







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!



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Academic Planning: It's Who You Know... SSHA Academic Advising Staff

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Academic Planning: It's Who You Know... SSHA Student Staff

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 ©





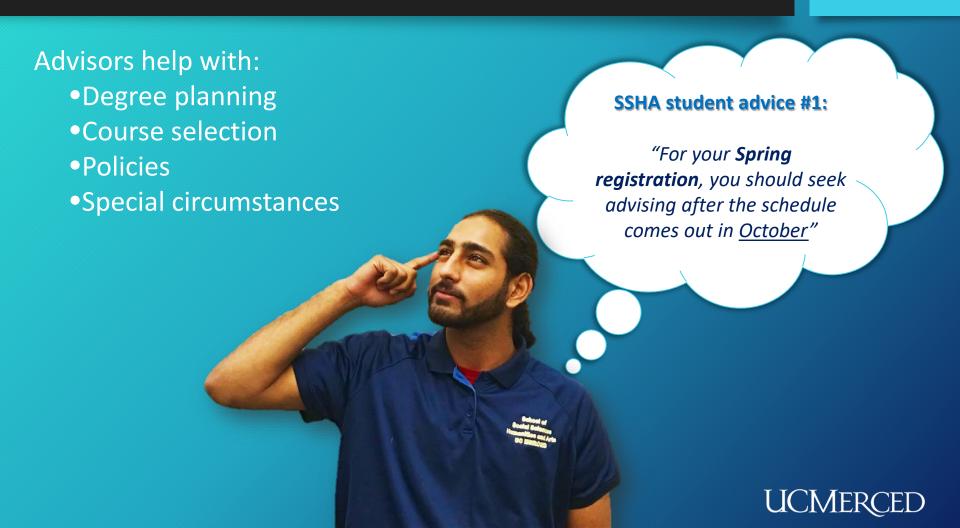
SSHA Peer Mentor Program:

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



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 and choice of courses
- Advisors help with course selection, not creating schedules



Academic Planning: It's what you know

SSHA Advising website: http://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu

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

Registrar's website:

http://registrar.ucmerced.edu



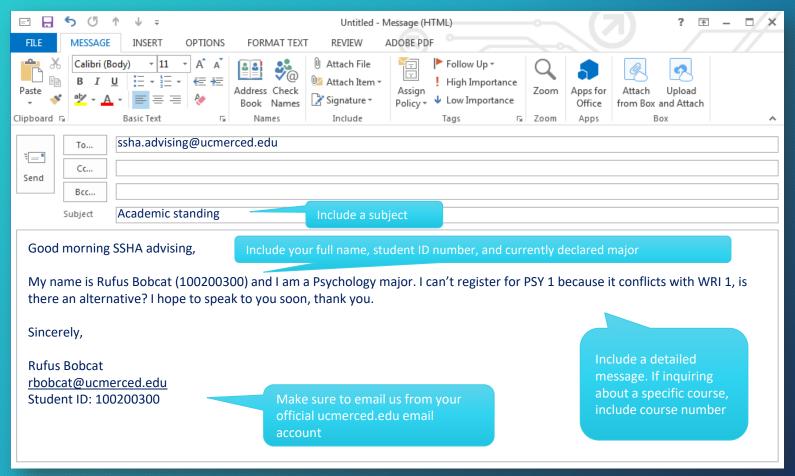
SSHA student advice #2:

"Use these resources to plan prior to seeking advising"



Communication with SSHA Staff

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



Academic Planning: How We Can Help

SSHA Advising Office is located in the Classroom and Office Building (COB) – Room 204

Walk-In Advising hours available4-5 times a week

Available through Email



Classroom Building

School of Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts

Personal Growth Discover your strengths!



