



School of Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts

Fall 2023 Open House



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Destiny Dias

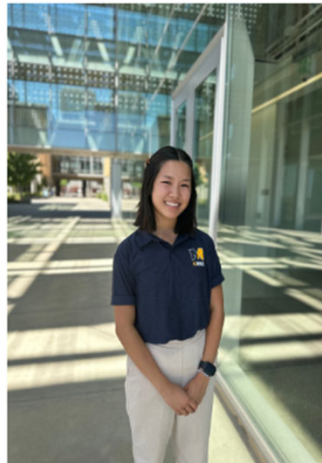


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SSHA Peer Navigators



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SSHA Open House Agenda

If anything...

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA)

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) Advising

Degree Requirements

Advisee Responsibilities

Jump Start Your Third Year! (JS3)

If anything, please make sure to remember. . .

- If you ever have a question and do not know who to ask, please contact a Peer Navigator or SSHA Academic Advisor
 - We will work to connect you to the appropriate resources to get your questions answered

- Advisee (aka your) responsibilities
 - Check Email
 - Provide student ID number
 - Ask for help
 - Strategize Progress towards degree
 - Get to know your campus

- Jump Start Your Third Year Mandatory meeting!



School of Social Sciences, Humanities & Arts (SSHA)



SSHA Majors & Minors

Majors

Anthropology, B.A.
Cognitive Science, B.A. & B.S.
Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, B.A.
Global Arts Studies Program, B.A.
Economics, B.A. & B.S.
Literatures in English, B.A.
History, B.A.
Management and Business Economics, B.S.
Philosophy, B.A.
Political Science, B.A.
Psychology, B.A.
Public Health, B.A.
Sociology, B.A.
Spanish, B.A.
Writing Studies, B.A.

Global Arts Studies emphasis options:

- 1) Performance Studies emphasis
- 2) Visual Studies emphasis

Economics, B.S. emphasis options:

- 1) Economic Analysis & Policy emphasis
- 2) Quantitative Economics emphasis

Literatures in English B.A.:

- 1) Lit In English, Lit and Social Justice emphasis
- 2) Lit In English, Lit and the Environment emphasis

Minors

American Studies
Anthropology
Chicano/a Studies
Cognitive Science
Community Research and Service
Economics
English
Geospatial Technology
Global Arts Studies
History
Management and Business Economics
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Interdisciplinary Public Health
Sociology
Spanish
Writing Studies



SSHA Academic Advising



**SSHA
ACADEMIC
ADVISING**



SSHA Academic Advising

Mission

In keeping with UC Merced Academic Advising's mission, the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) advising program strives to empower students to develop sound educational plans that are consistent with their personal values, goals and career plans, and provide a supportive atmosphere that guides students toward becoming self-directed learners and decision-makers.

SSHA Academic Advisor Support

- Interpret university and school policies, regulations, programs and procedures.
- Academic planning and course selection for current and upcoming semesters.
- Assistance in choosing or changing a major/minor.
- Advice and planning during times of academic difficulty.
- Referrals to college or community resources.



SSHA Peer Navigators

Mission

The Peer Navigator program will provide all continuing and SSHA Transfer students support and guidance throughout their academic career. This program will serve as an essential part of the School of SSHA, designed to promote student success and support retention of SSHA continuing students by providing exclusive peer support that will enhance academic development.

The Peer Navigator will assist and provide insight for all students with a wide variety of needs, but not limited to:

- Completing of mandatory meetings
- Understanding Major and Minor requirements
- Assistance with semester planning
- Reading MyDegreePath Audits
- Filling out university and school petitions
- Knowing where to find and understand university dates and deadlines
- Finding useful campus resources that further support personal and academic success
- Assist with transition from the Bobcat Advising Center and/or the Community College

Academic Planning: How We Can Help

Our Academic Advising Staff help with:

- Degree planning
- Course selection
- Policies
 - University and School
- Special circumstances

SSHA student advice #1:

*"For your **Spring** registration, you should seek advising after the schedule comes out. The Spring 2024 schedule is now live on October 2nd, 2023."*



Academic Planning: How to Get Assistance

STEP 1 → Research

- ❑ Utilize academic resources
 - SSHA Academic Advising Website
 - MyDegreePath
 - 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 → Request Peer Navigator or Academic Advisor's Assistance

