

## CAREER SERVICES CENTER

The UC Merced Career Services Center, located on the first floor of the Kolligian Library, assists students with a wide range of career-related programs and services, together with both on- and off-campus employment opportunities. The Career Services Center staff helps students to learn about their unique interests and abilities, explore career options, determine career goals and develop skills to conduct a successful job search. The Center, in collaboration with the Student Advising and Learning Center, also assists students interested in pursuing graduate or professional education following graduation from UC Merced.

To schedule an appointment with one of the Career Services Center staff, please call (209)724-2991. You can also contact us at [careerservices@ucmerced.edu](mailto:careerservices@ucmerced.edu).

## ON-CAMPUS STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

The Career Services Center coordinates all on-campus, part-time student employment. Students can view current listings and apply for on-campus positions online at the Career Services Center website at [careers.ucmerced.edu](http://careers.ucmerced.edu).

## INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

Internship programs provide students with the opportunity to obtain career-related work experience in local, regional and national, profit and nonprofit organizations. Students may complete internships, some of which may be paid, during the academic year or during the summer. Employers from all fields are increasingly expecting students to have internship experience in addition to their academic preparation. To take advantage of internship opportunities related to any area of academic study, contact the Career Services Center at [careerservices@ucmerced.edu](mailto:careerservices@ucmerced.edu).

## COUNSELING AND HEALTH SERVICES

Health and wellness services will be provided for UC Merced students in the Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center, scheduled to open in the fall of 2006. During the 2005-06 academic year, basic health services will be provided from offices in the Valley Terrace Residence Life Complex. Psychological counseling services will be available in the Counseling Center on the first floor of the Kolligian Library.

Health and counseling services will enable you to pursue your academic and personal goals in an optimal state of physical, psychological, and emotional health. The campus will provide basic treatment and prevention services that enhance and maintain your physical, emotional and social well-being. These services will be provided by professionals and will range from treating illness and injury to health pro- motion and counseling. Professionals and peer counselors will provide information on issues such as alcohol and drug use, safety, sexual health, stress management, nutrition and body image, and smoking cessation. Through our programs and services, we seek to encourage students to become active life-long participants in their health and wellness.

All students are eligible to use on-campus services at the University Health Center. These include injury and illness visits with a healthcare professional, appointments with a health educator, laboratory testing, pharmacy, immunizations and injections, and health education. Most of the core services are covered by registration and health fees and are provided at no additional cost to you when you visit, with the exception of lab tests, pharmaceutical products and immunizations.

All students attending a UC campus are required to have major medical health insurance as a nonacademic condition of enrollment. You are automatically enrolled in the University's Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and are charged a health insurance fee as part of registration. This affordable health insurance plan supplements the campus services available at the University Health Center and provides extended services when you need them.

If you are covered by other health insurance, the SHIP requirement may be waived if you can show that your coverage is comparable to that available under the University plan. If SHIP is waived, you are still eligible, like all other students, to use on-campus health and counseling services. For further information on insurance, including SHIP waivers, health or counseling services, contact the University Health Center at [health@ucmerced.edu](mailto:health@ucmerced.edu).

### IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN TEACHING...

UC Merced can help you prepare! California urgently needs teachers in many fields, especially in science and mathematics. An additional special need in the San Joaquin Valley is for teachers of English. Your undergraduate education at UC Merced can give you the subject expertise to teach in these fields. In addition, UC Merced's Student Advising and Learning and Career Services Centers can help you plan for the coursework and exams required to be admitted to fifth-year teaching credential programs offered at University of California or California State University campuses. UC Merced is working in conjunction with CSU Stanislaus, the closest CSU campus to UC Merced, on special pathways to credential programs. Emphasis will be placed on special pathways to math, science and English credential programs for UC Merced students.

### DISABILITY SERVICES

The Disability Services Center, located on the first floor of the Kolligian Library, supports students with disabilities by providing them with opportunities to participate fully in the academic community at UC Merced. Students with varying types of disabilities including those with mobility, visual, hearing, learning disabilities and other chronic medical conditions may be eligible for the provision of reasonable disability accommodations through this program.

Students who have a qualifying disability must provide appropriate documentation about their disability(ies) to the Disability Services Office. Documentation provided to the office is confidential and is used solely for purposes of determining the student's eligibility and the appropriate accommodations to be made. It is the responsibility of the applicant or student to provide this documentation and, if necessary, to pay for the cost of the documentation provided, including the cost for professional assessments for disabilities, such as learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder and psychological/ psychiatric disabilities. UC Merced staff assists qualified students from the point of their admission to graduation. Specialized services may include testing accommodations, priority registration, mobility assistance, adaptive equipment, readers, note-takers, interpreters, real-time captioning, liaison with faculty and campus departments, and special parking.

The provision or use of a disability accommodation does not guarantee or ensure a certain level of academic achievement for the students. Students with disabilities must meet the same standards as all other students. Depending on the type of academic accommodation requested by the student, the approval of the appropriate School dean may be required.

Students with disabilities who need staff or time intensive accommodations (e.g., reader services, interpreter services, text conversion, etc.) should contact the Disability Services Office as soon as possible to make necessary arrangements for these services. It is the student's responsibility to assure that such notification occurs in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may delay or in some cases preclude our ability to provide certain accommodations.

