



University of California, Merced
**New Student
Orientation**



Welcome to Parent and Guest Orientation!



Icebreaker:

1. What is your name?

2. Where are you coming from today?



Icebreaker:

1. How do you feel being here today?
2. How are you feeling about your student starting college?



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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

*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:

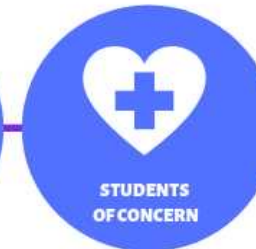
University-wide
collaboration to reach and
engage all levels of
students.



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.*



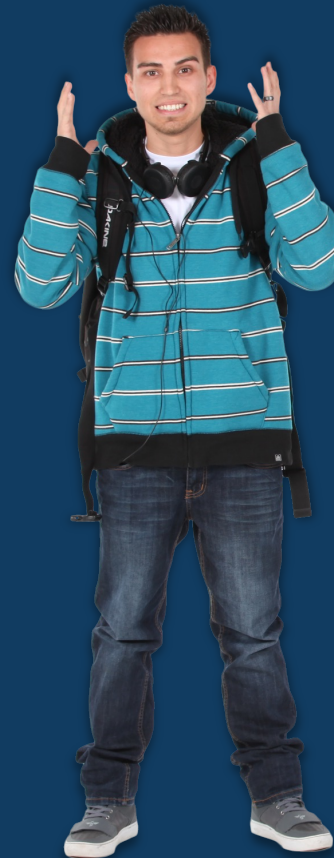
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Faculty partners: Faculty offer office hours for students to come and check-in about the course.

Parents/Family/Support system partners: The majority of UC Merced students utilize the weekend to study and get involved on campus. It will be helpful to talk with your student about what a reasonable frequency may be for them to visit back home.

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

Roommates/Social Group partners: Students' 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 goes home to visit family and friends every weekend.



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Resident Advisor Partner: RAs 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 refund to buy a used car. Having a conversation now with your student about finances is key in supporting your student's success.



Meet Taylor!

A faculty member notices that Taylor has recently become distant and quiet in class. She talked with Taylor, who shared that she usually gets a pastry and coffee from the Lantern each morning before class but she ran out of Cat Dollars and has not been eating breakfast lately. On top of that, she recently got into an argument with her roommate and is feeling very stressed.

The faculty member encourages Taylor to meet with the Dean of Students.

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



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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, she still needs to find a part time job to help with expenses, and she 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.

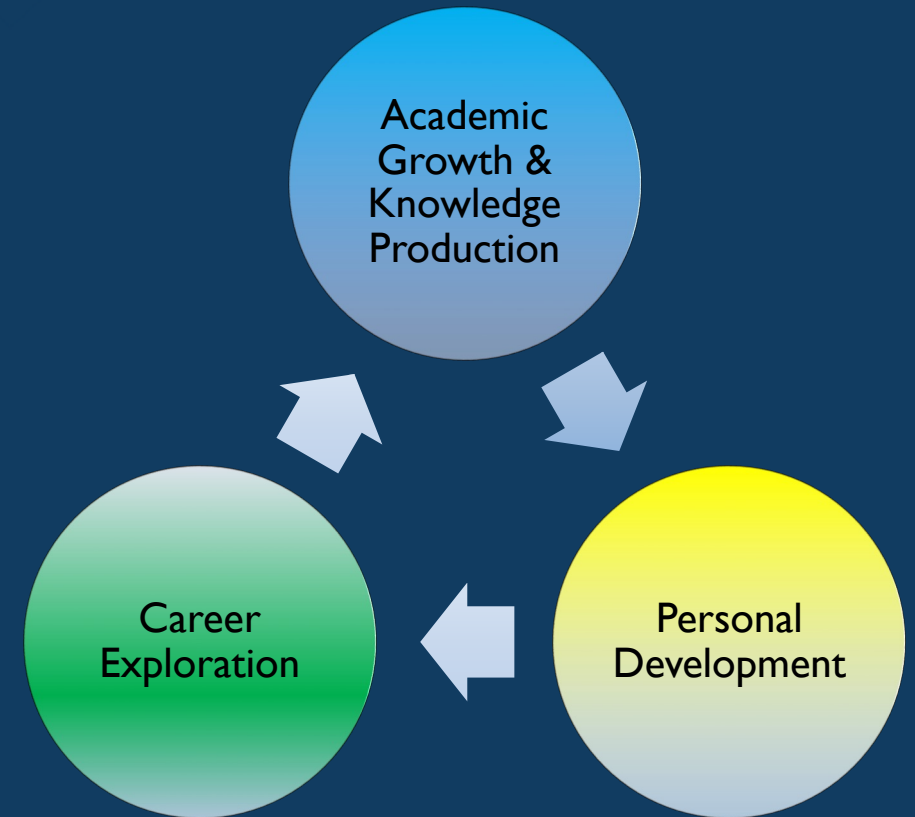


We are here to help your student succeed!

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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(209) 228-4482



<https://studentaffairs.ucmerced.edu/dean-students>



ucm.dos



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10-minute Break!

Your student will have the option to meet with an Academic Advisor today during their Get Prepared rotation. Please make sure that your student uses that time to get any questions that they might have regarding course registration, classes, etc.





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NATIONAL ATTENTION
UC Merced
was recognized
in 2017 as one of the



**BEST PUBLIC
UNIVERSITIES
IN THE NATION**

in U.S. News and World Report's
Best Colleges Rankings

Scan the QR code to
be directed to “Life at
UC Merced” to find
the Financial Webinar
and other resources!



