00
2 - Disagree	3.7%	3.4%	-0.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.3%	3.4%	1.10
4 - Slightly Agree	12.6%	8.3%	-4.30
5 - Agree	38.1%	38.8%	0.70
6 - Strongly Agree	42.3%	44.2%	1.90
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.	<b>N=212</b>	<b>N=202</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.4%	2.0%	0.60
2 - Disagree	3.3%	2.5%	-0.80
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.4%	2.0%	-0.40
4 - Slightly Agree	17.5%	19.3%	1.80
5 - Agree	42.5%	46.0%	3.50
6 - Strongly Agree	33.0%	28.2%	-4.80
MEAN=	4.95	4.90	-0.05
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.	<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=206</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	0.9%	2.4%	1.50
2 - Disagree	2.3%	2.4%	0.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	0.5%	2.9%	2.40
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	8.7%	-1.50
5 - Agree	49.8%	40.3%	-9.50
6 - Strongly Agree	36.3%	43.2%	6.90
MEAN=	5.14	5.12	-0.02
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS	<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=203</b>	
1 - Yes	10.1%	7.4%	-2.70
2 - No	89.9%	92.6%	2.70
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?	<b>N=20</b>	<b>N=12</b>	
Basic Science	5.0%	8.3%	3.30
Business (MBA)	20.0%	25.0%	5.00
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
Counseling and Human Services	10.0%	8.3%	-1.70
Curriculum & Instruction	5.0%	8.3%	3.30
Electrical Engineering (Ph.D.)	10.0%	8.3%	-1.70
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	10.0%	0.0%	-10.00
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
Not Offered at UCCS	10.0%	0.0%	-10.00
Not Sure	-	16.7%	-
Nurse Practitioner (MSN)	15.0%	0.0%	-15.00
Other	-	16.7%	-
Psychology (MA)	5.0%	8.3%	3.30

26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=205</b>	
1 - Yes	8.5%	12.2%	3.70
2 - No	91.5%	87.8%	-3.70
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=205</b>	
1 - Yes	83.1%	78.6%	-4.50
2 - No	16.9%	21.4%	4.50
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=208</b>	<b>N=204</b>	
1 - Yes	33.7%	41.2%	7.50
2 - No	66.3%	58.8%	-7.50
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=205</b>	
0 - Never was advised	4.6%	1.5%	-3.10
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	14.4%	12.7%	-1.70
2 - Very Poor	5.1%	2.0%	-3.10
3 - Poor	4.6%	4.4%	-0.20
4 - Fair	18.5%	20.0%	1.50
5 - Good	40.7%	40.0%	-0.70
6 - Very Good	12.0%	19.5%	7.50
	MEAN*=	4.82	0.20
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=205</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	22.0%	25.9%	3.90
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	18.3%	11.7%	-6.60
2 - Never had a mentor	11.0%	-	-
3 - Very Poor	0.9%	2.0%	1.10
4 - Poor	1.4%	2.9%	1.50
5 - Fair	8.3%	12.7%	4.40
6 - Good	22.9%	22.4%	-0.50
7 - Very Good	15.1%	22.4%	7.30
	MEAN*=	5.06	-0.97
* 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?	<b>N=217</b>	<b>N=206</b>	
1 - Yes	37.3%	51.5%	14.20
2 - No	62.7%	48.5%	-14.20



31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?	<b>N=214</b>	<b>N=201</b>	
1 - Never	35.0%	34.8%	-0.20
2 - Rarely	30.8%	29.9%	-0.90
3 - Sometimes	23.8%	26.4%	2.60
4 - Often	8.4%	8.0%	-0.40
5 - Always	1.9%	1.0%	-0.90
MEAN=	2.11	2.10	-1.00

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCSS?	<b>N=379</b>	<b>N=271</b>	
Location	19.3%	16.6%	-2.70
Convenient	6.1%	13.7%	7.55
Faculty	15.3%	11.1%	-4.23
Class hours/schedule	6.1%	8.1%	2.02
Good reputation	4.5%	6.3%	1.77
Small class size	3.4%	4.8%	1.39
Cost	7.7%	4.4%	-3.27
Good departmental programs	3.7%	4.1%	0.35
Accredited	1.3%	3.7%	2.39
Able to get a degree	9.5%	3.3%	-6.18
Other	3.4%	3.3%	-0.11
Quality education	1.1%	3.3%	2.22
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	0.3%	3.0%	2.65
Night classes	2.4%	2.2%	-0.19
Orientation to non-traditional students	0.8%	2.2%	1.41
Availability of faculty	2.6%	1.5%	-1.13
Curriculum	3.7%	1.5%	-2.23
Had major I wanted	0.5%	1.5%	0.97
High academic standards	0.8%	1.5%	0.67
Well rounded education	0.3%	1.1%	0.81
Older, mature student body	0.5%	0.7%	0.24
Diversity among instructors	0.0%	0.4%	0.40
Beautiful campus	0.5%	0.4%	-0.13
Financial Aid	0.0%	0.4%	0.36
Diversity among students	0.0%	0.4%	0.36
Good academic advising	0.3%	0.4%	0.06
Good equipment, facilities, resources	1.6%	0.4%	-1.24
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Diversity on campus	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Friendly atmosphere	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Had no choice	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.3%	0.0%	-0.30
Small school/atmosphere	1.8%	0.0%	-1.80

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	N=218	N=125	
Need wider selection of courses	3.7%	14.4%	10.70
Parking	9.2%	10.4%	1.20
Other	12.8%	9.6%	-3.20
High fees, costs	3.7%	8.0%	4.30
Department/program disorganized	7.3%	7.2%	-0.10
Need more graduate programs	6.9%	6.4%	-0.50
Lack of internships, work experience	1.8%	4.8%	3.00
Bureaucracy	2.8%	3.2%	0.40
No cohesiveness/communication	0.0%	3.2%	3.20
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	1.8%	3.2%	1.40
Poor academic advising	1.8%	3.2%	1.40
Availability of faculty	2.3%	2.4%	0.10
Faculty	6.4%	2.4%	-4.00
Inadequate library resources	0.5%	2.4%	1.90
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	1.4%	2.4%	1.00
School is too small	1.8%	2.4%	0.60
School lacks a big name	6.4%	2.4%	-4.00
Curriculum	7.3%	1.6%	-5.70
Group projects	1.4%	1.6%	0.20
Location	3.2%	1.6%	-1.60
Poor student/customer services	2.8%	1.6%	-1.20
Staff	0.9%	1.6%	0.70
Class hours/schedule	3.2%	0.8%	-2.40
No involvement with community	0.9%	0.8%	-0.10
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.5%	0.8%	0.30
Poor job placement, career guidance	2.3%	0.8%	-1.50
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.9%	0.8%	-0.10
Classes too big	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
Construction	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
Lack of diversity among students	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
Lack of financial aid	0.9%	0.0%	-0.90
Little campus life / social life	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
Use of student funds	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?	N=199	N=162	
Be prepared / work hard	19.1%	21.6%	2.50
Other	12.1%	19.1%	7.07
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	12.7%	11.1%	-1.59
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	8.3%	9.9%	1.57
Advocate for yourself	7.4%	4.9%	-2.47
Seek advice	7.8%	4.3%	-3.48
Seek out students with similar interests	7.4%	4.3%	-3.08
Enjoy yourself	2.9%	4.3%	1.42
Choose program carefully	6.9%	3.7%	-3.20
Develop business / networking relationships	4.4%	3.7%	-0.70
Get involved in research / practical experience	2.5%	3.7%	1.20
Be sure that this is what you want	2.5%	3.1%	0.58
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	3.4%	2.5%	-0.94
Start thesis ASAP	0.5%	1.9%	1.35
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	0.5%	1.9%	1.35
Enroll full time	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00

**Top "Other" Advice**

- Change schools
- Parking is a waste of time and money
- Pace yourself
- Take your time

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=218</b>	<b>N=204</b>	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		18.8%	16.7%	-2.10
2 - Professional publication		2.3%	2.5%	0.20
3 - Brochure		4.1%	3.9%	-0.20
4 - Web site		19.7%	30.9%	11.20
5 - Word of mouth		31.7%	30.9%	-0.80
6- Other		23.4%	15.2%	-8.20
				0.00
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?		<b>N=214</b>	<b>N=204</b>	0.00
1 - Not helpful		1.4%	8.3%	6.90
2-		6.5%	-	-
3 - Somewhat helpful		27.1%	34.8%	7.70
4 - Helpful		35.5%	39.2%	3.70
5 - Very helpful		29.4%	17.6%	-11.80
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=206</b>	
1 - Male		38.9%	35.4%	-3.50
2 - Female		61.1%	64.6%	3.50
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=206</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.0%	87.4%	0.40
2 - African American or black		3.7%	2.4%	-1.30
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		2.8%	3.9%	1.10
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		2.8%	4.4%	1.60
6 - Multi-ethnic		1.9%	1.0%	-0.90
7 - Other		1.4%	1.0%	-0.40
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1967.18	1966.71	
	RANGE	1944-1981	1940-1982	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=215</b>	<b>N=204</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		14.9%	16.2%	1.30
2 - Married		69.8%	72.1%	2.30
3 - Separated		1.9%	1.0%	-0.90
4 - Divorced		12.1%	9.3%	-2.80
5- Widowed		0.5%	1.0%	0.50
6 - Other		0.9%	0.5%	-0.40
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=216</b>	<b>N=203</b>	
0		44.4%	43.3%	-1.10
1		22.2%	27.1%	4.90
2		18.1%	18.7%	0.60
3		15.3%	7.9%	-7.40
4 or more		0.0%	3.0%	3.00
	MEAN=	2.04	1.00	-1.04
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=207</b>	<b>N=195</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		3.4%	2.1%	-1.30
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		5.3%	1.5%	-3.80
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.8%	6.7%	-0.10
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.7%	22.6%	-0.10
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		17.9%	20.5%	2.60
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		24.2%	22.1%	-2.10
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		8.2%	10.3%	2.10
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.3%	5.6%	0.30
9 - \$110,000 or more		6.3%	8.7%	2.40
	MEAN=	5.16	5.46	0.30



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Comparison of Caucasian to Ethnic Minority Students

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS

	2007 CAU N=180	2007 MIN N=26	DIFFERENCE
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?	<b>N=152</b>	<b>N=23</b>	
Fall	49.3%	65.2%	15.90
Spring	27.0%	21.7%	-5.30
Summer	23.7%	13.0%	-10.70
	<b>N=168</b>	<b>N=25</b>	
2006	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
2005	1.8%	0.0%	-1.80
2004	13.1%	4.0%	-9.10
2003	28.6%	28.0%	-0.60
2002	31.0%	28.0%	-3.00
2001	7.7%	24.0%	16.30
2000	7.7%	12.0%	4.30
1999	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
1998	3.6%	0.0%	-3.60
1997 and before	3.6%	4.0%	0.43
2. What was your initial student level?	<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Fully Accepted	74.2%	61.5%	-12.70
2 - Provisionally Accepted	8.4%	19.2%	10.80
3 - Unclassified	17.4%	19.2%	1.80
			0.00
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Resident	80.4%	65.4%	-15.00
2 - Non-resident	19.6%	34.6%	15.00
4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	63.1%	38.5%	-24.60
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	36.9%	61.5%	24.60
	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.	2005	2005	
1 - May	59.2%	34.6%	-24.60
2 - August	19.0%	30.8%	11.80
3 - December	21.8%	34.6%	12.80
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
Master of Arts	50.6%	26.9%	-23.70
Master of Business Administration	22.8%	46.2%	23.40
Master of Science Nursing	11.1%	0.0%	-11.10
Master of Public Administration	6.1%	15.4%	9.30
Master of Engineering	1.7%	0.0%	-1.70
Master of Basic Science	1.1%	3.8%	2.70
Master of Science	5.6%	7.7%	2.10
Doctor of Philosophy	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10

7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?	<b>N=176</b>	<b>N=24</b>	
Business Administration (MBA)	16.5%	25.0%	8.50
Curriculum & Instruction (MA)	22.7%	16.7%	-6.00
Counseling & Human Services (MA)	9.7%	4.2%	-5.50
Nursing (MSN)	10.2%	0.0%	-10.20
Applied Geography (MA)	1.7%	4.2%	2.50
Engineering (MS)	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
Public Administration (MPA)	5.7%	12.5%	6.80
Sociology (MA)	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
Special Education (MA)	5.7%	0.0%	-5.70
Applied Mathematics (MS)	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Basic Science (MS)	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Communication (MA)	4.0%	4.2%	0.20
Computer Science (MS)	1.7%	8.3%	6.60
Electrical Engineering (MS)	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
History (MA)	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
Psychology (MA)	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
Other	9.1%	25.0%	15.90
What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in?(Includes "Other" category)	<b>N=71</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
Finance	19.7%	30.8%	11.06
Management	15.5%	23.1%	7.58
Reading Education	14.1%	0.0%	-14.08
Leadership	7.0%	7.7%	0.65
Marketing	5.6%	7.7%	2.07
School Counseling	5.6%	0.0%	-5.63
Forensic Nursing	5.6%	0.0%	-5.63
Health Care Administration	1.4%	23.1%	21.66
Accounting	4.2%	0.0%	-4.23
Clinical Psychology	4.2%	0.0%	-4.23
Space Operations	4.2%	0.0%	-4.23
Human Resources	2.8%	0.0%	-2.82
International Business	2.8%	0.0%	-2.82
Student Affairs	2.8%	0.0%	-2.82
Exercise Science	1.4%	7.7%	6.30
Biology	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
General Business Administration	1.4%	0.0%	-1.40
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
Education	38.3%	19.2%	-19.10
Business	21.7%	42.3%	20.60
Nursing	12.2%	0.0%	-12.20
Letters, Arts, & Sciences	13.3%	11.5%	-1.80
Engineering & Applied Science	7.2%	7.7%	0.50
Public Affairs	7.2%	19.2%	12.00
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	33.9%	53.8%	19.90
2 - No	66.1%	46.2%	-19.90
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online	<b>N=61</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
Percent <= 50%	62.3%	57.1%	-5.16
Percent > 50%	37.7%	42.9%	5.15
MEAN=	45.4%	54.3%	0.09

9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	28.5%	46.2%	17.70
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	17.3%	19.2%	1.90
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	22.9%	11.5%	-11.40
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	6.1%	3.8%	-2.30
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	11.2%	3.8%	-7.40
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.9%	0.0%	-4.20
7 - For self-development.	9.5%	15.4%	5.90
8 - Other	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	10.6%	7.7%	-2.90
2 - No	89.4%	92.3%	2.90
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	<b>N=22</b>	<b>N=1</b>	
Master of Arts (MA)	36.4%	0.0%	-36.36
Other	31.8%	0.0%	-31.81
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Master of Public Administration (MPS)	4.5%	100.0%	95.46
Master of Science (MS)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	9.1%	0.0%	-9.09
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD.)	18.2%	0.0%	-18.18
University:	<b>N=16</b>	<b>N=1</b>	
Other	31.3%	100.0%	68.70
UCCS	68.8%	0.0%	-68.80
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?	<b>N=156</b>	<b>N=24</b>	
1 - Yes	16.0%	16.7%	0.70
2 - No	84.0%	83.3%	-0.70
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Upon graduation, what did you do?	<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Sought new employment	30.9%	23.1%	-7.80
2 - Continued current employment	56.7%	65.4%	8.70
3 - Attended further graduate school	4.5%	0.0%	-5.30
4 -Took time off	5.6%	11.5%	5.90
5 - Other	2.2%	0.0%	-2.20
12. What is your current employment status?	<b>N=175</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Employed full-time	78.9%	92.3%	13.40
2 - Employed part-time	16.0%	7.7%	-8.30
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60

