## Comparison of 2021 and 2023 instruments

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The UCGSES instruments are available at: [https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/services/survey-services/uc-graduate-student-experience-survey.html](https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/services/survey-services/uc-graduate-student-experience-survey.html)
## 2021 and 2023 UCGSES response rates

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Top priorities identified by graduate and professional students

**First priority 2021**

- Financial support: 27%
- Program quality: 21%
- Faculty advising and mentorship: 12%
- Mental health: 9%
- Professional or skill developments: 7%
- Housing insecurity: 6%
- Career advising: 6%
- Curricular requirements/offers: 5%
- Graduate program climate: 5%
- University services: 1%
- Food insecurity: 1%

**First priority 2023**

- Financial support: 31%
- Program quality: 21%
- Faculty advising and mentorship: 10%
- Housing insecurity: 8%
- Career advising: 7%
- Professional or skill developments: 6%
- Curricular requirements/offers: 6%
- Mental health: 5%
- Graduate program climate: 4%
- University services: 1%
- Food insecurity: 1%
Top priorities identified by academic doctoral vs. professional doctoral students

First priority - Academic doctoral students
- Financial support: 32% (2023), 1% (2021)
- Faculty advising and mentorship: 12% (2023), 15% (2021)
- Program quality: 13% (2023), 14% (2021)
- Mental health: 5% (2023), 10% (2021)
- Housing insecurity: 9% (2023), 11% (2021)
- Graduate program climate: 5% (2023), 5% (2021)
- Professional or skill developments: 4% (2023), 5% (2021)
- Career advising: 4% (2023), 4% (2021)
- Curricular requirements/offerings: 3% (2023), 3% (2021)
- University services: 1% (2023), 1% (2021)
- Food insecurity: 1% (2023), 1% (2021)

First priority - Professional graduate students
- Financial support: 29% (2023), 26% (2021)
- Program quality: 23% (2023), 23% (2021)
- Mental health: 12% (2023), 12% (2021)
- Faculty advising and mentorship: 7% (2023), 8% (2021)
- Career advising: 7% (2023), 7% (2021)
- Professional or skill developments: 5% (2023), 7% (2021)
- Curricular requirements/offerings: 5% (2023), 6% (2021)
- Housing insecurity: 4% (2023), 4% (2021)
- Graduate program climate: 4% (2023), 3% (2021)
- University services: 3% (2023), 2% (2021)
- Food insecurity: 1% (2023), 2% (2021)
Overall Satisfaction

*No data available in 2021

Overall academic experience
- 2023: 20% Very Satisfied, 43% Satisfied, 22% Somewhat Satisfied, 8% Somewhat Dissatisfied, 6% Dissatisfied, 2% Very Dissatisfied

Overall social experience
- 2023: 17% Very Satisfied, 34% Satisfied, 28% Somewhat Satisfied, 12% Somewhat Dissatisfied, 6% Dissatisfied, 3% Very Dissatisfied

Overall research experience
- 2023: 21% Very Satisfied, 39% Satisfied, 23% Somewhat Satisfied, 9% Somewhat Dissatisfied, 5% Dissatisfied, 3% Very Dissatisfied
  *Academic doctoral students only

Overall value of your education
- 2023: 23% Very Satisfied, 41% Satisfied, 22% Somewhat Satisfied, 7% Somewhat Dissatisfied, 4% Dissatisfied
## Advising

How satisfied are you with...

