

# Spring 2021 Undergraduate Exit Survey: Findings at a Glance

(n = 3656, 52% response rate)

## Plan(s) After Graduation:

- Current / New Employment, 84%
- Continue Education, 46%

## WSCUC Core Competencies (“My CSUF education helped improve my ability...”):

- Quantitative Reasoning, 69%
- Written & Oral Communication; Critical Thinking; Information Literacy, 86-88%

## CSUF Degree Personal Impact (“My CSUF degree helped me...”):

- Goal prep, 85%
- Work prep, 87%
- Different views, 86%
- Own biases, 87%
- Community impact, 76%
- Lifelong learner,, 88%

## Time to Graduation:

- 42% took LONGER than planned to graduate

## Satisfaction with Time to Graduation:

- 70% All students
- 45% Students who took longer to graduate

## Worked while attending CSUF:

- 77% Worked
- 23% Did not work
- 88% seniors worked off-campus with 59% working over 20 hours per week
- Transfer students were more likely to work over 20 hours per week

## Top Challenges Delaying Graduation:

- Class Availability / Scheduling, 12%
- Change/add major, concentration, 9%
- Academic performance, 9%
- COVID-19, 9%
- Financial, 8%

### Top Strategies Accelerating Graduation:

- Summer/Winter Intersession Classes, 41%
- Increased Course Load  $\geq$  12 units, 26%
- Increased course load  $\geq$  15 units, 11%
- Advising/Counseling, 7%
- Study Habits, 7%

### Co-Curricular Student participation (“I participated in...”):

- Student Organization, 30%
- Internship, 29%
- ASI, 10%
- Athletic Events 10%
- Housing/Residential Life, 10%
- Supplemental Instruction, 10%
- No Participation, 33%

### Co-Curricular Experiences:

- 78% students reported co-curricular experiences helpful to own success

### Attend CSUF:

- 80% students reported “probably” or “definitely” would choose to attend CSUF again

# Undergraduate Exit Survey: Noteworthy Trends (2017-2021)

- Among the Core Competencies, students consistently report that they are least prepared for Quantitative Reasoning.
- Among the aspects of CSUF degree impact, students consistently report that they are least prepared to make a difference in their community.
- “Class availability/scheduling” consistently remains as the top challenges that delay graduation. In 2021, “COVID-19” replaced “Work” as one of the top challenges that delayed graduation.
- Taking classes in summer/winter/intersessions and increasing course load are the most reported strategies to accelerate graduation.
- The majority of students who participated in co-curricular experience reported them as helpful to their success, though the percentage of students who did not participate in any co-curricular experiences remain significant (33% in 2021).

## **Took LONGER than planned to graduate:**

- 2017, 53%
- 2019, 49%
- 2021, 42%

## **Satisfaction with time to graduate**

- 2017, 64%
- 2019, 64%
- 2021, 70%

## **Choose to attend CSUF again**

- 2017, 78%
- 2019, 78%
- 2021, 80%