12a. If unemployed, what is your current source of income?	<b>N=6</b>	<b>N=0</b>	
Spouse	50.0%	0.0%	-50.00
Loans/Grants	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Other	16.7%	0.0%	-16.70
Savings	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Retirement	33.3%	0.0%	-33.30
13b. Where is your current job located?	<b>N=172</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs	61.6%	46.2%	-15.40
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	11.0%	7.7%	-3.30
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	24.4%	30.8%	6.40
4 - Outside of the U.S.	2.9%	15.4%	12.50
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	<b>N=172</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	2.3%	3.8%	1.50
4 - Education	37.2%	30.8%	-6.40
5 - Finance	3.5%	3.8%	0.30
6 - Government	9.9%	7.7%	-2.20
7 - Homemaker	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	0.6%	3.8%	3.20
9 - Manufacturing	1.2%	7.7%	6.50
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	16.9%	7.7%	-9.20
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.2%	0.0%	-1.20
13 - Public Service	4.1%	3.8%	-0.30
14 - Services	2.9%	7.7%	4.80
15 - Technology	6.4%	11.5%	5.10
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities	1.7%	0.0%	-1.70
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.7%	0.0%	-1.70
18 - Other (specify)	5.2%	11.5%	6.30
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	<b>N=171</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	89.5%	96.2%	6.70
2 - No	10.5%	3.8%	-6.70
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	<b>N=169</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied	48.5%	26.9%	-21.60
2 - Satisfied	33.1%	46.2%	13.10
3 - Neutral	11.2%	15.4%	4.20
4 - Dissatisfied	6.5%	3.8%	-2.70
5 - Very dissatisfied	0.6%	7.7%	7.10
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	<b>N=173</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	53.2%	57.7%	4.50
2 - No	46.8%	42.3%	-4.50
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?	<b>N=121</b>	<b>N=21</b>	
1 - Yes	84.3%	81.0%	-3.30
2 - No	15.7%	19.0%	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?	<b>N=46</b>	<b>N=6</b>	
MEAN=	4.89	5.67	0.78
< 1 month	13.0%	0.0%	-13.00
1 - 2 months	34.8%	50.0%	15.22
> 2 months	52.2%	50.0%	-2.17

16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?	<b>N=167</b>	<b>N=24</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate	84.4%	87.5%	3.10
2 - Relocated within Colorado	4.2%	0.0%	-4.20
3 - Relocated to another state	8.4%	12.5%	4.10
4 - Relocated to another country	3.0%	0.0%	-3.00
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?	<b>N=173</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience	21.4%	23.1%	1.70
2 - Had some previous employment experience	35.3%	38.5%	3.20
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	43.4%	38.5%	-4.90
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	<b>N=173</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.8%	15.4%	9.60
2 - Disagree	5.8%	0.0%	-5.80
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
4 - Slightly Agree	8.1%	15.4%	7.30
5 - Agree	28.3%	46.2%	17.90
6 - Strongly Agree	49.1%	30.8%	-18.30
MEAN=	4.95	4.62	-0.33
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.	<b>N=171</b>	<b>N=25</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.3%	0.0%	-5.30
2 - Disagree	5.3%	4.0%	-1.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.8%	0.0%	-1.80
4 - Slightly Agree	9.4%	16.0%	6.60
5 - Agree	32.7%	52.0%	19.30
6 - Strongly Agree	45.6%	28.0%	-17.60
MEAN=	4.96	5.00	0.04
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.	<b>N=174</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.7%	0.0%	-5.70
2 - Disagree	14.9%	23.1%	8.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.3%	23.1%	16.80
4 - Slightly Agree	19.0%	19.2%	0.20
5 - Agree	23.0%	23.1%	0.10
6 - Strongly Agree	31.0%	11.5%	-19.50
MEAN=	4.32	3.77	-0.55
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS</b>			
21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.	<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
2 - Disagree	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.4%	7.7%	4.30
4 - Slightly Agree	15.2%	26.9%	11.70
5 - Agree	46.6%	42.3%	-4.30
6 - Strongly Agree	27.5%	23.1%	-4.40
MEAN=	4.81	4.81	0.00



22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.	<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
2 - Disagree	2.2%	0.0%	-2.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.2%	11.5%	5.30
4 - Slightly Agree	14.6%	11.5%	-3.10
5 - Agree	45.5%	65.4%	19.90
6 - Strongly Agree	28.1%	11.5%	-16.60
MEAN=	4.81	4.77	-0.04
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.2%	0.0%	-2.20
2 - Disagree	3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	3.8%	0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	8.9%	3.8%	-5.10
5 - Agree	37.8%	46.2%	8.40
6 - Strongly Agree	43.9%	46.2%	2.30
MEAN=	5.08	5.35	0.27
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.	<b>N=176</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.3%	0.0%	-2.30
2 - Disagree	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.7%	3.8%	2.10
4 - Slightly Agree	19.9%	15.4%	-4.50
5 - Agree	46.0%	46.2%	0.20
6 - Strongly Agree	27.3%	34.6%	7.30
MEAN=	4.86	5.12	0.26
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
2 - Disagree	2.8%	0.0%	-2.80
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.30
4 - Slightly Agree	9.4%	3.8%	-5.60
5 - Agree	37.2%	61.5%	24.30
6 - Strongly Agree	44.4%	34.6%	-9.80
MEAN=	5.09	5.31	0.22
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.	<b>N=177</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	7.9%	3.8%	-4.10
2 - No	92.1%	96.2%	4.10
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?	<b>N=11</b>	<b>N=1</b>	
Business (MBA)	18.2%	100.0%	81.80
Counseling and Human Services	9.1%	0.0%	-9.10
Not Offered at UCCS	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Nursing (MSN)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Electrical Engineering (MS)	9.1%	0.0%	-9.10
Graduate School of Public Affairs (MPA)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Basic Science	9.1%	0.0%	-9.10
Computer Science (MS, Ph.D.)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Curriculum & Instruction	9.1%	0.0%	-9.10
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Psychology (MA)	9.1%	0.0%	-9.10
Other	18.2%	0.0%	-18.20
Not Sure	18.2%	0.0%	-18.20

26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	12.8%	7.7%	-5.10
2 - No	87.2%	92.3%	5.10
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=175</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	81.1%	61.5%	-19.60
2 - No	18.9%	38.5%	19.60
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=25</b>	
1 - Yes	41.9%	36.0%	-5.90
2 - No	58.1%	64.0%	5.90
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
0 - Never was advised	1.1%	3.8%	2.70
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	12.8%	11.5%	-1.30
2 - Very Poor	2.2%	0.0%	-2.20
3 - Poor	3.4%	11.5%	8.10
4 - Fair	19.6%	23.1%	3.50
5 - Good	41.3%	30.8%	-10.50
6 - Very Good	19.6%	19.2%	-0.40
	MEAN*=	4.84	4.68
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=179</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	29.1%	3.8%	-25.30
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.2%	15.4%	4.20
3 - Very Poor	2.2%	0.0%	-2.20
4 - Poor	2.2%	7.7%	5.50
5 - Fair	11.7%	19.2%	7.50
6 - Good	22.3%	23.1%	0.80
7 - Very Good	21.2%	30.8%	9.60
	MEAN*=	4.97	4.95
* 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?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	51.7%	50.0%	-1.70
2 - No	48.3%	50.0%	1.70

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?	<b>N=176</b>	<b>N=25</b>	
1 - Never	35.8%	28.0%	-7.80
2 - Rarely	30.1%	28.0%	-2.10
3 - Sometimes	25.6%	32.0%	6.40
4 - Often	7.4%	12.0%	4.60
5 - Always	1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
MEAN=	2.08	2.28	0.20

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	<b>N=247</b>	<b>N=24</b>	
Faculty	10.9%	12.5%	1.60
Location	18.2%	0.0%	-18.22
Able to get a degree	3.2%	4.2%	0.98
Cost	4.5%	4.2%	-0.29
Availability of faculty	1.6%	0.0%	-1.62
Class hours/schedule	7.7%	12.5%	4.81
Good reputation	5.7%	12.5%	6.84
Good departmental programs	4.5%	0.0%	-4.45
Good equipment, facilities, resources	0.0%	4.2%	4.16
Convenient	13.4%	16.7%	3.30
Curriculum	1.6%	0.0%	-1.62
Small class size	4.9%	4.2%	-0.69
Small school/atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Older, mature student body	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Night classes	2.0%	4.2%	2.14
Accredited	3.2%	8.3%	5.10
Friendly atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Quality education	3.2%	4.2%	0.93
High academic standards	1.6%	0.0%	-1.62
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.4%	0.0%	-2.43
Beautiful campus	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Had major I wanted	1.6%	0.0%	-1.62
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity among instructors	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Good academic advising	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Had no choice	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	3.2%	0.0%	-3.24
Well rounded education	1.2%	0.0%	-1.22
Financial Aid	0.0%	4.2%	4.16
Other	2.8%	8.3%	5.49

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	N=114	N=11	
Parking	9.7%	18.2%	8.53
Curriculum	1.8%	0.0%	-1.75
Faculty	2.6%	0.0%	-2.63
Location	1.8%	0.0%	-1.75
Department/program disorganized	7.9%	0.0%	-7.89
Need more graduate programs	6.1%	9.1%	2.95
School lacks a big name	1.8%	9.1%	7.34
High fees, costs	8.8%	0.0%	-8.77
Need wider selection of courses	14.0%	18.2%	4.15
Class hours/schedule	0.0%	9.1%	9.09
Bureaucracy	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
Poor student/customer services	1.8%	0.0%	-1.75
Poor job placement, career guidance	0.9%	0.0%	-0.88
Little campus life / social life	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Lack of financial aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.9%	0.0%	-0.88
Use of student funds	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Availability of faculty	2.6%	0.0%	-2.63
Lack of internships, work experience	5.3%	0.0%	-5.26
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
Poor academic advising	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
School is too small	2.6%	0.0%	-2.63
Group projects	1.8%	0.0%	-1.75
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	0.9%	18.2%	17.30
Classes too big	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No involvement with community	0.9%	0.0%	-0.88
Staff	1.8%	0.0%	-1.75
Construction	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Inadequate library resources	2.6%	0.0%	-2.63
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.0%	9.1%	9.09
No cohesiveness/communication	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
Other	9.6%	9.1%	-0.56

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?	N=146	N=16	
Be prepared / work hard	22.6%	12.5%	-10.10
Choose program carefully	3.4%	6.3%	2.83
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	8.9%	18.8%	9.85
Seek advice	4.8%	0.0%	-4.79
Seek out students with similar interests	4.8%	0.0%	-4.79
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	11.6%	6.3%	-5.39
Enjoy yourself	4.1%	6.3%	2.14
Be sure that this is what you want	2.7%	6.3%	3.51
Get involved in research / practical experience	3.4%	6.3%	2.82
Advocate for yourself	4.8%	0.0%	-4.79
Develop business / networking relationships	3.4%	6.3%	2.83
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	1.4%	12.5%	11.13
Enroll full time	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Start thesis ASAP	2.1%	0.0%	-2.05
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.4%	6.3%	4.88
Other	19.9%	12.5%	-7.36

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - I was a UCSS student at the time		18.0%	7.7%	-10.30
2 - Professional publication		1.7%	7.7%	6.00
3 - Brochure		3.9%	3.8%	-0.10
4 - Web site		29.8%	38.5%	8.70
5 - Word of mouth		30.9%	30.8%	-0.10
6 - Other		15.7%	11.5%	-4.20
35a. To what degree did you find the UCSS website helpful?		<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Not helpful		7.3%	15.4%	-1.60
2 - Somewhat helpful		34.8%	34.6%	-1.60
3 - Helpful		39.3%	38.5%	-1.60
4 - Very helpful		18.5%	11.5%	-1.60
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Male		35.0%	38.5%	3.50
2 - Female		65.0%	61.5%	-3.50
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		100.0%	0.0%	-100.00
2 - African American or black		0.0%	19.2%	19.20
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		0.0%	30.8%	30.80
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		0.0%	34.6%	34.60
6 - Multi-ethnic		0.0%	7.7%	7.70
7 - Other		0.0%	7.7%	7.70
38. Your year of birth is:		<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
	MEAN=	1966.49	1968.19	
	RANGE	1940-1982	1956-1982	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=178</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		16.9%	11.5%	-5.40
2 - Married		71.9%	73.1%	1.20
3 - Separated		1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
4 - Divorced		8.4%	15.4%	7.00
5 - Widowed		1.1%	0.0%	-1.10
6 - Other		0.6%	0.0%	-0.60
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=177</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
0		45.8%	26.9%	-18.90
1		27.7%	23.1%	-4.60
2		17.5%	26.9%	9.40
3		6.8%	15.4%	8.60
4 or more		2.3%	7.7%	5.40
	MEAN=	0.92	1.54	0.62
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=170</b>	<b>N=25</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		1.8%	0.0%	-1.80
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		7.6%	0.0%	-7.60
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.4%	24.0%	1.60
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		19.4%	28.0%	8.60
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		22.4%	20.0%	-2.40
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		11.2%	4.0%	-7.20
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.3%	8.0%	2.70
9 - \$110,000 or more		7.6%	16.0%	8.40
	MEAN=	5.39	5.92	0.53



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SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS	2007 ALUMNI N=206	2007 BETH-EL N=22	DIFFERENCE
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?	N=175	N=19	
Fall	51.4%	47.4%	-4.00
Spring	26.3%	36.8%	10.50
Summer	22.3%	15.8%	-6.50
	N=193	N=22	
2006	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2005	1.6%	4.5%	2.90
2004	11.9%	4.5%	-7.40
2003	28.5%	31.8%	3.30
2002	30.6%	40.9%	10.30
2001	9.8%	9.1%	-0.70
2000	8.3%	4.5%	-3.80
1999	2.1%	4.5%	2.40
1998	3.1%	0.0%	-3.10
1997 and before	3.6%	0.0%	-3.60
2. What was your initial student level?	N=204	N=21	
1 - Fully Accepted	72.5%	81.0%	8.50
2 - Provisionally Accepted	9.8%	4.8%	-5.00
3 - Unclassified	17.6%	14.3%	-3.30
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?	N=205	N=22	
1 - Resident	78.5%	77.3%	-1.20
2 - Non-resident	21.5%	22.7%	1.20
4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?	N=205	N=22	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	60.0%	77.3%	17.30
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	40.0%	22.7%	-17.30
	N=205	N=22	
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.	2005	2005	
1 - May	56.1%	77.3%	21.20
2 - August	20.5%	0.0%	-20.50
3 - December	23.4%	22.7%	-0.70
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	N=206	N=22	
Master of Science Nursing	9.7%	81.8%	72.10
Master of Science	5.8%	13.6%	7.80
Master of Basic Science	1.5%	4.5%	3.00
7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?	N=200	N=21	
Nursing (MSN)	9.0%	85.7%	76.70
Other	11.0%	14.3%	3.30

