

Student Survey about Research and Academic Experiences 2006-2007

Please respond to this survey as honestly as possible, relying on your current feelings about the particular questions. Your responses are anonymous and, thus, cannot affect your grade in this course.

Section I: Background Information

1. Your year in school: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other
2. Your gender: Male Female
3. Your current major(s): _____
4. What is the extent of your previous experience with research assignments or papers in other classes at UCB?
Check only one response.
 - No previous research assignments or papers
 - One or two previous research assignments or papers
 - Three or more previous research assignments or papers
5. Indicate which library education experiences you have had, **other than for this course**.
Check all that apply.
 - Library tour
 - Library orientation or workshop **not** related to a specific course
 - Library orientation or workshop related to a specific course
 - Self-guided library instruction such as computer tutorial, workbook, or handout on the use of library resources or services
 - None of these

Section II: General Research Skills and Activities

6. Please rate your level of proficiency in the following areas when you **started** at this campus and **now**.

Circle one number corresponding to your answer for each of those two points in time.

(Use the following scale: 1=Very Poor 2=Poor 3=Fair 4=Very Good 5=Excellent)

	<u>When you started at UCB</u>					<u>Current ability level</u>				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Analytical and critical thinking skills (6a)										
Ability to be clear and effective when writing (6b)										

Ability to read and comprehend academic material (6c)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Understanding international perspectives (economic, political, social, cultural, etc.) (6d)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Computer skills (6e)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Internet skills (6f)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Library research skills (6g)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Other research skills (6h)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to prepare and make a presentation (6i)	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

7. During the current academic year, how frequently have you done each of the following?
Please circle only one number in each line.

	Never	Rarely	Occasion-ally	Some-what often	Often	Very often
Used a library catalog such as Pathfinder or Melvyl (7a)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Searched a library-provided database for journal articles (7b)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Used a non-library search engine (such as Google) for research (7c)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Read or printed e-books and online full-text journal articles (7d)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Brought your own laptop to the library and used a wireless connection (7e)	0	1	2	3	4	5

Used facts and examples to support your viewpoint (7f)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Incorporated ideas or concepts from different courses when completing assignments (7g)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Examined how others have gathered interpreted data and assessed the (7h) soundness of their conclusions	0	1	2	3	4	5
Reconsidered your own position on a topic after assessing the arguments of others (7i)	0	1	2	3	4	5

8. During the current school year/academic year, how much has your coursework emphasized the following mental activities? Please circle one answer in each line.

	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Often	Very often
Memorizing facts, ideas, or methods (8a)	1	2	3	4	5
Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory, such as examining a particular case or situation in depth and considering its components (8b)	1	2	3	4	5
Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences into new, more complex interpretations or relationships (8c)	1	2	3	4	5
Making judgments about the value of information, arguments, or methods, such as examining how others gathered and interpreted data and assessing the soundness of their conclusions (8d)	1	2	3	4	5
Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations (8e)	1	2	3	4	5

Section III: The Research Assignment in This Course

9. Please provide your evaluation of the amount of various types of knowledge and skills you gain from the **research assignment in this course**. Please circle one answer in each line.

	Not at all	Very little	Somewhat	Moderately	Quite a bit	To a great extent
The research assignment contributed to my understanding of concepts in this course. (9a)	0	1	2	3	4	5
I learned useful information about library resources and services. (9b)	0	1	2	3	4	5
I gained or improved my research skills as a result of completing the research assignment. (9c)	0	1	2	3	4	5
I learned how to adhere to standards for citing the intellectual work of others. (9d)	0	1	2	3	4	5

10. How satisfied are you with each of the following aspects of the **research assignment in this course**? Please circle one answer in each line

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Timing of the assignment (10a)	1	2	3	4	5
Preparation and instructions given before I started the assignment (10b)	1	2	3	4	5
Support and assistance on the assignment (10c)	1	2	3	4	5
Feedback I received about my work on the assignment (10d)	1	2	3	4	5
Overall satisfaction with the assignment (10e)	1	2	3	4	5