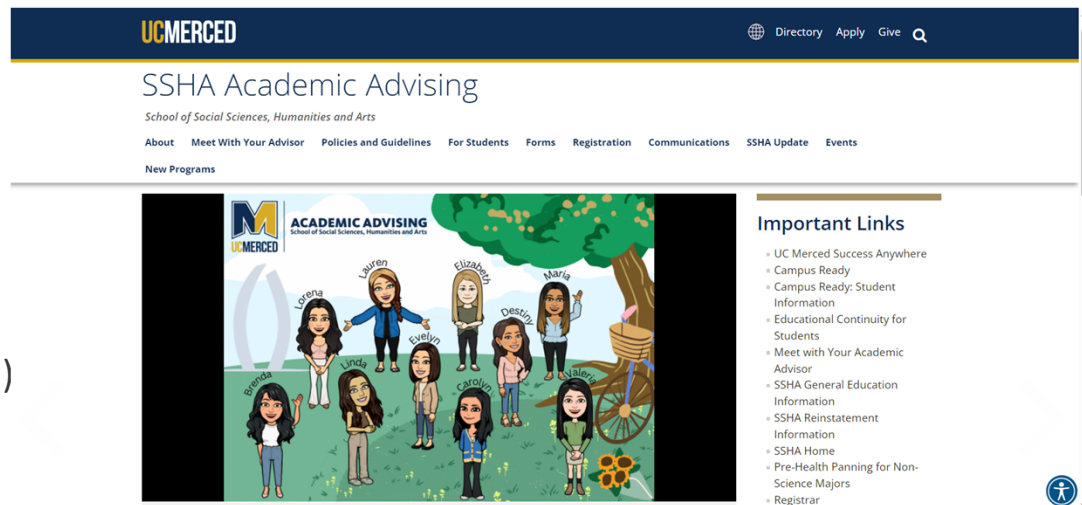
- ❑ Schedule an appointment;
- ❑ Visit walk-in hours;
- ❑ Send detailed email with inquiry/request





SSHA Academic Advising Website

- Location, Walk-In hours & Appointment Availability, Important Dates
- Policies
- Forms (General Petitions, Course Repeats, etc.)
- Mandatory Meeting Information
- Major, Minor & GE Requirements



SSHA student advice #2:
*“Use these resources to **plan** prior to seeking academic advising”*



<http://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu>

Communication

- ❑ Email is often the only way important information is distributed from your Academic Advisors & Peer Navigators
- ❑ Due to privacy regulations, your Academic Advisor will communicate solely through the University email account assigned to you (@ucmerced.edu)
- ❑ Students emailing their Academic Advisor should expect a response within 7-10 business days



Communication with SSHA Academic Advising Staff

The screenshot shows an email client interface with the following components and callouts:

- Toolbar:** FILE, MESSAGE, INSERT, OPTIONS, FORMAT TEXT, REVIEW, ADOBE PDF. Includes icons for Paste, Bold, Italic, Underline, text color, background color, bulleted list, numbered list, indent, outdent, link, unlink, Attach File, Attach Item, Signature, Follow Up, High Importance, Low Importance, Zoom, Apps for Office, Attach from Box, and Upload and Attach.
- Address Fields:** To... (ssha.advising@ucmerced.edu), Cc..., Bcc...
 - Callout: "Email using your UC Merced account" points to the To... field.
- Subject:** Academic standing
 - Callout: "Include a subject" points to the Subject field.
- Body:**
 - Text: "Good morning SSHA Advising,"
 - Callout: "Include your full name, student ID number, and currently declared major" points to the opening line.
 - Text: "My name is Rufus Bobcat (100200300) and I am a Psychology major. I can't register for PSY 015 because it conflicts with WRI 101, is there an alternative? I hope to speak to you soon, thank you."
 - Text: "Sincerely,"
 - Text: "Rufus Bobcat", "rbobcat@ucmerced.edu", "Student ID: 100200300"
 - Callout: "Include a detailed message. If inquiring about a specific course, include course number" points to the body text.