What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in?(Includes "Other" category)	<b>N=84</b>	<b>N=5</b>	
Forensic Nursing	4.8%	80.0%	75.20
Exercise Science	2.4%	20.0%	17.62
<b>8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
Beth-El Nursing and Health Sciences	10.7%	100.0%	89.30
<b>8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	36.4%	59.1%	22.70
2 - No	63.6%	40.9%	-22.70
<b>8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online</b>	<b>N=75</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
Percent <= 50%	61.3%	61.5%	0.21
Percent > 50%	38.7%	38.5%	-0.20
<b>MEAN=</b>	<b>47.0%</b>	<b>44.6%</b>	<b>-0.02</b>
<b>9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?</b>	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.7%	18.2%	-12.50
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	17.6%	9.1%	-8.50
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	21.5%	36.4%	14.90
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.9%	4.5%	-1.40
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	10.2%	9.1%	-1.10
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.4%	9.1%	5.70
7 - For self-development.	10.2%	13.6%	3.40
8 - Other	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
<b>10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?</b>	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	10.2%	3.6%	-6.60
2 - No	89.8%	86.4%	-3.40
<b>10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?</b>			
<b>Program:</b>	<b>N=23</b>	<b>N=4</b>	
Other	30.4%	25.0%	-5.43
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)	17.4%	25.0%	7.61
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	13.0%	25.0%	11.96
Counseling Psychology	-	25.0%	-
<b>University:</b>	<b>N=17</b>	<b>N=3</b>	
Other	35.3%	33.3%	-2.00
UCCS	64.7%	66.7%	2.00
<b>10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?</b>	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=19</b>	
1 - Yes	16.1%	21.1%	5.00
2 - No	83.9%	78.9%	-5.00

#### SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT

<b>11. Immediately following graduation I:</b>	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Sought new employment	29.9%	40.9%	11.00
2 - Continued current employment	57.8%	40.9%	-16.90
3 - Attended further graduate school	3.9%	9.1%	5.20
4 -Took time off	6.4%	4.5%	-1.90
5 - Other	2.0%	4.5%	2.50

12. What is your current employment status?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Employed full-time	80.6%	72.7%	-7.90
2 - Employed part-time	14.9%	27.3%	12.40
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.0%	0.0%	-4.00
13b. Where is your current job located?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs	59.6%	54.5%	-5.10
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	10.6%	9.1%	-1.50
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	25.3%	36.4%	11.10
4 - Outside of the U.S.	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
4 - Education	36.4%	13.6%	-22.80
5 - Finance	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
6 - Government	9.6%	0.0%	-9.60
7 - Homemaker	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
9 - Manufacturing	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	15.7%	81.8%	66.10
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service	4.0%	4.5%	0.50
14 - Services	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
15 - Technology	7.1%	0.0%	-7.10
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
18 - Other (specify)	6.1%	0.0%	-6.10
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	<b>N=197</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	90.4%	95.5%	5.10
2 - No	9.6%	4.5%	-5.10
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=20</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied	45.6%	45.0%	-0.60
2 - Satisfied	34.9%	40.0%	5.10
3- Neutral	11.8%	5.0%	-6.80
4 - Dissatisfied	6.2%	10.0%	3.80
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	53.8%	45.5%	-8.30
2 - No	46.2%	54.5%	8.30
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?	<b>N=142</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	83.8%	100.0%	16.20
2 - No	16.2%	0.0%	-16.20



15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?		<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=9</b>	
	MEAN=	4.98	7.22	7.22
	< 1 month	11.5%	11.1%	-0.44
	1 - 2 months	36.5%	22.2%	-14.34
	> 2 months	51.9%	66.7%	14.74

16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?		<b>N=191</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate		84.8%	81.8%	-3.00
2 - Relocated within Colorado		3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
3 - Relocated to another state		8.9%	9.1%	0.20
4 - Relocated to another country		2.6%	9.1%	6.50

17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?		<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience		21.6%	31.8%	10.20
2 - Had some previous employment experience		35.7%	27.3%	-8.40
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience		42.7%	40.9%	-1.80

18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.		<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree		7.0%	0.0%	-7.00
2 - Disagree		5.0%	13.6%	8.60
3 - Slightly Disagree		2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
4 - Slightly Agree		8.0%	0.0%	-8.00
5 - Agree		30.7%	18.2%	-12.50
6 - Strongly Agree		46.7%	68.2%	21.50
	MEAN=	4.90	5.27	37.00

19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.		<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree		4.6%	9.1%	4.50
2 - Disagree		5.1%	9.1%	4.00
3 - Slightly Disagree		1.5%	4.5%	3.00
4 - Slightly Agree		10.2%	4.5%	-5.70
5 - Agree		35.2%	18.2%	-17.00
6 - Strongly Agree		43.4%	54.5%	11.10
	MEAN=	4.96	4.77	-0.19

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.		<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree		5.0%	4.5%	-0.50
2 - Disagree		16.0%	4.5%	-11.50
3 - Slightly Disagree		8.5%	9.1%	0.60
4 - Slightly Agree		19.0%	18.2%	-0.80
5 - Agree		23.0%	22.7%	-0.30
6 - Strongly Agree		28.5%	40.9%	12.40
	MEAN=	4.25	5.23	0.98

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

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree		2.5%	4.5%	2.00
2 - Disagree		3.9%	4.5%	0.60
3 - Slightly Disagree		3.9%	9.1%	5.20
4 - Slightly Agree		16.7%	18.2%	1.50
5 - Agree		46.1%	22.7%	-23.40
6 - Strongly Agree		27.0%	40.9%	13.90
	MEAN=	4.81	4.73	-0.05

22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=21</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.9%	14.3%	11.40
2 - Disagree	2.0%	4.8%	2.80
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.9%	0.0%	-6.90
4 - Slightly Agree	14.2%	19.0%	4.80
5 - Agree	48.0%	28.6%	-19.40
6 - Strongly Agree	26.0%	33.3%	7.30
MEAN=	4.80	4.43	-0.37
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.9%	4.5%	2.60
2 - Disagree	3.4%	4.5%	1.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.4%	4.5%	1.10
4 - Slightly Agree	8.3%	9.1%	0.80
5 - Agree	38.8%	22.7%	-16.10
6 - Strongly Agree	44.2%	54.5%	10.30
MEAN=	5.11	5.05	-0.06
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	4.5%	2.50
2 - Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.0%	4.5%	2.50
4 - Slightly Agree	19.3%	18.2%	-1.10
5 - Agree	46.0%	22.7%	-23.30
6 - Strongly Agree	28.2%	50.0%	21.80
MEAN=	4.90	5.05	0.15
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.4%	4.5%	2.10
2 - Disagree	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.9%	4.5%	1.60
4 - Slightly Agree	8.7%	22.7%	14.00
5 - Agree	40.3%	22.7%	-17.60
6 - Strongly Agree	43.2%	45.5%	2.30
MEAN=	5.12	4.95	-0.17
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=21</b>	
1 - Yes	7.4%	4.8%	-2.60
2 - No	92.6%	95.2%	2.60
			0.00
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=1</b>	0.00
Not Sure	16.7%	100.0%	83.30

26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	12.2%	22.7%	10.50
2 - No	87.8%	77.3%	-10.50
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	78.6%	77.3%	-1.30
2 - No	21.4%	22.7%	1.30
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	41.2%	54.5%	13.30
2 - No	58.8%	45.5%	-13.30
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
0 - Never was advised	1.5%	4.5%	3.00
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	12.7%	0.0%	-12.70
2 - Very Poor	2.0%	9.1%	-2.30
3 - Poor	4.4%	0.0%	-4.40
4 - Fair	20.0%	13.6%	-6.40
5 - Good	40.0%	40.9%	0.90
6 - Very Good	19.5%	27.3%	7.80
	MEAN*= <b>4.82</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>-0.07</b>
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	25.9%	22.7%	-3.20
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.7%	9.1%	-2.60
3 - Very Poor	2.0%	4.5%	2.50
4 - Poor	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
5 - Fair	12.7%	18.2%	5.50
6 - Good	22.4%	18.2%	-4.20
7 - Very Good	22.4%	27.3%	4.90
	MEAN*= <b>5.06</b>	<b>4.93</b>	<b>-0.13</b>
* 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?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Yes	51.5%	59.1%	7.60
2 - No	48.5%	40.9%	-7.60

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=21</b>	
1 - Never	34.8%	47.6%	12.80
2 - Rarely	29.9%	33.3%	3.40
3 - Sometimes	26.4%	9.5%	-16.90
4 - Often	8.0%	9.5%	1.50
5 - Always	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
MEAN=	2.10	1.81	-0.29

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCBS?	<b>N=271</b>	<b>N=30</b>	
Location	16.6%	26.6%	10.00
Faculty	11.1%	10.0%	-1.07
Able to get a degree	3.3%	3.3%	0.01
Cost	4.4%	0.0%	-4.43
Class hours/schedule	8.1%	6.7%	-1.46
Convenient	13.7%	13.3%	-0.32
Good reputation	6.3%	3.3%	-2.94
Curriculum	1.5%	3.3%	1.86
Good departmental programs	4.1%	3.3%	-0.72
Small class size	4.8%	6.7%	1.87
Availability of faculty	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Night classes	2.2%	0.0%	-2.21
Small school/atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Friendly atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Good equipment, facilities, resources	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Accredited	3.7%	0.0%	-3.69
Quality education	3.3%	3.3%	0.01
High academic standards	1.5%	3.3%	1.86
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.2%	0.0%	-2.21
Beautiful campus	0.4%	3.3%	2.96
Had major I wanted	1.5%	6.7%	5.19
Older, mature student body	0.7%	0.0%	-0.74
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity among students	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Diversity among instructors	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Good academic advising	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Had no choice	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	3.0%	3.3%	0.38
Well rounded education	1.1%	0.0%	-1.11
Financial Aid	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Other	3.3%	3.3%	0.01

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	N=125	N=12	
Parking	10.4%	0.0%	-10.40
Curriculum	1.6%	8.3%	6.73
Department/program disorganized	7.2%	0.0%	-7.20
Need more graduate programs	6.4%	8.3%	1.93
Faculty	2.4%	8.3%	5.93
School lacks a big name	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
High fees, costs	8.0%	0.0%	-8.00
Need wider selection of courses	14.4%	8.3%	-6.07
Class hours/schedule	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Location	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Bureaucracy	3.2%	8.3%	5.13
Poor student/customer services	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Availability of faculty	2.4%	16.7%	14.26
Poor job placement, career guidance	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Lack of internships, work experience	4.8%	8.3%	3.53
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Poor academic advising	3.2%	8.3%	5.13
School is too small	2.4%	8.3%	5.93
Group projects	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Little campus life / social life	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Classes too big	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Lack of financial aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No involvement with community	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Staff	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Construction	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Inadequate library resources	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Use of student funds	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No cohesiveness/communication	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Other	9.6%	16.7%	7.06

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?	N=162	N=21	
Be prepared / work hard	21.6%	23.8%	2.20
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	11.1%	14.3%	3.17
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	9.9%	9.5%	-0.35
Seek advice	4.3%	4.8%	0.44
Advocate for yourself	4.9%	4.8%	-0.13
Seek out students with similar interests	4.3%	0.0%	-4.32
Choose program carefully	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Develop business / networking relationships	3.7%	4.8%	1.10
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	2.5%	0.0%	-2.46
Enjoy yourself	4.3%	4.8%	0.48
Be sure that this is what you want	3.1%	4.8%	1.68
Get involved in research / practical experience	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Enroll full time	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Start thesis ASAP	1.9%	0.0%	-1.85
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.9%	0.0%	-1.85
Other	19.1%	28.6%	9.44

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		16.7%	36.4%	19.70
2 - Professional publication		2.5%	4.5%	2.00
3 - Brochure		3.9%	4.5%	0.60
4 - Web site		30.9%	22.7%	-8.20
5 - Word of mouth		30.9%	22.7%	-8.20
6 - Other		15.2%	9.1%	-6.10
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Not helpful		8.3%	13.6%	5.30
3 - Somewhat helpful		34.8%	40.9%	6.10
4 - Helpful		39.2%	27.3%	-11.90
5 - Very helpful		17.6%	18.2%	0.60
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Male		35.4%	18.2%	-17.20
2 - Female		64.6%	81.8%	17.20
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.4%	100.0%	12.60
2 - African American or black		2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		4.4%	0.0%	-4.40
6 - Multi-ethnic		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
7 - Other		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1966.71	1963.57	
	RANGE	1940-1982	1948-1982	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		16.2%	9.1%	-7.10
2 - Married		72.1%	72.7%	0.60
3 - Separated		1.0%	4.5%	3.50
4 - Divorced		9.3%	13.6%	4.30
5 - Widowed		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
6 - Other		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
0		43.3%	36.4%	-6.90
1		27.1%	36.4%	9.30
2		18.7%	18.2%	-0.50
3		7.9%	4.5%	-3.40
4 or more		3.0%	4.5%	1.50
	MEAN=	1.00	1.05	0.05
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=22</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		1.5%	4.5%	3.00
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.7%	9.1%	2.40
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.6%	13.6%	-9.00
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		20.5%	13.6%	-6.90
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		22.1%	36.4%	14.30
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		10.3%	18.2%	7.90
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.6%	4.5%	-1.10
9 - \$110,000 or more		8.7%	0.0%	-8.70
	MEAN=	5.46	5.41	-0.05



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2007 Graduate Alumni Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the College of Education

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCSS	2007 ALUMNI	2007 EDUC	DIFFERENCE
	N=206	N=74	
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCSS?	<b>N=175</b>	<b>N=59</b>	
Fall	51.4%	28.8%	-22.60
Spring	26.3%	23.7%	-2.60
Summer	22.3%	47.5%	25.20
	<b>N=193</b>	<b>N=67</b>	
2006	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2005	1.6%	3.0%	1.40
2004	11.9%	22.4%	10.50
2003	28.5%	32.8%	4.30
2002	30.6%	29.9%	-0.70
2001	9.8%	4.5%	-5.30
2000	8.3%	4.5%	-3.80
1999	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
1998	3.1%	0.0%	-3.10
1997 and before	3.6%	3.0%	-0.60
2. What was your initial student level?	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Fully Accepted	72.5%	71.2%	-1.30
2 - Provisionally Accepted	9.8%	5.5%	-4.30
3 - Unclassified	17.6%	23.3%	
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Resident	78.5%	93.2%	14.70
2 - Non-resident	21.5%	6.8%	-14.70
4. During your graduate studies at UCSS, what was your course load during most semesters?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	60.0%	70.3%	10.30
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	40.0%	29.7%	-10.30
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCSS.	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
2005			
1 - May	56.1%	58.9%	2.80
2 - August	20.5%	27.4%	6.90
3 - December	23.4%	13.7%	-9.70
			0.00
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
Master of Arts	47.6%	100.0%	52.40
7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree From UCSS?	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
Curriculum and Instruction	22.0%	60.3%	38.30
Counseling and Human Services	9.0%	24.7%	15.70
Special Education	5.0%	13.7%	8.70
Other	0.5%	1.4%	0.90

