August
Fall 2021

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Fall Instruction Begins: Aug. 25, 2021

Add Class Online: Aug. 25 – Aug. 31

Add Class w/ Instructor Signature: Sept. 1 - Sept. 15 (By 4:00pm)

Drop Class Online: Aug. 25 – Sept. 15 (By 4:00pm)

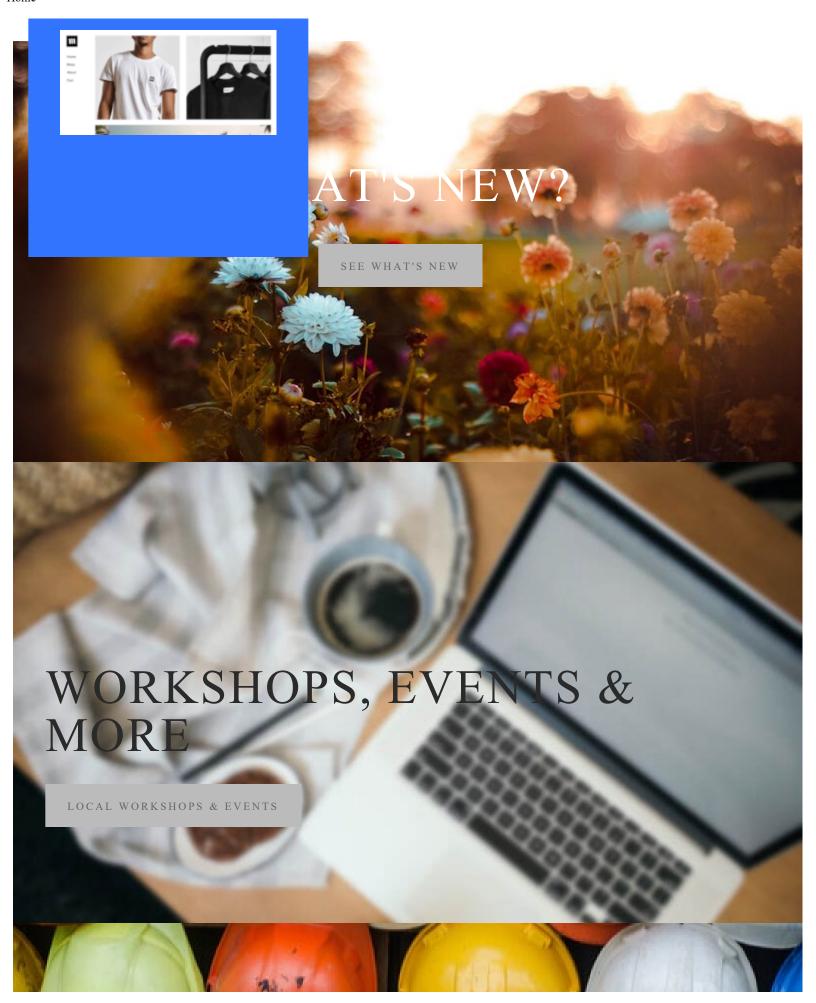Withdraw from class online: Sept. 16 - Nov. 3
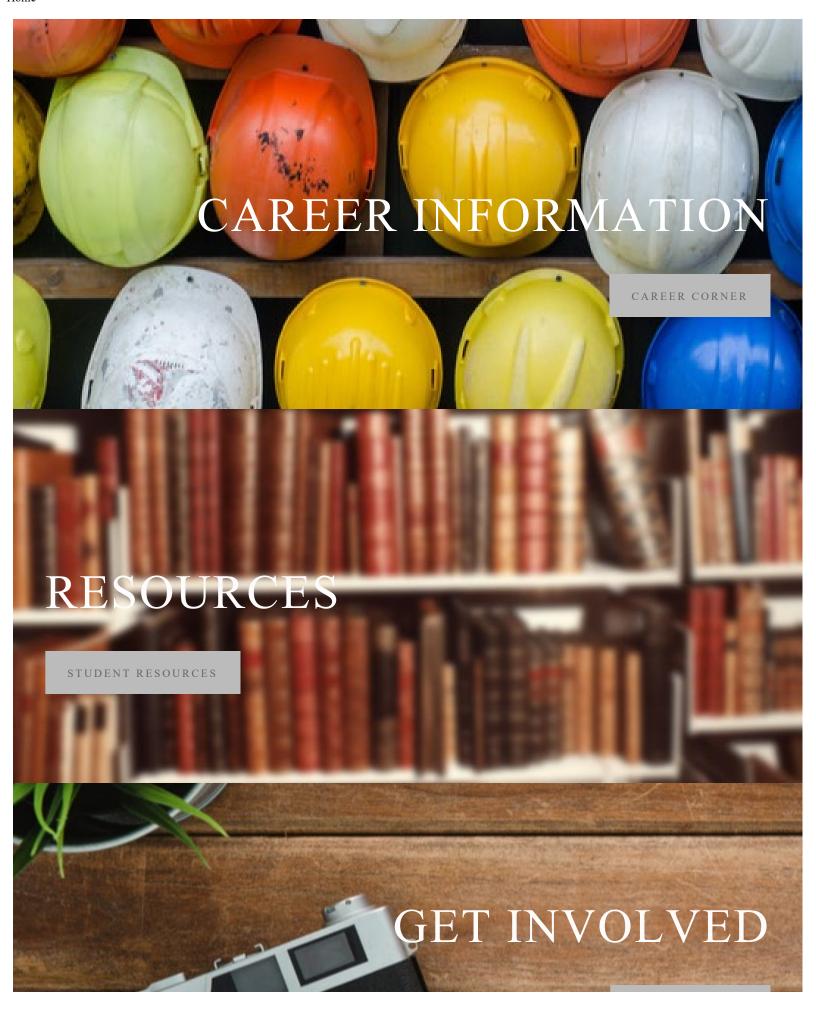
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Academic Advisors are available via zoom appointment or zoom walk-in hour.
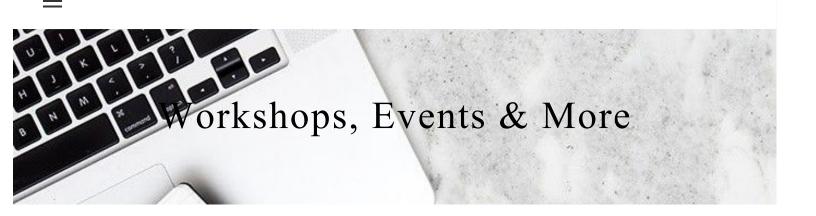
INTERESTING FACTS

Blue Ivy Carter daughter of Jay-Z and Beyoncé become the youngest person to have a Billboard hit at two years old thanks to her dad crediting her in his hit song "Glory".

The Canary Islands were thought to be named after birds in reality the phrase Canary Islands comes from the Latin phrase *Canariae Insulae* meaning "Island of the dogs."

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GRADUATE SCHOOL MINI-CONFERENCE

Undocumented & Applying to Grad School? Register for a Mini-Conference Organized by TheDream.Us & Carolina AUGUST 4, 2021 • Are you considering or preparing to apply to graduate school but don't know where to start? Join TheDream.Us and Carolina (founder of My Undocumented Life) at the Graduate School Mini-Conference.

The event will take place virtually (via Zoom) on August 25 & 26, 2021. The conference will feature information and resources regarding the intricacies of applying to graduate school while undocumented (with or without DACA). It will also feature currently or formerly Undocu-professionals.

There are two different sessions each day and each session covers a different topic. Please be sure to adjust for your time zone accordingly.

You can attend as many sessions as you'd like. See the schedule & forms above to register for each one.

The schedule is as follows:

Session #1: Why Apply to Grad School?
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
1pm ET/12pm CT/11am MT/10am PT
Zoom registration

Session #2: Meet & Greet for Health Fields; Law School; MBA
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT
Zoom registration

Session #3: Meet & Greet for Education & Social Work; Sociology, Anthro & PoliSci; STEM
Thursday, August 26, 2021
1pm ET/12pm CT/11am MT/10am PT
Zoom registration

Session #4: Creating an Action Plan
Thursday, August 26, 2021
4pm ET/3pm CT/2pm MT/1pm PT
Zoom registration

THE INTERNET OF THINGS FOR PRECISION AGRICULTURE (IOT4AG)

Dear Students,

Are you interested in a graduate education in science and engineering? If yes, then please consider attending a hands-on 2-day workshop to walk you through applying to Ph.D. programs and funding opportunities. The "Pathway to Ph.D." (PPP) program is sponsored by The Internet of Things for Precision Agriculture Engineering Research Center, funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The program will take place virtually on September 25th and 26th 2021.
Read on for more information!

Program

IoT4Ag seeks motivated undergraduate students who wish to (1) learn about the graduate school admission process and factors that contribute to a strong graduate school application, (2) gain an understanding of the components of the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program application, and (3) write a personal statement and a research plan for select program funding opportunities. Due to the intensive, hands-on nature of the workshop, interested students must apply. Selected students will participate in a virtual workshop where they will be mentored by NSF-ERC-affiliated faculty members and graduate students, many of whom are former and/or current NSF Fellows.

Pathway to Ph.D. Program (PPP) Workshop Details

-Eligibility
-Juniors and seniors (as of fall 2021) interested in pursuing a Ph.D.
-Majoring in engineering, agricultural science, or a related discipline.
-Interest in IoT technologies in agricultural settings.

How to Apply

Complete the application below by **8/30/21**. We strongly encourage applications from American Indian or Alaskan Natives, Asians, Black or African Americans, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, Veterans, Women, and people with disabilities. Our organization does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, creed, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, age, disability or veteran status.
Link to application:upenn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7ZAOaOyc1rgtzeK

Accepted Students

Students will be notified by 9.3.21 regarding their acceptance into the program.

Contact Information
If you have any questions, please contact Zephi Francis at zfran@seas.upenn.edu or Grace Hong at gshong@ece.ufl.edu.

Thank you,
Zephi Francis and Grace Hong

INVITATION FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATIONAL EVENT

Greetings from the Edward P. Fitts Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) at North Carolina State University (NC State)!

