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

IN OTHER NEWS...

TUTORING is now available! As the weeks pass, we are adding more and more availability, so keep 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!
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 you 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
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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

What’s Happening to Your Inbox?

Take control of Happenings, and OPT OUT!

UCM Happenings are important, but you can control how many you receive. Just follow these easy steps:
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

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
8–9:50 pm, COB 113

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

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