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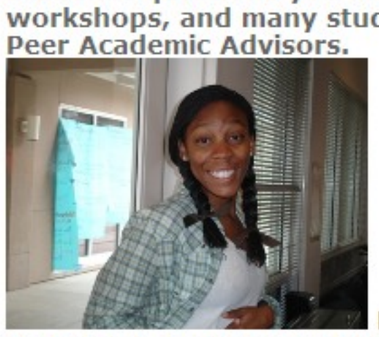
Peer Academic Advisors

Fall 2008-Spring 2009 Peer Academic Advisors.
Chelsea Wood, Kelly Casteel, Maxine Umeh, and Maricela Melendrez

Peer Academic Advisors are available in the Residence Halls to answer any general academic questions you may have. They have information about tutoring, academic workshops, and many student services around campus. Please take time to visit your Peer Academic Advisors.



Hi everyone my name is Maxine Umeh. I'm from Sacramento and I'm currently a senior majoring in biological sciences. In my free time I absolutely LOVE to play volleyball and spend time with my friends and family. I'm a part of Merced Christian Fellowship here on campus as well as the Women's Volleyball Club/Team. When I graduate I plan to either go to medical school or become a high school teacher, but I havent decided yet. All in all, I'm here at UCM to strengthen my education, have fun, and build life long relationships.
Maxine is located in Tuolumne Hall 1st Floor Lounge. She is available: Tuesday 12pm-4pm, Wednesday 4:30pm-6:30pm, and Friday 12pm-3pm.

Hi my name is Kelly Casteel and I am from Willow Glen, California, which is right next to San Jose. This is my fourth year at UCM; I am a senior and I am majoring in Cognitive Science and Cell and Molecular Biology with a minor in Philosophy. I plan on attending Graduate school and/or Medical school after I graduate. In my free time I like to hang out with cool people, go to the gym, read interesting articles or books, play video games, and sleep. I also like to cook and eat vegetarian food when I get the chance!
Kelly is located in Tuolumne Hall 2nd Floor Lounge. She is available: Monday 9am-11am, Wednesday 9am-10am and 2pm-3pm, Thursday 8:30am-10:30am, and Friday 9am-11am.

My name is Maricela Melendrez, and I am currently a sophomore here at UCM. I'm majoring in Psychology and interested in pursuing a double minor in Spanish and Cognitive Science. What I like to do on my spare time is listen to music, primarily Spanish pop, alternative and reggae ton. I also like to hang with my friends and watch lots of chick flicks.
Maricela is located in Mariposa Hall 1st Floor Lounge. She is available: Monday 5pm-7pm, Tuesday 12pm-2pm, Wednesday 12pm-2pm, Thursday 12pm-2pm, and Friday 12pm-2pm.

Hi my name is Chelsea Wood and I am from Valencia, CA. I am currently a sophomore here at UCM and majoring in Political Science. In my free time I like to read, bake cookies, listen to music, play Super Nintendo, sew, sing in the choir, and go to the beach. I involved with the Invisible Children Organization and enjoy eating Italian food. I also am interested in Harry potter and mosaics.

Chelsea is located in Mariposa Hall 2nd Floor Lounge. She is available: Monday 10am-2pm, Tuesday 3pm-5pm, Wednesday 10am-12pm, and Thursday 3pm-5pm.

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Your Peer Academic Advisor can help:

⇒ you find a tutor.

⇒ provide you with information on your classes.

⇒ you with scheduling of your classes.

⇒ you stay on track to graduate.

⇒ keep you updated about UCM events.

⇒ with time management tips.

⇒ you prioritize your time for homework.

⇒ keep you informed about school resources and deadlines!