What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in?(Includes "Other" category)	<b>N=84</b>	<b>N=18</b>	
Reading Education	11.9%	55.6%	43.65
School Counseling	4.8%	22.2%	17.42
Leadership	7.1%	16.7%	9.52
Student Affairs	2.4%	5.6%	3.15
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
College of Education	24.3%	100.0%	75.70
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Yes	36.4%	9.5%	-26.90
2 - No	63.6%	90.5%	26.90
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online	<b>N=75</b>	<b>N=7</b>	
Percent <= 50%	61.3%	100.0%	38.67
Percent > 50%	38.7%	0.0%	-38.66
MEAN=	47.0%	6.0%	-0.41
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.7%	25.7%	-5.00
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	17.6%	31.1%	13.50
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	21.5%	21.6%	0.10
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.9%	4.1%	-1.80
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	10.2%	14.9%	4.70
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
7 - For self-development.	10.2%	1.4%	-8.80
8 - Other	0.5%	1.4%	0.90
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Yes	10.2%	12.2%	2.00
2 - No	89.8%	87.8%	-2.00
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	<b>N=23</b>	<b>N=10</b>	
Master of Arts (MA)	34.8%	10.0%	-24.78
Education Certificate	0.0%	20.0%	20.00
Counseling	0.0%	10.0%	10.00
Leadership	0.0%	10.0%	10.00
Graduate School of Public Affairs (GSPA)	0.0%	10.0%	10.00
Other	30.4%	40.0%	9.57
University:	<b>N=17</b>	<b>N=8</b>	
UCCS	64.7%	87.5%	22.80
Walden University (Other)	35.3%	12.5%	-22.80
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=65</b>	
1 - Yes	16.1%	12.3%	-3.80
2 - No	83.9%	87.7%	3.80



**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Immediately following graduation I:	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Sought new employment	29.9%	34.2%	4.30
2 - Continued current employment	57.8%	53.4%	-4.40
3 - Attended further graduate school	3.9%	2.7%	-1.20
4 - Took time off	6.4%	6.8%	0.40
5 - Other	2.0%	2.7%	0.70
12. What is your current employment status?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=72</b>	
1 - Employed full-time	80.6%	79.2%	-1.40
2 - Employed part-time	14.9%	13.9%	-1.00
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.0%	6.9%	2.90
13b. Where is your current job located?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=71</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs	59.6%	77.5%	17.90
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	10.6%	14.1%	3.50
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	25.3%	8.5%	-16.80
4 - Outside of the U.S.	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=71</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	2.5%	1.4%	-1.10
4 - Education	36.4%	78.9%	42.50
5 - Finance	3.5%	1.4%	-2.10
6 - Government	9.6%	4.2%	-5.40
7 - Homemaker	2.0%	4.2%	2.20
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
9 - Manufacturing	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	15.7%	2.8%	-12.90
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	2.8%	1.80
13 - Public Service	4.0%	4.2%	0.20
14 - Services	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
15 - Technology	7.1%	0.0%	-7.10
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
18 - Other (specify)	6.1%	0.0%	-6.10
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	<b>N=197</b>	<b>N=70</b>	
1 - Yes	90.4%	88.6%	-1.80
2 - No	9.6%	11.4%	1.80
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=71</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied	45.6%	50.7%	5.10
2 - Satisfied	34.9%	32.4%	-2.50
3 - Neutral	11.8%	11.3%	-0.50
4 - Dissatisfied	6.2%	2.8%	-3.40
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	2.8%	1.30

15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=71</b>	
1 - Yes	53.8%	57.7%	3.90
2 - No	46.2%	42.3%	-3.90
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?	<b>N=142</b>	<b>N=54</b>	
1 - Yes	83.8%	92.6%	8.80
2 - No	16.2%	7.4%	-8.80
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=17</b>	
MEAN=	4.98	3.18	-1.80
< 1 month	11.5%	23.5%	11.96
1 - 2 months	36.5%	41.2%	4.63
> 2 months	51.9%	35.3%	-16.63
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?	<b>N=191</b>	<b>N=67</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate	84.8%	91.0%	6.20
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.7%	4.5%	0.80
3 - Relocated to another state	8.9%	4.5%	-4.40
4 - Relocated to another country	2.6%	0.0%	-2.60
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=70</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience	21.6%	21.4%	-0.20
2 - Had some previous employment experience	35.7%	44.3%	8.60
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	42.7%	34.3%	-8.40
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=71</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	7.0%	7.0%	
2 - Disagree	5.0%	2.8%	-2.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.5%	1.4%	-1.10
4 - Slightly Agree	8.0%	5.6%	-2.40
5 - Agree	30.7%	21.1%	-9.60
6 - Strongly Agree	46.7%	62.0%	15.30
MEAN=	4.90	5.17	0.27
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.	<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=69</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	4.6%	7.2%	2.60
2 - Disagree	5.1%	2.9%	-2.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.5%	1.4%	-0.10
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	7.2%	-3.00
5 - Agree	35.2%	30.4%	-4.80
6 - Strongly Agree	43.4%	50.7%	7.30
MEAN=	4.96	5.03	0.07
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=71</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	2.8%	-2.20
2 - Disagree	16.0%	14.1%	-1.90
3 - Slightly Disagree	8.5%	7.0%	-1.50
4 - Slightly Agree	19.0%	22.5%	3.50
5 - Agree	23.0%	22.5%	-0.50
6 - Strongly Agree	28.5%	31.0%	2.50
MEAN=	4.25	4.41	0.16

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

<b>21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.</b>			
	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.5%	2.7%	0.20
2 - Disagree	3.9%	4.1%	0.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Slightly Agree	16.7%	12.2%	-4.50
5 - Agree	46.1%	47.3%	1.20
6 - Strongly Agree	27.0%	33.8%	6.80
MEAN=	4.81	4.99	0.18
<b>22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.</b>			
	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.9%	1.4%	-1.50
2 - Disagree	2.0%	1.4%	-0.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.9%	6.8%	-0.10
4 - Slightly Agree	14.2%	20.3%	6.10
5 - Agree	48.0%	41.9%	-6.10
6 - Strongly Agree	26.0%	28.4%	2.40
MEAN=	4.80	4.85	0.05
<b>23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.</b>			
	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.9%	2.7%	0.80
2 - Disagree	3.4%	5.4%	2.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.4%	5.4%	2.00
4 - Slightly Agree	8.3%	6.8%	-1.50
5 - Agree	38.8%	31.1%	-7.70
6 - Strongly Agree	44.2%	48.6%	4.40
MEAN=	5.11	5.04	-0.07
<b>24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.</b>			
	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=72</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	1.4%	-0.60
2 - Disagree	2.5%	2.8%	0.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
4 - Slightly Agree	19.3%	18.1%	-1.20
5 - Agree	46.0%	44.4%	-1.60
6 - Strongly Agree	28.2%	33.3%	5.10
MEAN=	4.90	5.01	0.11
<b>25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.</b>			
	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.4%	1.4%	-1.00
2 - Disagree	2.4%	5.4%	3.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.9%	4.1%	1.20
4 - Slightly Agree	8.7%	5.4%	-3.30
5 - Agree	40.3%	37.8%	-2.50
6 - Strongly Agree	43.2%	45.9%	2.70
MEAN=	5.12	5.11	-0.01
<b>26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.</b>			
	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Yes	7.4%	9.6%	2.20
2 - No	92.6%	90.4%	-2.20
<b>26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?</b>			
	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=6</b>	
Basic Science	8.3%	16.7%	8.40
Business - MBA	25.0%	16.7%	-8.30
Counseling and Human Services	8.3%	16.7%	8.40
Curriculum and Instruction	8.3%	16.7%	8.40
Psychology - MA	0.0%	16.7%	16.70
Other	16.7%	16.7%	

26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Yes	12.2%	13.7%	-12.20
2 - No	87.8%	86.3%	-1.50
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Yes	78.6%	83.6%	5.00
2 - No	21.4%	16.4%	-5.00
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Yes	41.2%	43.8%	2.60
2 - No	58.8%	56.2%	-2.60
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
0 - Never was advised	1.5%	2.7%	1.20
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	12.7%	9.5%	-3.20
2 - Very Poor	2.0%	1.4%	-0.60
3 - Poor	4.4%	4.1%	-0.30
4 - Fair	20.0%	24.3%	4.30
5 - Good	40.0%	39.2%	-0.80
6 - Very Good	19.5%	18.9%	-0.60
	MEAN*=	4.80	-0.02
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	25.9%	24.7%	-1.20
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.7%	12.3%	0.60
3 - Very Poor	2.0%	2.7%	0.70
4 - Poor	2.9%	2.7%	-0.20
5 - Fair	12.7%	12.3%	-0.40
6 - Good	22.4%	20.5%	-1.90
7 - Very Good	22.4%	24.7%	2.30
	MEAN*=	4.98	-0.08
* 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?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Yes	51.5%	48.6%	-2.90
2 - No	48.5%	51.4%	2.90

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Never	34.8%	42.5%	7.70
2 - Rarely	29.9%	31.5%	1.60
3 - Sometimes	26.4%	19.2%	-7.20
4 - Often	8.0%	6.8%	-1.20
5 - Always	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
MEAN=	2.10	1.90	-0.20

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCSS?	<b>N=271</b>	<b>N=98</b>	
Location	16.6%	18.4%	1.76
Faculty	11.1%	9.2%	-1.89
Able to get a degree	3.3%	3.1%	-0.26
Cost	4.4%	6.1%	1.69
Class hours/schedule	8.1%	2.0%	-6.08
Convenient	13.7%	18.4%	4.71
Good reputation	6.3%	9.2%	2.93
Curriculum	1.5%	1.0%	-0.45
Good departmental programs	4.1%	6.1%	2.07
Small class size	4.8%	2.0%	-2.75
Availability of faculty	1.5%	2.0%	0.57
Night classes	2.2%	2.0%	-0.17
Small school/atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Friendly atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Good equipment, facilities, resources	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Accredited	3.7%	4.1%	0.39
Quality education	3.3%	4.1%	0.76
High academic standards	1.5%	3.1%	1.59
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.2%	3.1%	0.85
Beautiful campus	0.4%	0.0%	-0.37
Had major I wanted	1.5%	1.0%	-0.45
Older, mature student body	0.7%	0.0%	-0.74
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity among students	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Diversity among instructors	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Good academic advising	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Had no choice	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	3.0%	1.0%	-1.93
Well rounded education	1.1%	2.0%	0.93
Financial Aid	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Other	3.3%	2.0%	-1.28

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	N=125	N=48	
Parking	10.4%	18.8%	8.35
Curriculum	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Department/program disorganized	7.2%	14.6%	7.38
Need more graduate programs	6.4%	6.3%	-0.15
Faculty	2.4%	4.2%	1.77
School lacks a big name	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
High fees, costs	8.0%	18.8%	10.75
Need wider selection of courses	14.4%	4.2%	-10.24
Class hours/schedule	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Location	1.6%	4.2%	2.57
Bureaucracy	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Poor student/customer services	1.6%	2.1%	0.50
Availability of faculty	2.4%	2.1%	-0.30
Poor job placement, career guidance	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Lack of internships, work experience	4.8%	0.0%	-4.80
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.2%	2.1%	-1.10
Poor academic advising	3.2%	2.1%	-1.10
School is too small	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Group projects	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	2.4%	2.1%	-0.32
Little campus life / social life	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Classes too big	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Lack of financial aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No involvement with community	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Staff	1.6%	4.2%	2.56
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Construction	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Inadequate library resources	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Use of student funds	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No cohesiveness/communication	3.2%	6.3%	3.05
Other	9.6%	8.3%	-1.27

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?	N=162	N=56	
Be prepared / work hard	21.6%	23.2%	1.61
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	11.1%	10.7%	-0.40
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	9.9%	5.4%	-4.52
Seek advice	4.3%	5.4%	1.03
Advocate for yourself	4.9%	8.9%	3.97
Seek out students with similar interests	4.3%	1.8%	-2.52
Choose program carefully	3.7%	8.9%	5.23
Develop business / networking relationships	3.7%	3.6%	-0.13
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	2.5%	0.0%	-2.46
Enjoy yourself	4.3%	0.0%	-4.32
Be sure that this is what you want	3.1%	1.8%	-1.28
Get involved in research / practical experience	3.7%	5.4%	1.65
Enroll full time	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Start thesis ASAP	1.9%	1.8%	-0.05
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.9%	1.8%	-0.05
Other	19.1%	21.4%	2.29

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		16.7%	15.1%	-1.60
2 - Professional publication		2.5%	4.1%	1.60
3 - Brochure		3.9%	4.1%	0.20
4 - Web site		30.9%	15.1%	-15.80
5 - Word of mouth		30.9%	41.1%	10.20
6 - Other		15.2%	20.5%	5.30
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=73</b>	
1 - Not helpful		8.3%	8.2%	-0.10
3 - Somewhat helpful		34.8%	37.0%	2.20
4 - Helpful		39.2%	39.7%	0.50
5 - Very helpful		17.6%	15.1%	-2.50
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - Male		35.4%	17.6%	-17.80
2 - Female		64.6%	82.4%	17.80
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=74</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.4%	93.2%	5.80
2 - African American or black		2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		3.9%	6.8%	2.90
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		4.4%	0.0%	-4.40
6 - Multi-ethnic		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
7 - Other		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1966.71	1966.56	
	RANGE	1940-1982	1940-1982	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=72</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		16.2%	16.7%	0.50
2 - Married		72.1%	68.1%	-4.00
3 - Separated		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
4 - Divorced		9.3%	13.9%	4.60
5 - Widowed		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
6 - Other		0.5%	1.4%	0.90
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=72</b>	
0		43.3%	40.3%	-3.00
1		27.1%	29.2%	2.10
2		18.7%	19.4%	0.70
3		7.9%	6.9%	-1.00
4 or more		3.0%	4.2%	1.20
	MEAN=	1.00	1.06	0.06
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=71</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		2.1%	1.4%	-0.70
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.7%	9.9%	3.20
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.6%	43.7%	21.10
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		20.5%	23.9%	3.40
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		22.1%	12.7%	-9.40
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		10.3%	2.8%	-7.50
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.6%	2.8%	-2.80
9 - \$110,000 or more		8.7%	2.8%	-5.90
	MEAN=	5.46	4.69	-0.77



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2007 Graduate Alumni Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the College of Business and  
Administration

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS

	2007 ALUMNI N=206	2007 BUS N=53	DIFFERENCE
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?	<b>N=175</b>	<b>N=47</b>	
Fall	51.4%	63.8%	12.40
Spring	26.3%	27.7%	1.40
Summer	22.3%	8.5%	-13.80
	<b>N=193</b>	<b>N=50</b>	
2006	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2005	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
2004	11.9%	8.0%	-3.90
2003	28.5%	22.0%	-6.50
2002	30.6%	26.0%	-4.60
2001	9.8%	14.0%	4.20
2000	8.3%	22.0%	13.70
1999	2.1%	4.0%	1.90
1998	3.1%	0.0%	-3.10
1997 and before	3.6%	4.0%	0.40
2. What was your initial student level?	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Fully Accepted	72.5%	77.4%	4.90
2 - Provisionally Accepted	9.8%	15.1%	5.30
3 - Unclassified	17.6%	7.5%	-10.10
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - Resident	78.5%	61.5%	-17.00
2 - Non-resident	21.5%	38.5%	17.00
4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	60.0%	39.6%	-20.40
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	40.0%	60.4%	20.40
	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.	2005	2005	0.00
1 - May	56.1%	39.6%	-16.50
2 - August	20.5%	32.1%	11.60
3 - December	23.4%	28.3%	4.90
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
Master of Business Administration	27.9%	100.0%	72.15
7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
Business Administration (MBA)	9.0%	100.0%	91.00