Meet With Your Peer Navigator

Walk-In Hours

- ❑ Walk-In Hours are held for a specific amount of time every week; days and times will always be posted on the walk-in hours page of the SSHA Academic Advising website.
- ❑ Peer Navigators are currently available for in-person walk-in hours

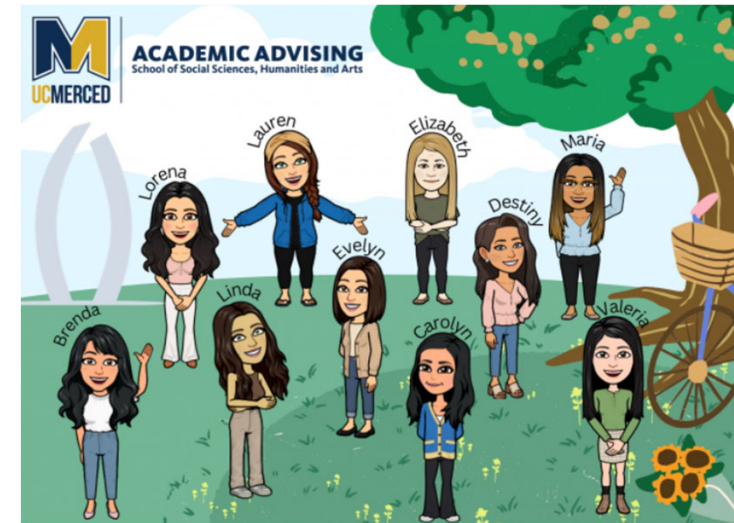


Scan QR Code above to see
Peer Navigator Walk-In
Availability!

Meet With Your Academic Advisor

Walk-In Hours

- Walk-in hours are held for a specific amount of time every week; days and times will always be posted on the walk-in hours page of the SSHA Academic Advising website
- There are times in the semester when we operate on walk-ins only and no appointments
- **Virtual and In-Person Walk-Ins Available**

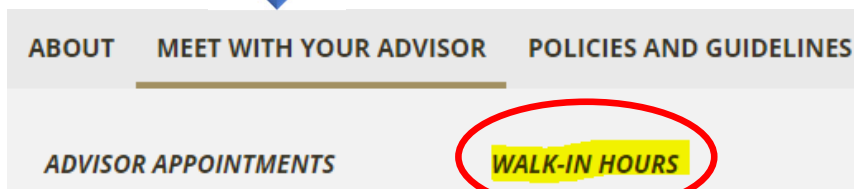


Appointments

- Appointments are available most times of the semester; requests for appointments are scheduled on-line by clicking on the advisor appointments page
- Appointments cannot be made more than 2 weeks in advance
- No Call/No Show or Late-Show
 - *Per SSHA policy, after two no-shows, you will not be able to schedule an appointment for the remainder of the semester*
- **Virtual and In-Person Appointments Available**



SSHA Academic Advising Walk-In Hours



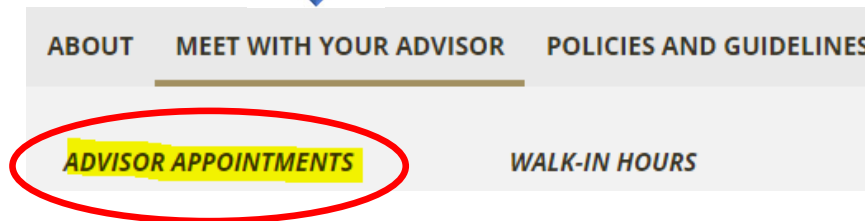
<https://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/meet-your-advisor/walk-in-hours>

***Webpage is updated weekly or as needed**

Scan QR Code to see
Academic Advisor
Walk-In Availability!



SSHA Academic Advising Appointments



<https://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/meet-your-advisor/advisor-appointments>



Scan QR Code to see
the Academic Advisor
Appointments page!

Important Information to Remember

- **Want to enroll in 20 units in the next semester?**
 - Submit a Petition for Excess Units webform *at least* 3 weeks before your assigned registration time



Criteria for a Petition of Excess Units:

- Must have a minimum 3.0 overall/cumulative GPA **OR** 3.3 GPA in their last completed term (not including summer)

- **Need to attempt a course in which a D/F/NP was earned for a second time?**
 - A course repeat request form is no longer required for students trying to complete a course for a 2nd time. You may register for the repeat of the course via the MyRegistration

- **Need to attempt a course in which a D/F/NP was earned for a third or subsequent time?**
 - Submit a Subsequent Course Repeat webform *at least* 3 weeks before your assigned registration time
 - Subsequent course repeats should be submitted to the School in which the course is housed
 - *For example, PSY 001 is a SSHA course, therefore, you would submit the subsequent repeat form through SSHA. On the other hand, if you are requesting a subsequent repeat of MATH 005 then, then you would submit a subsequent repeat form through School of Natural Sciences*

Scan QR Code to
find the webforms
discussed above!





