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Undeclared *digest*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO
NEED TO DECLARE A MAJOR

Why You Should Visit a Peer Advisor

Peer Academic Advisors have walk-in all day!

Peer Academic Advisors are here to make sure that your semester runs smoothly. We are students just like you, and we've had questions about registration and campus resources too. With our experience and training with professional staff, we can help you read MyAudit, look for tutors and other resources, and guide you through your journey at UC Merced. We will inform you about academic requirements and keep you aware about important dates and deadlines.

Take advantage of one on one sessions with an experienced Peer Academic Advisor today, and you will leave with a smile!



We are available every weekday, 9:00am-6:00pm:

**MWF — Tuolumne first floor study lounge
TR — Half Dome 171 (next to the IT help desk)**

—Mel Barbers, '14, Peer Academic Advisor

10:00 AM	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Math 005-Luis Silva-9.23.13 COB 112	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Phys 818-Alex Sanchez-9.23.13 SAAC 205	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Chem 008-Michelle Olivarez-9.23.13 KL 157
11:00 AM	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bio 001-Rafael Ollervides-9.23.13 KL 157	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Math 12/22-Michelle Olivarez-9.23.13 SAAC 205	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Writing-Vanessa Estavillo-9.23.13 Tenaya 182-Sunrise
12:00 PM	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Writing-Benjamin Smith-9.23.13 KL 157		
1:00 PM			
2:00 PM	2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Phys 818-Rafael Ollervides-9.23.13		

IN OTHER NEWS...

TUTORING is now available! As the weeks pass, we are adding more and more availability, so keeping checking the schedule. Tutoring is available for 20+ subjects, and our tutors have been trained with effective tutoring strategies.

When combined with regular visits to your professors/TAs and daily studying, tutoring is the perfect supplement to your study regimen that will ensure that you have a successful semester. Check it out at learning.ucmerced.edu!



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Declaring a Major

When, why, and how?

Why? Undeclared is a great place to explore majors and ask questions about the various Schools on campus. However, once you have chosen a major and begin upper division classes, being declared will help you learn more about your chosen field, opportunities in your major, and the graduation process.

When? Students should declare a major as soon as they are eligible. You can declare in the first few weeks of each semester.

How? Refer to the chart to determine your eligibility to declare a major in a certain School. Once you are eligible, you will obtain your new advisor's signature on a

[Major Change form](#) and submit it to the [Students First Center](#).

Where is my new advisor?
















[SSHA advisors](#) (COB 208)

[NS advisors](#) (SE 370)

[ENGR advisors](#) (SE 270)

*LD = lower division

	SSHA	NS	ENGR
Good Standing	Eligible	C-/↑ in CHEM 002 and MATH 005, 011 or 021	C-/↑ in MATH 021 and PHYS 008
You've been on Probation	C-/↑ in all LD reqs for GE and major; 2.5 in all SSHA classes	C-/↑ in all LD reqs for GE and major	C-/↑ in all LD reqs for GE and major

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Take control of Happenings, and OPT OUT!

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1. Log into your portal
2. Click "My Preferences" under "UC Merced Happenings"
3. Uncheck "E-mail Opt In" for areas that don't interest you
4. Save

A Message from your Undeclared Advisor

Tips that ensure academic success

"Revisit your notes on the same day you wrote them down. Then from your notes, take a few questions to test yourself later.

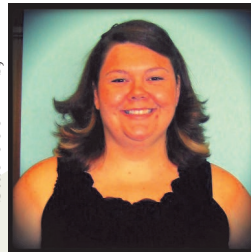
It's important that before each exam, you construct a pre-test using questions from your notes, study guides, quizzes, or previous exams. This will help you retain information longer." — Lina Kaji

"Schedule your study time for each class, so it becomes a routine. Whether you use that time to read, visit a tutor or TA, or meet with a study group, you should spend 1–2 hours studying for every unit for which you are enrolled. For example, you should be studying 8–12 hours a week for a 4-unit class. If this seems like too much time to be studying, then you need to evaluate your priorities...why are you here?" — Stacie Jenkins

Lina Kaji, A-L



Stacie Jenkins, M-Z



Upcoming Dates & Deadlines

October 15

Mid-semester grades posted CROPS
Spring 2015 schedule is LIVE

November 4

Spring 2014 Housing application opens

November 7

Last day to withdraw from a course ("W" on transcript)

November 11

Veterans Day—NO CLASSES

November 12–15

Spring 2014 registration appointments for continuing students

November 28–29

Thanksgiving—NO CLASSES

All dates and deadlines can be found on the Registrar's website, under "Schedules."

Upcoming Workshops

September 24

How to Succeed in Intro Classes
8–8:50 pm, Tenaya 170

September 26

Reading Workshop
7–7:50 pm, Tenaya 170

October 8

Know Your Learning Preference
7–7:50 pm, Tenaya 170

October 10

Time Management
8–8:50 pm, Tenaya 170

October 22

Motivation Workshop
8–8:50 pm, COB 113

All Study Skills Workshops can be found online at learning.ucmerced.edu.

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