This fall, we are offering free hybrid events to allow students like yourself to learn more about ISE Graduate Programs at NC State. The Industrial and Systems Engineering Recruitment Program is designed to offer prospective graduate students an opportunity to learn more about our campus through a series of seminars, faculty interviews, lab tours to learn about current research, and to experience the quality of our ISE graduate program over a series of three days. There will be fun and interactive events with current students, faculty and future students! Please note that in-person events will only be held if it is

safe to do so as the pandemic evolves. A virtual option will be available, regardless.

ISE Graduate Visitation Program:
Come learn about all things ISE here at NC State. Interested students should submit an application.

How to Apply: Use this link https://forms.gle/6M2mHQjvbfhiZS91A. You will be asked to provide some information about yourself, an unofficial school transcript, a statement about your interest in the program (<1 page). Participant selection will be based on a rolling basis, with a **deadline of September 5th**.

What you get: If you are invited to participate and attend all of ISE events, you will receive an application fee waiver. Furthermore, you will be entered into a raffle to win a prize.

When: Events will take place over several days, during the weekend of October 14th through October 16th.

Event	Description
Meet ISE	You will meet our department head, Dr Julie Swann, to be introduced to our department and understand what Industrial Engineering is. Following this, we will play a game to gain knowledge on all things ISE.
Tour ISE	Students will be introduced to faculty in our department and get a look into the facilities in which they conduct their research
Research Meet & Greet	Here you will be able to personally interact with faculty in different focus areas to learn more about their research, as well as with our current graduate students
Graduate Clinic	You will hear from our graduate program to get an upper hand on how to apply to graduate school and what our graduate school looks like here at NC State University
Interact with the Pack	You will be able to meet various alumni to really see how unique ISE truly is as well as meet our student ambassadors to get a peek into what it's like to be a student at NC State University
Get to know Raleigh	You will be able to join us for a fun outing to get to know what Raleigh has to offer!

For more detailed information and updates visit go.ncsu.edu/studentrecruitment

I hope you will consider joining us as you think about the next phase in your education! Our department is committed to enhancing the diversity of its graduate programs and we especially encourage female and underrepresented minority students to apply.

Students can contact Dr. Maria Mayorga (memayorg@ncsu.edu) for questions specific to the ISE Graduate Visitation Program. For general questions relating to ISE's graduate program, students may contact ise-gradoffice@ncsu.edu.

*We are receiving applications until September 5th, 2021. Participant selection will be based on a "first come, first

serve" basis, with priority given to students closer to graduation.*

PERRY VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE

Hello, Like every other organization, Perry Initiative programs were disrupted by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. While we couldn't be together in person for the past year, our mission remained to inspire women in careers in orthopaedics, both as orthopaedic surgeons and engineers. Although nothing will replace the magic and empowerment of hands-on learning, we created the Perry Virtual Experience (PVE) for high school and college students. The PVE will remain part of our program offerings, even as we begin to return to in-person events post-pandemic.

We're very excited to announce upcoming sessions of the Perry Virtual Experience in September and October 2021. The PErry Virtual Experience is a free, 2.5-hour, interactive online experience for high school and college-aged students who gender-identify as female or nonbinary and are interested in pursing careers in orthopaedic surgery and engineering. Participants will hear from women leaders in these fields and dive into online orthopaedic simulations and biomechanics experiments. Additional information can be found on our website: perryinitiative.org/pve/

Women in high school and college who have an interest in science, medicine and/or engineering are now invited to register for a session of the Perry Virtual Experience. We would appreciate it if you could pass along this information to any educators or students you may know. Students should be directed to fill out the online registration for one session that best fits their schedule. most sessions are available to participants in any location, but some sessions are for a focused geographic area. Dates and details for each session can be found at perryinitiative.org/calendar/

All the best,
Hannah Heuschneider, Program Coordinator

CEGA AT UC BERKELEY IS SEEKING A COMMUNICATIONS INTERN (REMOTE)

The Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) is hiring a Communications Intern (10-20 hours/week) to help share the work of CEGA and our affiliate network, and better translate research into action. The paid internship will start in September 2021 and end in December 2021, with the option to continue through the Spring 2022 semester.

About CEGA

CEGA is a hub for research on global development, headquartered at the University of California, Berkeley. CEGA's large, interdisciplinary network—including a growing number of scholars from low and middle-income countries (LMICs)—identifies and tests innovations designed to reduce poverty and promote development. CEGA researchers use rigorous evaluations, tools from data science, and new measurement technologies to assess the impacts of large-scale social and economic development programs. Through careful matchmaking, competitive grant-making, and integrated research dissemination and policy engagement activities, CEGA ensures that the scientific evidence we produce improves the lives of people living in poverty.

CEGA is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion—please read our values statement here.

Position Description

The intern will work with staff, students, and faculty across the center to develop multimedia content, disseminate through social media, monitor press coverage, and support website operations. S/he should have poise and experience communicating and connecting with a variety of actors—from social media outlets, to nonprofits, to researchers.

Responsibilities
•   Create and share a variety of creative and relevant content through CEGA's Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn accounts and other outlets. Identify key opportunities for CEGA to respond to breaking news or hot topics. Analyze, report, and respond to social media activity and trends.
•   Coordinate the production of the center's monthly newsletter and bi-monthly opportunities digest. Solicit, identify, compile, and edit materials from staff to produce professional outputs on short timelines.
•   Track media mentions and publications of CEGA and our affiliate researchers and use this content to keep CEGA's WordPress website (homepage), social media, and other communications outputs current, clear, and engaging.
•   Manage CEGA's Working Paper Series by posting new content from staff and faculty affiliates.
•   Support the production of CEGA's annual report and print collateral for our programs and events.
•   Assist in the management of CEGA's annual photo drive and maintain CEGA's photo and media library.
•   Track web and social media analytics and report metrics to better understand our user groups and audience.
•   Manage CEGA's Development Events Calendar and update it regularly with events hosted by CEGA or partner organizations.
•   Ability to write timely and exciting blog posts with quick turnarounds.

Qualifications
•   Strong ability to anticipate, plan, prioritize, and meet deadlines. Capacity to handle multiple projects at once, effectively manage time, and interface confidently with co-workers. Ability to manage a time-sensitive workflow while maintaining absolute accuracy with details.
•   Relevant communications experience and a demonstrated interest in evidence-based policy-making. Advanced writing skills with precise, clear, and vibrant language.
•   Self-motivated, detail-oriented, hard worker who enjoys working in teams.
•   Demonstrate professionalism and discretion, exhibit good judgment when sharing news and information publicly.
•   Flexible and able to adapt to change.
•   Eye for design and style, both in web and in print.

Nice to have:
•   Design skills and familiarity with InDesign, Photoshop, iMovie, WordPress, Buffer, and/or similar programs
•   Familiarity with development economics and social science research

- Experience using Google Analytics to analyze metrics and generate insights

How to Apply

To apply, submit your most recently updated resume and a cover letter, as a single PDF here: https://cega.submittable.com/submit/201286/intern-cega-communications-2021-remote

Deadline

The first review will be on August 27, 2021, after which applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. This is a fully remote position.

ARE YOU A CS COLLEGE STUDENT WHO HAS THOUGHT ABOUT DOING AN INTERNSHIP, BUT AREN'T SURE HOW TO GO ABOUT GETTING ONE?

CTI Accelerate is a new, free program for CS college students in California that will guide you through preparing for and connecting with a meaningful internship/project experience in summer 2022.

Accelerate will provide you with:

- Self-paced, online modules.
- A learning community with regular check-ins.
- Opportunities to connect with industry.
- Summer work experience.

All sessions are hosted through Zoom and students are expected to join in real-time for live sessions. Interested students are encouraged to have completed or be enrolled in an intro programming course (CS 1). For more information, please visit ComputingTalentInitiative.org/accelerate/ and check out the intro video and FAQ.

CTI Accelerate is currently accepting applications for a September 2021 start.

Priority deadline is August 31. To apply, **click here**. (Applications will be considered through September 16 as capacity permits)

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Dr. Sathya Narayanan at sathya@computingtalentinitiative.org or CAHSI Coordinator, Sara Mendoza at smendoza25@ucmerced.edu.

UNDERGRADUATE STEM STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY: SUSTAINABLE CONTAMINANT REMEDIATION FALL 2021-SPRING 2022

We seek undergraduate students in STEM majors with interests in environmental sciences, environmental engineering, or sustainable remediation technologies for research assistant fellowships for fall and spring semesters. Students will work with faculty and graduate students on a research project examining the effectiveness of sustainable in situ amendment treatments for mercury-contaminated sediments supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management (DOE-EM).

Apply Now! Applications will be reviewed as received. Priority will be given to applications received by Sept. 10.

Program Description and Benefits:
• Student research assistantships in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022
• Training and hands-on experience in laboratory, field, and computational research
• Teamwork and career mentoring in environmental sciences and engineering
• Engagement with professional scientists and engineers
• Award amount per semester: $1700; expected participation ~5-10 hours per week

The DOE-EM Minority Serving Institutions Partnership Program (MSIPP) seeks to promote enhanced training experiences for the next generation of scientists and engineers by exposing them to research challenges associated with environmental remediation science, engineering, technology, and management. Students from underrepresented groups in STEM are strongly encouraged to apply.

Qualifications:
• Full-time UC Merced student in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022
• Completed at least two semesters of introductory chemistry and two semesters of calculus
• Working toward a degree in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field
• Cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.5 (out of 4.0)

Preferred qualifications:
• Interest in research, graduate programs, and career opportunities in a STEM field related to environmental science, engineering, technology, or management
• Upper-division coursework in laboratory science and/or field work
• Prior laboratory, field, or computational research experience

To Apply:
• Upload your resume and unofficial transcripts to: https://ucmerced.app.box.com/f/57908b30b91448fe9508c6d30a5daac7

For more information, contact Peggy O'Day, Life and Environmental Sciences Department (poday@ucmerced.edu)

VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES: LUNCH & LEARN

In honoring our commitment to serve as a resource and create a space for commUNITY and professional development during this time, the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is hosting a Virtual Dialogue Series to support you and your work, now and always. Feel free to grab your food and join us to "lunch and learn." Click the links below to see a list of topics, register or to learn more about Drop-ins with the Chief Diversity Officer, Dania Matos.