Join Us on Social Media!



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



SSHA Degree Requirements



Progress to Degree

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

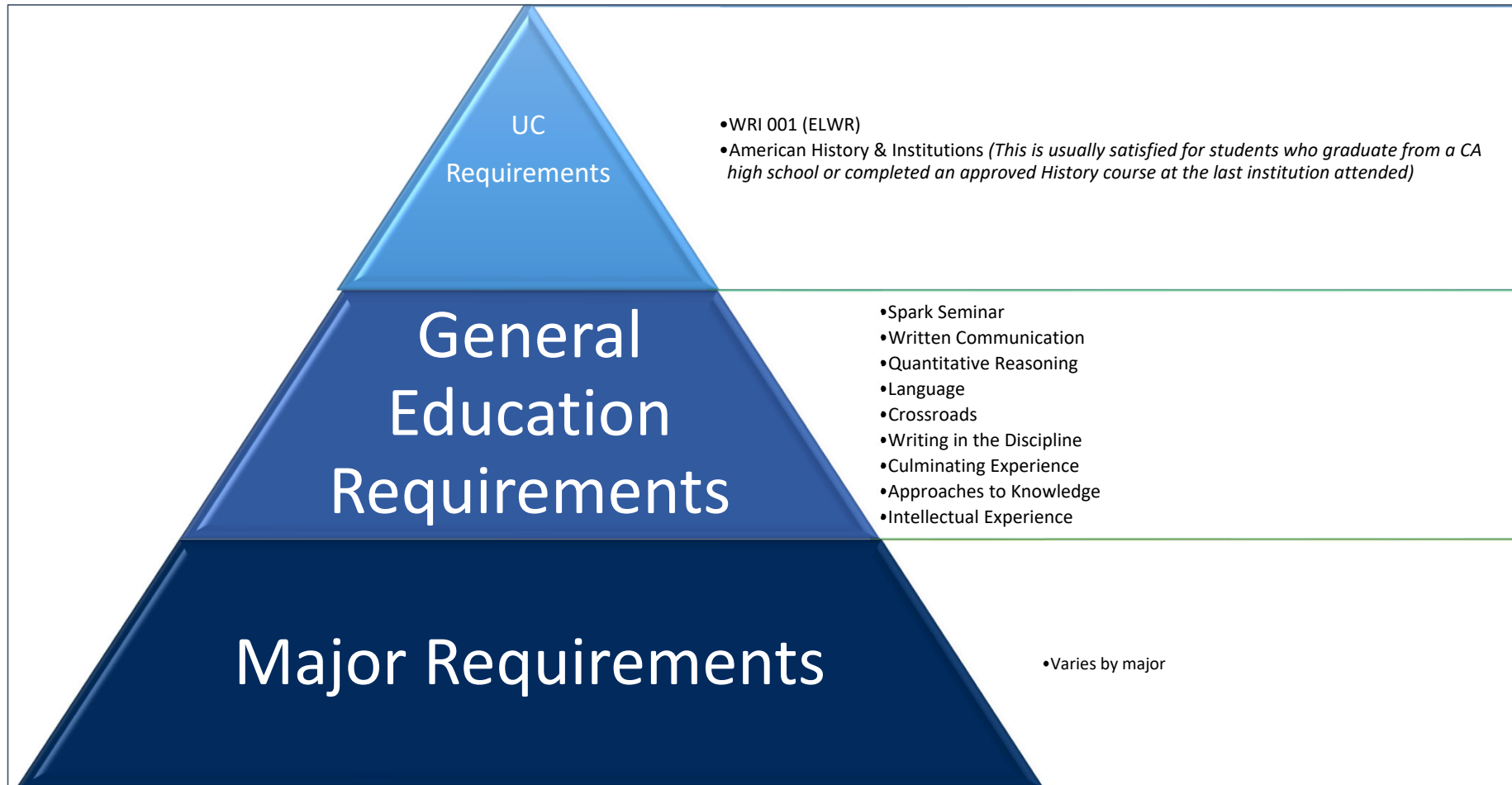
SSHA DEGREES

- SSHA degree requirements are 120 semester units

NORMAL PROGRESS POLICY

- Must complete degree requirements within **4 ½ years / 9 semesters**
- Enrollment beyond **4 ½ years/9 semesters** requires a petition

