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# Undeclared *digest*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO  
NEED TO DECLARE A MAJOR

*\*\*Special Registration Issue\*\**

## Academic Advisor Office Hours

During the registration rush, undeclared academic advisors will not offer appointments. "Walk-in only" office hours help us serve students faster. Appointments resume on November 19. Walk-in hours are first come, first served.

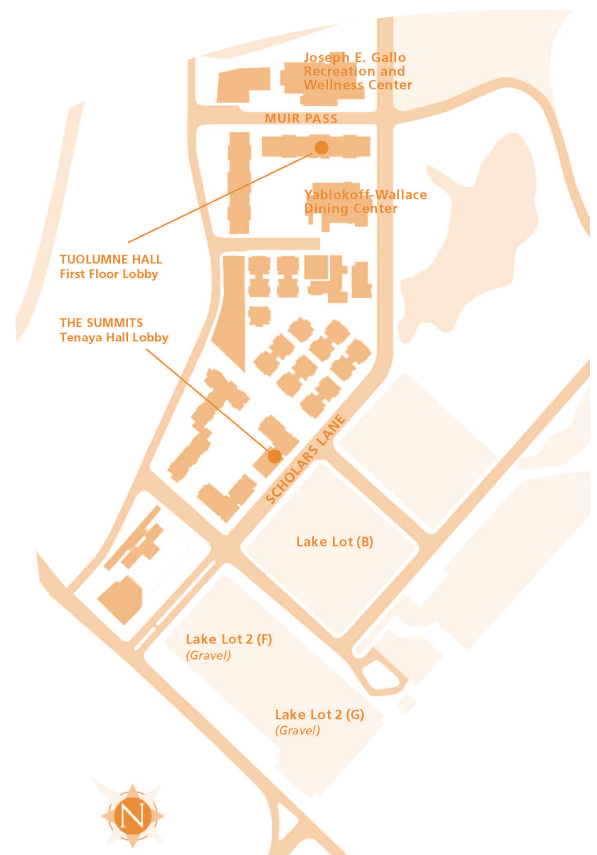
*November 1–16 Walk-in Hours:  
9am–12pm & 1:30pm–4pm*

Freshmen and others who need help choosing classes, we recommend you first see a peer academic advisor. Peer advisors are located in the entrance of Tenaya Hall and Tuolumne Hall (see right).

*Important Links*

[Undeclared Academic Advisor Contact Info](#)

[Peer Advising Office Hours](#)



## IN OTHER NEWS...

If you have a Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeal, you must register for the classes that you agreed to take for Spring 2013. If you need to adjust your SAP Plan, you need to submit a [Request to Change Approved Academic Plan](#) form.

1. Meet with your undeclared advisor to complete the form
2. Submit completed form to the Students 1st Center

Contact Rena Schneider ([rschneider@ucmerced.edu](mailto:rschneider@ucmerced.edu)) in Financial Aid for questions about SAP Appeals.



## Meet Jae Jae— New Undeclared Academic Advisor

*Lina Kaji is finally having her baby! Filling in until April is UC Merced alumna JaeJae Julian.*

Jessica “JaeJae” Julian graduated with a double major in Psychology and Cognitive Science and minors in Art and Natural Science Education. While a student, she was an orientation leader, co-founder of a student organization, interned on campus and was involved with the “Dear Michelle (Obama)” Campaign in 2009. JaeJae’s connections with peers, faculty and staff have been a solid foundation for her success even after graduation. Thankful for the numerous opportunities, she is very excited to be back on staff and is looking forward to working with you all!

**Declare Your Major**  
Eligible students can declare in the first 2 weeks of Spring 2013.

Eligible to declare? (choose one)  
[Good Standing](#)  
[Early Progress \(EPP\)](#) or [Demajored](#)

## How to Check for Pre-Reqs

Use the [Online Class Schedule](#) to view pre-requisites and other restrictions. Just click the CRN for updated requirements for every class.

|       |            |                               |
|-------|------------|-------------------------------|
| 10385 | PSY-123-01 | Alcohol, Drugs, and Behavior  |
| 11661 | PSY-125-01 | Cognition, Affect, and Health |
| 10818 | PSY-130-01 | Developmental Psychology      |
| 10386 | PSY-131-01 | Social Psychology             |

## Exceeding 18 units

Check out the Undeclared [Enrollment in Excess Units](#) policy. Students who meet the criteria can take 20 units. See your advisor for a Max-Unit Override.

## 3rd-Time Repeat

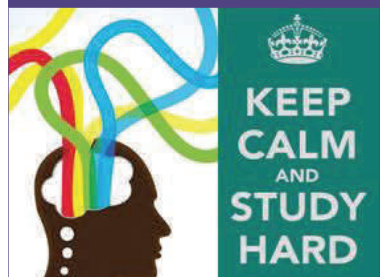
If you didn’t pass a class the 2nd time, UCM policy prohibits you from taking the same class a 3rd time. Exceptions are made for extreme circumstances via the [Subsequent Repeat Form](#).

To repeat a 3rd time, you must take the class elsewhere and transfer it to UCM. Use [ASSIST.org](#) to find transferrable classes.



## Workshops

Nov. 28: [Test Your Best—Mental Strategies to Boost Performance](#)  
Dec. 5: [Prepare for Finals with Confidence & Calm](#)



## Overrides...What's the Big Deal?

*What is an override and who needs them?*

Most errors that you encounter during registration can be cleared by an override from your advisor. Each type of error has a corresponding override. Complete the online Override Request in order to provide your advisor with the appropriate information we need to approve and process an override.

Link: [Override Request](#) for Undeclared Students



| Override                    | Reason                                                      | Example                                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Major Override              | Class is reserved for students declared in a related major. | MATH 21/22<br>PHYS 8/9                                      |
| Prerequisite Override       | You don't have the prerequisite class(es) or test score.    | Intro classes, remedial classes & community college classes |
| Repeat Override             | You've already taken the class.                             | Repeating a class for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> time              |
| Mutually Exclusive Override | You've taken a similar class.                               | MATH 11/21<br>PHYS 18/8                                     |

Note: Prerequisite Overrides can usually only be lifted with instructor permission.

If you need to register for a class that is closed or full, you must wait for an available seat. Check the [Online Class Schedule](#) daily for openings.

Many seats in various classes will become available on **Dec. 20 & 21**, when those who will not be returning for Spring 2013 are dropped from their classes.

## Meet your GPA Goals Now

*Let your current & next term be your turning point.*

| Grade | Points (1 unit) | Points (4 units) |
|-------|-----------------|------------------|
| A     | 4               | x4 = 16          |
| B     | 3               | x4 = 12          |
| C     | 2               | x4 = 8           |
| D     | 1               | x4 = 4           |
| F     | 0               | x4 = 0           |
| +/-   | 0.3             | x4 = 1.2         |

$\frac{\text{Total Points}}{\text{Total Units}} = \text{GPA}$

For Fall 2012, consider your achievable, best-case scenario grades. Make a list that includes your classes, units and anticipated grades. Use the points table to determine how many points each of your grades is worth. Use the GPA formula to calculate your term GPA.

To see how your term grades will impact your cumulative GPA, refer to your Unofficial Transcript in MyUCMerced, and scroll to the bottom to find your cumulative points and units. Add the points and units from your term to your cumulative totals (respectively). Use the GPA formula to determine your projected cumulative GPA.