SCAN ME



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public university in the nation for

FINANCIAL AID

given to first year students

- 2017 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings

The librarians will be offering a 15-minute library tour at the Kolligian Library during your student's “Get Prepared Track”.





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REGARD FOR RESEARCH

The Carnegie Foundation

ranked UC Merced

among 107

top universities

in the country as a

“higher research” institution



new laptop policy



RECOMMENDED

Dell Inspiron 15 3000 (3505) Laptop Non-Touch Ryzen 7 3700U/8GB/512GB

Beginning in Fall 2023, all incoming UC Merced freshmen and transfer students are required to have a personal laptop computer. This laptop must meet university designated minimum specifications [it.ucmerced.edu/student-laptop-recommendation]. Students may be required by instructors to utilize a laptop in class.



CAREER GUIDANCE

UC Merced was in the

TOP 6%

of schools nationally in 2017

for career outcomes by Educate to Career





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UC MERCED

has been featured in
Parade magazine's

COLLEGE A-LIST

for Small State Schools



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Made The Princeton Review's list of the

**MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY
RESPONSIBLE COLLEGES**

for the third consecutive year in 2017

Partners in Academic Success

Calvin E. Bright Success Center

Division of Undergraduate Education



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Hallmarks of the Baccalaureate Degree

- Depth and breadth in academic and intellectual preparation, consistent with the values of a research university
- Cultural awareness, sensitivity and responsiveness
- Community engagement and citizenship – both local and global
- Self-awareness, inter- and intra-personal skills



What it means to be a Bobcat

- Develop passion and capacity for lifelong learning
- Actively engage in and out of the classroom
- Create and share knowledge
- Enrich and transform our community



Academic Expectations at UC Merced

Overall Expectations

- Check and respond to UC Merced email
- Actively engage inside and outside of the classroom
- Ask!

Course Expectations

- Review and abide by course syllabus and CatCourses site
- Ask questions – in class, email, office hours
- Spend time preparing before and after class [individual study, office hours, use of tutoring/library services]

Independence * Responsibility * Effort * Time



Navigating the First Semester

Phases

- Starting Strong (Weeks 1-3)
 - Welcome Back Activities
 - Tutoring Centers Open
- Moving Forward (Weeks 4-8)
 - Mandatory Academic Advising
- Mid-Terms (Weeks 6-10)
 - Mid-Semester Grade Support
- Finishing Strong (Weeks 11-15)
- Finals (Week 16)

Important Dates

- Add/Drop Deadline – September 13
- Mid-Semester Grades – October 17
- Spring 2024 Course Registration – Begins November 6
- Finals Begin – December 9



Academic Experiences: Course Load

- Average student unit load: 14-16 units
- Course Types
 - Lecture
 - Lab
 - Discussion
- Academic Support
 - Office Hours
 - Tutoring
 - Library Services



Academic Experiences: Student Time & Effort

BIO 001 + BIO 001L: Contemporary Biology + Lab (5 units)

- Lecture: 3 hours
- Discussion: 2 hours
- Lab: 1 hour
- Homework, studying + reading: 6-9 hours
- Office hours, tutoring, library (varies by week and student)

ECON 105: Corporate Finance (4 units)

- Lecture: 3 hours
- Homework, studying + reading: 9-12 hours
- Office hours, tutoring, library (varies by week and student)



Realities of a Bobcats Week

- Being a full-time student is a full-time job
- Student structures their time
- Intentionality is important

3 hrs/ week per unit = 45 - 48 hrs of "homework" outside of class				A Bobcat's Week			
TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7:30 AM			PSY 001 LECT 7:30 am - 9:30 am		PSY 001 LECT 7:30 am - 9:30 am		
8:00 AM						Work 8 am - 12 pm	
8:30 AM							
9:00 AM	Study 9 am - 12 pm						Study 9 am - 12 pm
9:30 AM		WRI 001 DISC 9:30 am - 11:30 am		WRI 001 DISC 9:30 am - 11:30 am			
10:00 AM			Study 10 am - 11 am				
10:30 AM							
11:00 AM							
11:30 AM							
12:00 PM				Study 12 pm - 2 pm			
12:30 PM			CHEM 001 LECT 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm		CHEM 001 LECT 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm		
1:00 PM	Study 1 pm - 5 pm	Work 1 pm - 5 pm					Study 1 pm - 7 pm
1:30 PM							
2:00 PM			Study 2 pm - 4 pm		Study 2 pm - 5 pm	Study 2 pm - 5 pm	
2:30 PM							
3:00 PM							
3:30 PM				CHEM 001 DISC 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm			
4:00 PM							
4:30 PM							
5:00 PM							
5:30 PM			MATH 005 DISC 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm				
6:00 PM							
6:30 PM							
7:00 PM	Study 7 pm - 10 pm	Study 7 pm - 10 pm		Chapter Meeting 7 pm - 8 pm	Study 7 pm - 10 pm	Study 7 pm - 10 pm	
7:30 PM							
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Roles & Responsibilities for Student Success

- Student success is collaborative and a shared responsibility
- ASK FOR HELP AND USE RESOURCES
- Students should focus time and effort on academic and other educational experience
- The University...
 - Communicates expectations
 - Provides tools and resources

Families, Partners, Mentors, & Friends

- Provide challenge & support
- Listen & promote



Even Olympic Swimmers Need Coaches



What Bobcats Say: Keys to Success

- Know course expectations (course syllabus)
- Manage time effectively
- Develop & use good study skills and habits
- Ask for help



