

# SSHA Update

School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts  
Academic Advising Newsletter

## Ready to Jump-Start Your Third Year

### **Attention Class of 2017!**

Students in the entering freshmen class of 2013 will be required to meet with an academic advisor within their current School during their fourth semester at UC Merced (for some of you this may be your fifth). We hope that this will give you a jump-start on your third year by facilitating progress in your degree!

Jump-Start Your Third Year begins:  
February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Reminder: Your ability to make changes to your Summer 2015 schedule and to register for Fall 2015 will be affected if you do not meet with your advisor.

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**SSHA Advising – COB 208**

**Open: 9am-12pm; 1-4pm**

**Walk-In Advising Hours**

**REGULAR HOURS**

**February 2 – March 6**

**Mon-Thurs: 10am-12pm; 1-4pm**

**Friday: Closed**

## Semester-at-a-Glance: Spring 2015

- **February 2** – Last day to change grading option
- **February 9** – Last day to add/drop courses and submit major and minor changes
- **February 16** – President’s Day Holiday – Offices closed
- **February 23** – Summer registration opens for continuing students
- **March 2** – Priority deadline to submit 2015-2016 FAFSA and Continuing Student Scholarship ([financialaid.ucmerced.edu](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu))
- **March 17** – Mid-semester grades online after 12:00pm
- **March 23-26** – Spring Recess
- **March 27** – Cesar Chavez Holiday – Offices closed
- **April 6** – Fall 2015 Continuing Students Registration by Appointment ([my.ucmerced.edu](http://my.ucmerced.edu))
- **April 7** – Last day to withdraw from a course (will receive a “W” on transcripts)

\*Last day to Submit Commencement Participation for Spring 2015 – Please refer to [commencement.ucmerced.edu](http://commencement.ucmerced.edu)

### Spring 2015 Graduation Application

If you are a senior planning to graduate, you will need to complete the Graduation Application for the term in which you will complete your degree requirements. Participation in the Commencement Ceremony requires a separate application.

Finishing in Spring? >>> Apply online **September 16 – February 15**

Finishing in Summer? >>> Apply online **September 16 – June 15**

Finishing in Fall? >>> Apply online **February 16 – September 15**

Students who wish to participate in the Spring 2015 Commencement Ceremony must have an active graduation application and submit a [commencement application](http://commencement.ucmerced.edu) before March 13.

# Center for Career and Professional Advancement

Website: [hire.ucmerced.edu](http://hire.ucmerced.edu)

Location: SSB 230

Upcoming Events:

**E & J Gallo Winery Info Session:**

Location: SSB 250

Date: February 11, 2015

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Learn about the Chemistry of Taste

**Networking & Etiquette Dinner:**

Location: California Room

Date: February 25, 2015

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Spaces are Limited.

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# Calvin E. Bright Success Center

Website: [learning.ucmerced.edu](http://learning.ucmerced.edu)

Location: KL 222

Upcoming Events:

**Help! I'm Already Behind on my Reading!**

Location: Alpine Room

Date: February 4, 2015

Time: 5:00pm – 5:50pm

Learn a reading method that will make you feel productive, effective, and in control.

**Academic Motivation:**

Location: Alpine Room

Date: February 12, 2015

Time: 4:00pm – 4:50pm

Join us for an uplifting session where you will explore and further define your motivation for succeeding.

# Connect with us!

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**How should I contact my SSHA Advisor?**

Choose one method and stick to it - either email only or come to our walk-in advising hours.

**Do SSHA Advisors make advising appointments?**

No, but we have ample walk-in hours to most efficiently serve our students. During peak advising times, we extend our walk-in hours!

**Where can I find SSHA Advisors?**

You can access SSHA Advising walk-in hours by checking into COB 208 during the hours listed on our website.

**Where do I turn in forms?**

All forms should be turned in to COB 208 during 9am-12pm and 1-4pm. All forms, if necessary, will be available for pickup in COB 259.