



Partners in Success

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Goals of this session:

- Consider your student's transition to UC Merced
- Recognize what your student will be experiencing during their first semester
- Identify resources to help your student while at UC Merced
- Understand how you can be a partner in your student's success



The Transition to UC Merced

*For students, it may not be as much about learning how to be a successful student but rather how to be a successful student **HERE** at UC Merced.*

10 HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE TRANSITION TIPS



1 SHARPEN YOUR STUDY SKILLS



**2 DEVELOP
TIME
MANAGEMENT SKILLS**

**3 WORK ON
READING SKILLS**

**4 BE READY TO
WRITE A LOT**

5 TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

6 BE ASSERTIVE

**7 DON'T ALLOW
PROCRASTINATION**



8 LEARN TO LAUGH AT YOURSELF

9 LEARN HOW TO BUDGET



**10 DON'T BE
AFRAID OF HELP**





Culture of Care – Your Student Matters



- **We recognize and celebrate** the identities, values and beliefs of our community.
- **We affirm** the inherent dignity and value of every person while cultivating a campus climate rooted in mutual respect and compassion.



Common Challenges in the 1st Year



(Greenhal, 2018)



Resources to Help Your Student

DEAN OF STUDENTS

*At the first sign something is wrong,
reach out to us!*

*The Dean of Students Office and your
student's academic advisor are two
resources that can ALWAYS help
navigate campus life and beyond.*

INCREASED ACCESS AND RETENTION:

Intentional efforts to
increase student access,
persistence, engagement,
and success.

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS:

Developing comprehensive
strategies to sustain high
touch practices.

INNOVATION AND INTEGRATIVE EDUCATION:

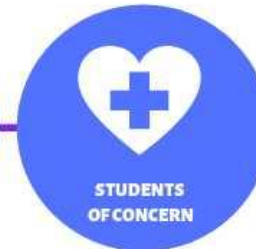
University-wide
collaboration to reach and
engage all levels of
students.



NAVIGATION



STUDENT SUCCESS



STUDENTS
OF CONCERN



ADVOCACY

WE ADVOCATE. WE CONNECT. WE CARE.



UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

**UC MERCED PROVIDES NUMEROUS
RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR SCHOLARS
GROW AND SUCCEED ACADEMICALLY,
AND PERSONALLY AS THEY PREPARE
FOR LIFE AFTER UC MERCED.**



Academic Resources

Bright Success Center

Math Center/Chemistry Center/University Writing Center/STEM Resource Center

Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS)

Bobcat Advising Center

Library

Students First Center

Personal Resources

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Student Health Services

Basic Needs (Food Pantry, Housing Support, Etc.)

Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education (CARE)

Financial Wellness Coordinator

Recreation & Athletics

The Office of Student Involvement

The Office of Social Justice Initiatives and Identity Programs

Residential Education

Parental and Supporter Success Initiatives

Career Resources

Center for Career & Professional Advancement

Margo F. Souza Leadership Center

Community Engagement Center

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Center

**Here are some examples of Campus Resources you all may hear about today. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.*



University of California, Merced New Student Orientation

Faculty partners: Faculty offer office hours for students to come and check-in about the course.

Parents/Family/Support system partners: The majority of UC Merced students utilize the weekend to study and get involved on campus. Requiring them to go home on weekend adds unnecessary pressure to college students.

When talking to your student, ask about their experiences in college and not focus on grades.

Roommates/Social Group partners: Student's social circles are good ways for them to develop study groups.



Meet Jose!

Jose is struggling academically. He feels like he doesn't have enough time during the week to study and is embarrassed to ask his professors for assistance. During the conversation we find out that Jose's family has been asking Jose to come home and visit the family every weekend.



University of California, Merced New Student Orientation

Resident Advisor Partner: RA's are a good resource when handling roommate conflicts. Students will learn how to live with new people and this will help their development.

Financial Aid Partners: The Financial Aid office is a good resource to discuss budget and financial planning.

Basic Needs Partners: The Basic Needs Office offers food and basic needs support to all students.

Parents/Family/Support system partners: Taylor spent her financial aid on buying a used car. Having a conversation now with your student about finances is key in supporting your student succeed.



Meet Taylor!

A faculty member notices that Taylor has been distant and quiet in class. He notices that she hasn't been eating and encourages the student to meet with the Dean of Students.

