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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO
NEED TO DECLARE A MAJOR

Summer Session is around the Corner

Summer session dates, what to take and how classes transfer

Summer Session Dates

- Session A: May 28–July 5 (6 weeks)
- Session B: June 24–August 16 (8 weeks)
- Session C: July 8–August 16 (6 weeks)

Registration

- [Online Class Schedule](#) opens March 11
- Registrations opens March 18
- No registration appointments
- 3rd-time repeats permitted with override

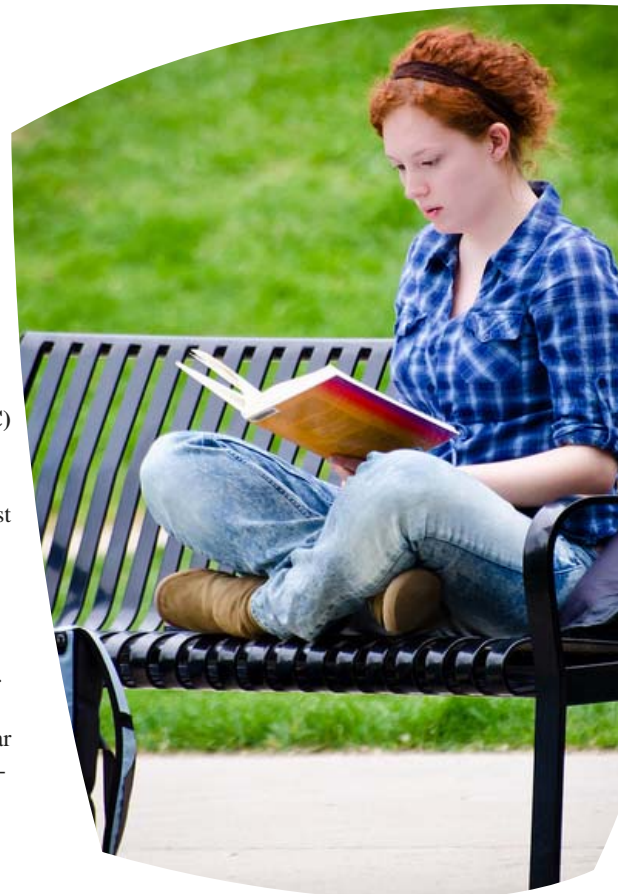
Overrides for Summer

- Advisors begin overrides on March 11.
- Use online [Override Request](#).

At California Community College (CCC)

- Utilize CCC website and contact info to learn how to register.
- Repeated classes will not replace the first grade you received.
- Use [ASSIST.org](#) to determine transfer equivalents from your CCC.
- MATH 005 and CHEM 001 equivalents can be found on the [Natural Sci website](#).

See a [peer academic advisor](#) or your regular [academic advisor](#) to help you plan for summer. Visit [Financial Aid](#), if you have questions about paying for summer session.



IN OTHER NEWS...

The Bright Success Center is accepting applications for Summer 2013 Orientation Staff! The Orientation Leader (OL) position allows students to make a real contribution to UC Merced and to new students' success. OLs have an opportunity to become some of the best informed and most involved students on campus. For more details, visit the [orientation website](#).



Academic Advising Office Hours for Spring 2013

Choosing classes, picking a major, academic probation, personal crises, University policies... Whatever your issues, advisors are here to help you find solutions.



Peer Academic Advising

Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs) help raise awareness among students about academic requirements, learning support services, campus resources and important dates and deadlines. PAAs also offer an upperclassman perspective on classes, majors, time management and learning strategies.

PAAs provide advising Monday –Friday in Tuolumne Hall and the Dining Commons. Visit the [Peer Academic Advising website](#) for office hours, locations and contact info.

PAA photo: Stacey Van, Mayra Vanegas Lopez, Xochitl Faulkner, Raquel Rodriguez-Campos (graduated fall 2012), Mel Barbers (studying abroad for spring 2013) and Amanda Pinheiro.



Academic Advising: JaeJae (A–L) & Stacie (M–Z)

Academic advising is a team effort. Your advisor will provide the support and information you need to make decisions about your education. Your academic advisor cares about you as a whole person, and she is here to guide you, to listen and to motivate you when you need encouragement. Visit the [Academic Advising website](#) to meet your advisors and learn more about advising resources.



Forming a Successful Study Group

Ever leave a study group wondering if you actually learned anything? Consider these steps for your next group.

- Forming the Group.** Effective study groups consist of 3–4 committed members. Determine how long your study sessions will be and meet *at least* once a week. Choose a study group facilitator (one person or rotating members). The facilitator organizes the location, sends reminders and keeps the group on task.

- Preparing for Study Sessions.** Members

should come prepared with all related course materials. It's best to complete readings and assignments beforehand and bring your questions to the study group.

- Structuring Study Sessions.** Organize your meetings to ensure productivity. Allow some time at the start of the session to review and discuss the course



material and concepts. Use the rest of the time to work productively on solving problems, answering questions and offering support to your group.

Helpful Tip: Pull extra practice problems to work on collaboratively and present helpful strategies to one another.

Important Dates

Feb. 11

- [Major Change Form](#) due
- last day to drop online
- last day to add with instructor permission

March 2

- FAFSA Priority Deadline

March 11

- Summer & Fall [schedules](#) available online

March 13

- Mid-semester grades posted

March 18

- Summer registration begins

March 25–29

- Spring Break

April 8

- Last day to withdraw (W)

April 15

- Fall 2013 Open Registration

April 13–17

- Finals

Upcoming Workshop

[How to Succeed in Intro classes](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 19

8–8:50pm

California Room

Tutoring Has Started

Go to [learning.ucmerced.edu](#) to see if we offer the tutoring you need.

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- a. Awesome (code - 602993)
- b. It's Alright (code - 602994)
- c. Needs Improvement (code - 602995)

*your standard texting rates apply

Career Services

If you are still exploring majors or looking for an internship, make an appointment with a career counselor. The most successful people are those who use their resources, and this is one campus resource you should not pass up!

[careerservices.ucmerced.edu](#)

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