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Progress to Degree

I’m on track to complete my degree program on time

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I’m well prepared for the work required to complete my program

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I’m very engaged with my day-to-day work

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Belonging/Campus Climate

I feel that I belong at [campus name]

- 2023: 24% Strongly agree, 40% Agree, 22% Somewhat agree, 7% Somewhat disagree, 4% Disagree, 3% Strongly disagree

I feel that I belong in my program

- 2023: 28% Strongly agree, 38% Agree, 20% Somewhat agree, 7% Somewhat disagree, 4% Disagree, 4% Strongly disagree

Knowing what I know now, I would still choose to enroll at [campus name]

- 2023: 30% Strongly agree, 33% Agree, 19% Somewhat agree, 8% Somewhat disagree, 5% Disagree, 5% Strongly disagree

*No data available in 2021*
Financial Support

I feel financially secure

2023: 8% Strongly Agree, 21% Agree, 25% Somewhat Agree, 15% Somewhat Disagree, 15% Disagree, 16% Strongly Disagree

I can get by financially without having to cut back on too many of the things that are important to me

2021: 12% Strongly Agree, 27% Agree, 26% Somewhat Agree, 14% Somewhat Disagree, 12% Disagree, 9% Strongly Disagree

2023: 0% Strongly Agree, 22% Agree, 25% Somewhat Agree, 10% Somewhat Disagree, 15% Disagree, 15% Strongly Disagree

I’m worried about my financial circumstances

2023: 22% Strongly Agree, 22% Agree, 24% Somewhat Agree, 12% Somewhat Disagree, 13% Disagree, 6% Strongly Disagree

Financial hardship has impeded my success in my program

2021: 9% Strongly Agree, 9% Agree, 17% Somewhat Agree, 20% Somewhat Disagree, 29% Disagree, 16% Strongly Disagree

2023: 13% Strongly Agree, 12% Agree, 19% Somewhat Agree, 19% Somewhat Disagree, 24% Disagree, 13% Strongly Disagree
Wellbeing

*The scales for the depression measure were modified from 2021 to 2023 so direct comparisons have limited validity*

**Depression Score**
- 2021: 38% Likely depressive disorder, 62% Unlikely depressive disorder
- 2023: 22% Likely depressive disorder, 78% Unlikely depressive disorder

**Anxiety Score**
- 2023: 33% Likely anxiety disorder, 67% Unlikely anxiety disorder

*No data available in 2021*
Basic Needs

Ever lacked a safe, regular, and adequate nighttime place to stay and sleep

- **2021**: Housing insecure: 9%, Housing secure: 97%
- **2023**: Housing insecure: 5%, Housing secure: 95%

Food Security

- **2021**: Very Low Food Security: 9%, Low Food Security: 11%, Food Security: 79%
- **2023**: Very Low Food Security: 18%, Low Food Security: 17%, Food Security: 65%
Post-Graduate Career Plans

I'm upbeat about my post-graduation career prospects

2021: 16% Strongly agree, 29% Agree, 31% Somewhat agree, 13% Somewhat disagree, 7% Disagree, 5% Strongly disagree

2023: 16% Strongly agree, 30% Agree, 31% Somewhat agree, 12% Somewhat disagree, 6% Disagree, 5% Strongly disagree
Summary of findings

• Most students report satisfaction, positive advising experiences, good progress to degree, a supportive climate, and positive feelings about their future career prospects

• Finances continue to be a major challenge for graduate students, with more students reporting food insecurity in 2023 (35%) than in 2021 (20%), and more than half of students continue to report that financial hardships impeded their academic success

• Depression scores decreased from 2021 to 2023, though 22% of students still likely have a depressive disorder and 33% of students likely have an anxiety disorder
UCGSES results

- **UCGSES website**: description of the survey, instrument, administration report, and links to dashboards
- **UCGSES data tables dashboard**: response counts and percentages for most survey questions
- **UCGSES summary results dashboard**: response rates, student-identified priorities, and major survey section results
- **UCGSES COVID-19 and remote learning dashboard**: responses to survey questions related to the effects of COVID-19 on student learning
- **Basic needs dashboard**: results from undergraduate and graduate surveys on food and housing insecurity
- **UC military-affiliated students**: enrollment, demographics, and student experience data for military-affiliated students
- **Graduate and professional student advising at the University of California**
- **Graduate and professional students’ financial support experience at the University of California**