For further information on disability services, contact the Disability Services Office at [disabiltyervices@ucmerced.edu](mailto:disabiltyervices@ucmerced.edu).

## LIVING OFF CAMPUS

A variety of off-campus housing options are highlighted on the UC Merced website, where information about local apartment complexes and links to rental listings will be updated each semester. The site includes average rental rates, amenities of the complex, distance from local services and contact information. When possible, photographs of the apartment facilities are included. In addition to this service, local landlords and homeowners will be encouraged to list their rental properties or rooms for rent with our Off- Campus Housing listing service. Please go to the campus Student Life website at <http://students.ucmerced.edu> or contact the Office of Residential Life for more information about living off-campus in Merced and Atwater.

## LIVING ON CAMPUS IN MERCED

As one of the pioneer students at UC Merced, you will find that living on campus will help you make friends and become familiar with the growing campus. Student and full-time residential life staff will live on campus, providing the resources, programs and services that are essential to a safe and comfortable living environment.

UC Merced's first residential community, the Valley Terraces, will offer apartment-style suites located in nine two-story buildings. Some halls will feature living-learning themes, such as Community Service and Arts & Culture. All will plan field trips, workshops and events for getting to know faculty better. Each suite has two or three bed- rooms attached to a furnished living room. Bedrooms will have a bed, desk, bookshelf and closet space for each resident. A limited number of singles also will be available for graduate students and resident advisors. Study, recreation, laundry, meeting rooms and mail facilities are located in the Terrace Center near the Student Housing administrative offices.

It is our goal to provide on-campus housing to approximately 50 percent of our students, and our first residence complex will house 600 students. Room and board rates, once established, will be posted on the UC Merced web- site at <http://students.ucmerced.edu/>. All freshmen, transfers and graduate students are encouraged to consider on-campus housing. On-campus housing options will continue to expand, as the campus grows, with an additional 400 beds available in the fall of 2007.

For further information about housing, on- or off-campus, contact the Office of Residence Life at [housing@ucmerced.edu](mailto:housing@ucmerced.edu), (209) 724-2989, or check our website at <http://students.ucmerced.edu>.

## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

As a UC Merced student you will benefit from the campus commitment to wellness. The Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center will serve as the physical "home" of well-ness and will offer a range of wellness activities from student peer counseling and nutrition programs to aerobic classes and whitewater rafting excursions.

Recreational opportunities will be plentiful at UC Merced. Immediately adjacent to the campus, Lake Yosemite offers swimming, boating and other outdoor activities. The city of Merced has an extensive network of biking and running paths, as well as city parks including a zoo and children's amusement area. The nearby Yosemite, Sequoia, and Kings Canyon National Parks and other Sierra recreation areas will provide easy access to a broad range of outdoor sports such as snow skiing and snow boarding, hiking and backpacking, boating, whitewater rafting and kayaking, horseback riding and much more. There is a daily shuttle service to Yosemite from Merced. See the following website for schedules: [www.yarts.com](http://www.yarts.com). Not far from Merced are a number of golf courses including Stevinson Ranch, voted the second-best golf course in California.

Campus Recreation will organize a variety of activities and excursions. When completed, the Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center will feature a full complement of fitness classes, cardiovascular machines, weights and drop-in recreation such as basketball and volleyball. Campus Recreation staff also will coordinate intramural sports programs based upon student interest.

## STUDENT ADVISING AND LEARNING CENTER

UC Merced faculty and staff are committed to the academic success of every student. The Student Advising and Learning Center, located on the first floor of the Kolligian Library, is responsible for advising students who are undecided about their majors, students who are interested in pursuing professional programs (e.g., medicine, dentistry, law) following graduation, and any student who has questions about degree or University requirements. The advisors in the Student Advising and Learning Center work closely with the faculty and advisors in the Schools to ensure that students receive accurate and timely advising. The Student Advising and Learning Center also assists students to acquire the skills they need to develop intellectually, become successful learners and achieve their academic goals. Center staff will offer programs focusing on effective study skills, critical reading and analytical writing that will help all students, regardless of major. Mathematics, science and writing courses sometimes present challenges for learners. Individual tutoring and group study sessions, often led by peer tutors, will be available to provide assistance to students of all levels of ability and preparation. Additional programs and study sessions will assist students in specific courses and areas such as engineering, English, math, science and the social sciences. The Student Advising and Learning Center, working closely with Career Services, will ensure that students receive the support they need to plan and succeed in their chosen course of study, and beyond. Students with advanced skills in science, math or writing should speak to their professors or staff at the Center to find out how to become a trained, paid tutor on campus. Contact the Student Advising and Learning Center for more information at [learning@ucmerced.edu](mailto:learning@ucmerced.edu).

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT, CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The first UC Merced students will have the unique opportunity to establish UC Merced's Associated Student government, as well as the first clubs and organizations that will enrich campus life. These organizations will provide opportunities for students with common interests to help shape the direction of the new campus, build friendships, learn from each other and provide opportunities for

social and academic networking. Check the Student Life section of our website at <http://students.ucmerced.edu/> or e-mail: [studentlife@ucmerced.edu](mailto:studentlife@ucmerced.edu) for further information.

**Student services contact list, for further information:**

- Website: <http://students.ucmerced.edu>
- E-mail: [careerservices@ucmerced.edu](mailto:careerservices@ucmerced.edu)
- E-mail: [disabilityservices@ucmerced.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@ucmerced.edu)
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