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 open 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.

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.

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 Tuolomne Hall and the Dining Commons. Visit the Peer Academic Advising website for office hours, locations and contact info.

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

Forming a Successful Study Group

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

1. **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.

2. **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.

3. **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.