What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in?(Includes "Other" category)	<b>N=84</b>	<b>N=49</b>	
Finance	21.4%	34.7%	13.29
International Business	2.4%	4.1%	1.68
Accounting	3.6%	6.1%	2.52
Management	16.7%	26.5%	9.83
Marketing	6.0%	10.2%	4.20
Health Care Administration	4.6%	8.2%	3.56
Business Administration	1.2%	2.0%	0.84
Leadership	7.1%	4.1%	-3.02
Human Resources	2.4%	4.1%	1.68
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
College of Business	24.3%	100.0%	75.70
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Yes	36.4%	67.9%	31.50
2 - No	63.6%	32.1%	-31.50
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online	<b>N=75</b>	<b>N=36</b>	
Percent <= 50%	61.3%	36.1%	-25.22
Percent > 50%	38.7%	63.9%	25.22
MEAN=	47.0%	69.9%	0.23
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.7%	34.6%	3.90
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	17.6%	5.8%	-11.80
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	21.5%	28.8%	7.30
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.9%	11.5%	5.60
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	10.2%	1.9%	-8.30
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.4%	1.9%	-1.50
7 - For self-development.	10.2%	15.4%	5.20
8 - Other	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Yes	10.2%	7.5%	-2.70
2 - No	89.8%	92.5%	2.70
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	<b>N=23</b>	<b>N=3</b>	
Other	30.4%	66.7%	36.23
CFA	-	33.3%	-
			0.00
University:	-	<b>N=2</b>	-
UCCS	-	50.0%	0.00
Boston University	-	50.0%	-
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=47</b>	
1 - Yes	16.1%	19.1%	3.00
2 - No	83.9%	80.9%	-3.00

**SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT**

11. Immediately following graduation I:	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Sought new employment	29.9%	28.3%	-1.60
2 - Continued current employment	57.8%	64.2%	6.40
3 - Attended further graduate school	3.9%	1.9%	-2.00
4 - Took time off	6.4%	5.7%	-0.70
5 - Other	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
12. What is your current employment status?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Employed full-time	80.6%	88.7%	8.10
2 - Employed part-time	14.9%	7.5%	-7.40
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.0%	3.8%	-0.20
13b. Where is your current job located?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs	59.6%	33.3%	-26.30
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	10.6%	5.9%	-4.70
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	25.3%	45.1%	19.80
4 - Outside of the U.S.	4.5%	15.7%	11.20
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry	2.5%	1.9%	-0.60
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	2.5%	5.8%	3.30
4 - Education	36.4%	1.9%	-34.50
5 - Finance	3.5%	11.5%	8.00
6 - Government	9.6%	13.5%	3.90
7 - Homemaker	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.0%	1.9%	0.90
9 - Manufacturing	2.0%	5.8%	3.80
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	15.7%	11.5%	-4.20
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service	4.0%	1.9%	-2.10
14 - Services	3.5%	9.6%	6.10
15 - Technology	7.1%	13.5%	6.40
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities	1.5%	3.8%	2.30
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.5%	5.8%	4.30
18 - Other (specify)	6.1%	11.5%	5.40
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	<b>N=197</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
1 - Yes	90.4%	94.1%	3.70
2 - No	9.6%	5.9%	-3.70
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied	45.6%	41.2%	-4.40
2 - Satisfied	34.9%	37.3%	2.40
3 - Neutral	11.8%	15.7%	3.90
4 - Dissatisfied	6.2%	5.9%	-0.30
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - Yes	53.8%	51.9%	-1.90
2 - No	46.2%	48.1%	1.90
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?	<b>N=142</b>	<b>N=33</b>	
1 - Yes	83.8%	69.7%	-14.10
2 - No	16.2%	30.3%	14.10

15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?			
	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=16</b>	
MEAN=	4.98	4.44	-0.54
< 1 month	11.5%	6.3%	-5.24
1 - 2 months	36.5%	37.5%	0.96
> 2 months	51.9%	56.3%	4.33
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?			
	<b>N=191</b>	<b>N=47</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate	84.8%	78.7%	-6.10
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.7%	4.3%	0.60
3 - Relocated to another state	8.9%	10.6%	1.70
4 - Relocated to another country	2.6%	6.4%	3.80
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?			
	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience	21.6%	15.4%	-6.20
2 - Had some previous employment experience	35.7%	17.3%	-18.40
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	42.7%	67.3%	24.60
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.			
	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	7.0%	5.9%	-1.10
2 - Disagree	5.0%	3.9%	-1.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.5%	2.0%	-0.50
4 - Slightly Agree	8.0%	13.7%	5.70
5 - Agree	30.7%	51.0%	20.30
6 - Strongly Agree	46.7%	23.5%	-23.20
MEAN=	4.90	4.71	-0.19
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.			
	<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	4.6%	3.9%	-0.70
2 - Disagree	5.1%	7.8%	2.70
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	13.7%	3.50
5 - Agree	35.2%	47.1%	11.90
6 - Strongly Agree	43.4%	27.5%	-15.90
MEAN=	4.96	4.75	-0.21
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.			
	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	5.8%	0.80
2 - Disagree	16.0%	19.2%	3.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	8.5%	13.5%	5.00
4 - Slightly Agree	19.0%	25.0%	6.00
5 - Agree	23.0%	25.0%	2.00
6 - Strongly Agree	28.5%	11.5%	-17.00
MEAN=	4.25	3.79	-0.46
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS</b>			
21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.5%	3.8%	1.30
2 - Disagree	3.9%	3.8%	-0.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.9%	5.7%	1.80
4 - Slightly Agree	16.7%	20.8%	4.10
5 - Agree	46.1%	56.6%	10.50
6 - Strongly Agree	27.0%	9.4%	-17.60
MEAN=	4.81	4.51	-0.30
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
2 - Disagree	2.0%	1.9%	-0.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.9%	5.8%	-1.10
4 - Slightly Agree	14.2%	9.6%	-4.60
5 - Agree	48.0%	67.3%	19.30
6 - Strongly Agree	26.0%	15.4%	-10.60
MEAN=	4.80	4.88	0.08

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90
2 - Disagree	3.4%	1.9%	-1.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
4 - Slightly Agree	8.3%	5.7%	-2.60
5 - Agree	38.8%	56.6%	17.80
6 - Strongly Agree	44.2%	35.8%	-8.40
MEAN=	5.11	5.25	0.14
have been useful in my present occupation.	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	2.0%	0.00
2 - Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.0%	3.9%	1.90
4 - Slightly Agree	19.3%	17.6%	-1.70
5 - Agree	46.0%	62.7%	16.70
6 - Strongly Agree	28.2%	13.7%	-14.50
MEAN=	4.90	4.80	-0.10
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.4%	1.9%	-0.50
2 - Disagree	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
4 - Slightly Agree	8.7%	9.4%	0.70
5 - Agree	40.3%	52.8%	12.50
6 - Strongly Agree	43.2%	35.8%	-7.40
MEAN=	5.12	5.19	0.07
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Yes	7.4%	3.8%	-3.60
2 - No	92.6%	96.2%	3.60
26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=2</b>	
Business - MBA	25.0%	50.0%	25.00
Other	16.7%	50.0%	33.30
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Yes	12.2%	11.3%	-0.90
2 - No	87.8%	88.7%	0.90
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=50</b>	
1 - Yes	78.6%	74.0%	-4.60
2 - No	21.4%	26.0%	4.60
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Yes	41.2%	20.8%	-20.40
2 - No	58.8%	79.2%	20.40
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
0 - Never was advised	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	12.7%	24.5%	11.80
2 - Very Poor	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
3 - Poor	4.4%	9.4%	5.00
4 - Fair	20.0%	18.9%	-1.10
5 - Good	40.0%	32.1%	-7.90
6 - Very Good	19.5%	15.1%	-4.40
MEAN*=	4.82	4.70	-0.12

\* Only includes responses 2 through 6

29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	25.9%	43.4%	17.50
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.7%	15.1%	3.40
3 - Very Poor	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
4 - Poor	2.9%	3.8%	0.90
5 - Fair	12.7%	15.1%	2.40
6 - Good	22.4%	11.3%	-11.10
7 - Very Good	22.4%	11.3%	-11.10
MEAN*=	5.06	4.73	-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?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Yes	51.5%	22.6%	-28.90
2 - No	48.5%	77.4%	28.90
31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
1 - Never	34.8%	23.5%	-11.30
2 - Rarely	29.9%	27.5%	-2.40
3 - Sometimes	26.4%	37.3%	10.90
4 - Often	8.0%	9.8%	1.80
5 - Always	1.0%	2.0%	1.00
MEAN=	2.10	2.39	0.29

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	<b>N=271</b>	<b>N=72</b>	
Location	16.6%	13.9%	-2.73
Faculty	11.1%	13.9%	2.81
Able to get a degree	3.3%	4.2%	0.85
Cost	4.4%	2.8%	-1.66
Class hours/schedule	8.1%	16.7%	8.54
Convenient	13.7%	13.9%	0.23
Good reputation	6.3%	2.8%	-3.50
Curriculum	1.5%	1.4%	-0.09
Good departmental programs	4.1%	0.0%	-4.05
Small class size	4.8%	4.2%	-0.62
Availability of faculty	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Night classes	2.2%	1.4%	-0.83
Small school/atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Friendly atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Good equipment, facilities, resources	0.4%	1.4%	1.02
Accredited	3.7%	8.3%	4.64
Quality education	3.3%	1.4%	-1.94
High academic standards	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.2%	4.2%	1.96
Beautiful campus	0.4%	0.0%	-0.37
Had major I wanted	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Older, mature student body	0.7%	1.4%	0.64
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity among students	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Diversity among instructors	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Good academic advising	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Had no choice	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	3.0%	4.2%	1.22
Well rounded education	1.1%	0.0%	-1.11
Financial Aid	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Other	3.3%	4.2%	0.85

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	N=125	N=32	
Parking	10.4%	3.1%	-7.28
Curriculum	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Department/program disorganized	7.2%	6.3%	-0.95
Need more graduate programs	6.4%	6.3%	-0.15
Faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
School lacks a big name	2.4%	6.3%	3.85
High fees, costs	8.0%	3.1%	-4.88
Need wider selection of courses	14.4%	21.9%	7.47
Class hours/schedule	0.8%	3.1%	2.33
Location	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Bureaucracy	3.2%	6.3%	3.05
Poor student/customer services	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Availability of faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Poor job placement, career guidance	0.8%	3.1%	2.33
Lack of internships, work experience	4.8%	6.3%	1.45
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.2%	3.1%	-0.08
Poor academic advising	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
School is too small	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Group projects	1.6%	3.1%	1.53
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	2.4%	3.1%	0.73
Little campus life / social life	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Classes too big	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Lack of financial aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No involvement with community	0.8%	3.1%	2.33
Staff	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.8%	3.1%	2.33
Construction	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Inadequate library resources	2.4%	6.3%	3.85
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Use of student funds	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No cohesiveness/communication	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Other	9.6%	12.5%	2.90

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?	N=162	N=35	
Be prepared / work hard	21.6%	22.9%	1.25
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	11.1%	5.7%	-5.40
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	9.9%	14.3%	4.41
Seek advice	4.3%	2.9%	-1.47
Advocate for yourself	4.9%	0.0%	-4.93
Seek out students with similar interests	4.3%	17.1%	12.82
Choose program carefully	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Develop business / networking relationships	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	2.5%	5.7%	3.25
Enjoy yourself	4.3%	0.0%	-4.32
Be sure that this is what you want	3.1%	2.9%	-0.18
Get involved in research / practical experience	3.7%	2.9%	-0.80
Enroll full time	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Start thesis ASAP	1.9%	0.0%	-1.85
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.9%	2.9%	1.05
Other	19.1%	22.9%	3.72

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		16.7%	5.8%	-10.90
2 - Professional publication		2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
3 - Brochure		3.9%	3.8%	-0.10
4 - Web site		30.9%	61.5%	30.60
5 - Word of mouth		30.9%	25.0%	-5.90
6 - Other		15.2%	3.8%	-11.40
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Not helpful		8.3%	3.8%	-4.50
3 - Somewhat helpful		34.8%	24.5%	-10.30
4 - Helpful		39.2%	50.9%	11.70
5 - Very helpful		17.6%	20.8%	3.20
				0.00
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - Male		35.4%	60.4%	25.00
2 - Female		64.6%	39.6%	-25.00
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=53</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.4%	77.4%	-10.00
2 - African American or black		2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		3.9%	5.7%	1.80
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		4.4%	13.2%	8.80
6 - Multi-ethnic		1.0%	1.9%	0.90
7 - Other		1.0%	1.9%	0.90
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1966.71	1967.92	
	RANGE	1940-1982	1951-1981	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=52</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		16.2%	17.3%	1.10
2 - Married		72.1%	82.7%	10.60
3 - Separated		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
4 - Divorced		9.3%	0.0%	-9.30
5 - Widowed		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
6 - Other		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=51</b>	
0		43.3%	47.1%	3.80
1		27.1%	19.6%	-7.50
2		18.7%	19.6%	0.90
3		7.9%	9.8%	1.90
4 or more		3.0%	3.9%	0.90
	MEAN=	1.00	1.04	0.04
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=47</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		2.1%	2.1%	0.00
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.7%	0.0%	-6.70
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.6%	2.1%	-20.50
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		20.5%	14.9%	-5.60
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		22.1%	23.4%	1.30
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		10.3%	21.3%	11.00
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.6%	10.6%	5.00
9 - \$110,000 or more		8.7%	25.5%	16.80
	MEAN=	5.46	6.89	1.43



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2007 Graduate Alumni Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the College of Engineering and Applied  
Science

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS	2007 ALUMNI	2007 EAS	DIFFERENCE
	N=206	N=15	
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?	<b>N=175</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
Fall	51.4%	69.2%	17.8
Spring	26.3%	23.1%	-3.2
Summer	22.3%	7.7%	-14.60
	<b>N=193</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
2006	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2005	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
2004	11.9%	7.1%	-4.80
2003	28.5%	21.4%	-7.10
2002	30.6%	14.3%	-16.30
2001	9.8%	14.3%	4.50
2000	8.3%	7.1%	-1.20
1999	2.1%	7.1%	5.00
1998	3.1%	14.3%	11.20
1997 and before	3.6%	14.3%	10.70
2. What was your initial student level?	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Fully Accepted	72.5%	40.0%	-32.50
2 - Provisionally Accepted	9.8%	20.0%	10.20
3 - Unclassified	17.6%	40.0%	22.40
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Resident	78.5%	73.3%	-5.20
2 - Non-resident	21.5%	26.7%	5.20
4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	60.0%	50.0%	-10.00
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	40.0%	50.0%	10.00
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
	2005	2005	
1 - May	56.1%	46.7%	-9.40
2 - August	20.5%	6.7%	-13.80
3 - December	23.4%	46.7%	23.30
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
Master of Science	5.8%	60.0%	54.20
Master of Engineering	1.5%	26.7%	25.20
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)	1.0%	13.3%	12.30



7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
Computer Science (MS)	2.5%	33.3%	30.80
Electrical Engineering (MS)	2.5%	33.3%	30.80
Engineering (ME)	1.0%	13.3%	12.30
Mechanical Engineering (MS)	0.5%	6.7%	6.20
Other	11.0%	13.3%	2.30
What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in? (Includes "Other" category)	<b>N=84</b>	<b>N=4</b>	
Space Operations	3.6%	75.0%	71.40
Management	16.7%	25.0%	8.30
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
College of Engineering and Applied Science	7.3%	100.0%	92.70
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	36.4%	20.0%	-16.40
2 - No	63.6%	80.0%	16.40
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online	<b>N=75</b>	<b>N=3</b>	
Percent <= 50%	61.3%	66.7%	5.37
Percent > 50%	38.7%	33.3%	-5.36
MEAN=	47.0%	46.7%	0.00
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.7%	40.0%	9.30
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	17.6%	20.0%	2.40
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	21.5%	6.7%	-14.80
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.9%	13.3%	7.40
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	10.2%	6.7%	-3.50
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
7 - For self-development.	10.2%	13.3%	3.10
8- Other	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	10.2%	6.7%	-3.50
2 - No	89.8%	93.3%	3.50
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	<b>N=23</b>	<b>N=1</b>	
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	13.0%	100.0%	87.00
University:	<b>N=17</b>	<b>N=1</b>	
UCCS	64.7%	100.0%	35.30
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Yes	16.1%	28.6%	12.50
2 - No	83.9%	71.4%	-12.50

#### SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT

11. Immediately following graduation I:	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Sought new employment	29.9%	13.3%	-16.60
2 - Continued current employment	57.8%	80.0%	22.20
3 - Attended further graduate school	3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 -Took time off	6.4%	6.7%	0.30
5 - Other	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00

12. What is your current employment status?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Employed full-time	80.6%	80.0%	-0.60
2 - Employed part-time	14.9%	13.3%	-1.60
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	0.5%	6.7%	6.20
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.0%	0.0%	-4.00
13b. Where is your current job located?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs	59.6%	64.3%	4.70
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado	10.6%	14.3%	3.70
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.	25.3%	21.4%	-3.90
4 - Outside of the U.S.	4.5%	0.0%	-4.50
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry	2.5%	21.4%	18.90
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
4 - Education	36.4%	7.1%	-29.30
5 - Finance	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
6 - Government	9.6%	7.1%	-2.50
7 - Homemaker	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.0%	7.1%	6.10
9 - Manufacturing	2.0%	7.1%	5.10
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	15.7%	14.3%	-1.40
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service	4.0%	0.0%	-4.00
14 - Services	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
15 - Technology	7.1%	35.7%	28.60
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
18 - Other (specify)	6.1%	0.0%	-6.10
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	<b>N=197</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Yes	90.4%	92.9%	2.50
2 - No	9.6%	7.1%	-2.50
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied	45.6%	15.4%	-30.20
2 - Satisfied	34.9%	46.2%	11.30
3 - Neutral	11.8%	23.1%	11.30
4 - Dissatisfied	6.2%	15.4%	9.20
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Yes	53.8%	50.0%	-3.80
2 - No	46.2%	50.0%	3.80

15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?	<b>N=142</b>	<b>N=9</b>	
1 - Yes	83.8%	88.9%	5.10
2 - No	16.2%	11.1%	-5.10
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=3</b>	
MEAN=	4.98	9.00	4.02
< 1 month	11.5%	0.0%	-11.54
1 - 2 months	36.5%	0.0%	-36.54
> 2 months	51.9%	100.0%	48.08
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?	<b>N=191</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate	84.8%	85.7%	0.90
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.7%	7.1%	3.40
3 - Relocated to another state	8.9%	7.1%	-1.80
4 - Relocated to another country	2.6%	0.0%	-2.60
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience	21.6%	28.6%	7.00
2 - Had some previous employment experience	35.7%	21.4%	-14.30
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	42.7%	50.0%	7.30
18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	7.0%	14.3%	7.30
2 - Disagree	5.0%	0.0%	-5.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
4 - Slightly Agree	8.0%	14.3%	6.30
5 - Agree	30.7%	28.6%	-2.10
6 - Strongly Agree	46.7%	42.9%	-3.80
MEAN=	4.90	4.71	-0.19
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.	<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
2 - Disagree	5.1%	0.0%	-5.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.5%	7.1%	5.60
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	14.3%	4.10
5 - Agree	35.2%	35.7%	0.50
6 - Strongly Agree	43.4%	42.9%	-0.50
MEAN=	4.96	5.14	0.18
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	14.3%	9.30
2 - Disagree	16.0%	14.3%	-1.70
3 - Slightly Disagree	8.5%	14.3%	5.80
4 - Slightly Agree	19.0%	14.3%	-4.70
5 - Agree	23.0%	14.3%	-8.70
6 - Strongly Agree	28.5%	28.6%	0.10
MEAN=	4.25	3.86	-0.39

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

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.			
	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2 - Disagree	3.9%	7.1%	3.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.9%	7.1%	3.20
4 - Slightly Agree	16.7%	7.1%	-9.60
5 - Agree	46.1%	57.1%	11.00
6 - Strongly Agree	27.0%	21.4%	-5.60
	MEAN=	4.81	4.79
			-0.02
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.			
	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.9%	6.7%	3.80
2 - Disagree	2.0%	6.7%	4.70
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.9%	6.7%	-0.20
4 - Slightly Agree	14.2%	6.7%	-7.50
5 - Agree	48.0%	40.0%	-8.00
6 - Strongly Agree	26.0%	33.3%	7.30
	MEAN=	4.80	4.67
			-0.13
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.			
	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90
2 - Disagree	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.4%	13.3%	9.90
4 - Slightly Agree	8.3%	13.3%	5.00
5 - Agree	38.8%	46.7%	7.90
6 - Strongly Agree	44.2%	26.7%	-17.50
	MEAN=	5.11	4.87
			-0.24
24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.			
	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
2 - Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.0%	6.7%	4.70
4 - Slightly Agree	19.3%	40.0%	20.70
5 - Agree	46.0%	40.0%	-6.00
6 - Strongly Agree	28.2%	13.3%	-14.90
	MEAN=	4.90	4.60
			-0.30
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.			
	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.4%	6.7%	4.30
2 - Disagree	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.9%	6.7%	3.80
4 - Slightly Agree	8.7%	6.7%	-2.00
5 - Agree	40.3%	33.3%	-7.00
6 - Strongly Agree	43.2%	46.7%	3.50
	MEAN=	5.12	5.00
			-0.12
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.			
	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	7.4%	20.0%	12.60
2 - No	92.6%	80.0%	-12.60

26a. If yes, what degree program do you wish you had chosen?	<b>N=12</b>	<b>N=2</b>	
Electrical Engineering (Ph.D)	8.3%	50.0%	41.70
Not Sure	16.7%	50.0%	33.30
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	12.2%	20.0%	7.80
2 - No	87.8%	80.0%	-7.80
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	78.6%	73.3%	-5.30
2 - No	21.4%	26.7%	5.30
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	41.2%	60.0%	18.80
2 - No	58.8%	40.0%	-18.80
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
0 - Never was advised	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	12.7%	6.7%	-6.00
2 - Very Poor	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
3 - Poor	4.4%	0.0%	-4.40
4 - Fair	20.0%	26.7%	6.70
5 - Good	40.0%	46.7%	6.70
6 - Very Good	19.5%	20.0%	0.50
	MEAN*= 4.82	4.93	0.11
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	25.9%	6.7%	-19.20
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.7%	6.7%	-5.00
3 - Very Poor	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
4 - Poor	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
5 - Fair	12.7%	13.3%	0.60
6 - Good	22.4%	60.0%	37.60
7 - Very Good	22.4%	13.3%	-9.10
	MEAN*= 5.06	5.00	-0.06
* 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?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	51.5%	80.0%	28.50
2 - No	48.5%	20.0%	-28.50

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Never	34.8%	20.0%	-14.80
2 - Rarely	29.9%	6.7%	-23.20
3 - Sometimes	26.4%	53.3%	26.90
4 - Often	8.0%	20.0%	12.00
5 - Always	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
	MEAN=		
	2.10	2.73	0.63

32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCBS?			
	<b>N=271</b>	<b>N=19</b>	
Location	16.6%	21.1%	4.45
Faculty	11.1%	5.3%	-5.81
Able to get a degree	3.3%	5.3%	1.94
Cost	4.4%	0.0%	-4.43
Class hours/schedule	8.1%	10.5%	2.41
Convenient	13.7%	10.5%	-3.12
Good reputation	6.3%	0.0%	-6.27
Curriculum	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Good departmental programs	4.1%	10.5%	6.45
Small class size	4.8%	5.3%	0.47
Availability of faculty	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Night classes	2.2%	0.0%	-2.21
Small school/atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Friendly atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Good equipment, facilities, resources	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Accredited	3.7%	0.0%	-3.69
Quality education	3.3%	5.3%	1.94
High academic standards	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.2%	0.0%	-2.21
Beautiful campus	0.4%	0.0%	-0.37
Had major I wanted	1.5%	5.3%	3.79
Older, mature student body	0.7%	0.0%	-0.74
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity among students	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Diversity among instructors	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Good academic advising	0.4%	5.3%	4.90
Had no choice	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	3.0%	5.3%	2.31
Well rounded education	1.1%	5.3%	4.15
Financial Aid	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Other	3.3%	5.3%	1.94

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCSS?	<b>N=125</b>	<b>N=11</b>	
Parking	10.4%	9.1%	-1.31
Curriculum	1.6%	9.1%	7.49
Department/program disorganized	7.2%	0.0%	-7.20
Need more graduate programs	6.4%	0.0%	-6.40
Faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
School lacks a big name	2.4%	9.1%	6.69
High fees, costs	8.0%	0.0%	-8.00
Need wider selection of courses	14.4%	9.1%	-5.31
Class hours/schedule	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Location	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Bureaucracy	3.2%	9.1%	5.89
Poor student/customer services	1.6%	9.1%	7.49
Availability of faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Poor job placement, career guidance	0.8%	9.1%	8.29
Lack of internships, work experience	4.8%	0.0%	-4.80
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.2%	9.1%	5.89
Poor academic advising	3.2%	9.1%	5.89
School is too small	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Group projects	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	2.4%	9.1%	6.69
Little campus life / social life	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Classes too big	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Lack of financial aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No involvement with community	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Staff	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Construction	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Inadequate library resources	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Use of student funds	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No cohesiveness/communication	3.2%	9.1%	5.89
Other	9.6%	0.0%	-9.60
34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCSS?	<b>N=162</b>	<b>N=9</b>	
Be prepared / work hard	21.6%	11.1%	-10.49
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	11.1%	33.3%	22.22
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	9.9%	0.0%	-9.87
Seek advice	4.3%	11.1%	6.79
Advocate for yourself	4.9%	0.0%	-4.93
Seek out students with similar interests	4.3%	0.0%	-4.32
Choose program carefully	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Develop business / networking relationships	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	2.5%	0.0%	-2.46
Enjoy yourself	4.3%	11.1%	6.79
Be sure that this is what you want	3.1%	11.1%	8.03
Get involved in research / practical experience	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Enroll full time	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Start thesis ASAP	1.9%	0.0%	-1.85
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.9%	11.1%	9.26
Other	19.1%	11.1%	-8.02

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		16.7%	13.3%	-3.40
2 - Professional publication		2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
3 - Brochure		3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Web site		30.9%	40.0%	9.10
5 - Word of mouth		30.9%	33.3%	2.40
6- Other		15.2%	13.3%	-1.90
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Not helpful		8.3%	13.3%	5.00
3 - Somewhat helpful		34.8%	40.0%	5.20
4 - Helpful		39.2%	26.7%	-12.50
5 - Very helpful		17.6%	20.0%	2.40
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Male		35.4%	66.7%	31.30
2 - Female		64.6%	33.3%	-31.30
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.4%	86.7%	-0.70
2 - African American or black		2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		4.4%	13.3%	8.90
6 - Multi-ethnic		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
7 - Other		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1966.71	1967.80	
	RANGE	1940-1982	1952-1982	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		16.2%	13.3%	-2.90
2 - Married		72.1%	80.0%	7.90
3 - Separated		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
4 - Divorced		9.3%	6.7%	-2.60
5- Widowed		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
6 - Other		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
0		43.3%	46.7%	3.40
1		27.1%	26.7%	-0.40
2		18.7%	13.3%	-5.40
3		7.9%	13.3%	5.40
4 or more		3.0%	0.0%	-3.00
	MEAN=	1.00	0.93	-0.07
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=12</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.7%	8.3%	1.60
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.6%	0.0%	-22.60
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		20.5%	16.7%	-3.80
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		22.1%	25.0%	2.90
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		10.3%	16.7%	6.40
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.6%	16.7%	11.10
9 - \$110,000 or more		8.7%	16.7%	8.00
	MEAN=	5.46	6.58	1.12





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2007 Graduate Alumni Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the School of Public Affairs

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS

	2007 ALUMNI N=206	2007 SPA N=15	DIFFERENCE
1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?	<b>N=175</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
Fall	51.4%	53.8%	2.40
Spring	26.3%	38.5%	12.20
Summer	22.3%	7.7%	-14.60
	<b>N=193</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
2006	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
2005	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
2004	11.9%	0.0%	-11.90
2003	28.5%	14.3%	-14.20
2002	30.6%	57.1%	26.50
2001	9.8%	14.3%	4.50
2000	8.3%	0.0%	-8.30
1999	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
1998	3.1%	14.3%	11.20
1997 and before	3.6%	0.0%	-3.60
2. What was your initial student level?	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Fully Accepted	72.5%	60.0%	-12.50
2 - Provisionally Accepted	9.8%	0.0%	-9.80
3 - Unclassified	17.6%	40.0%	22.40
3. What was your initial student tuition classification?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Resident	78.5%	86.7%	8.20
2 - Non-resident	21.5%	13.3%	-8.20
4. During your graduate studies at UCCS, what was your course load during most semesters?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Full-time (5 or more hours a semester)	60.0%	40.0%	-20.00
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	40.0%	60.0%	20.00
5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - May	2005	2005	
2 - August	56.1%	60.0%	3.90
3 - December	20.5%	0.0%	-20.50
	23.4%	40.0%	16.60
6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
Master of Public Administration	7.3%	100.0%	92.70
7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
Public Administration (MPA)	6.5%	100.0%	93.50
What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in? (Includes "Other" category)	<b>N=84</b>	<b>N=2</b>	
Leadership	7.1%	50.0%	42.90
Student Affairs	2.4%	50.0%	47.60

8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
Graduate School of Public Affairs		8.7%	100.0%	91.30
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes		36.4%	80.0%	43.60
2 - No		63.6%	20.0%	-43.60
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online		<b>N=75</b>	<b>N=12</b>	
Percent <= 50%		61.3%	100.0%	38.67
Percent > 50%		38.7%	0.0%	-38.66
	MEAN=	47.0%	16.3%	-0.31
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?		<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.		30.7%	33.3%	2.60
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.		17.6%	26.7%	9.10
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.		21.5%	20.0%	-1.50
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.		5.9%	0.0%	-5.90
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.		10.2%	0.0%	-10.20
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).		3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
7 - For self-development.		10.2%	20.0%	9.80
8 - Other		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes		10.2%	0.0%	-10.20
2 - No		89.8%	100.0%	10.20
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?		<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Yes		16.1%	14.3%	-1.80
2 - No		83.9%	85.7%	1.80
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>				
11. Immediately following graduation I:		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Sought new employment		29.9%	14.3%	-15.60
2 - Continued current employment		57.8%	71.4%	13.60
3 - Attended further graduate school		3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 -Took time off		6.4%	7.1%	0.70
5 - Other		2.0%	7.1%	5.10
12. What is your current employment status?		<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Employed full-time		80.6%	71.4%	-9.20
2 - Employed part-time		14.9%	14.3%	-0.60
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment		4.0%	14.3%	10.30
13b. Where is your current job located?		<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs		59.6%	76.9%	17.30
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado		10.6%	15.4%	4.80
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.		25.3%	7.7%	-17.60
4 - Outside of the U.S.		4.5%	0.0%	-4.50