UC Merced's Role: Academic Enrichment & Support

- ASCEND
- Academic skills workshops
- University Library
- Tutoring/Learning Support
- Undergraduate Research
- Academic internships (UCDC, UCCS)
- Study Abroad
- Required academic advising in first year
- Other individualized support (special programs)
- Early Alert System
- Mid-Semester Grades



UC Merced's Role: People & Services

Services

- Basic Needs
- Student
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
- Health Services
- Student Employment
- Student Accessibility Services
- Transfer, Returning & Veterans Student Services (TRV)
- Bright Success Center (BSC)

People

- Faculty & Teaching Assistants (TAs)
 - OFFICE HOURS!
- Dean of Students Office
- Residence Life Staff
- Librarians
- Peers
 - Formal
 - Mentoring programs
 - Tutoring services
 - Informal
 - Study groups
 - Clubs & Organizations

Our Goal: To support the
transition of all students to and
through UC Merced successfully



What Families, Friends, and Partners Can Do: Challenge and Support

- Check-in
 - Set shared expectations – how and how often
- Encourage
 - Use of campus resources
 - Good study habits
 - Good time management
 - Including not expecting too much time at home/outside of school
- Promote some independence
 - Problem solving
 - Information seeking & decision making



Questions?



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Thank you for supporting your Bobcats!



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What's Next?

Group 1

11:00am-11:45am	Lunch at the Pavilion
11:45am-12:50pm	Info Fair/On-Your-Own-Transactions
12:50pm-1:00pm	Return to Conference Center (here)



Group 2

11:00am-12:00pm	Info Fair/On-Your-Own-Transactions
12:00pm-12:50pm	Lunch at the Pavilion
12:50pm-1:00pm	Return to Conference Center (here)





Icebreaker Questions:

- What expectations do you have for your student starting college?
- What would you like to know about student experience?



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Student Experience Panel



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Ready for wellness



**HEALTH
PROMOTION**



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**HEALTH
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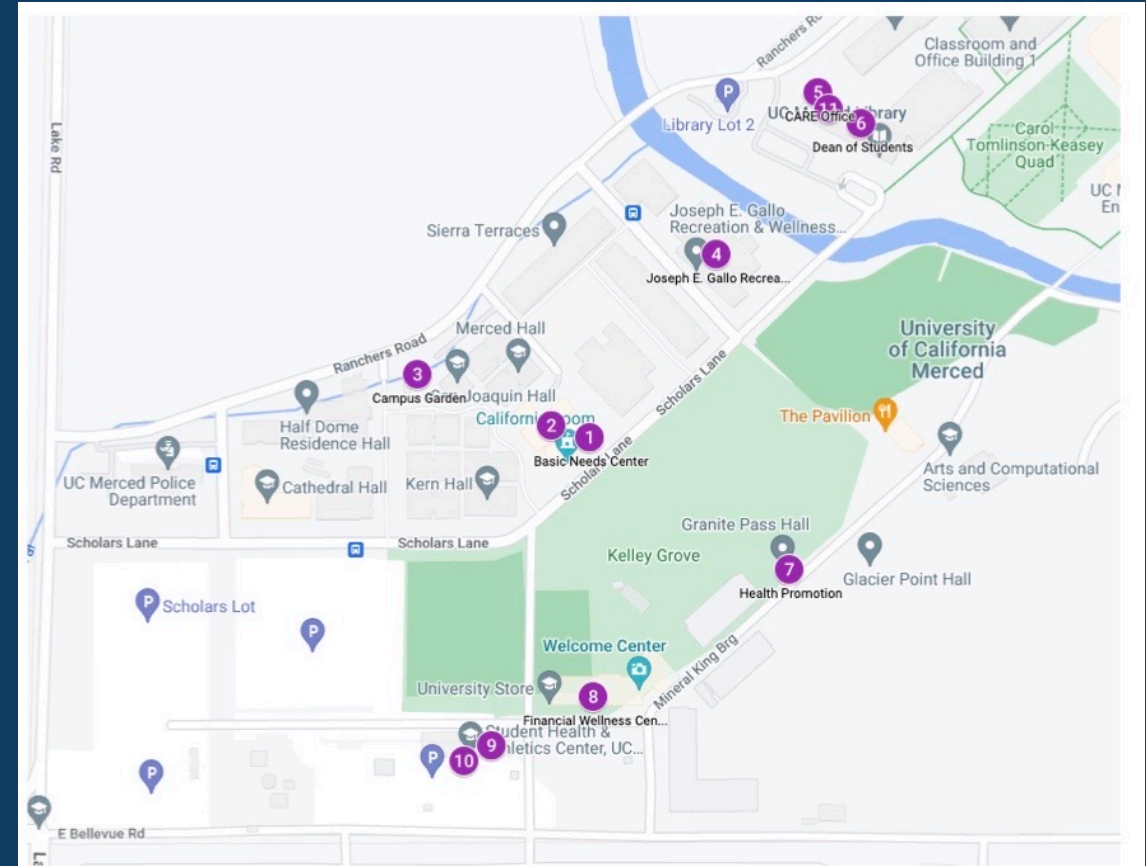
Campus wellness resources



Wellness






- 1 Basic Needs Center
- 2 Bobcat Pantry
- 3 Campus Garden
- 4 Joseph E. Gallo Recreation & Wellness Center
- 5 CARE Office
- 6 Dean of Students
- 7 Health Promotion
- 8 Financial Wellness Center
- 9 Counseling and Psychological Services
- 10 Student Health Services
- 11 Student Accessibility Services





Student Health Services

Before you arrive

Vaccination Requirements	Insurance Waiver
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tdap• Meningococcal Conjugate• MMR• Varicella• COVID-19 Bivalent• TB compliance/ risk screening form	<div> Monday-Friday: 8am-4:30pm</div> <div> (209) 228-2273 Option #1</div> <div> Insurance@ucmerced.edu</div>

Student Health Services

Once you arrive



Location

2nd floor of Health and Athletic Center



Hours of Operation

Monday- Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm

After Hours Advice Nurse: (209) 228- 2273, Option 1



Making an Appointment

Call SHC at (209) 228- 2273



Do I need the school's insurance to be seen?