VIRTUAL DIALOGUE SERIES

LEARN MORE

THE INSTITUTE FOR BROADENING PARTICIPATION (IBP)

Undergraduate scholarships and tips on applying

UNDERGRAD

Graduate fellowships and tips on applying

GRAD

Video tutorial on how to use our advanced search page

TUTORIAL

If you have questions, Liv Detrick would be happy to help. Please email her at ldetrick@ibparticipation.org

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SCHOLARSHIPPOINTS SCHOLARSHIP $10,000 DEADLINE:SEPT.15

CLUBS OF AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR CAREER SUCCESS $1,000 DEADLINE:AUG.31

NICHE NO ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP SWEEPSTAKES $2,000 DEADLINE:AUG.31

"WIN FREE COLLEGE TUITION" SWEEPSTAKES $2,500 DEADLINE:AUG.31

STUDENT LOAN HERO GIVEAWAY $1,000 DEADLINE:AUG.31

EXPRESSVPN FUTURE OF PRIVACY SCHOLARSHIP $5,000 DEADLINE:AUG.31

COURSEHERO EDUCATION GIVEAWAY $4,000 DEADLINE:AUG.30

CVS HEALTH MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS $35,000 DEADLINE:AUG.31

RIGHT TO PRIVACY SCHOLARSHIP $1,000 DEADLINE:AUG.31

UNIGO MAKE ME LAUGH SCHOLARSHIP $1,500 DEADLINE:AUG.31

What's New?

PROFESSOR ASMERET ASEFAW BERHE CONFIRMATION HEARING

Professor Asmeret Asefaw Berhe has been nominated by President Biden to serve as director of the Office of Science for the U.S. Department of Energy. The U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources held a confirmation hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at 7 a.m. PT / 10 a.m. ET.
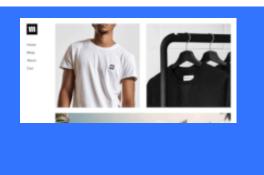
We congratulate Professor Berhe on this outstanding accomplishment!

UC MERCED LIBRARY SEARCH IS HERE

It's finally here - UC Library Search is now live! UC Library users now have access to a more robust discovery tool powered by ExLibris Alma/Primo that allows you to conduct systemwide searches for materials across all UC campus library locations. UC Library Search has replaced Melvyl and is now the discovery tool to find and borrow materials from across all UC locations, as well as from your campus.

In addition to greater ease in finding and borrowing materials, UC Library Search enhances library services by streamlining patron data and catalog records, and aggregated metrics will help inform collections decisions across the UC system. It's important to note that today's launch is just the beginning; UC Library Search will continue to evolve,

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...ng resources developed to support UC Library Search:

...livia Olivares, Instruction & Outreach Librarian, oolivares@ucmerced.edu

UC LIBRARY SEARCH FAQS

UC LIBRARY SEARCH NEWS AND INFO

UC MERCED LIBRARY REOPENING ITS DOORS

The pandemic forced the UC Merced Library to close in March 2020. Now, the library is gearing up to reopen its doors and welcome back members of the university and community. https://news.ucmerced.edu/news/2021/after-18-month-closure-amid-covid-19-pandemic-uc-merced-library-reopening-its-doors

Starting August 25th, we will be operating under regular hours:
M-Th: 7am-Midnight
Fridays: 7am-6pm
Saturdays: CLOSED
Sundays: 12pm-8pm

*Lantern will remain open 24/7

UNIVERSITY STORE OPENS NEW ON-CAMPUS LOCATION

UC Merced is excited to announce the opening of the University Store's new on-campus location. The new store, operated by Follett, is at the front of campus on the first floor of the new Administration Building on University Avenue, just steps from Bellevue Lot. Store hours are 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please stop by and say hello, and check out all the latest UC Merced gear!

LANDSAT 9 LAUNCH

 presents Landsat 9 Launch - With commentary by Dr. Erin Hestir, Professor of Geomatics, Department Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Merced

September 16 or 17 (depending on conditions)
Starting at 10a, launch expected at 11:11a

Join us for a live stream of the first Land Satellite Launch since 2013. We'll feature commentary from UCM's on-site witness, Dr. Erin Hestir, who relies on Landsat data to conduct research on water quality, invasive species, wildfire impacts, and biodiversity.

NASA's newest satellite will turn its two sensors towards earth. Both instruments have sensors with moderate spatial resolution—15 m (49 ft), 30 m (98 ft), and 100 m (328 ft) depending on spectral band—and the ability to detect the same range in intensity as Landsat 8, or better. Landsat 9 will be placed in an orbit that it is eight days out of phase with Landsat 8 to increase temporal coverage of observations.

Location: TBD

Register today to stay informed of location update: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/landsat-9-launch-tickets-168621975869

Learn more: https://landsat.gsfc.nasa.gov/landsat-9/landsat-9-overview

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROFESSOR, STUDENTS IMPROVE DATABASE QUERY RESULTS WITH NSF GRANT

Every time you surf the web, check your credit card balance, or even sign up for a class at UC Merced, you're using a relational database. Relational databases are basically the back end of operating software, aggregating information and

culling results based on your search or query. Improving the speed of these results is known as query optimization.

Rusu received $499,870 from the National Science Foundation to fund his research on Compass, a novel query optimization paradigm that uses sketch data synopses.
https://news.ucmerced.edu/news/2021/computer-science-and-engineering-professor-students-improve-database-query-results-nsf

RECENT PH.D. GRADS RECEIVE NSF POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Quantitative Systems Biology Graduate Program alumni Kinsey Brock and Robert Boria were awarded Postdoctoral Research Fellowships in Biology (PRFB) from the National Science Foundation (NSF).
https://news.ucmerced.edu/news/2021/recent-phd-grads-receive-nsf-postdoctoral-fellowship

NEW AL INSTITUTE EXPANDS UC MERCED'S SMART, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE EFFORT

We have exciting news about UC Merced's participation in a new artificial intelligence institute funded by the NSF, which expands and enhances our already substantial concentration on smart ag-tech.

Here is the link by which we can track the metrics: https://bit.ly/3iZwDwu.

UPDATE: FALL SPACE RESERVATIONS, FALL EVENT GUIDELINES, & 2021-2022 STUDENT ORG REGISTRATION

Dear Registered Clubs and Organization (RCO) Leaders,

As we approach the Fall 2021 semester, the Office of Student Involvement is committed to providing the support you will need to adequately prepare for this upcoming academic year. In order to help support your planning here are some key updates for your organizations:

Space Request/Room Reservation Updates
Instructional/Academic Spaces: Starting **July 16th, 2021** student organizations can begin requesting to reserve classroom spaces for their organization on ASTRA.

Non-Instructional Spaces: Starting **June 1st, 2021** – student organizations can begin requesting to reserve <u>non-instructional spaces</u> for Fall 2021 on EMS.

All room/space usage guidelines are here.

Please remember, all RCOs still need to submit event requests on CatLife in order for your event/meeting request to be officially approved. A room/space confirmation **does not equate** to an official event/meeting approval.
• Please **HOLD** on submitting any event requests on CatLife until **August 5th, 2021** – as we wait for our new platform.
• Our OSI, Fraternity and Sorority life team has prepared a Guide for Requesting Rooms/Spaces for all our clubs and organizations to use and reference. Please review to understand how to request to reserve any spaces for your upcoming events and meetings.

<u>Fall 2021 Events Updates & Guidelines</u>
Per University guidance all on or off-campus RCO events are **required** to be registered on CatLife. RCOs **must** have an **attendee registration/attendee** list after each event to ensure proper contact tracing in the event COVID-19 were to spread. You can utilize CatLife's system to check-in attendees.

The Executive Directive – UC Merced COVID-19 Mitigation Measures states **indoor gatherings of 50 or more** where the vaccination status of all is not known, *face coverings will be required*.

In order to make sure your organization's events are approved in time, please follow the OSI event approval process. OSI recommends submitting your large-scale events (50 people or more) 6 weeks in advance to ensure there is enough time to review. There are multiple campus partners and stakeholders who will also review your event. Any event or activity less than 50 people will take less time to review.

Please review the RCO Campus Activities and Event Guidelines for additional guidance.

Any event requests for COB 102 (Lakireddy Auditorium) or ACS 120, require Special Event Support from IT. If any other event you are planning that may need IT support, please make sure you request Special Event Support minimum of **2 weeks advance**.

Upcoming events your organizations can utilize to promote your organization:
• Fraternity & Sorority Back to School Networking Session: September 2nd, 2021 (6-8pm)
• RCO Involvement Festival & Tabling Fair: September 10th, 2021 (10am-3pm)
• "Greetings to Meetings" RCO series:
  • Tables will be covered by OSI. RCOs will be able to request up to **<u>$50</u>** to use as swag items, give away items, or pre-packaged snacks for this event. **Please submit your notice of participation for the below events here.**
    • <u>Social & Professional RCOs</u>: August 26th, 2021 (11am-1pm)
    • <u>Cultural RCOs</u>: September 3rd, 2021 (11am-1pm)
    • <u>Academic & Educational RCOs</u>: September 17th, 2021 (11am-1pm)

Community Service, Wellness & Leadership RCOs: September 23rd, 2021 (11am-1pm)
- Special Interest, Faith-Based, Sports Clubs: October 1st, 2021 (11am-1pm)

For other **tabling requests**, OSI recommends submitting your tabling request on CatLife a **minimum of 3-7 days** in advance. We are very limited on tables. We may be able to approve your request but may not have a table available for you. If your organization has funds from this past year, we would recommend **purchasing a folding table** if your organization currently doesn't have one.

Need help with Event Planning? Reach out to the RCO team at clubsandorgs@ucmerced.edu and hmontoya2@ucmerced.edu.

CatLife

CatLife is *changing* platforms for the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 academic year. Our current host platform is Campus Labs - Engage and will be switching to Presence.iO, but our site will still be called CatLife. More information will be coming soon. The new CatLife platform is much more user friendly!

