

# SSHA Update

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

### Outstanding Undergraduate Student Commencement Award for SSHA

The nomination period is open for submissions to the first annual Outstanding Undergraduate Student Commencement Award for SSHA.

If you have applied to graduate for Spring or Summer 2014, you are eligible to nominate yourself for this prestigious award! Self-nominations should be submitted with the online form below. Eligibility is based on minimum cumulative and major GPAs at or greater than 3.2, and the three areas of *significant research, leadership initiative, and service*.

Online Submission Form:

<https://ssha.ucmerced.edu/form/outstanding-undergraduate-student-commencement-award-school-social-science-humanities-and-arts>

FAQ Sheet:

[http://ssha.ucmerced.edu/sites/ssha.ucmerced.edu/files/news/documents/ssha\\_oustandingstudent\\_faq\\_sp2014\\_0.pdf](http://ssha.ucmerced.edu/sites/ssha.ucmerced.edu/files/news/documents/ssha_oustandingstudent_faq_sp2014_0.pdf)

The deadline for submissions is **Monday, April 7, 2014**.

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#### **SSHA Advising – COB 208**

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

#### **Walk-in Advising Hours**

**March 31 – April 11, 2014**

**Monday: 9am-12pm; 1-4pm**  
**Tuesday: 10am-12pm; 1-4pm**  
**Wednesday: 9am-12pm; 1-4pm**  
**Thursday: 10am-12pm; 1-4pm**  
**Friday: 9am-12pm; 1-3pm**

## **Semester-at-a-Glance: Spring 2014**

- **April 1** – Last day to apply for Summer or Fall 2014 graduation and be able to participate in Spring 2014 Commencement.
- **April 7** – Last day to withdraw from a course (will receive “W” on transcripts). Submit your form to COB 208 by 1pm on this day for priority processing.
- **April 7-11** – Fall 2014 Continuing Students Registration by Appointment ([my.ucmerced.edu](http://my.ucmerced.edu))
- **May 9** – Last day of Spring 2014 instruction
- **May 10-16** – Final Examinations
- **May 17** – School of Natural Sciences and School of Engineering Commencement Ceremony
- **May 18** – SSHA Commencement Ceremony
- **May 27** – Summer Session A begins instruction
- **June 23** – Summer Session B begins instruction
- **July 3** – Summer Session A ends
- **July 7** – Summer Session C begins instruction
- **August 15** – Summer Session B and C end

## **Special Events**

Cognitive Science MTS Series | Carol Krumhansl, Cornell University

“How is music perceived and remembered”

Monday, March 31 | 3pm | KL 232

Pizza with the Professors | English Faculty

Learn about the Fall course offerings and discuss the English and Literatures & Cultures programs with the faculty!

Tuesday, April 1 | 3pm | Willow Conference Room (COB 322)

## Fall 2014 Registration 101

Don't get left behind – plan early and thoroughly for your Fall semester schedule using these tips!

- ☐ Check your registration time on MyUCMerced and make plans to register during your exact registration time. Registration begins for most students the week of April 7, 2014.
- ☐ Check for any holds that might be placed on your account, and take care of them well before your assigned registration time.
- ☐ If you are going to repeat a course you failed previously, you should complete the following form to request an override to enroll: <http://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/form/course-repeat-request>
- ☐ Use this link to search for courses, so you can be aware of pre-requisites: <http://registrar.ucmerced.edu/go/schedule>
- ☐ Make a list of all the courses you are interested in taking – complete with CRN, time/day and course title. ***Include a minimum of 3 alternate courses in case the ones you choose are full when you register.***
- ☐ Print out a copy of your MyAudit before seeing a SSHA Advisor. This will help us advise more quickly as well as clear up any confusion with the MyAudit.

Also, check out our website for additional registration information!  
<http://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/registration>

## **Graduating in 2014? Important Guidelines**

**Where is the application located?** Online through your Portal, only if you are eligible to apply (90 units earned).

**Can I participate in Commencement (“walk”) but finish degree requirements in Summer or Fall 2014?** Yes, you can, but you need to make sure to apply for graduation during the term which you will complete degree requirements.

### **Deadline information:**

#### **Finishing all coursework in Spring 2014?**

- *The Spring 2014 Graduation Application is CLOSED.* You can now only apply for Summer or Fall 2014 graduation. Apply for graduation now – April 1, 2014 to ensure you can participate in Commencement.

#### **Finishing all coursework in Summer 2014?**

- Apply for graduation now – April 1, 2014 to guarantee participation in Spring Commencement
- The last day to apply for Summer 2014 graduation is June 15, 2014

#### **Finishing all coursework in Fall 2014?**

- Apply for graduation February 16 – April 1, 2014 to guarantee participation in Spring Commencement

## **Jump-Start Your Third Year Advising Meetings**

### **Attention Class of 2016!**

Beginning this semester, students in the entering freshman class of 2012 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 connection with an advisor will give you a jump-start on your third year by facilitating progress in your degree and support in the development of your educational goals.

Check out our website for details on this important meeting. Do not attend your meeting without reading the information on here first!

[ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/jumpstart3](http://ssha-advising.ucmerced.edu/jumpstart3)

**Don't Delay! Your ability to make changes to your Summer 2014 schedule and to register for Fall 2014 will be affected if you do not meet with your advisor soon.**

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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.