No

Services Available

Appointments - In-person appointments and Telehealth appointments are available

Nurses' Clinic - Immunizations, TB screening, pregnancy test, emergency contraception, wound care, and triage

Psychiatry Services – Telehealth

Phlebotomy - Blood lab draws done at SHS and then sent to Quest Diagnostics

- Chronic Medical Conditions (such as asthma, DM, HTN)
- Health Issues (sore throat, ear infection, diarrhea, etc)
- Medication management
- Women's Health
- Men's Health
- Sports Physicals
- STD Testing
- HIV PrEP
- Gender Affirming Care





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Counseling & Psychological Services

Before you arrive



access@ucmerced.edu



Counseling & Psychological Services

Once you arrive



Free and confidential for ALL students



Location



Making an appointment



Staff



Counseling & Psychological Services

Types of services

- In person or remote
- Individual counseling
- Couples counseling (both participants registered at UCM)
- Crisis evaluations
- Groups
 - Anxiety toolbox, Graduate Student Support Group, Art Therapy
- Workshops
 - Stress management, Insomnia, Attention & Focus, Communication Styles, Test Anxiety, Developing a Schedule
- Consultations

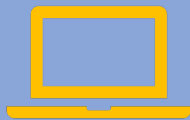


Counseling & Psychological Services:

Other resources



Live Health Online
(free for those with UCSHIP)



Lyra Online Therapy, myucship.lyrahealth.com
(free for those with UCSHIP)



Black Girl Doctor
(90-minute coaching sessions free for all students)



CALM – Meditation App use UCM Email address
(free for all students)



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Student Health Services



(209) 228-2273



Health & Athletics
Center: Second Floor



health.ucmerced.edu

Counseling & Psychological Services



(209) 228-4266



Health & Athletics
Center: Second Floor



counseling.ucmerced.edu

Instagram: [@ucmercedcaps](https://www.instagram.com/ucmercedcaps)

Health Promotion



Granite Pass 159



[healthpromotion.
ucmerced.edu](http://healthpromotion.ucmerced.edu)

Instagram: [@ucmhealthpromo](https://www.instagram.com/ucmhealthpromo)

Basic Needs Center



(209) 891-9781



Terrace Center (TC) 106



basicneeds.ucmerced.edu

Instagram: [@ucmbasicneeds](https://www.instagram.com/ucmbasicneeds)



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A photograph of a modern university building with large windows and a curved concrete sculpture in the foreground. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Thank You



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UC Merced Police Department

Fall 2023 Orientation



UC Merced Community Expectations

Respect for Self

The University encourages students to appreciate their own talents, take themselves and their academic pursuits seriously, and enhance the quality of their lives.

Respect for Others

University expects its members to behave toward one another with sensitivity, consideration, understanding, tolerance and an active concern for the welfare of others.

Respect for Property

This principle requires students to respect personal and institutional property, inside and outside the university community.



Ways to Stay Safe on Your College Campus

1. Familiarize yourself with the Campus and UC Merced Police Department.
2. Take extra precaution at night be vigilant.
3. Lock your doors such as your dorm and or your car door to prevent crimes of opportunity.
4. Maintain privacy on social media. Be smart about your social media presence.
5. Beware of scams targeting students such as email, social media, and phone scams.
6. Understand your **campus** and Merced city crime maps.
7. Keep your phone charged and with you at all times.

Police Operations

UCMPD is a full-service police department.

Officers and staff are well-trained.

UCMPD is focused on its relationship with the community.





Dispatch/Emergency Management



- Dispatch staffed 24/7
 - General Service Calls
 - 911 Calls
 - Monitor Blue Light Phone System
 - Rave Alerts/Reporting
 - Text Messaging
 - E-mail Messages
 - E-mail Reporting
- Mass Notification System
 - Cell/Desk Messaging
 - Internal/External PA
 - Digital Display Signs



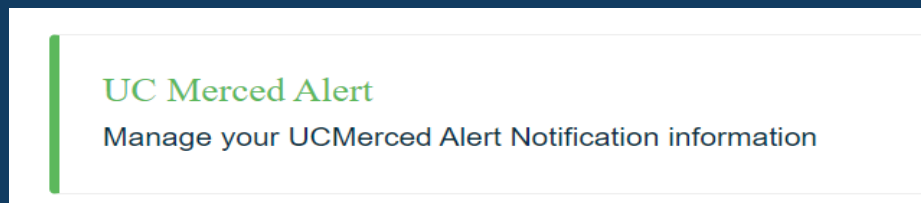
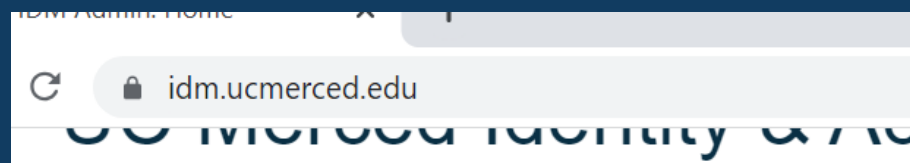
For Students, Faculty and Staff

By default, UCM Alert will send a message to your UC Merced email address. To receive UCM Alert emergency notifications via any other method, such as by text or phone message, you must tell us how to contact you by updating your information in the MyUCMerced portal under Change UC Merced Alert Notification Information. The campus will only use this system for emergencies.