- Please **HOLD** on submitting any event requests on CatLife until **August 5th, 2021**, as we wait for our new platform.
- Please be on the lookout for the Presence.iO training in the near future

RCO Re-Registration/New RCO Registration

Annually, student organizations must renew their registration with the Office of Student Involvement (OSI). ***It is important to register/re-register with OSI or RCOs will lose their privileges on campus.*** Any new organizations will also need to register with our office in order to be active. Registration will take place on CatLife. Here is what you can prepare for in the registration cycle:

- *Updated* Registration Dates: **August 5th, 2021 – October 1st, 2021**.
- A minimum of **4 members + 1 on-campus advisor**. (On-campus advisors can only be a full-time staff member, faculty, or graduate student with their permission).
- **Constitution/Bylaws** which shall include a) the name of organization, b) a clearly defined statement of purpose, c) all requirements for membership including dues or fees, d) qualifications for holding office, if applicable, e) methods of selecting and replacing officers, if applicable, and f) documents explaining the nature of any formal affiliations the campus organization has with external organizations/agencies.
- *It is recommended for clubs and organizations to include a **diversity statement** and have a **Removal/Resignation of members process** in their bylaws/constitution.*

It is important to note, an organization cannot hold any meetings or events on or off campus UNTIL the organization is registered/re-registered with the Office of Student Involvement. The RCO registration dates are listed above.

If you would like review any campus updates, please go to Do Your Part for more information. Please reach out to OSI with any questions and concerns.

Sincerely,
Office of Student Involvement Team

Have questions? Do you need support planning for Fall 2021? Request to meet with our team:
Registered Clubs and Organizations (RCOs): clubsandorgs@ucmerced.edu
Fraternities & Sororities: fsl@ucmerced.edu

UC MERCED OFFERING BILINGUAL AUTHORIZED TEACHER PREP PROGRAM

For the first time, UC Merced is offering a Bilingual Authorized Teacher Prep Program for Spanish. Mari Harris, director of education programs extension, says she's been pushing for this since the program started in 2018.
https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/careers/uc-merced-offering-bilingual-authorized-teacher-prep-program-for-spanish/ar-AAMWZo7?ocid=BingNewsSearch

FROM A HOUSING CRISIS TO A FIRE CRISIS

The increased length and destructiveness of California's wildfire season has three primary factors, all of them human-caused, according to Professor John Abatzoglou, co-leader of the UC Merced's Climatology Lab.
https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/from-a-housing-crisis-to-a-fire-crisis-sfs-exodus-led-many-to-a-new-conundrum/ar-AAMTdyi?ocid=BingNewsSearch

WHY DOES IT STILL FEEL SO COMPLICATED TO GET BACK TO 'NORMAL'? PANDEMIC CAVE SYNDROME EXPLAINED

'Cave syndrome' explained UC Berkeley - Why does it still feel so complicated to get back to 'normal'? Psychologists explain why it can be hard to emerge from our homes.
https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/why-does-it-still-feel-so-complicated-get-back-normal-pandemic-cave-syndrome-explained?utm_source=fiat-lux&utm_medium=internal-email&utm_campaign=article-general&utm_content=text

AFFORDABLE BROADBAND FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

The bipartisan infrastructure bill extends a temporary program providing subsides to Pell Grant recipients for

INSIDEHIGHERED.COM
Infrastructure bill expands broadband affordability for students

high-speed internet service. By Alexis Gravely August 10, 2021.

https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2021/08/10/infrastructure-bill-expands-broadband-affordability-students?utm_source=Inside+Higher+Ed&utm_campaign=6b61fd0ac6-DNU_2021_COPY_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1fcbc04421-6b61fd0ac6-236161265&mc_cid=6b61fd0ac6&mc_eid=503c321f97

INSIDE UC MERCED

It's been quite a year and a half. Against the backdrop - and headwinds - of a global pandemic, UC Merced's campus community has shown incredible adaptability and resilience while continuing to shine brightly on the biggest stages. The Summer 2021 edition of *Inside* UC Merced honors and celebrates what we've accomplished while looking ahead to fall semester and beyond.

A special *Working Forward* presentation features people who talk about the pandemic's impact and the paths ahead. They offer tips on dealing with constant change, give an overview of the university's COVID-19 response, and drive home the importance of being vaccinated.

All this, plus lists of new faces on campus, stories about academic accomplishments, and accounts of transformative campus initiatives.

Please join us for a journey *Inside UC Merced.* https://uc-merced.foleon.com/finance-administration/inside-ucm-summer-2021/cover/

CONTINUING DARWINS'S WORK ON GALAPAGOS ISLAND

186 years after Darwin's first described the Galapagos racer snake, professor Danielle Edwards seeks to rebuild the population by using DNA from one of his original samples.
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/continuing-darwins-work-

galapagos-island?utm_source=fiat-lux&utm_medium=internal-email&utm_campaign=article-general&utm_content=text

REFLECTING ON AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR

President Michael V. Drake, M.D., marks his first year in office — with all its triumphs and challenges — and shares his optimism for the future of this resilient community.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY0YjBoFnKs

BE A BOBCAT!

PLAY MUSIC ON THE PORCH DAY | SATURDAY, AUG. 28

On Aug. 16, the Merced City Council presented a proclamation recognizing and endorsing "Play Music On The Porch Day" on Saturday, Aug. 28.

While current health considerations are restricting efforts for large-scale gatherings, porches (not actually a requirement) are being recognized by the citizens and neighbors throughout the community for the playing and the listening of music.

Musicians, music students, and aspiring musicians are encouraged to play music Saturday! Click the graphic below to learn more!

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS
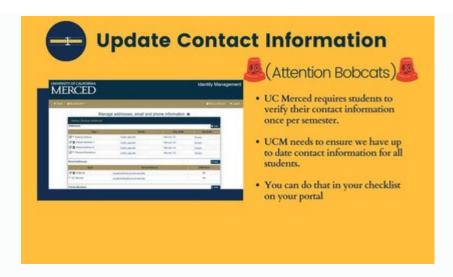
Meet Miriam Barlow, Associate Professor of Biology and faculty advisor for Project Protect here at UC Merced.

Learn more about her :

https://engineeringservicelearning.ucmerced.edu/news/2021/industry-insights-miriam-barlow?fbclid=IwAR2zhK9TY__-07RJ9zwThXzZy-PURN4C5k-aKwxop77zpHFxXHG_09-OMIo

REMINDERS

Bobcats, make sure you have updated your contact information! You can do so by going on your portal!

Update Your Address

Please make sure we have your current
address on file using this link.
The link is also available in your
portal under MyPersonalInfo.

MY PERSONAL INFO

MyBill
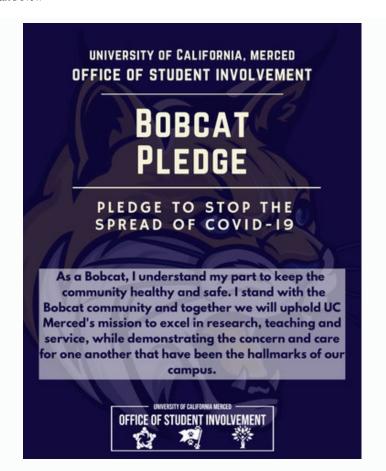
Pay your account balance for Fall
2020, or prior term. Any unpaid
balance may result in a hold that will
prevent Spring 2021 registration.
Contact the Students First Center if
you need any more assistance!

MYBILL TUTORIAL

Do Your Part and Take the Bobcat Pledge Today!

Join our online community and stay in the known!

Career Corner

ELIZABETH ATILANO, CAREER SPECIALIST
Location: SSB 230
Email: eatilano2@ucmerced.edu

Appointments available through Handshake
at https://ucmerced.joinhandshake.com/
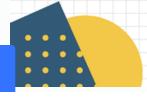
Dear School of Engineering Bobcats,

As your Career Specialist, I am dedicated to supporting you in your journey toward achieving your career goals. While new to the University of California, Merced community, I have had the privilege of helping students and graduates find success in their professional preparation and career endeavors for over 20 years. As I look at the start of the new academic year, I am excited about the opportunity to provide coaching and guidance on how you can use your knowledge and unique talents to make a difference in your chosen field. I am available on a drop-in and appointment basis for Career Conversations on topics such as:

- Connecting your Academic Major to Career Options
- Preparing for a Job or Internship Interview
- Writing an Effective Resume and Cover Letter
- Considering Graduate School
- Searching for Jobs and Internships
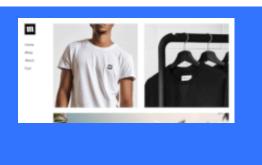- Discovering Your Strengths, Interests and Values

I hope to see you at many of the Engineering and Technical Career events scheduled on campus during the Fall semester including Employer Information Sessions, Career Meet Ups Workshops and On-Campus Interviews. Be sure to log into the UC Merced Handshake Career Management System to see which employers are coming to campus and when events, such as our Fall Career Fair and Engineering Networking-Readiness Mixers, are taking place. You will also be able to find Job and Internship listings on Handshake and receive emails from me about Career happenings and opportunities based on your interests and aspirations.

Wishing you Success in the coming Academic Year!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth "Liz" Atilano
Career Specialist,
School of Engineering

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ERCED CAREER CENTER YOUTUBE PAGE

APPLY FOR AN ON-CAMPUS JOBS HERE

ATTENTION STUDENTS !!

We are looking to hire a new student assistant in our office!! Please use Handshake to apply! Search for "UC Merced CalTeach" and the job listing should appear or use the link on the flyer! The deadline to apply is September 2nd at midnight!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

CCPA FALL 2021- SEPTEMBER CAREER WORKSHOP SERIES

Register in Handshake for each Workshop to receive zoom information			
Name	Date	Time	Register on Handshake
Professional Development Workshop - Resume and Cover Letter	Friday, September 3	12noon-1pm	https://ucmerced.joinhandshake.com/events/779763
Professional Development Workshop - Getting Experience to Gain an Internship	Friday, September 10	12noon-1pm	https://ucmerced.joinhandshake.com/events/779781
Professional Development Workshop - Resume and Cover Letter	Friday, September 17	12noon-1pm	https://ucmerced.joinhandshake.com/events/779775
Professional Development Workshop - Networking and Interviewing	Friday, September 24	12noon-1pm	https://ucmerced.joinhandshake.com/events/779824

More fall events and workshops are already scheduled and can be found on Handshake!

