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?
Partners in Success

Heather French, Ed.D.
Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students
hfrench@ucmerced.edu

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lcurl@ucmerced.edu
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.
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

(Greenthal, 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.
UNIVERSITY SUPPORT

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

*Here are some examples of Campus Resources you all may hear about today. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.
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.
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.
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.
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.
(209) 228-4482

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

ucm.dos
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.
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!
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”.
REGARD FOR RESEARCH
The Carnegie Foundation ranked UC Merced among 107 top universities in the country as a “higher research” institution
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
UC Merced has been featured in Parade magazine’s College A-List for Small State Schools.
Made The Princeton Review’s list of the MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE COLLEGES for the third consecutive year in 2017.
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

A Bobcat’s Week

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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?
Contact Us

Calvin E. Bright Success Center
learning.ucmerced.edu
learning@ucmerced.edu
Hala Alnagar
halnagar@ucmerced.edu

Undergraduate Education
ue.ucmerced.edu
Alisha Kimble
akimble@ucmerced.edu
Thank you for supporting your Bobcats!
### What's Next?

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Icebreaker Questions:

• What expectations do you have for your student starting college?

• What would you like to know about student experience?
Student Experience Panel
Ready for wellness
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
# Vaccination Requirements
- Tdap
- Meningococcal Conjugate
- MMR
- Varicella
- COVID-19 Bivalent
- TB compliance/ risk screening form

# Insurance Waiver
- **Monday-Friday:** 8am-4:30pm
- **(209) 228-2273 Option #1**
- **Insurance@ucmerced.edu**
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
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)
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

Health Promotion
Granite Pass 159
healthpromotion.ucmerced.edu

Basic Needs Center
(209) 891-9781
Terrace Center (TO) 106
basicneeds.ucmerced.edu
Thank You
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.
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 UCMPD 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 UCMPD who patrol UC Merced properties on and off campus.

PSAs are dispatched directly through UCMPD 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
Thank You!
10-minute Break!
Welcome Bobcats!

Flexible Hours
Possibility of Promotion

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

Forms of Payment:
- Meal Plan
- Cat Dollars
- Debit/Credit Card

Open for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner 7 Days a Week!

Welcome to the Pavilion!
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

OPENING DATE TBD
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!

Kolligian Library 127
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!

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Parent & Guest Mingle!
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
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 100°F).
- Your family can join, but everyone must wear masks during move in, regardless of vaccination status.
- Order your CATCARD online by August 3rd.
- 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

Scan the code to view the volunteer web page
https://housing.ucmerced.edu/move-in-volunteer
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

CONNECTION:
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.

AWARENESS:
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.

TRANSFORMATIVE:
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.

SERVICE:
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.
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
A COMMUNITY BUILT TO EDUCATE, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER

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
JOINING THE BOBCAT COMMUNITY

FLOOR MEETINGS. EVENTS. PROGRAMS.

WELCOME WEEK. STUDENT LEADERS.
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.
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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

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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.
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](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](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 Advanced Air - Connections to Los Angeles and Las Vegas International Airports

Fly Amtrak

(student discounts available)
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
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**!
STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

It ALL Starts with CATLIFE!

Clubs and Organizations

Campus Events * Concerts * Cultural Events * Shows
Leadership
Margo F. Souza Student Leadership Center
Service
Community Engagement Center
Questions?
CONTACT US:

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studentleadership.ucmerced.edu

Community Engagement Center
communityservice@ucmerced.edu
cec.ucmerced.edu

Student Career Center
careercenter@ucmerced.edu
hire.ucmerced.edu
Parent and Guest Orientation Survey

https://tinyurl.com/ucmparentsguests
Parent and Family Newsletter

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

SCAN ME
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