14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?	<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry	2.5%	7.7%	5.20
2 - Agricultural	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
4 - Education	36.4%	7.7%	-28.70
5 - Finance	3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
6 - Government	9.6%	23.1%	13.50
7 - Homemaker	2.0%	7.7%	5.70
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
9 - Manufacturing	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
10 - Mining	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health	15.7%	0.0%	-15.70
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service	4.0%	23.1%	19.10
14 - Services	3.5%	15.4%	11.90
15 - Technology	7.1%	0.0%	-7.10
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
18 - Other (specify)	6.1%	15.4%	9.30
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?	<b>N=197</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
1 - Yes	90.4%	92.3%	1.90
2 - No	9.6%	7.7%	-1.90
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?	<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied	45.6%	46.2%	0.60
2 - Satisfied	34.9%	30.8%	-4.10
3- Neutral	11.8%	7.7%	-4.10
4 - Dissatisfied	6.2%	7.7%	1.50
5 - Very dissatisfied	1.5%	7.7%	6.20
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
1 - Yes	53.8%	76.9%	23.10
2 - No	46.2%	23.1%	-23.10
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?	<b>N=142</b>	<b>N=12</b>	
1 - Yes	83.8%	83.3%	-1.50
2 - No	16.2%	6.7%	-9.50
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?	<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=2</b>	
	MEAN=		
	4.98	2.00	-2.98
< 1 month	11.5%	0.0%	-11.54
1 - 2 months	36.5%	100.0%	63.46
> 2 months	51.9%	0.0%	-51.92
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?	<b>N=191</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate	84.8%	100.0%	15.20
2 - Relocated within Colorado	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
3 - Relocated to another state	8.9%	0.0%	-8.90
4 - Relocated to another country	2.6%	0.0%	-2.60
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience	21.6%	0.0%	-21.60
2 - Had some previous employment experience	35.7%	57.1%	21.40
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience	42.7%	42.9%	0.20

18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	7.0%	7.1%	0.10
2 - Disagree	5.0%	14.3%	9.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
4 - Slightly Agree	8.0%	14.3%	6.30
5 - Agree	30.7%	7.1%	-23.60
6 - Strongly Agree	46.7%	57.1%	10.40
MEAN=	4.90	4.71	-0.19

19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.	<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=13</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
2 - Disagree	5.1%	0.0%	-5.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	7.7%	-2.50
5 - Agree	35.2%	38.5%	3.30
6 - Strongly Agree	43.4%	53.8%	10.40
MEAN=	4.96	5.46	0.50

20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	7.1%	2.10
2 - Disagree	16.0%	21.4%	5.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	8.5%	7.1%	-1.40
4 - Slightly Agree	19.0%	14.3%	-4.70
5 - Agree	23.0%	50.0%	27.00
6 - Strongly Agree	28.5%	0.0%	-28.50
MEAN=	4.25	3.79	-0.46

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

21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=14</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2 - Disagree	3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Slightly Agree	16.7%	14.3%	-2.40
5 - Agree	46.1%	57.1%	11.00
6 - Strongly Agree	27.0%	28.6%	1.60
MEAN=	4.81	5.27	0.46

22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
2 - Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.9%	6.7%	-0.20
4 - Slightly Agree	14.2%	0.0%	-14.20
5 - Agree	48.0%	60.0%	12.00
6 - Strongly Agree	26.0%	33.3%	7.30
MEAN=	4.80	5.20	0.40

23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.9%	6.7%	4.80
2 - Disagree	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
4 - Slightly Agree	8.3%	0.0%	-8.30
5 - Agree	38.8%	40.0%	1.20
6 - Strongly Agree	44.2%	53.3%	9.10
MEAN=	5.11	5.27	0.16

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	6.7%	4.70
2 - Disagree	2.5%	6.7%	4.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
4 - Slightly Agree	19.3%	20.0%	0.70
5 - Agree	46.0%	40.0%	-6.00
6 - Strongly Agree	28.2%	26.7%	-1.50
MEAN=	4.90	4.60	-0.30

25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.4%	6.7%	4.30
2 - Disagree	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
4 - Slightly Agree	8.7%	0.0%	-8.70
5 - Agree	40.3%	60.0%	19.70
6 - Strongly Agree	43.2%	33.3%	-9.90
MEAN=	5.12	5.07	-0.05

26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	7.4%	0.0%	-7.40
2 - No	92.6%	100.0%	7.40

26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	12.2%	0.0%	-12.20
2 - No	87.8%	100.0%	12.20

26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	78.6%	93.3%	14.70
2 - No	21.4%	6.7%	-14.70

27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	41.2%	46.7%	5.50
2 - No	58.8%	53.3%	-5.50

28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
0 - Never was advised	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	12.7%	13.3%	0.60
2 - Very Poor	2.0%	6.7%	4.70
3 - Poor	4.4%	0.0%	-4.40
4 - Fair	20.0%	20.0%	0.00
5 - Good	40.0%	26.7%	-13.30
6 - Very Good	19.5%	33.3%	13.80
MEAN*=	4.82	4.92	0.10

\* Only includes responses 2 through 6

29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	25.9%	33.3%	7.40
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.7%	13.3%	1.60
3 - Very Poor	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
4 - Poor	2.9%	13.3%	10.40
5 - Fair	12.7%	6.7%	-6.00
6 - Good	22.4%	0.0%	-22.40
7 - Very Good	22.4%	33.3%	10.90
MEAN*=	5.06	5.00	-0.06

\* 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?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Yes	51.5%	73.3%	21.80
2 - No	48.5%	26.7%	-21.80
31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Never	34.8%	20.0%	-14.80
2 - Rarely	29.9%	46.7%	16.80
3 - Sometimes	26.4%	26.7%	0.30
4 - Often	8.0%	0.0%	-8.00
5 - Always	1.0%	6.7%	5.70
MEAN=	2.10	2.27	0.17
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	<b>N=271</b>	<b>N=21</b>	
Location	16.6%	9.5%	-7.09
Faculty	11.1%	9.5%	-1.55
Able to get a degree	3.3%	0.0%	-3.32
Cost	4.4%	14.3%	9.85
Class hours/schedule	8.1%	9.5%	1.40
Convenient	13.7%	0.0%	-13.65
Good reputation	6.3%	23.8%	17.54
Curriculum	1.5%	4.8%	3.29
Good departmental programs	4.1%	0.0%	-4.05
Small class size	4.8%	0.0%	-4.79
Availability of faculty	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Night classes	2.2%	4.8%	2.55
Small school/atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Friendly atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Good equipment, facilities, resources	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Accredited	3.7%	4.8%	1.07
Quality education	3.3%	4.8%	1.44
High academic standards	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.2%	0.0%	-2.21
Beautiful campus	0.4%	0.0%	-0.37
Had major I wanted	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Older, mature student body	0.7%	4.8%	4.02
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity among students	0.4%	4.8%	4.40
Diversity among instructors	0.4%	0.0%	-0.40
Good academic advising	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Had no choice	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	3.0%	4.8%	1.81
Well rounded education	1.1%	0.0%	-1.11
Financial Aid	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Other	3.3%	0.0%	-3.32

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	N=125	N=4	
Parking	10.4%	25.0%	14.60
Curriculum	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Department/program disorganized	7.2%	0.0%	-7.20
Need more graduate programs	6.4%	0.0%	-6.40
Faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
School lacks a big name	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
High fees, costs	8.0%	0.0%	-8.00
Need wider selection of courses	14.4%	0.0%	-14.40
Class hours/schedule	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Location	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Bureaucracy	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Poor student/customer services	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Availability of faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Poor job placement, career guidance	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Lack of internships, work experience	4.8%	0.0%	-4.80
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.2%	25.0%	21.80
Poor academic advising	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
School is too small	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Group projects	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Little campus life / social life	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Classes too big	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Lack of financial aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No involvement with community	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Staff	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Construction	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Inadequate library resources	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.8%	25.0%	24.20
Use of student funds	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No cohesiveness/communication	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Other	9.6%	25.0%	15.40

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?	N=162	N=15	
Be prepared / work hard	21.6%	20.0%	-1.60
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	11.1%	13.3%	2.22
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	9.9%	20.0%	10.13
Seek advice	4.3%	0.0%	-4.32
Advocate for yourself	4.9%	0.0%	-4.93
Seek out students with similar interests	4.3%	0.0%	-4.32
Choose program carefully	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Develop business / networking relationships	3.7%	0.0%	-3.70
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	2.5%	6.7%	4.20
Enjoy yourself	4.3%	13.3%	9.01
Be sure that this is what you want	3.1%	13.3%	10.25
Get involved in research / practical experience	3.7%	6.7%	2.96
Enroll full time	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Start thesis ASAP	1.9%	0.0%	-1.85
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.9%	0.0%	-1.85
Other	19.1%	6.7%	-12.47

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		16.7%	13.3%	-3.40
2 - Professional publication		2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
3 - Brochure		3.9%	13.3%	9.40
4 - Web site		30.9%	6.7%	-24.20
5 - Word of mouth		30.9%	33.3%	2.40
6 - Other		15.2%	33.3%	18.10
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Not helpful		8.3%	13.3%	5.00
3 - Somewhat helpful		34.8%	46.7%	11.90
4 - Helpful		39.2%	33.3%	-5.90
5 - Very helpful		17.6%	6.7%	-10.90
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Male		35.4%	26.7%	-8.70
2 - Female		64.6%	73.3%	8.70
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.4%	73.3%	-14.10
2 - African American or black		2.4%	20.0%	17.60
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		4.4%	0.0%	-4.40
6 - Multi-ethnic		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
7 - Other		1.0%	6.7%	5.70
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1966.71	1961.87	
	RANGE	1940-1982	1942-1978	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		16.2%	6.7%	-9.50
2 - Married		72.1%	53.3%	-18.80
3 - Separated		1.0%	6.7%	5.70
4 - Divorced		9.3%	20.0%	10.70
5 - Widowed		1.0%	13.3%	12.30
6 - Other		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
0		43.3%	26.7%	-16.60
1		27.1%	40.0%	12.90
2		18.7%	33.3%	14.60
3		7.9%	0.0%	-7.90
4 or more		3.0%	0.0%	-3.00
	MEAN=	1.00	1.07	0.07
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=15</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		2.1%	6.7%	4.60
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.7%	0.0%	-6.70
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.6%	20.0%	-2.60
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		20.5%	26.7%	6.20
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		22.1%	33.3%	11.20
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		10.3%	6.7%	-3.60
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.6%	6.7%	1.10
9 - \$110,000 or more		8.7%	0.0%	-8.70
	MEAN=	5.46	5.20	-0.26





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2007 Graduate Alumni Survey Results

Comparison of University Totals to the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences

SECTION A: EDUCATION AT UCCS

	2007 ALUMNI N=206	2007 LAS N=27	DIFFERENCE
<b>1. What semester and year did you start work toward a graduate degree at UCCS?</b>			
Fall	51.4%	70.8%	19.40
Spring	26.3%	16.7%	-9.60
Summer	22.3%	12.5%	-9.80
<b>N=175</b>			
<b>2006</b>			
2006	0.5%	3.8%	3.30
2005	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
2004	11.9%	7.7%	-4.20
2003	28.5%	38.5%	10.00
2002	30.6%	26.9%	-3.70
2001	9.8%	11.5%	1.70
2000	8.3%	0.0%	-8.30
1999	2.1%	0.0%	-2.10
1998	3.1%	7.7%	4.60
1997 and before	3.6%	3.8%	0.20
<b>N=193</b>			
<b>2. What was your initial student level?</b>			
1 - Fully Accepted	72.5%	85.2%	12.70
2 - Provisionally Accepted	9.8%	11.1%	1.30
3 - Unclassified	17.6%	3.7%	-13.90
<b>N=204</b>			
<b>3. What was your initial student tuition classification?</b>			
1 - Resident	78.5%	70.4%	-8.10
2 - Non-resident	21.5%	29.6%	8.10
<b>N=205</b>			
<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)	60.0%	74.1%	14.10
2 - Part-time (less than 5 hours a semester)	40.0%	25.9%	-14.10
<b>N=205</b>			
<b>5. Please indicate when you received your last graduate degree from UCCS.</b>			
1 - May	56.1%	66.7%	10.60
2 - August	20.5%	14.8%	-5.70
3 - December	23.4%	18.5%	-4.90
<b>N=205</b>			
<b>6. Which degree did you receive at the time of the above graduation?</b>			
Master of Arts	47.6%	92.6%	45.00
Master of Science	5.8%	3.7%	-2.10
Master of Basic Science	1.5%	3.7%	2.20
<b>N=206</b>			
<b>7. In what major field(s) or area(s) of emphasis did you receive your graduate degree from UCCS?</b>			
Communications - MA	4.0%	29.6%	25.60
Psychology - MA	2.5%	18.5%	16.00
History - MA	2.0%	14.8%	12.80
Sociology -MA	2.0%	14.8%	12.80
Applied Geography - MA	2.0%	14.8%	12.80
Applied Mathematics	0.5%	3.7%	3.20
Basic Science	0.5%	3.7%	3.20
<b>N=200</b>			

What area of emphasis was the graduate degree in?(Includes "Other" category)	<b>N=84</b>	<b>N=4</b>	
Clinical Psychology	3.6%	75.0%	71.40
Biology	1.2%	25.0%	23.80
8. In which school/college were you enrolled as a graduate student?	<b>N=206</b>		
College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences	13.1%	100.0%	86.90
8a. Did you take any of your courses on-line?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Yes	36.4%	14.8%	-21.60
2 - No	63.6%	85.2%	21.60
8b. If yes, estimate what percent of your course work was done online	<b>N=75</b>	<b>N=4</b>	
Percent <= 50%	61.3%	100.0%	38.67
Percent > 50%	38.7%	0.0%	-38.66
MEAN=	47.0%	12.8%	-0.34
9. What was your primary purpose in obtaining a graduate degree?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - To become better qualified for future employment.	30.7%	40.7%	10.00
2 - To become better qualified for my present employment.	17.6%	3.7%	-13.90
3 - To qualify for advancement in my field of employment.	21.5%	3.7%	-17.80
4 - To prepare for a better job than my present employment.	5.9%	0.0%	-5.90
5 - To prepare for changing my occupation.	10.2%	22.2%	12.00
6 - To prepare for a further graduate degree (e.g., earning a masters and a Ph.D.).	3.4%	14.8%	11.40
7 - For self-development.	10.2%	14.8%	4.60
8 - Other	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
10. Are you currently enrolled in an advanced degree (beyond your graduate degree at UCCS) or certificate program?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Yes	10.2%	14.8%	4.60
2 - No	89.8%	85.2%	-4.60
10a. If yes, what is the program in which you are enrolled and at what university?			
Program:	<b>N=23</b>	<b>N=5</b>	
Counseling (Other)	30.4%	40.0%	9.60
Doctor of Psychology (Ph.D)	17.4%	60.0%	42.60
University:	<b>N=26</b>	<b>N=4</b>	
UCCS	64.7%	25.0%	-39.70
Other	35.3%	75.0%	39.70
10b. If no, do you plan to pursue another advanced degree, credentials, licenses, and/or certifications within the next year?	<b>N=180</b>	<b>N=21</b>	
1 - Yes	16.1%	9.5%	-6.60
2 - No	83.9%	90.5%	6.60
<b>SECTION B: EMPLOYMENT</b>			
11. Immediately following graduation I:	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Sought new employment	29.9%	29.6%	-0.30
2 - Continued current employment	57.8%	51.9%	-5.90
3 - Attended further graduate school	3.9%	14.8%	10.90
4 -Took time off	6.4%	3.7%	-2.70
5 - Other	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
12. What is your current employment status?	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=25</b>	
1 - Employed full-time	80.6%	76.0%	-4.60
2 - Employed part-time	14.9%	24.0%	9.10
3 - Unemployed but seeking employment	0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
4 - Unemployed and not seeking employment	4.0%	0.0%	-4.00