SSHA Degree Requirements





Minimum Grade Policy

Prerequisites
C- or better

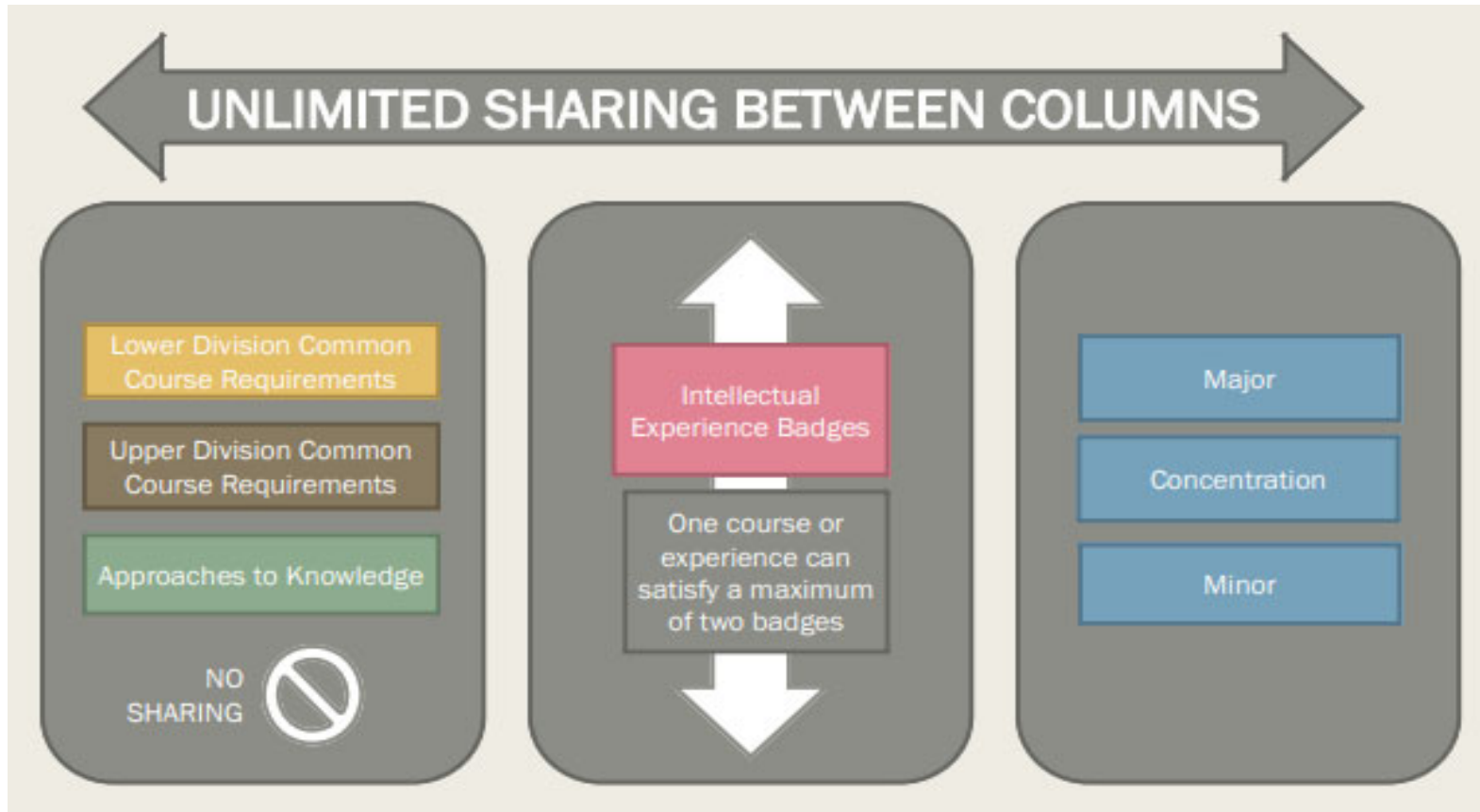
Major/Minor
course
requirements
C- or better