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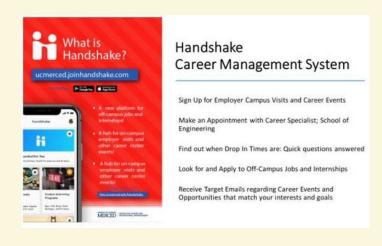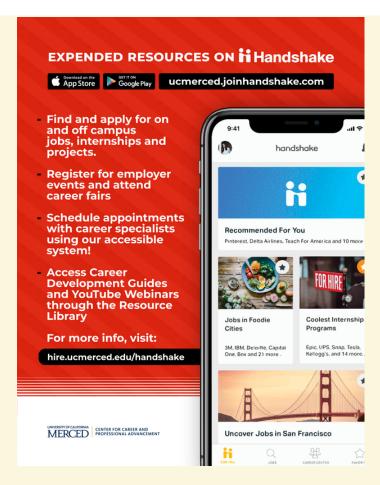**Download File**

WHAT IS STANDOUT?

UC Merced is pleased to provide an innovative practice interview system to help students with their professional abilities. The Standout links on this page will take you to the UC Merced Standout page where you will be able to practice a number of different interviews based on your current career focus. This interactive feature will allow you to immediately practice your interview skills and further connect with a career specialist if needed.

VISIT STANDOUT TODAY

SIGN UP FOR HANDSHAKE!

Resources

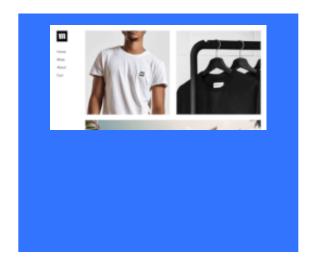UC MERCED SUCCESS ANYWHERE

DO YOUR PART

Campus Resource site

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Status Line: 866-993-0969

CAMPUS RESOURCE SITE

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BE INFORMED

Learn more about your role as a member of the Bobcat community. View our Principles of Community https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHf7XZUQHKk&feature=youtu.be and our Student Code of Conduct, https://osrr.ucmerced.edu/studen.../ucm-code-student-conduct

Click here to learn more about the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. https://osrr.ucmerced.edu/

BE ENGAGED

Reach out to your instructors/TA and classmates to find out how to best prepare for upcoming exams. Your academic advisor http://advising.ucmerced.edu/who-my-advisor and peer tutors https://success.ucmerced.edu/tutoring can help you develop a strategy for success during busy mid-term season. Not sure how to start the conversation? Click here https://studentaffairs.ucmerced.edu/sites/studentaffairs.ucmerced.edu/files/page/documents/courageous_conversations_1.pdf for tips on how to communicate with individuals on campus who support your success.

BE WELL

Check out UC Merced's Social Justice Programs, which provide opportunities to enhance your academic experience as well as learn about yourself and others. Advocacy for issues you are passionate about contributes

to personal and community wellness, while equipping you to thrive in a diverse global society.
https://studentlife.ucmerced.edu/content/social-justice-initiatives

Basic Needs Resources

Bobcat Pantry Location: TC 131
Date and Time: Sign up for any updates to our operating hours here
Email: basicneeds@ucmerced.edu
Please complete the grocery bag pick-up form weekly before visiting the pantry!

Services include:
Bobcat Pantry
Calfresh Outreach
USDA Food Distribution
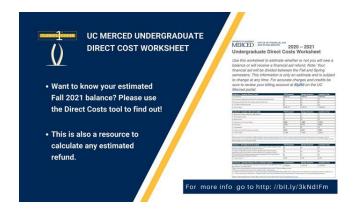Pop-Up People's Pantry
Cropmobster
ICare
UC Merced Community Garden
People's Fridge

Financial Aid

The first step in obtaining financial aid is applying! The 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) open on October 1st, 2020. For more information about applying, click here.

If you have feedback or suggestions about our workshop offerings, please email us at finaidevents@ucmerced.edu.

Want to know your estimated Fall 2021 balance? Use the Direct Costs Worksheet to find out!
For more info: https://fal.cn/3eQSa

HAVE YOU BEEN IMPACTED BY A RECENT NATURAL DISASTER?

Current UC Merced students and their families directly impacted by recent natural disasters (fire, hurricane, etc.) or a tragic event, such as a loss of a family member, which has resulted in additional out-of-pocket expenses (not covered by insurance) and/or a significant loss of household income should contact our office to determine if you might be eligible for additional aid. We're here to help! Contact us at (209) 228-7178, send us an email at finaid@ucmerced.edu

CONTACT FINANCIAL AID

We've made HEERF II payments to eligible students and they have been notified via email.
For more info: https://financialaid.ucmerced.edu/covid-19

Immigration Legal Services Center

UC Immigrant Legal Services is now assisting UC scholars who are first-time DACA applicants

SERVICES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS

Student Dens

Instructions to join your Student Den: Download MS Teams desktop application, and log in with your UC Merced information. You will see your Den appear in "My Teams" section of the tool and you can begin connecting with your fellow students!

MORE INFORMATION

Office of Information Technology

Due to COVID-19, OIT Service Desk has increased call center (209) 228-HELP(4357) and remote support staff to support remote work. We are open for on-site support and drop off at our main location only. Travel desk side appointments are limited to essential departments and labs only.

Location and Hours
Classroom & Office Building 1 (COB1) 127

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m to 4 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

OIT FOR STUDENTS

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

OIT EVENTS

Library

EVENTS CALENDAR

BOOK DELIVERY

Office of the Ombuds

Our office is a safe, informal, and confidential space for campus community members to discuss the interpersonal conflict(s), concerns, and issues you may be facing at UC Merced. We can provide an impartial perspective and help you develop options and strategies, so you choose your path to resolution. The Ombudsperson can assist through active listening, coaching for communication strategies, thought partnership, and identifying resources, policies and procedures. Our services also include facilitative dialogue to help groups and/or teams make united decisions and deliver tailored training on Communication, Conflict

Management, and Team Building. Also, we provide upward feedback to leadership on trends and patterns we are hearing. Please call 209-228-4410 for an appointment and let us know how we can help.

Ombuds Infographic
Download File

Health Center

COVID-19 TESTING AND/OR VACCINES

CAPS

Counseling and Psychological Services
Supports the mental health and well-being of our students.

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
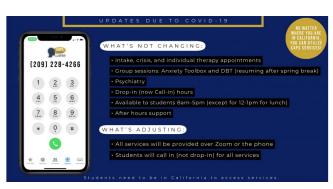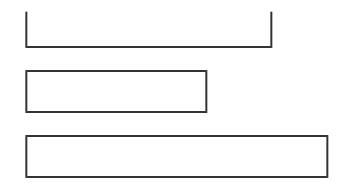**All Services Currently Online**

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

GROUP WORKSHOPS

SPRING 2021 CAPS SERVICES UPDATE

For more information, please follow this link to CAPS Website!

- **AA/Black Scholars Group**
- **Anxiety Toolbox Group**
- **Graduate Support Group**
- **International Grad Group**
- **Latinx Support Group**
- **LGBTQ+ Center**
- **Managing Myself & My Emotions Group**
- **Men's Trauma Group**
- **Peer Recovery Support Group**
- **Women's Trauma Group**
- **Coping with Grief & Loss?**
- **AAPIs Safe Space & Support Group**
- **Learn how video games can be used as an effective coping tool!**

Students First Center

From admissions to graduation, the staff in the Students First Center provides high quality guidance to UC Merced Students, Campus Constituents and the public.

In-person:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00AM - 12:00PM & 1:00PM - 4:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM - 12:00PM & 1:00PM - 3:00PM
For virtual hours click here

Centers for Academic Success

Engineering Study Abroad Resource Center

Office of International Affairs

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm
All Services Currently Online

(209) 228 - 4722

START HERE

UCEAP Forges Ahead

UCEAP's viewbook has gone digital! See videos and animated graphics that will help you plan your study abroad adventure when you, and the world, are ready.
New features let you:

- Take a virtual world tour
- Find programs by personality

UCEAP DIGITAL VIEWBOOK

- See an example cost calculator
- Read student stories

EXPLORE THE VIEWBOOK

Calvin E. Bright Success Center

Provides learning support, transition programs, and individualized interventions which empower UC Merced students to be successful in their academic and personal development.

**Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
All Services Currently Online**

Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS) services will be on PAUSE for Fall 2021

PALS

These vlogs spotlight brief strategies and tips to help you thrive in your academic life! You can check them out before, after or between classes or whenever you have a few minutes. You can select the topics you need or view them all!
https://learning.ucmerced.edu/learning-tools/bright-spots-video-logs

Chemistry Center

Services Includes:

- An inclusive learning environment
- Support for all undergraduate chemistry courses
- Chemistry workshops
- Develop chemistry problem-solving skills
- Receive assistance from graduate students, trained undergraduate students, and instructors

Monday-Thursday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
All Services Currently Online - Zoom

CHEM CENTER

Writing Center

The University Writing Center offers one-on-one consultations and workshops for undergraduates from all majors, providing feedback and resources for students throughout the writing process—from pre-writing to final drafting.
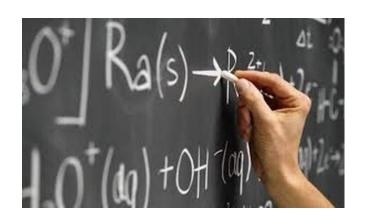
Students can schedule, modify, or cancel appointments easily through our online appointment system.

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
All Services Currently Online

WRITING CENTER

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

Math Center

Dedicated Resource for Learning Mathematics, Services Includes:

- An inclusive learning environment
- Support for all undergraduate math courses
- Develop problem solving skills
- Receive assistance from graduate students, trained undergraduate students, and instructors.

Monday - Thursday: 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
All Services Currently Online
Online tutoring in real-time is available using Discord

MATH CENTER

DISCORD

STEM Resource Center

A learning community that enhances academic and social experiences for UC Merced undergraduates pursuing degrees in science, engineering, and math.