13b. Where is your current job located?		<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - In Colorado Springs		59.6%	57.7%	-1.90
2 - Outside Colorado Springs, but in Colorado		10.6%	7.7%	-2.90
3 - Outside of Colorado, but in the U.S.		25.3%	30.8%	5.50
4 - Outside of the U.S.		4.5%	3.8%	-0.70
14. In which sector of the economy is your primary employment?		<b>N=198</b>	<b>N=25</b>	
1 - Aerospace Industry		2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2 - Agricultural		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
3 - Contract Construction		2.5%	4.0%	1.50
4 - Education		36.4%	36.0%	-0.40
5 - Finance		3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
6 - Government		9.6%	20.0%	10.40
7 - Homemaker		2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
8 - Insurance -- Real Estate		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
9 - Manufacturing		2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
10 - Mining		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
11 - Medical/Nursing/Allied Health		15.7%	12.0%	-3.70
12 - Professional (Medical or Law)		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
13 - Public Service		4.0%	0.0%	-4.00
14 - Services		3.5%	0.0%	-3.50
15 - Technology		7.1%	8.0%	0.90
16 - Transportation & Public Utilities		1.5%	4.0%	2.50
17 - Wholesale & Retail Trades		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
18 - Other (specify)		6.1%	16.0%	9.90
14a. Are you currently employed in your chosen profession/occupation?		<b>N=197</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes		90.4%	80.8%	-9.60
2 - No		9.6%	19.2%	9.60
14b. Overall, are you satisfied with your current job?		<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Very Satisfied		45.6%	53.8%	8.20
2 - Satisfied		34.9%	30.8%	-4.10
3 - Neutral		11.8%	7.7%	-4.10
4 - Dissatisfied		6.2%	7.7%	1.50
5 - Very dissatisfied		1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
15. Did you already have your current job prior to graduation?		<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes		53.8%	46.2%	-7.60
2 - No		46.2%	53.8%	7.60
15a. If yes, is your current job related to your field of study?		<b>N=142</b>	<b>N=20</b>	
1 - Yes		83.8%	70.0%	-13.80
2 - No		16.2%	30.0%	13.80
15b. If no, how many months did it take for you to find your first job related to your graduate degree after graduation?		<b>N=52</b>	<b>N=4</b>	
	MEAN=	4.98	6.50	1.52
	< 1 month	11.5%	0.0%	-11.54
	1 - 2 months	36.5%	50.0%	13.46
	> 2 months	51.9%	50.0%	-1.92
16. Was it necessary for you to relocate for your first job after graduation?		<b>N=191</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Did not have to relocate		84.8%	76.9%	-7.90
2 - Relocated within Colorado		3.7%	3.8%	0.10
3 - Relocated to another state		8.9%	19.2%	10.30
4 - Relocated to another country		2.6%	0.0%	-2.60
17. How much previous experience did you have in your current field of employment?		<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Had no previous employment experience		21.6%	30.8%	9.20
2 - Had some previous employment experience		35.7%	53.8%	18.10
3 - Had substantial previous employment experience		42.7%	15.4%	-27.30

18. My job is closely related to my chosen field of study.	<b>N=199</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	7.0%	7.7%	0.73
2 - Disagree	5.0%	3.8%	-1.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.5%	11.5%	9.00
4 - Slightly Agree	8.0%	3.8%	-4.20
5 - Agree	30.7%	42.3%	11.60
6 - Strongly Agree	46.7%	30.8%	-15.90
MEAN=	4.90	4.62	-0.28
19. My graduate studies at UCCS enhanced my ability to get a job.	<b>N=196</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	4.6%	0.0%	-4.60
2 - Disagree	5.1%	7.7%	2.60
3 - Slightly Disagree	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
4 - Slightly Agree	10.2%	11.5%	1.30
5 - Agree	35.2%	38.5%	3.30
6 - Strongly Agree	43.4%	42.3%	-1.10
MEAN=	4.96	5.08	0.12
20. A graduate degree is required to do my job well.	<b>N=200</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	5.0%	3.8%	-1.20
2 - Disagree	16.0%	23.1%	7.10
3 - Slightly Disagree	8.5%	7.7%	-0.80
4 - Slightly Agree	19.0%	7.7%	-11.30
5 - Agree	23.0%	19.2%	-3.80
6 - Strongly Agree	28.5%	38.5%	10.00
MEAN=	4.25	4.31	0.06
<b>Section C: Rating My Education at UCCS</b>			
21. My UCCS graduate degree prepared me well for my chosen career.	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.5%	0.0%	-2.50
2 - Disagree	3.9%	3.7%	-0.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.9%	7.4%	3.50
4 - Slightly Agree	16.7%	25.9%	9.20
5 - Agree	46.1%	33.3%	-12.80
6 - Strongly Agree	27.0%	29.6%	2.60
MEAN=	4.81	4.78	-0.03
22. The technical skills I learned at UCCS during my graduate studies were complete and up-to-date.	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.9%	3.7%	0.80
2 - Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
3 - Slightly Disagree	6.9%	14.8%	7.90
4 - Slightly Agree	14.2%	14.8%	0.60
5 - Agree	48.0%	40.7%	-7.30
6 - Strongly Agree	26.0%	25.9%	-0.10
MEAN=	4.80	4.67	-0.13
23. I would recommend my graduate degree program to another interested person.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	1.9%	0.0%	-1.90
2 - Disagree	3.4%	3.7%	0.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	3.4%	0.0%	-3.40
4 - Slightly Agree	8.3%	18.5%	10.20
5 - Agree	38.8%	37.0%	-1.80
6 - Strongly Agree	44.2%	40.7%	-3.50
MEAN=	5.11	5.11	0.00

24. The specific knowledge, skills, and expertise I acquired at UCCS in my graduate program have been useful in my present occupation.	<b>N=202</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
2 - Disagree	2.5%	7.7%	5.20
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
4 - Slightly Agree	19.3%	15.4%	-3.90
5 - Agree	46.0%	42.3%	-3.70
6 - Strongly Agree	28.2%	34.6%	6.40
MEAN=	4.90	4.96	0.06
25. Overall, I am satisfied with the graduate education I received at UCCS.	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Strongly Disagree	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
2 - Disagree	2.4%	3.7%	1.30
3 - Slightly Disagree	2.9%	3.7%	0.80
4 - Slightly Agree	8.7%	11.1%	2.40
5 - Agree	40.3%	29.6%	-10.70
6 - Strongly Agree	43.2%	51.9%	8.70
MEAN=	5.12	5.22	0.10
26. In retrospect, I wish I had chosen a different graduate program of study at UCCS.	<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	7.4%	3.8%	-3.60
2 - No	92.6%	96.2%	3.60
26b. Do you wish you had attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Yes	12.2%	3.7%	-8.50
2 - No	87.8%	96.3%	8.50
26c. Could you have attended a different institution?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	78.6%	69.2%	-9.40
2 - No	21.4%	30.8%	9.40
27. I sought formal graduate advisement on a regular basis (at least once a semester).	<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Yes	41.2%	50.0%	8.80
2 - No	58.8%	50.0%	-8.80
28. How would you evaluate the advising you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
0 - Never was advised	1.5%	0.0%	-1.50
1 - Never requested or needed advisement	12.7%	7.7%	-5.00
2 - Very Poor	2.0%	0.0%	-2.00
3 - Poor	4.4%	3.8%	-0.60
4 - Fair	20.0%	7.7%	-12.30
5 - Good	40.0%	61.5%	21.50
6 - Very Good	19.5%	19.2%	-0.30
MEAN*=	4.82	5.04	0.22
* Only includes responses 2 through 6			
29. How would you evaluate the mentoring you received in your graduate program?	<b>N=205</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
0 - Never requested or needed a mentor	25.9%	7.4%	-18.50
1 - Never had a mentor, but could have benefited from one	11.7%	3.7%	-8.00
3 - Very Poor	2.0%	3.7%	1.70
4 - Poor	2.9%	0.0%	-2.90
5 - Fair	12.7%	7.4%	-5.30
6 - Good	22.4%	44.4%	22.00
7 - Very Good	22.4%	33.3%	10.90
MEAN*=	5.06	5.17	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?	<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Yes	51.5%	81.5%	30.00
2 - No	48.5%	18.5%	-30.00

31. How often were courses needed for your graduate program unavailable in the semester that you needed them?			
	<b>N=201</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Never	34.8%	38.5%	3.70
2 - Rarely	29.9%	34.6%	4.70
3 - Sometimes	26.4%	23.1%	-3.30
4 - Often	8.0%	3.8%	-4.20
5 - Always	1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
	MEAN=		
	2.10	1.92	-0.18
32. In your opinion, what were the advantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	<b>N=271</b>	<b>N=33</b>	
Location	16.6%	9.1%	-7.52
Faculty	11.1%	18.2%	7.11
Able to get a degree	3.3%	3.0%	-0.29
Cost	4.4%	3.0%	-1.40
Class hours/schedule	8.1%	6.1%	-2.06
Convenient	13.7%	9.1%	-4.56
Good reputation	6.3%	0.0%	-6.27
Curriculum	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Good departmental programs	4.1%	6.1%	2.01
Small class size	4.8%	15.2%	10.36
Availability of faculty	1.5%	6.1%	4.59
Night classes	2.2%	6.1%	3.85
Small school/atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Friendly atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Good equipment, facilities, resources	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Accredited	3.7%	0.0%	-3.69
Quality education	3.3%	3.0%	-0.29
High academic standards	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Orientation to non-traditional students	2.2%	0.0%	-2.21
Beautiful campus	0.4%	0.0%	-0.37
Had major I wanted	1.5%	0.0%	-1.47
Older, mature student body	0.7%	0.0%	-0.74
Classes taught by PhD's, not TA's	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity on campus	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Diversity among students	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Diversity among instructors	0.4%	3.0%	2.63
Good academic advising	0.4%	0.0%	-0.36
Had no choice	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Part of CU system, affiliation w/Boulder	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Personable/small student: teacher ratio	3.0%	3.0%	0.08
Well rounded education	1.1%	0.0%	-1.11
Financial Aid	0.4%	3.0%	2.67
Other	3.3%	6.1%	2.74

33. In your opinion, what were the disadvantages of going to graduate school at UCCS?	N=125	N=19	
Parking	10.4%	5.3%	-5.14
Curriculum	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Department/program disorganized	7.2%	0.0%	-7.20
Need more graduate programs	6.4%	15.8%	9.38
Faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
School lacks a big name	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
High fees, costs	8.0%	0.0%	-8.00
Need wider selection of courses	14.4%	36.8%	22.44
Class hours/schedule	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Location	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Bureaucracy	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Poor student/customer services	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Availability of faculty	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Poor job placement, career guidance	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Lack of internships, work experience	4.8%	10.5%	5.72
Out-dated equipment/ technology, lack of	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Poor academic advising	3.2%	5.3%	2.06
School is too small	2.4%	10.5%	8.12
Group projects	1.6%	5.3%	3.66
Lack of funding for departments/ schools	2.4%	0.0%	-2.40
Little campus life / social life	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Unfriendly, uncaring atmosphere	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Classes too big	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Lack of financial aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No involvement with community	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Staff	1.6%	0.0%	-1.60
Too many unnecessary requirements	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Construction	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Inadequate library resources	2.4%	5.3%	2.86
Lack of diversity among students	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Overshadowed by Boulder	0.8%	0.0%	-0.80
Use of student funds	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
No cohesiveness/communication	3.2%	0.0%	-3.20
Other	9.6%	5.3%	-4.34

34. What one piece of advice would you give students just starting a graduate program at UCCS?	N=162	N=26	
Be prepared / work hard	21.6%	19.2%	-2.37
Don't give up / challenge yourself / stay committed / focus	11.1%	7.7%	-3.42
Build relationship with faculty / mentor	9.9%	11.5%	1.66
Seek advice	4.3%	7.7%	3.37
Advocate for yourself	4.9%	7.7%	2.76
Seek out students with similar interests	4.3%	0.0%	-4.32
Choose program carefully	3.7%	3.8%	0.14
Develop business / networking relationships	3.7%	3.8%	0.14
Plan course of study early / take classes in order / take summer classes	2.5%	0.0%	-2.46
Enjoy yourself	4.3%	11.5%	7.21
Be sure that this is what you want	3.1%	3.8%	0.76
Get involved in research / practical experience	3.7%	3.8%	0.14
Enroll full time	0.0%	0.0%	0.00
Start thesis ASAP	1.9%	7.7%	5.84
Choose on-campus courses rather than on-line courses	1.9%	0.0%	-1.85
Other	19.1%	11.5%	-7.60

35. Where did you first hear about your graduate program at UCCS?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - I was a UCCS student at the time		16.7%	29.6%	12.90
2 - Professional publication		2.5%	3.7%	1.20
3 - Brochure		3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Web site		30.9%	33.3%	2.40
5 - Word of mouth		30.9%	14.8%	-16.10
6 - Other		15.2%	18.5%	3.30
35a. To what degree did you find the UCCS website helpful?		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=26</b>	
1 - Not helpful		8.3%	3.8%	-4.50
3 - Somewhat helpful		34.8%	34.6%	-0.20
4 - Helpful		39.2%	34.6%	-4.60
5 - Very helpful		17.6%	26.9%	9.30
<b>Section D. Demographics</b>				
36. Your gender is:		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Male		35.4%	37.0%	1.60
2 - Female		64.6%	63.0%	-1.60
37. Your primary ethnic group is?		<b>N=206</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - White / Anglo / Caucasian		87.4%	92.6%	5.20
2 - African American or black		2.4%	3.7%	1.30
3 - Mexican American, Chicano/a, Latino/a, or Hispanic		3.9%	0.0%	-3.90
4 - Native American / Alaskan Native / Aleut		0.0%	0.0%	0.00
5 - Asian American / Asian / Pacific Islander		4.4%	0.0%	-4.40
6 - Multi-ethnic		1.0%	3.7%	2.70
7 - Other		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
38. Your year of birth is:	MEAN=	1966.71	1969.12	
	RANGE	1940-1982	1949-1981	
39. Your marital status is:		<b>N=204</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Single, Never Married		16.2%	25.9%	9.70
2 - Married		72.1%	66.7%	-5.40
3 - Separated		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
4 - Divorced		9.3%	7.4%	-1.90
5 - Widowed		1.0%	0.0%	-1.00
6 - Other		0.5%	0.0%	-0.50
40. How many dependants are in your household?		<b>N=203</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
0		43.3%	59.3%	16.00
1		27.1%	18.5%	-8.60
2		18.7%	11.1%	-7.60
3		7.9%	11.1%	3.20
4 or more		3.0%	0.0%	-3.00
	MEAN=	1.00	0.74	-0.26
41. Your total personal annual salary (before deductions) in the year following your graduation was:		<b>N=195</b>	<b>N=27</b>	
1 - Less than \$9,999		2.1%	3.7%	1.60
2 - \$10,000 - \$19,999		1.5%	7.4%	5.90
3 - \$20,000 - \$29,999		6.7%	11.1%	4.40
4 - \$30,000 - \$39,999		22.6%	22.2%	-0.40
5 - \$40,000 - \$54,999		20.5%	22.2%	1.70
6 - \$55,000 - \$79,999		22.1%	25.9%	3.80
7 - \$80,000 - \$99,999		10.3%	3.7%	-6.60
8 - \$100,000 - \$109,999		5.6%	0.0%	-5.60
9 - \$110,000 or more		8.7%	3.7%	-5.00
	MEAN=	5.46	4.67	-0.79