New Student Orientation
Spring 2017
Orientation Learning Outcomes

**Advising Services** - services; assignments; location; website; office procedures

**Academic Success** - faculty expectations; understand differences between community college and the university

**Development** - be aware of School resources

**Degree planning** - introduction to MyAudit; understand policies; unit load; course sequencing/timing
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

Brenda Maldonado-Rosas
Academic Advisor

Armando Contreras
Academic Advisor

Cristina Esquivel
Academic Advisor

Danielle Quiroga
Academic Advisor
Student Assistants 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 assist freshmen and sophomores and will provide guidance and insight for a wide variety of subjects including, but not limited to:

- Answering registration questions
- Semester planning
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”
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 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:

- Include a subject
- Include your full name, student ID number, and currently declared major
- Include a detailed message. If inquiring about a specific course, include course number
- Make sure to email us from your official ucmerced.edu email account
Academic Planning: How We Can Help

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

- SSHA Peer Mentors

- Study Skills and Academic Success workshops

SSHA student advice #3: “If one resource doesn’t work, find an alternative; there is always a solution!”
Personal Growth: Co-curricular Opportunities

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

Research
http://ssha.ucmerced.edu/research

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

Study Abroad
http://studyabroad.ucmerced.edu

Co-curricular Opportunities

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

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
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
SSHA Advising gets Social!

Like and/or add us for updates, deadlines, upcoming events and opportunities!

ssha.advising@ucmerced.edu
Email us for answers to quick questions

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@sSHAAdvising

@SSHA.Advising
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
Downloadable on our website!
Center for Career & Professional Advancement
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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
Degree Requirements and SSHA Programs
SSHA Majors

Anthropology, B.A.
Cognitive Science, B.A. & B.S.
Global Arts Studies Program, B.A. (not available to Transfer students)
Economics, B.A.
English, B.A.
History, B.A.
Management and Business Economics, B.S.
Political Science, B.A.
Psychology, B.A.
Public Health, B.A.
Sociology, B.A.
Spanish, B.A.
SSHA Minors

American Studies  Management and Business Economics
Anthropology  Political Science
Arts  Psychology
Chicano/a Studies  Interdisciplinary Public Health
Cognitive Science  Service Science
Community Research and Service  Sociology
Economics  Spanish
English  Writing
History
Change of Major/Minor Policy

• Students are not permitted to change majors or add a minor(s) until their second semester
• Students must have a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or higher
• Transfer students who wish to change their major to Natural Science or Engineering must meet the major admission criteria at the time they start UC Merced
  • If you are thinking of changing your major, please speak to an advisor today
• Must fill out a Change of Major or Change of Minor form to be approved by the Dean of the School to which the major or minor is housed in
# Degree Requirements

## UC Merced Requirements

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## Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) Requirements

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<td>• Two Natural Science / Engineering Introductory Courses with or without Laboratory, Field or Studio</td>
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Enrollment Requirements

- **Full-time status:** 12 units
  - We suggest students enroll in 15-16 units each semester (4 courses)

- **Minimum progress:** Students must complete at least 24 units each academic year

- **Normal Progress:** Students are expected to complete their degree within 4 years (8 terms)
Using SSHA Advising Website