UCM Alerts For Parents



As many as two parents or family members can opt in to receive UCM Alert emergency notifications. Visit <http://idm.ucmerced.edu> and select UCM Alert Notification for Parents, enter your student's first/last name, date of birth and student ID number, and then enter the methods that you would like to receive notifications.



Rave Guardian App

Rave Guardian is available on your app store. You can use it to communicate with UCMCPD by phone or chat. You can also use it to receive alerts and submit tips.





Student Service Ambassadors

Student Employees of UCMPD

Office Duties (Livescan, Lost and Found, Property Registration)

Safety Programs, Campus Patrol, Safety Escorts

Support for Special Events





Public Service Ambassadors

Public Service Ambassadors (PSAs) are non-sworn members of UCMCPD who patrol UC Merced properties on and off campus.

PSAs are dispatched directly through UCMCPD and can call dispatch by radio.

PSAs can provide safety escorts.



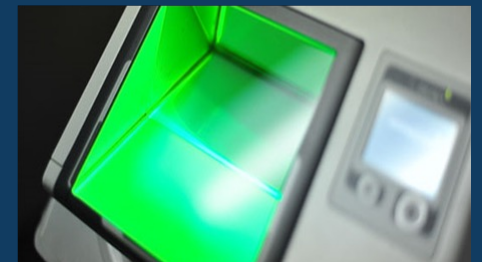


Additional Services

Lost and Found

Property Registration

Livescan





When should my student contact UCMPD?

- To report a crime or suspicious activity
- To ask about how to participate in a department program
- To request an escort from a Student Service Ambassador or Public Service Ambassador
- To ask questions about services offered by the department
- To express comments/concerns
- To ask about crime statistics



How can my student contact UCMPD?

- Emergencies:
 - 911 (9-911 from Land-Line Phones)
- Non-Emergency Dispatch:
 - (209) 228-2677
- Business Office (M-F 8am-5pm):
 - (209) 228-8273
- For emergency updates, visit emergency.ucmerced.edu
- Activate any Blue Light Phone in an emergency or to request a safety escort.
- Make a report or ask officers questions in person.
- Administrative staff are available at the Police Department to assist in person with many of your needs, including requesting an officer, livescans, and registration of your electronics and bikes, and searching for lost and found items.
- For more information, including the Police Department's Campus Annual Security Report, visit police.ucmerced.edu



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Thank You!





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10-minute Break!



**Flexible
Hours**

**Possibility
of
Promotion**

WELCOME BOBCATS!

DINING SERVICES IS NOW HIRING

**Scan for more
information and to
apply through
Handshake:**



**No Prior
Experience
Required**



Get ahead early & plan for **STUDY ABROAD**



Contact: studyabroad@ucmerced.edu | Office Location: Kolligian Library 101



Plan early and explore programs:
studyabroad.ucmerced.edu



Connect or get started
ucm.edu/Orient2StudyAbroad



Learn about affordability & financial aid
studyabroad.ucmerced.edu/finances



Parent or guardian of an incoming student?
Visit studyabroad.ucmerced.edu/parents



Study Abroad
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UC MERCED **PRE-HEALTH** ADVISING

Are you intending a career in healthcare?

UC Merced Pre-Health Advising can help you!

To subscribe to our newsletter and receive important information from us, sign-up here!





Forms of Payment:

- Meal Plan
- Cat Dollars
- Debit/ Credit Card



SCAN FOR MENUS



At the Pavilion Dining Center, UC Merced offers fresh meals that cater to all dietary restrictions at affordable prices.



OPEN FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER 7 DAYS A WEEK!

WELCOME TO THE PAVILION!



DINING SERVICES



YABLOKOFF WALLACE DINING CENTER

OPENING
DATE TBD

YWDC provides UC Merced Dining Services' tasty variety of nutritious offerings in a modern space at the heart of campus.

Forms of Payment:

- Meal Plan
- Cat Dollars
- Debit/ Credit Card



OPEN
MONDAY-
FRIDAY Dinner
Service

Students First Center (SFC) IS YOUR ONE STOP!

**In Need of Assistance with Financial Aid,
Admissions, or Registrar related Questions?**

Let Us Guide You To Answers



SFC Location:

100 Administration Building

In-person Hours:

(For Orientation)

Sat. Orientation(s):

12:00PM - 5:00PM

Tue. & Thur. Orientation(s):

8:30AM - 5:00PM

SFC Phone: (209)-228-7178



@ucmRufusBobcat



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SERVICES FOR UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS



Resources and Annual Events:

- Legal Support
- Financial Crisis Fund
- UndocuBobcat Newsletter
- Knowledge Empowers You (KEY) Program
- UndocuBobcat Leadership Seminar
- Undocuscholars Academy
- Volunteer Program
- UndocuAlly Training
- Student Success Internship
- UndocuWeek
- Immigrant Day of Action
- UndocuBobcat Graduation
- + more!



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EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Bobcats Resources #DoYourPart.

