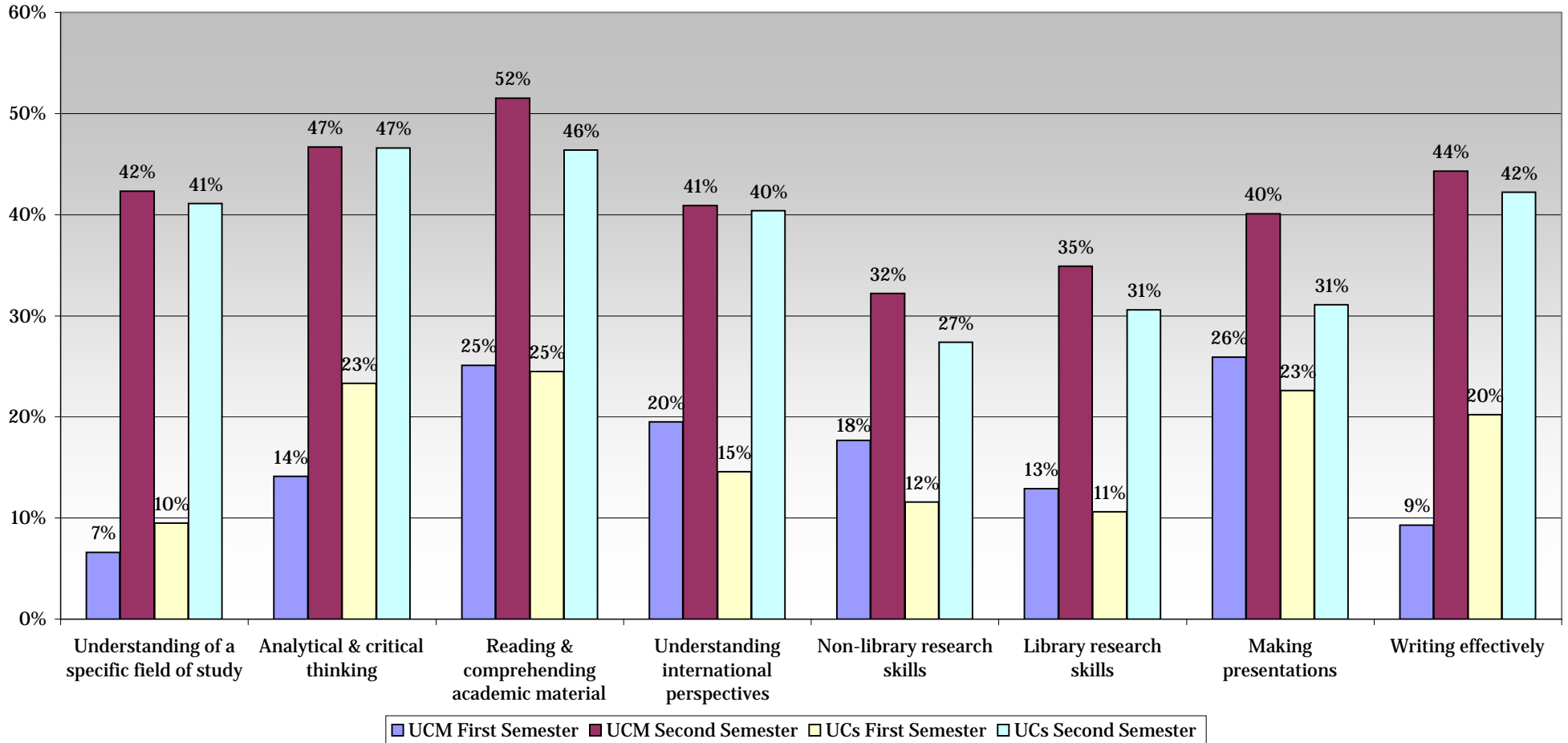


**Self-Reported Gains in Academic & Life Skills by Freshman (Percent Answering Very Good or Excellent):
UC Merced Compared with All Other UCs at Beginning and End of Freshman Year**



Compared to other UC freshmen, UC Merced freshmen report greater gains in academic skills by their second UC semester.