Personal Growth: Academic Support

Professors /
Teaching
Assistants

Free tutoring

in 20+

subjects

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

Academic Support Library –
Research
consultations
and study areas

"If one resource doesn't work, find an

alternative; there is always a solution!" Study Skills and Academic Success workshops

SSHA Peer Mentors



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Personal Growth: Co-curricular Opportunities

Blum Center

<u> http://blumcenter.ucmerced.edu</u>

Undergraduate Research
Opportunities Center (UROC)

http://uroc.ucmerced.edu

Research

http://ssha.ucmerced.edu/research





Study Abroad

http://studyabroad.ucmerced.edu



Co-curricular Opportunities

Internships

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



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



Professional / Academic / Social Organizations

http://studentlife.ucmerced.edu



Preparing for Health Careers (Pre-Health Advising)

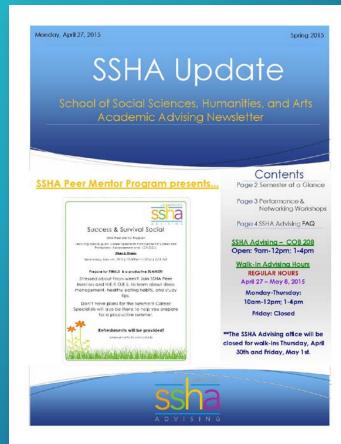
- Assist in course selection
- Guidance in becoming a competitive applicant
- Info workshops every semester required before making an appointment
- Pre-Health Sample Plans available!

Sign up at http://prehealth.ucmerced.edu
More info contact: prehealth@ucmerced.edu

SSHA 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





SSHA Advising gets Social!



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











Professional Development Apply yourself!

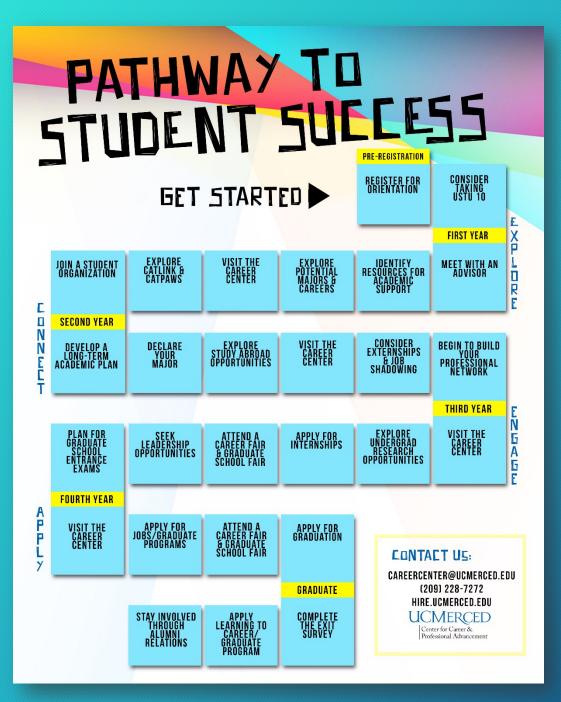
Purpose of CCPA

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 <u>advance</u> **YOU** to the next step



Downloadable on our website!



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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

Anthropology

Arts

Chicano/a Studies

Cognitive Science

Community Research and Service

Economics

English

History

Management and Business Economics

Political Science

Psychology

Interdisciplinary Public Health

Service Science

Sociology

Spanish

Writing



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 <u>Change of Major</u> or <u>Change of Minor</u> form to be approved by the Dean of the School to which the major or minor is housed in

Degree Requirements

| Degree Requirements | Freshmen Students | Transfer Students |
|---|---|--|
| UC Merced Requirements | WRI 1 (ELWR) – must complete by end of second term WRI 10 American History & Institutions CORE 1 | WRI 1 (ELWR) WRI 10 American History & Institutions (This is usually satisfied for Transfer who graduate from a CA high school or completed an approved History course at the last institution attended) |
| Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) Requirements | Two Natural Science / Engineering Introductory Courses with or without Laboratory, Field or Studio Mathematical / Quantitative Reasoning Course Humanities, Arts or Foreign Language Course (Outside-major) Social Science Course (Outside major) Four non-major upper division General Education Courses (Outside Major) | IGETC SSHA Foundations Four non-major upper division General Education Courses (Outside Major) |
| Major Requirements | Varies by major | Varies by major |

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