WHAT WE DO

Emergency Preparedness
Training

Fire & Evacuation Drills

Emergency Response Plans

ABOUT US

Emergency Management
is here to assist you in
preparing, responding
and recovering from an
emergency or large-
scale incident.

CONTACT INFO

 emergency.mgmt
@ucmerced.edu

 209-228-8273

**EMERGENCY
STATUS LINE:**

 866-993-0969

Scan to
follow



Wildfire Preparedness



GATHER EMERGENCY
SUPPLIES AHEAD OF TIME.



KNOW YOUR COMMUNITY'S
EVACUATION PLANS.



UPDATE ACTION PLANS
AND EMERGENCY KITS.



GET YOUR N95 AT COB OR
GRANITE PASS TICKET
OFFICE.



Welcome to UC Merced, Bobcat!

Claim Your Handshake Account Today!



- A partner of UC Merced, Handshake is the largest career community for college students.
- Your Handshake profile has already been created. Sign-in to claim your account, add your info, and start searching!

Claim your account today!



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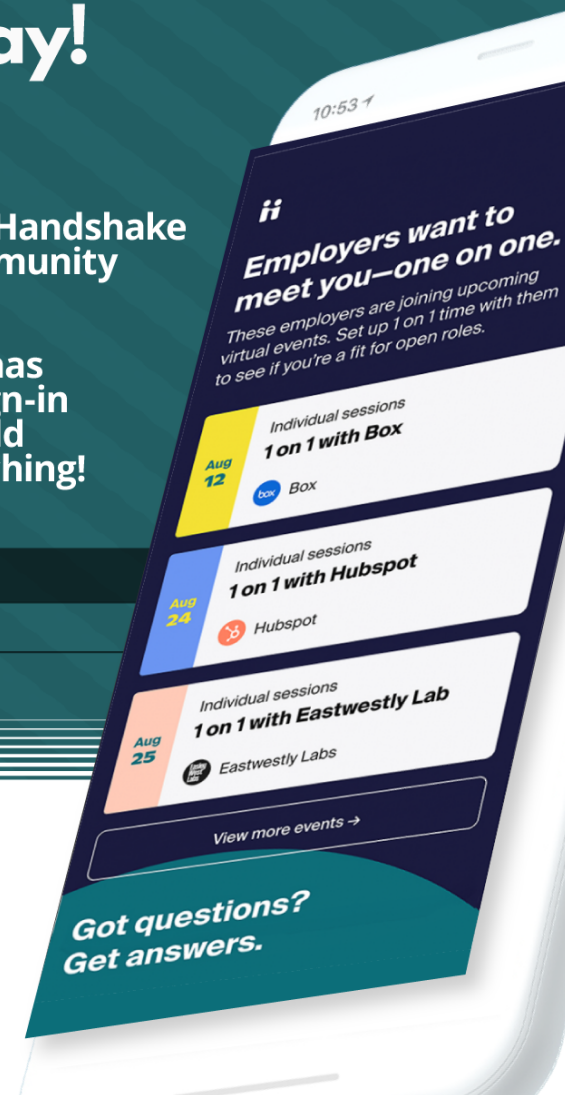
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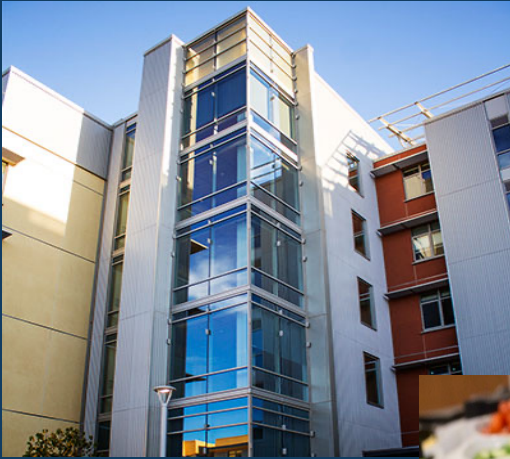


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**New Student
Orientation**



Parent & Guest Mingle!

Living, Dining and Commuting at UC Merced





Housing Services at UC Merced

Half Dome 195, 209-228-2293; housing@ucmerced.edu

Housing and Meal Plan contracts

- Housing Assignments
- Housing Cancellations
- Housing and Meal Plan billings (through MyBill)

Facilities and Custodial Services

- Public area and community bathroom daily cleaning
- Work Orders
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Pest Management



Timeline at a Glance

- Upload photo for Catcard as soon as you can: catcard.ucmerced.edu
- Roommate Selection (Optional): open on portal; closes July 7
- Housing Assignment and Move in Email to students – Friday, July 21
- Housing and Meal Plan fees on MyBill student account – Friday, July 21
- Move In – Thursday, August 17 to Sunday August 20, 8am to 5pm
- First Day of Classes – Wednesday August 23

housing.ucmerced.edu

CatCards

- Purchase food with swipes or Cat Dollars
- Use your meal plan
- Ride CatTracks and Merced Transit System
- Pick up packages
- Make photocopies and print documents



Mobile ID features include checking student meal plan balances and checking student account balances.

Order Card Here: <https://catcard.ucmerced.edu/services/photo-selfie>



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Move In

When is Move in?

Move in takes place between August 17-20, between 8am-5pm daily.

When will I get my move in Date and Time?

You will choose your move in date and time from available options after you receive your room assignment. This is done on the housing portal

Where can I learn more about Fall Housing?

