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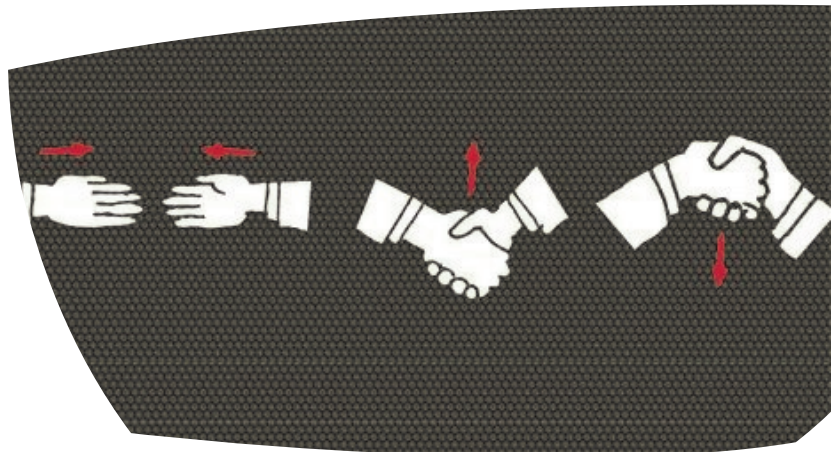


▶ WORRIED ABOUT ACADEMIC PROBATION?

Undeclared *digest*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO
NEED TO DECLARE A MAJOR

How to Make Your Summer Productive



Summer is a great opportunity to explore careers

As an undergrad, building your resume is key. Internships and volunteering allow you to gain professional skills and references that pay off in the future. Allow yourself to enhance your skills by seeking out opportunities. Don't know where to start? If you're staying in the Central Valley, visit the UC Merced Career Services website, where you can find local opportunities. If you're leaving the area, you need to do a little research:

1. Consider organizations in the fields related to majors you're considering.
2. Call or email the organization, expressing your interest and why they should consider you.
3. Email a résumé and cover letter, emphasizing your strengths, skills and interests.

If an organization turns you down, don't give up. Contact another organization. What is important is starting communication. At times, those new professional contacts will forward your résumé and assist you in reaching your productive summer goals.

Productive summers are an important part of a successful college experience. They allow you to gain insight on professions, enhance your skills and gain new ones. As the semester ends, make sure to have your resume reviewed by a Career Services counselor. It's not too late!

—Mayra Vanegas Lopez, '13, Peer Academic Advisor



IN OTHER NEWS...

If you do not plan to return in the fall semester, you need to complete one of the following forms:

1. Educational Leave Program form: You plan to take a break from school, but you plan to return in one to two semesters.
2. University Cancellation/Withdrawal form: You plan to leave UCM with no intention of returning in the near future.

Academic Probation & Dismissal

If you've had a difficult semester and fear academic probation or dismissal, you need to be aware of University policies and procedures about academic progress.

Students are placed on Academic Probation (AP) anytime either their cumulative or term GPA falls below a 2.0. AP is like a red flag, warning students that they must make a change and make it soon. Students must have a 2.0 to graduate, and every semester a student is on AP, he or she is digging a deeper GPA hole that may eventually become impossible to recover.

To prevent unsuccessful students from worsening their GPA to a point of no return, the University dismisses students. Dismissal occurs for the following reasons:

1. A student is on AP for two or more semesters.
2. A student's GPA falls below 1.5.

When a student has been dismissed from the university, he or



she has an opportunity to submit an appeal, which may reverse the dismissal. Appeals should include reason why the student was not successful and a plan for success for the next semester. The dismissal committee wants to know that whatever contributed to students'

failure will not continue to be an issue in the future. The committee is also interested in knowing how students plans to change their habits to be more successful, which may include changing their intended major. Talk to your advisor for more information.

Welcome Back, Lina!

Lina Kaji returns full-time in May, and JaeJae Julian says goodbye.

The Bright Success Center welcomes back Lina Kaji who is returning from maternity leave. Lina left in mid-November, and JaeJae Julian stepped to advise students until Lina's return. Lina has been working half-time in the month of April, and starting May 1, she will be resuming her full-time position as Undeclared Advisor for students with last names A-L.

April was JaeJae's last month, and we were sad to say goodbye. This has been the second time that JaeJae has temporarily filled a vacancy in Undeclared Advising, and we were lucky to have her helping us! JaeJae demonstrated a true dedication to UC Merced students, who she relates to, as she is a UC Merced alumna, Class of 2009. If you'd like to say goodbye to JaeJae, you can still email her at jjulian@ucmerced.edu.



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Summer Dates

Instruction

Session A: May 28–July 5

Session B: June 24–August 16

Session C: July 8–August 16

Deadline to Pay Fees

Session A: May 22

Session B: June 18

Session C: June 18

Register for Courses Online

Session A: May 28

Session B: June 24

Session C: July 8

Drop All Courses Online

Session A: May 27

Session B: May 27

Session C: May 27

Drop a Course Online (no fees):

Session A: June 3

Session B: June 28

Session C: July 12

Add/Drop a Course with Instructor Signature (fees due) or Change Grading Option

Session A: June 10

Session B: July 8

Session C: July 19

Drop a Course with Instructor Signature, "W" notation (no refund):

Session A: June 24

Session B: July 22

Session C: Aug 2

See this information online at:
[Summer Calendar](#)

For questions, contact the
[Registrar's Office](#).

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!

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