Contact: stemresourcecenter@ucmerced.edu
(209) 228-3037
All Services Currently Online

The STEM Resource Center started offering peer-tutoring for math, science and engineering course for Fall 2020. Attached,

please find the flyer with our ***Zoom link*** and a link to the ***peer-tutors schedule***. Attached is also a pdf version of the schedule. Appointments are not required – students can simply log in to the Zoom link. We strongly recommend that they check the schedule first (as we do not have the capacity to cover all time slots, there are times of the day when tutors are not present).

If you are interested in being a STEM Tutor, and you are declared an engineering major and in good academic standing, please contact Petia Gueorguieva, PDH, Coordinator, STEM Resource Center at: pgueorguieva@ucmerced.edu

Monday to Friday
Find specific peer-tutor schedule at:
https://stemresourcecenter.ucmerced.edu/academic-services

STEM CENTER

Loaner Laptop Program

Office of Undergrad Education: SSB 310

APPLICATION

Social Justice Initiatives & Identity Programs

Let's Chat | Virtual Drop in Hours

Bobcats,

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these uncertain times and that you continue to successfully navigate through your online courses as the end of semester approaches. The Social Justice Initiative & Identity Programs have virtual drop in hours for the rest of the semester! Come and chat with us, if these times do not work, feel free to email us.

SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVES & IDENTITY PROGRAMS

Virtual Campus Tour

The External Relations department has put together this extensive, interactive virtual tour of UC Merced. We hope this experience will keep our campus community and future Bobcats and their families connected to campus. Enjoy!

CAMPUS TOUR

Calm App is Free for UC Merced

Individual and community well-being is essential as we work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic and its significant

impact on our professional and personal lives.
We invite you to explore the Calm features as a resource to practice mindfulness to reduce anxiety and stress, improve sleep and focus, and enhance academic and workplace productivity and performance.

GETTING STARTED

Code Hosting Platform

GitHub is a code hosting platform for version control and collaboration. It lets you and others work together on projects from anywhere. You'll create your own Hello Work repository and learn GitHub's Pull Request workflow, a popular way to create and review code.

GITHUB

UCM: Social Media Platforms

This Webpage is created to encourage you to use social media as a way to connect with UC Merced resources. All students, alumni, faculty, staff, and prospective UC Merced members are welcome to network and to view our resources as well as information addressed to our university community.

SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Marketing Department

Now you can show your Bobcat Pride in your internal and external Zoom meetings by downloading one of these snazzy Top 100 virtual backgrounds.

VIRTUAL BACKGROUNDS

The People's Fridge

The People's Fridge at 936 W. 18th St. Merced will now be open 24/7. Take free produce from the fridge in the green shed. Leave free fruit and vegetables (no meat or dairy donations please) in the fridge in the blue shed. Contact emeyer4@ucmerced.edu for questions.

Back to School Resources

As school gets back in session, we have gathered some of the best K-12 and college-level home-learning resources.

RESOURCES

Resources

Get Involved

At UC Merced, we believe that the students are co-creators of their university experience.
Getting involved at UC Merced is a great way to connect with others, grow personally, and gain skills that will help you in your future career.
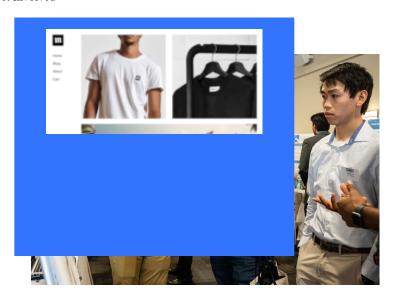
Office of Student Involvement

The Office of Involvement will be hosting some fun virtual events and contest throughout the semester!!! Make sure to join us and your fellow bobcats. Look out for our event flyers and updates on our Instagram @ucmercedosi and our Office of Student Involvement Facebook page. Lets make the best of the situation BOBCATS! #BobcatProud

Engineering Professional Organization

VANGUARD ENGINEERING

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Engineering Service Learning

ENGINEERING SERVICE LEARNING

Citizen Science Research Program

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC) and the Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) just initiated the Citizen Science Research program. This program aims to expand the array of research opportunities available to UC Merced students. The group is an opportunity for students to get early research experience, add an item to their resume/CV, prepare for future research with UCM faculty, connect with UROC Staff, learn about cutting edge applications of their coursework, and expand their peer network.

Interested?
Click here to submit your info so we can update you.

*There is research available in a range of disciplines and is not meant just for STEM majors.

LEARN MORE

Clubs and Organizations

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

12 REASONS TO GET INVOLVED

Greek Life

SOCIAL FRATERNITIES

SOCIAL SORORITIES

PROFESSIONAL FRATERNITIES

Debate Society

Join the very first Dedicated Debate Team at UC Merced!

JOIN THE DEBATE TEAM
Download File

Q Project at UC Merced

The Q Project is an interdisciplinary homegrown organization at UC Merced. Our goal is to create an inclusive diverse space for education and personal advancement for all students no matter their major, sexual orientation, gender, origin, race, or socioeconomic status. We have divisions focusing on cyber security, networks, team management, streaming, student advocacy, and more.

Q PROJECT YOUTUBE CHANNEL
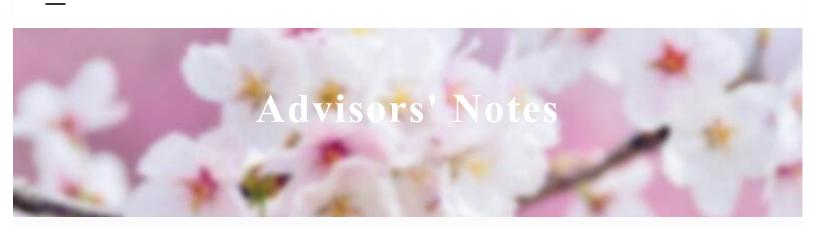
Association for Computing Machinery

ACM is the world's largest educational and scientific computing society, delivers resources that advance computing as a science and a profession. We're just your friendly neighborhood student chapter at UC Merced.

ACM

FACEBOOK GROUP

Advisors' Notes
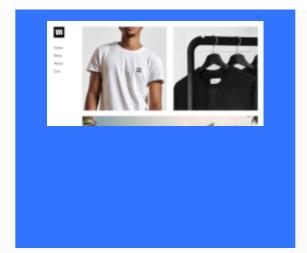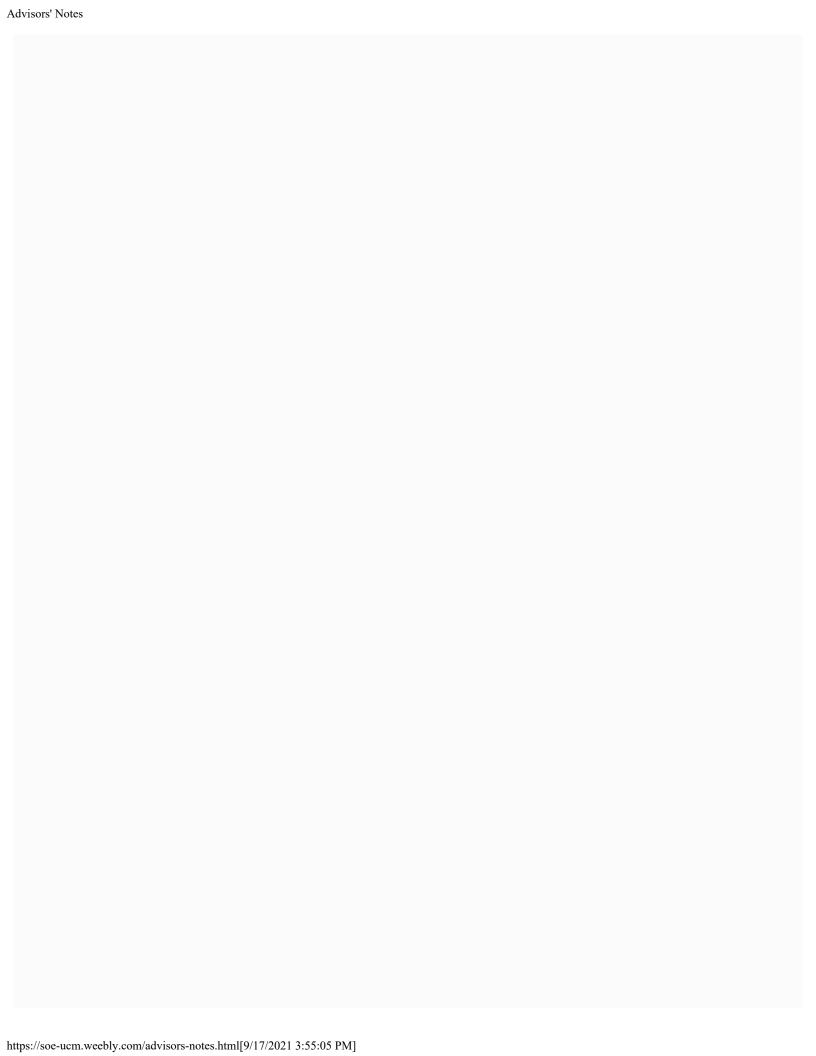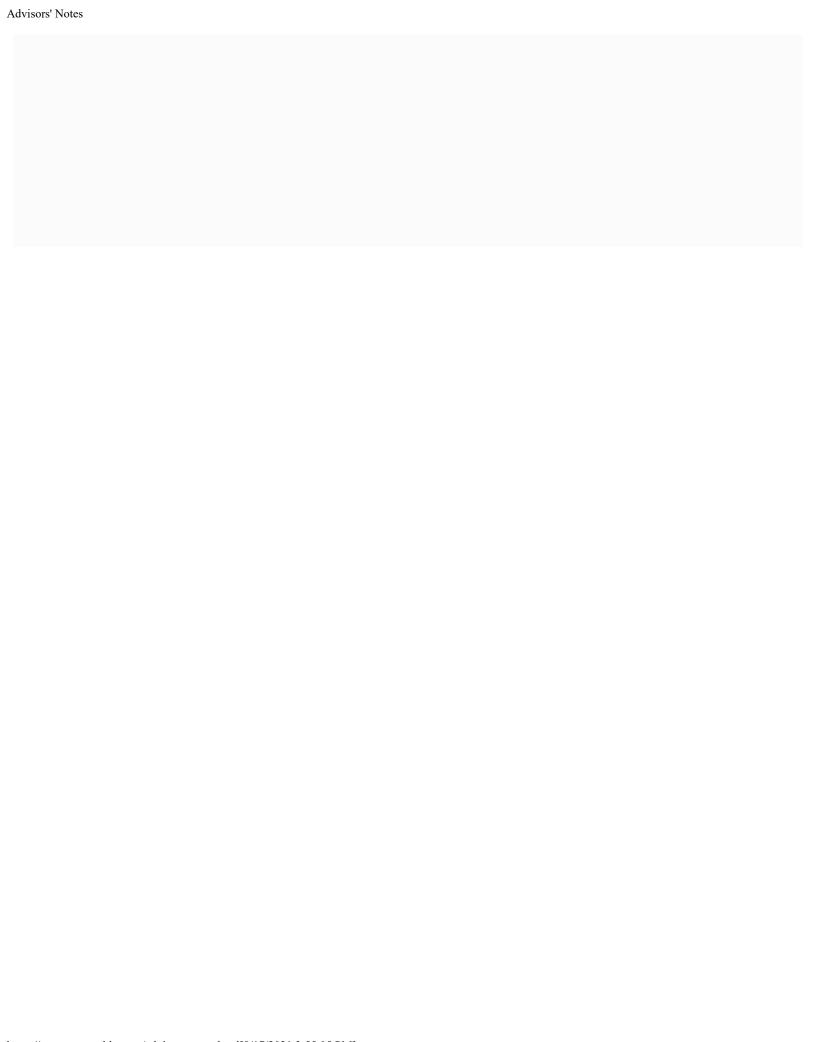
You may visit our School of Engineering Website for Academic Advisors Zoom Walk-In and Appointment Schedules