At our website: <https://housing.ucmerced.edu/fallhousing>

What to Expect

- Move in is a large process. Merced is hot and sunny in the August (around 100F)
- Your family can join, but everyone must wear masks during move in, regardless of vaccination status
- Order your CATCARD online by August 3th
- Rolling carts will be available to help move your items from the lot to your room.
- Staff will operate elevators. Students and families may be asked to use the stairs at peak traffic times. Carts have priority for the elevators.



Move In: What to Bring

- Supplies to clean room surfaces
- Twin extra long sheets fit all our beds
- Towels, soap, shampoo, medications
- Cables and cords, a power strip and a basic padlock

Please leave kitchen appliances, such as rice cookers, hot plates and toasters at home.
Bed, Mattress, Desk & Chair, Dresser, Curtains, and Closet space are provided

Learn more about what to bring and leave home here:

<https://housing.ucmerced.edu/prospective-students/what-to-bring>



Move-in Volunteers!

Benefits

- Dedicated early move-in assignment on Wednesday, August 16th.
- Meet new people, make friends and help others
- Show your Bobcat spirit!
- Get to move in early at no cost

<https://housing.ucmerced.edu/move-in-volunteer>

Scan the code to view the volunteer web page





Important Takeaways

- Safety and security is our highest priority.
- All beds require extra-long twin sheets – 80 inches.
- All residents must follow campus rules for a safer community.

Contact us at housing@ucmerced.edu or 209-228-2293

<https://housing.ucmerced.edu>

LIVING IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS



Residence Education

- Residential Curriculum
- On Campus Support
- Programs & Events
- Campus resources

RESIDENTIAL CURRICULUM

A COMMUNITY BUILT TO EDUCATE, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER

C ONNECTION :

Students will be able to form and maintain connections for their own personal growth and for integrating into future communities. Students will participate in the development of the community which involves respecting others, understanding the goals of the community and taking ownership for the place in which they live.

A WARENESS :

Students will develop an understanding that their own cultural context while developing competence and confidence when engaging with diverse communities. Students will have the opportunity to gain more knowledge on one or more of the social identifiers of diversity.

T RANSFORMATIVE :

Students will develop an understanding that learning is an ongoing process toward educated decision-making. Students will explore facets of their identity that impact who they are and how they define and express themselves. Students will also learn how to identify solutions to resolve these challenges.

S ERVICE:

Students will have the opportunity to make the world a better place by Creating a positive identity for our campus and community through our willingness, ability, and responsibility to reciprocate good works to our campus and community.



THE C.A.T.S PILLARS



CONNECTION. AWARENESS. TRANSFORMATIVE. SERVICE

ON CAMPUS SUPPORT

RESIDENCE EDUCATION COORDINATORS (RECs)

RECs are full time staff members and live on campus

Some of the key parts of their role:

- Serve on an after-hours emergency response team
- Supervise the RAs and facilitate Community Development

RESIDENT ASSISTANTS (RAs)

RAs are student leaders that live in the residence halls & serve as a resource for their peers.

Some of the key parts of their role:

- Connect students to academic and support resources on campus
- Communicate university policies and procedures to students
- Provide after-hours support to students and help with emergencies

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION (RHA)

The RHA is elected from the resident-student population & charged with serving as the voice for the residents of UC Merced.



RESIDENCE EDUCATION

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RESIDENCE EDUCATION OFFICE INFORMATION

- ResidenceEducation@ucmerced.edu
- 209-228-4663

SERVICES:

- Mail & Packages
- Issue temporary keys for lockouts
- General questions in navigating campus

OFFICE ASSISTANTS (OAs)

Student Employees for Residence Education



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**JOINING THE BOBCAT COMMUNITY
FLOOR MEETINGS. EVENTS. PROGRAMS.
WELCOME WEEK. STUDENT LEADERS.**



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UC MERCED'S DINING SERVICES



Meal Plans

All residential meal plans provide unlimited access to the all-you-care-to-eat Pavilion and Yablokoff Wallace dining centers.

Residential Meal Plans

- Only available to on-campus residents. Residents are required to have a meal plan
- All plans have unlimited access seven days per week
- Guest passes included
- Cat Dollars included depending on selected meal plan

Non-Residential Meal Plans

- Only available to students living off campus
- Plans include blocks of meal swipes
- Cat Dollars are not included with non-residential plans but can be purchased.



Academic Year Meal Plan Contract Pricing

Unlimited Meal Plan Name	Total Price per Semester	Included Cat Dollars per Semester	Guest Passes per Semester	Total Price per Academic Year	Included Cat Dollars per Academic Year	Guest Passes per Academic Year
Unlimited 85*	\$2,585	\$85	3	\$5,170	\$170	6
Unlimited 250*	\$2,750	\$250	3	\$5,500	\$500	6
Unlimited 400*	\$2,900	\$400	3	\$5,800	\$800	6
Unlimited 500*	\$3,000	\$500	3	\$6,000	\$1,000	6
Unlimited 600*	\$3,100	\$600	3	\$6,200	\$1,200	6



Dining Centers

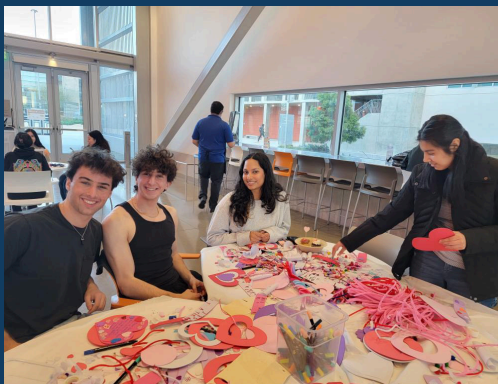
- Unlimited residential meal plans provide all-you-care-to-eat meals at dining centers.
- A meal plan is loaded onto a CatCard. Meal plan holders swipe their CatCard to enter a dining center and select items from that day's menu.
- Dine in is highly encouraged and take out options will be limited for Fall 2023-Spring 2024.
- Those without residential meal plans may pay with Cat Dollars, a credit card or debit card or a non-residential meal plan.

