New Student Orientation
Summer 2016
Orientation Learning Outcomes

- **Advising Services** - services; assignments; location; website; office procedures
- **Academic Success** - understand study times; faculty expectations; high school vs. college
- **Development** - be aware of School resources
- **Degree planning** - introduction to MyAudit; understand policies; unit load; course sequencing/timing
- **Registration** - How to; know errors; understand schedule of classes
Academic Planning
Plan to succeed!

Personal Growth
Discover your strengths!

Professional Development
Apply yourself!
Academic Planning

Plan to succeed!
Academic Planning: It’s Who You Know...
SSHA Academic Advising Staff

Marsha Bond-Nelson
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Academic Planning: It’s Who You Know...
SSHA Student Staff

Student Assistants
Paolina Beltran
Desiree Garcia
Tejveer (TJ) Muhar
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Support in the following:
• Collect SSHA Advising forms
• Direct students to appropriate resources on campus
• Check-in students to see an academic advisor and peer mentors
• Friendly smile 😊
SSHA Peer Mentor Program:
The Peer Mentors will provide guidance and insight for a wide variety of subjects including, but not limited to:

• Answering registration questions
• Semester planning
• Understanding Major and Minor requirements
• Reading your MyAudit
• Filling out forms
• Knowing important dates and deadlines
• Finding useful and relevant campus resources
• Assisting with the transition from high school to college

SSHA Peer Mentors
Joselyn Lopez
Viviana Martinez
Ismael Nuñez
Carmel Peichoto
Academic Planning: How We Can Help

Advisors help with:
- Degree planning
- Course selection
- Policies
- Special circumstances

SSHA student advice #1:

“For your Spring registration, you should seek advising after the schedule comes out in October”
Academic Planning: How to Get Assistance

**STEP 1 → Research**
- Utilize academic resources
  - SSHA Advising Website
  - MyAudit
  - Course Schedule

**STEP 2 → Personalize and Plan**
- Prepare your course options
- Identify academic concerns
- Explore major/minor options
- Make decisions about the upcoming semester

**STEP 3 → Meet With an Advisor**
- Items to bring to the meeting: current copy of MyAudit (printed within 24 hours of visit) and choice of courses
- Advisors help with course selection, not creating schedules
SSHA Advising website: [http://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu](http://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu)

- Location, Walk-in Hours, Important Dates
- Policies
- Major, Minor and requirements

Registrar’s website: [http://registrar.ucmerced.edu](http://registrar.ucmerced.edu)

**SSHA student advice #2:**

“Use these resources to plan prior to seeking advising”
Communication with SSHA Staff

When emailing your advisor always include the following in your message:

1. **Include a subject**
   - Good morning SSHA advising,
   - My name is Rufus Bobcat (100200300) and I am a Psychology major. I can’t register for PSY 1 because it conflicts with WRI 1, is there an alternative? I hope to speak to you soon, thank you.
   - Sincerely,
   - Rufus Bobcat
   - rbobcat@ucmerced.edu
   - Student ID: 100200300

2. **Include your full name, student ID number, and currently declared major**

3. **Include a detailed message. If inquiring about a specific course, include course number**

4. **Make sure to email us from your official ucmerced.edu email account**

   Include: 
   - Communication with SSHA Staff
   - ssha.advising@ucmerced.edu
SSHA Advising Office is located in the Classroom and Office Building (COB) – Room 204

- Walk-In Advising hours available 4-5 times a week
- Available through Email
Personal Growth
Discover your strengths!
Personal Growth: Academic Support

- **Professors / Teaching Assistants**
  - Get help with assignments/exams
  - Expert advice about careers/research in their field
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Research opportunities
  - Internships and support on job interviews

- **Free tutoring in 20+ subjects**

- **Library – Research consultations and study areas**

- **Study Skills and Academic Success workshops**

- **SSHA Peer Mentors**

- **SSHA student advice #3:**
  "If one resource doesn’t work, find an alternative; there is always a solution!"
Research
http://ssha.ucmerced.edu/research

Engineering Service Learning
http://engineering.servicearning.ucmerced.edu

Internships
Sacramento Center (UCCS)
http://hire.ucmerced.edu

Washington Center (UCDC)
http://ucdc.ucmerced.edu

Co-curricular Opportunities

Blum Center
http://blumcenter.ucmerced.edu
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center (UROC)
http://uroc.ucmerced.edu

Study Abroad
http://studyabroad.ucmerced.edu

Professional / Academic / Social Organizations
http://studentlife.ucmerced.edu

Accelerated Pathway of Study

3 Year Pathways for Political Science and Management and Business Economics majors

Preparing for Health Careers (Pre-Health Advising)

• Assist in course selection
• Guidance in becoming a competitive applicant
• Info workshops every semester required before making an appointment
• Pre-Health Sample Plans available!
Sign up at http://prehealth.ucmerced.edu
More info contact: prehealth@ucmerced.edu

Personal Growth: Co-curricular Opportunities
Undergraduate Studies (USTU)

- Intro to Undergraduate Studies (USTU 010) focuses on navigating campus life and strategies for effective learning.
- Reflective writings and engaging activities promote self-empowerment and academic success.
- USTU 010 is led by Student Affairs professionals and successful students.
- Students who take USTU 010 are more successful in school and life.
- It’s only 1 unit – take in Fall 2016 or Spring 2017
SSHA Advising gets Social!

SSHA Update

- Bi-weekly Advising Newsletter with information on deadlines, changes, scholarships, research opportunities, and more!
- Emailed to you and can also be found on the SSHA advising website
Like and/or add us for updates, deadlines, upcoming events and opportunities!
Professional Development

Apply yourself!
Purpose of CCPA

**Student Professional Development:** Résumé, Cover Letter, Curriculum Vitae, Interview Prep, Conference/Career-Fair Prep, Professional Etiquette

**Strategic Career Planning:** Career Assessments, Career Development Plan, On-and Off-Campus Jobs, Internships, Graduate School Preparation

**Workshops, Info Sessions, and Events:** Career and Internship Fair, Graduate School Fair, Gallo Winery Info Session, PlayStation Info Session, Networking and Etiquette Dinner, Elevator Pitch Competition

**Proactive & Student-Oriented:** Centered on Student Competitiveness and helping advance **YOU** to the next step
Center for Career & Professional Advancement
Student Services Building 230

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Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/hireucmerced/
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/in/uc-merced-career-center-24814551
Twitter: https://twitter.com/HireUCMerced

CCPA Representatives will be at the Resource Fair
Time for a quick stretch/bathroom break!
Next up: Registration!
Take a 5 minute break