http://engr-advising.ucmerced.edu/see-my-advisor

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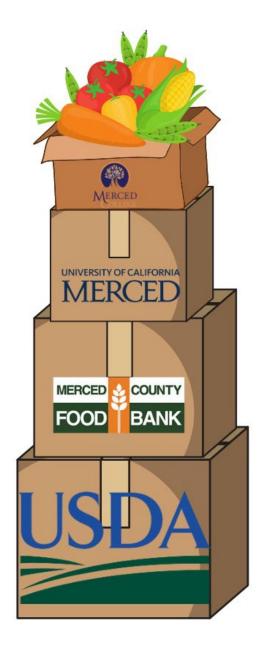
SIGN UP FOR A ONE-ON-ONE ZOOM APPLICATION SESSION WITH A UCM CALFRESH OUTREACH ADVOCATE

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS

CALFRESH APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

USDA Food Distribution

📅 September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
Decemeber 18th

📍 Merced College, Public Safety Complex (Parking Lot 2 - off of G Street)

🕙 10:00 AM - until supplies last

✉ foodpantry@ucmerced.edu

People's Fridge

936 W. 18th St. Merced, CA 95340
Horario: 9 am-5 pm diario

In los Estados Unidos, 1 de cada 8 personas
sufre de inseguridad alimentaria.

En todo el mundo, 40% de los alimentos se desperdician.

GRATIS PARA TODOS!

El Refrigerador del Pueblo es una solución simple. Ayuda
con el problema del desperdicio de alimentos y al mismo
tiempo nos permite ofrecer alimentos gratis a cualquier
persona de la comunidad que tiene necesisdad. Cualquier
persona puede dejar comida y productos frescos, que
esten enteros y sin cortar en el "conjelador de donaciónes"
a lado izquierdo de el cobertizo. No se preocupe, ¡Subimos
la temperatura! Nos aseguramos que todo esta bueno para
comer y luego lo guardamos en el "Refrigerador del
Pueblo" para que cualquiera pueda tomar lo que necesite.
Todo esto logra el doble objetivo de reducir el desperdicio
de alimentos y volver a distribuir estos alimentos a otros
que lo necesitan.

No se necesita prueba de ingresos o documentación para
acceso al refrigerador.

Por favor, use guantes y una máscara.

Preguntas:
(209) 205-8102 / emeyer4@ucmerced.edu

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED

Confidential   Informal

Impartial   Independent

A safe space to talk for any member of the UC Merced community with a university-related concern

TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

Call 209-228-4410

TO EXPLORE OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORUTUNITIES AND OMBUDS SERVICES

Visit ombuds.ucmerced.edu

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDS

UC MERCED

Organizational Ombuds

Trusted Navigators leading the way to just, engaged, and inclusive organizations

WHAT'S AN OMBUDS?

- A person who helps YOU resolve conflicts/concerns
- Assists in exploring and determining options
- Brings systemic concerns to the organization's attention for resolution

WHO DO WE SERVE?

- Students
- Postdoctoral Scholars & Researchers
- Staff
- Faculty
- Parents of UC Merced students
- Members of the public with a university-related concern

OMBUDS ARE HELPFUL

HOW DO WE HELP?

- Listen & Understand Issues From Your

HELPFUL BECAUSE WE...

- Are Confidential
- Stay Impartial
- Work Informally
- Are Independent
- Follow Standards of Practice

Perspective
- Reframe Issues & Help You Evaluate Options
- Coach You To Deal Directly With Other Parties
- Refer You To Appropriate Resolution Channels
- Facilitate/Mediate Informal Resolution Processes
- Identify New Issues/Opportunities For Systemic Change

OMBUDS DO NOT

- Create or Maintain Records/Reports For The Organizations
- Receive Notice For The Organization
- Serve In Roles That Compromise Impartiality
- Make Binding Decisions/Mandate Policies
- Participate In Formal Investigations

COMMON CONCERNS WE HEAR

- Grade Disputes
- Interpersonal Difficulties
- Performance Feedback
- Abusive Conduct/Bullying/Mobbing
- Clarification of Policies/Procedures
- Student & Faculty Relationships
- Pandemic Issues/Concerns
- Harassment/Discrimination
- Respect/Treatment

HOW TO CONTACT US?

Callale Concon, University Ombudsperson
Chanelle Reese, Assistant Ombudsperson
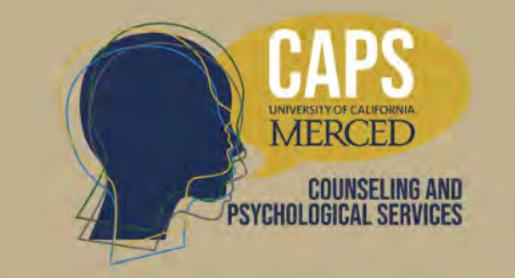
Call for an appointment
Phone: (209) 228-4410
ombuds.ucmerced.edu

Adapted from: *International Ombuds Association*

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WOMEN'S TRAUMA SUPPORT GROUP

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This support group is for women to explore traumatic experiences and develop new ways of coping with the impact that these traumas have had on their lives. This six-week group will provide a confidential space for women to use their strengths and increase skills to move forward in the healing process.

STARTS FEBRUARY 1ST

EVERY MONDAY AT 3:00PM

Call CAPS at (209) 228-4266 for access to virtual meeting location

SLEEP WORKSHOP zZZ

GET A BETTER NIGHT'S SLEEP!

LEARN HOW TO:

- GET MORE RESTFUL SLEEP
- FALL & STAY ASLEEP LONGER
- CHANGE BEHAVIORS THAT GET IN THE WAY OF GETTING A GOOD NIGHT SLEEP

MEETING ID: 829 7078 5024
PASSCODE: 472373

MEETING ID: 873 3744 3227
PASSCODE: 472373

TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 9TH
5PM TO 6PM

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 10TH
5PM TO 6PM

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Facilitated by: Dr. Laurel Eichler

RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

This group is open to all students throughout the semester and provides a confidential space to discuss struggles with alcohol and substance use.

STARTS FEBRUARY 4TH
EVERY THURSDAY AT 1:00PM

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Meeting ID: 861 6439 2255
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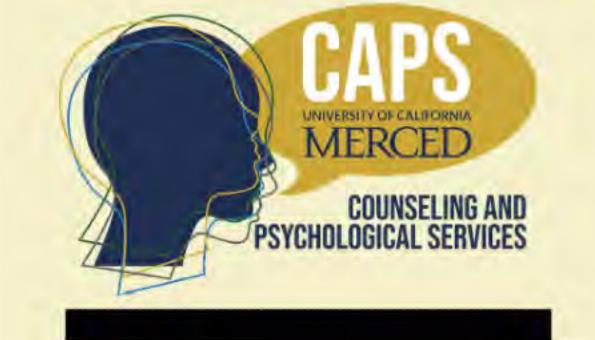
Facilitated by: Dr. William Johnson

MEN'S TRAUMA GROUP

Trauma of all types including interpersonal violence can impact us in a variety of ways. This group will discuss these impacts, without talking about the trauma experienced, and learn about ways to manage them to improve overall functions. Group treatment of trauma provides an opportunity to rebuild trust and decrease isolation for individuals who have experienced trauma.

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PASSCODE:
472373

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STARTING FEBRUARY 4TH

EVERY THURSDAY AT 3:00PM

Zoom Link:
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LGBTQ+ CENTER

A partnership between Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) and the Multicultural and LGBTQ+ Pride Center, offering regular drop-in groups virtually. The CAPS Drop-in Group represents our dedication to the holistic support and development of our campus community. Currently, this service is reserved for UC Merced students who identify within the LGBTQ+ community and/or are questioning their sexual orientation/gender identity.

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CENTER OPENS: FEBRUARY 2ND

Every Tuesday from 11am-12pm

MEETING ID: 816 3435 4346

PASSCODE: 084181

ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81634354346?pwd=UWxnTytVckYvdjhKMExLWmI2SU5MZz09

FACILITATED BY: DR. GABRIEL ZAMUDIO

LATINX SUPPORT GROUP

This support group provides a supportive space focused on providing our Latinx-identified students the ability to connect and have a space to support each other regardless of topic or concerns. This group is open to all Latinx-identified students throughout the semester and will provide a space to process the UC Merced experience as a Latinx student and get support from a Latinx psychologist as well as other student members on an on-going weekly basis.