The Pavilion Dining Center

- Open 7 days a week
- Offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- Menu site that allows people to view selections that meet their dietary needs
- Also serves special meals for everything from St. Patrick's Day to Holi to National Garlic Day and more
- Variety of meal options offered through 4 platforms, 2 salad/deli bars and breakfast/dessert bar, and our Bakery



Sit inside or outside and enjoy a meal with friends!



The Yablokoff Wallace Dining Center

- Will Offer lunch, dinner, and late night
- Menu site that allows people to view selections that meet their dietary needs
- Themed meals to celebrate holidays, special occasions, and festivals
- Open Mic night, karaoke, comedy night and other student focused special events
- Variety of meal options offered through 5 platforms



Sit inside or outside and enjoy a meal with friends!



Retail Locations

- Our **Lantern Café** is open 5 days a week and offers a variety of beverage and light meal options. Located on the 1st floor of the Kolligian Library. Accepts Cat Dollars, Credit/Debit.
- The **Bobcat Snack Stop** is open 5 days a week and offers snack, beverage and light meal/to go options. Located in the 1st floor of the Kolligian Library. Accepts Cat Dollars, credit/debit.
- More retail options coming soon!





Lakeside Catering

- Our Dining Services team proudly provides catering options to our campus community. Staffed by both full-time Staff and student workers, our Catering team provided services to XXX events. Employment opportunity for students are available!





Employment Opportunities

Dining Services is looking for eager students who are willing to work hard and are interested in building skills in customer service, time management, communication, teamwork, culinary applications and much more!

Please contact dininghiring@ucmerced.edu if you interested in working with us.

Student positions with Dining Services are posted on Handshake. More information is available at: <https://studentjobs.ucmerced.edu/handshake>.



Questions or Suggestions?

Visit the UC Merced Dining Services website:

<https://dining.ucmerced.edu>

Email the dining team:

dining@ucmerced.edu

We encourage and welcome dialogue regarding menu suggestions and dietary requirements.



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TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING SERVICES (TAPS)

Parking Services – Fall 2023

Resident Students – On Campus Overnight Parking



- Semester rate: \$200
- Annual rate: \$400
- Apply NOW! Visit the TAPS website:
<https://taps.ucmerced.edu>

All on campus resident students eligible to apply!



Parking Services – Fall 2023

Commuter Students: Continuing & New Transfers

- Semester rate: \$160
- Annual rate: \$320
- Permits applications: <https://ucmerced.nupark.com>

Daily/Hourly Parking: “Pay by Text”

Freshman Commuter (apply by exception):

- Active military, health/mobility, off campus job, commuting from outside Merced Co.
- Applications : <https://taps.ucmerced.edu>



CatTracks Campus Shuttles

- Show to Board: CatCard required
- Face masks may be required
(pending health guidelines)



Connections to:

Medical, Rx, grocery, retail, dining, banks, Amtrak and downtown Merced

Transportation Partners

Merced “The Bus”



Fly



Amtrak



(student discounts available)

Fly Advanced Air - Connections to Los Angeles and Las Vegas International Airports



Other Transit Options

Zipcar

- Self-service, on demand car sharing
- Online or mobile phone reservations
- Zipcard access for car entry
- Membership: 18yrs+, \$15/annual fee
- Starting rates: \$15.50/hr or \$121.75/day or FLAT RATE depending on vehicle type (incl. gas, maintenance, insurance)





Contact Us!

Transportation and Parking Services

Website: <https://taps.ucmerced.edu>

Email: taps@ucmerced.edu

Call: (209) 228-8277



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Welcome to the LAST (and best) session of your day!

Student Leadership, Service & Career and Student Involvement

By the end of this session you will understand that we are all about supporting your student's success!



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Connection



Motivation



Preparation

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

*It ALL Starts
with CATLIFE!*



Clubs and Organizations



Campus Events * Concerts * Cultural Events * Shows



Student Government





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Leadership

Margo F. Souza Student Leadership Center





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Service

Community Engagement Center



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Student Career Center



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Questions?



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CONTACT US:

Office of Student Involvement:

[studentinvolvement @ucmerced.edu](mailto:studentinvolvement@ucmerced.edu)

Studentinvolvement.ucmerced.edu

Margo F. Souza Student Leadership Center

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studentleadership.ucmerced.edu

Community Engagement Center

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cec.ucmerced.edu

Student Career Center

careercenter@ucmerced.edu

hire.ucmerced.edu



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Parent and Guest Orientation Survey

<https://tinyurl.com/ucmparentsguests>



Parent and Family Newsletter

- Important updates and reminders
- Student and parent spotlights
- Parent involvement opportunities



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The New Student
Orientation Team Presents

Fall 2023 Planner Parties



AUGUST 29TH

11 AM - 1 PM

IN THE CALIFORNIA
ROOM



AUGUST 30TH

12 PM - 2 PM

IN THE CALIFORNIA
ROOM

Free school supplies and
treats available!



Questions? Please email
orientation@ucmerced.edu





SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER
20TH-22ND

PARENT AND FAMILY
WEEKEND!

Contact: parentsandfamilies@ucmerced.edu