Taylor has not been eating because she has run out of money and is constantly stressed. On top of that, she recently got into an argument with her roommate.

Counseling Partners: Everyone benefits from therapy. Counseling Services has groups for students who need support in managing stress



University of California, Merced New Student Orientation

Student Involvement (OSI) Partner:

OSI has over 200 registered student clubs & organizations to join, and sponsor dozens of exciting large scale student events each year.

Career & Professional Development

Partner: Students can get help creating resumes to apply for on/off-campus jobs and internships that will allow them to earn money and gain valuable work experience.

Resource Centers: Centers for Math, Chemistry, Writing, and STEM are great academic support resources to help students stay on track academically.



Meet Jess!

After a few weeks on campus, Jess tells her family that she wants to get more involved in campus activities, still needs to find a part time job to help with expenses and may need a tutor for extra support in her Chemistry class.

Jess admits that she has no idea who to reach out to to get help with tutoring, campus jobs, or student clubs.

Parents and Family Support system partners: Encourage Jess to reach out to her RA or the Dean of Students Office for information about academic support services, student involvement opportunities and on-campus jobs.

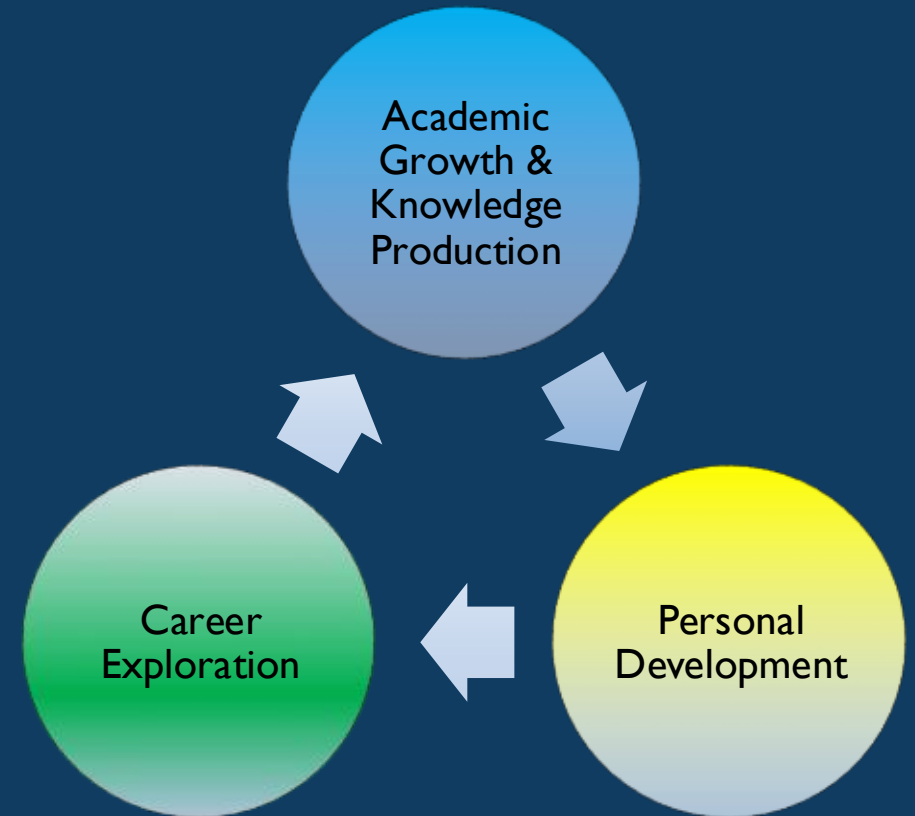


We are here to help your student succeed!

UC Merced provides a transformative education in an intimate academic setting with high quality research and a growing community.

Our alumni are lawyers, scientists, engineers, doctors, performers, policy makers, artists, educators, and work at a variety of organizations and corporations such as Twitter, BET Networks, Instagram, Google, etc.

Our alumni are global agents of change in their respective fields.



Student Success Defined



Partnering for Student Success

- Students make their decision to stay at a University in the first 6-10 weeks of school
- The more involved students get on campus, the more likely they will remain here and be successful
- The more peer to peer interaction they experience, the more satisfied they will be

Your encouragement and support of your student will be key!
Knowing the resources helps you be a good referral for your student.



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