STARTS FEBRUARY 4TH

EVERY THURSDAY AT 3:00PM

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Facilitated by: Dr. Shao Li

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP

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GROUP BEGINS FEBRUARY 3RD

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY 4PM-5PM

This group will provide information on cultural adjustment as it relates to your experiences, explore the nature of taking care of yourself with others, pursuing academic success, sharing resources, forming your own relationships and community, and coping with stress, sadness, loneliness, and other challenges.
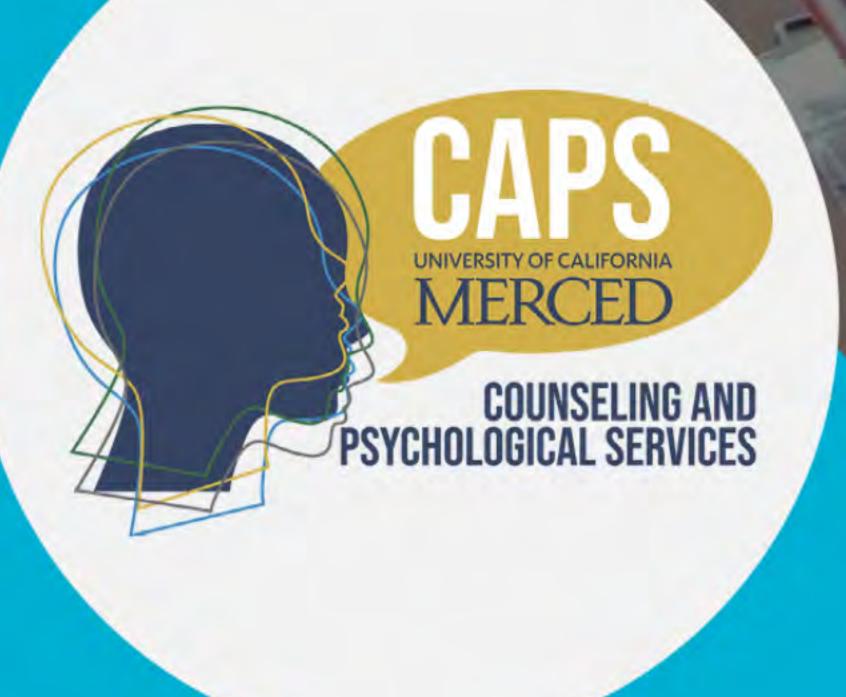
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Group Information:

Meeting ID:
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Passcode:
755592

Facilitated by: Dr. Shao Li

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP

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GROUP OPENS FEBRUARY 4TH

This group is open to graduate students and provides free, confidential space. It is not a therapy group but a safe place to assist in improving your graduate student experience. Feel free to come and talk about whatever is on your mind!

EVERY THURSDAY 4PM-5PM

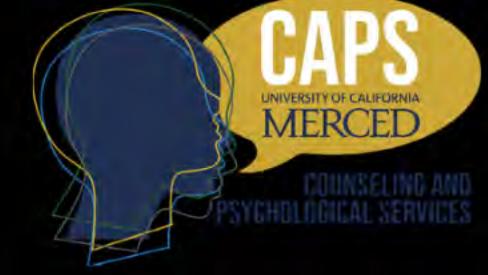Meeting ID: 867 2967 4453

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Facilitated by: Dr. Laurel Eichler

Coping With Grief & Loss?

This group is a support/skill-building group focused on providing support and building skills to cope with grief and loss. This group is open to all students throughout the semester and provides a confidential space to share about grief and loss.

SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS FEBRUARY 2ND

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EVERY TUESDAY AT 1PM

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Zoom link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86525752970?pwd=ZUg5OEQxQUVKR2lwZzR5cVl2VGRrZz09

Hosted by CAPS Clinician Trainee Harvey Zhang

LEARN HOW VIDEO GAMES CAN BE USED AS AN EFFECTIVE COPING TOOL!!

This session will help provide students with the cognitive, emotional, social, and motivational benefits of video games.

JOIN TO LEARN MORE!

FEBRUARY 3RD

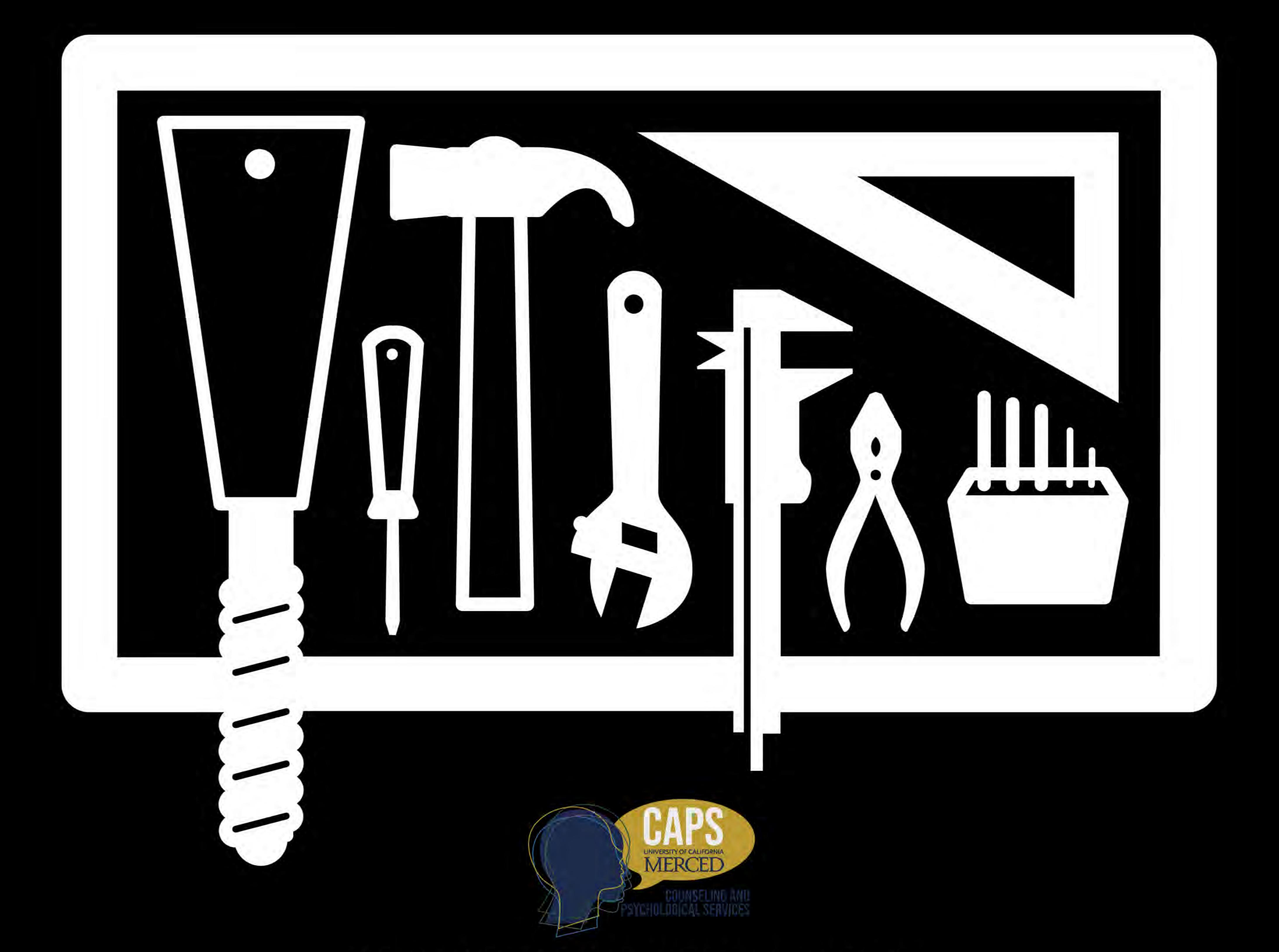Wednesday at 11:00 am

FEBRUARY 4TH

Thursday at 5:00 pm

ZOOM link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6448259489

FACILITATED BY: JULIE RAY, LMFT

ANXIETY TOOLBOX

A GROUP FOCUSED ON BUILDING SKILLS
TO COPE WITH STRESS AND ANXIETY

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GROUP MEETING TIMES:

STARTS FEBRUARY 1ST

**EVERY MONDAY
FROM 1:00-2:00pm**

STARTS FEBRUARY 3RD

**EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 3:00-4:00pm**

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CO-FACILITATED BY: DR. SHAO LI AND HARVEY ZHANG, LMFT

AA/BLACK SCHOLARS SUPPORT GROUP

IN THE EFFORT AND COMMITMENT TO HOLISTIC SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AND BLACK SCHOLARS COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS, COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS) WILL OFFER REGULAR DROP-IN GROUPS VIRTUALLY THIS FALL SEMESTER. THIS GROUP WILL EXPLORE AND DISCUSS THE EMOTIONAL HEALTH, SOCIAL HEALTH, ROLE EXPECTATIONS, RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS, AND SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BLACK AND AFRICAN DIASPORA COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS WHILE FACING THE CHALLENGES OF ANTI-BLACKNESS/RACISM.

GROUP OPENS FEBRUARY 2ND

MONDAY'S FROM 11AM-12PM

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MEETING PASSCODE: 093418

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Interested in research but not able to be on campus?
Would you like to connect with others?

Citizen Science Research

Community

The Division of Undergraduate Education (DUE) and the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC) staff are interested in supporting a Citizen Science Research community for UC Merced students.

citizen·science·research | *noun*
: work undertaken by members of the general public, often in collaboration with or under the direction of professional researchers and institutions.

- Select a project to work on alone or with others
- Provide updates during group meetings
- Network with faculty and staff to learn more

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Hello I am Payton Fong,

 I recently established the **Debate Society at UC Merced**. I'm very passionate about debate, and I want to get more people who are interested to join! The Debate Society is the first dedicated debate team for UC Merced, we hope to compete in parliamentary debate on the state and national circuit.

Our first meeting will be on ***October 17th at 7:00 pm*** in ***Kolligian Library 360***. Snacks will be provided!

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain more experience in research, case-building, and public speaking. This is also an amazing activity to put on your resume!

If you have any questions, please email us at **DebateSocietyUCM@gmail.com** or give us a call at (650) 823 - 7627. President, Payton Fong, can be reached at **pfong2@ucmerced.edu.** Hope to see you there!