GE
requirements
C- or better

Courses must
be repeated if
minimum
grade is not
earned

2.0 GPA in
all
major/minor
course
work

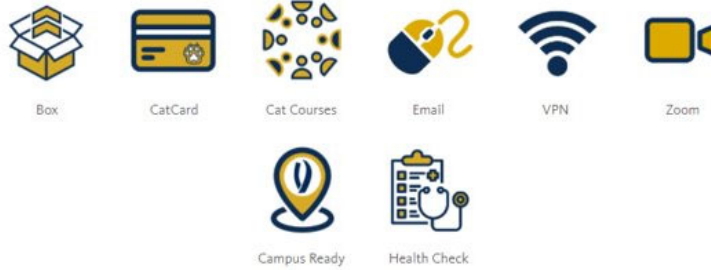
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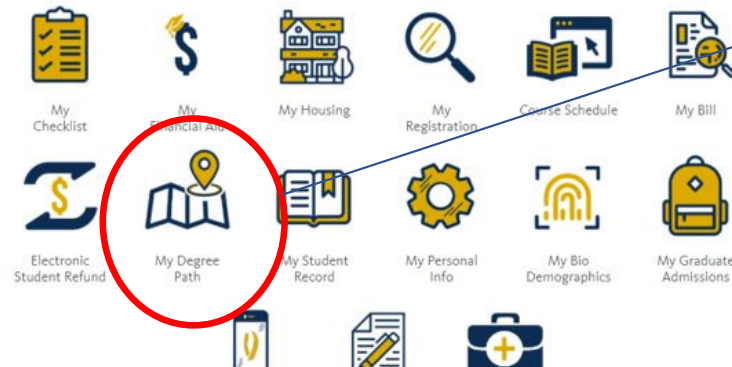


How to Run an Audit

QUICK TOOLS



FOR CONTINUING STUDENTS



Click on the MyDegreePath icon on your UC Merced Connect portal.



Jump Start Your Third Year!



Scan to find more resources and information to help you complete your Jump Start Meeting!

Jump Start Your Third Year! (JS3)



ATTENTION second-year students!
Jump start meetings are now in session

Required item to complete your
mandatory meeting:



**Completed Graduation Plan
using MyDegreePath**

- Email will be sent to students in September with more information
- Go over lower Division Coursework
- Graduation plan
- Educational goals
- Resources available to student

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
- Students must have completed less than 90 units
- Transfer students who wish to change their major within SSHA must meet the major admission criteria and major/minor policy at the time they wish to change their major
 - If you are thinking of changing your major, please speak to an Academic Advisor

**The major and minor change forms can be found online at:
<https://registrar.ucmerced.edu/forms>*





Student Responsibilities

Responsibilities of an Advisee

- Visit your advisor for any life changes that may affect your education
- Visit your advisor to clarify your goals and needs
- Inform your advisor about your academic progress, course selection, and academic/career goals
- Know your major requirements, course prerequisites and class sequencing
- Review course syllabi, complete assignments and attend class
- Know University dates and deadlines, academic policies and procedures
- Follow through and accept responsibility for all decisions



YOU are responsible
for your academic
success at UC Merced!



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 AM							
		GASP 109	PSY 15	GASP 109		GASP 109	
9:00 AM		Lecture	Lab	Lecture		Lecture	
10:00 AM							
		PSY 15		PSY 15		PSY 15	
11:00 AM		Lecture	Lunch	Lecture	Lunch	Lecture	
12:00 PM	Lunch	Lunch	SOC 120	Lunch	SOC 120	Lunch	Lunch
			Lecture		Lecture		
1:00 PM							
						PSY 124	
2:00 PM						Lecture	
		PSY 15					
3:00 PM		Discussion					
4:00 PM							
						GASP 109	
						Discussion	
5:00 PM		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
6:00 PM	Dinner					Dinner	Dinner
			PSY 124		PSY 124		
7:00 PM			Discussion	SOC 120	Discussion		
				Discussion			
8:00 PM							

It is a general rule that successful students should study **2-3 hours** for every unit they are enrolled. For example, if you are enrolled in 15 units, you need to be studying **30-45 hours per week.**



Choices matters!

Personal Growth: Academic Support



**SSHA student advice
#3:**

*"If one resource doesn't
work, find an alternative;
there is a solution!"
always*



Stay Connected!

- Check your UC Merced email regularly (2 times a day)
 - Add SSHA Advising to your contact list to avoid emails lost in SPAM folder
 - Include your full name and student ID using our professional email template
- SSHA Student Handbook available on our website
 - ↳ Includes: University info, SSHA major requirements & other important academic information
- 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





Student Responsibilities Summary

Check email consistently

Student ID# in every email

Asking for help/reaching out

Strategizing progress toward degree completion

Engage with UCM: campus clubs/orgs, Internships, Research



**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU
BOBCATS!**

STAY STRONG, HEALTHY, AND SAFE!

QUESTIONS?