UC Merced K.E.Y. Program
Passport to Success

2010-2011

Division of Student Affairs and Office of Student Life

Keep Educating Yourself Program 2010 - "K.E.Y. Passport to Success"

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Nationality / Nationalité / Nacionalidad
United States of America

Date of Birth / Date de naissance / Fecha de nacimiento
05 SEP 2005

Place of Birth / Lieu de naissance / Lugar de nacimiento
Merced, U.S.A.

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20 AUG 2010

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24 SEPT 2010

The UC Merced K.E.Y. Passport Program

is designed to provide you with opportunities to enhance your academic and personal success, and give you an edge as you start your college education.

You will need to attend a minimum of two events and activities within each of the Explore, Connect, Lead and Succeed categories. As you participate in each activity record the event title on one of the designated category pages that follow in this passport. Then ask the presenter or event organizer to sign your passport next to the title that you have just recorded. Check your Welcome Week 2010 handbook and campus actvities calendar to find events that interest you in each of the four categories.

By completing the K.E.Y. Passport Program you'll have many of the tools you need to have a successful first semester and make the University of California, Merced your own.

Stop by the Office of Student Life to register for the K.E.Y. Passport Program and pick up your keys.

If you have questions, please contact Enrique Guzman, Office of Student Life, Programs Manager at eguzman@ucmerced.edu or (209) 228-5433

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your name

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phone email

Ten Things Every College Student Should Know

1. No Major? No Problem!

Your major as an entering college freshman doesn't matter as much as you think it does. In fact, in most cases it doesn't lock you in to anything. If you are unsure of what you want to major in as a freshman, it's OK—most college students will change their major at least once. You can use your freshman year as a time to explore, taking classes in subjects you never thought about studying before to help you hone in on what you want to do with your life. Look at college as an opportunity to expand your knowledge and build upon your interests.

2. Your Advisor is an Important Resource

The Registrar's website will provide you with a catalog of courses offered, the prerequisites and requirements needed for each class and major, and requirements you must satisfy in order to graduate. If you have a question that goes beyond the catalog, or just need a little guidance, go to your advisor—they can help you with any scheduling or course selection questions you may have. If you are unsure of who to talk to, stop by the Student Advising and Learning Center in KL 172.

3. The Truth about Textbooks

There are two simple rules to follow when it comes to textbooks:

1) Don't buy your textbooks too early.
2) Save money by buying used books at the campus bookstore.

4. Campus Involvement Builds Lasting Friendships

Your social life is a huge part of the college experience. Getting involved on campus in clubs, organizations, community service, or athletics will help you meet new people and develop lasting friendships. Enjoy yourself and the friends you spend your time with—even if you're not doing anything at all. College also is about the people you meet, the experiences you go through, and the memories you make.

5. Balancing Work and Play Reduces Stress

Balancing an academic schedule, extracurriculars, recreation, perhaps a job, and on top of all that a social life can be extremely demanding. All work and no play is a sure-fire recipe for unhappiness and will catch up to you in the long run. Learn to balance school work by taking the number of classes you feel comfortable taking on. Don't over-involve yourself in activities, and if you have to work a part-time job, only work a few flexible hours per week.

6. Your Professors are Here to Support Your Learning

Talk to your professors: introduce yourself, ask questions, visit during office hours, and make sure they know your name. Be sincere in showing your efforts in the classroom. Your professors will begin to see that you are trying and your efforts will pay off. As a result, they will be more willing to go out of their way to help you, and you may even be able to use them as references later on.

7. Studying Abroad Brings the Classroom to Life

For students studying abroad, living, breathing, eating, and feeling a new culture is definitely an educational experience. Studying abroad allows you to fully immerse yourself in a foreign language, to observe a new culture firsthand, and to experience new music, art, theater, food, and nightlife. Studying in the actual environment brings the classroom to life.

8. Every Campus Has Safety Hazards

Check with your local police to learn about the areas off campus that you should avoid. Learning the areas where the most crime takes place and what types of crime are most common in your college town can help to keep you safe. For an added safety measure, store emergency phone numbers in your cell phone and post them beside the phone in your dorm as well. Also, always be sure to carry identification.

9. Internships Increase Your Hiring Power

Early in your time at UC Merced, think about internships. Job recruiters love practical experience, so plan on getting some before you graduate and you should be in great shape for your first job. Internships will not only provide you with practical, real-world experience, but you may even be one step ahead of the game and land a job offer from the company you intern for before you even graduate.

10. Avoiding Debt is Simple

A simply monthly budget will prevent you from overspending and will make paying the bills much easier. Allow yourself a weekly allowance for entertainment purposes and stick to it. Only use a credit card for emergencies, don't ever use it for entertainment. Sticking to your budget and remembering that little things add up fast will help to keep you debt free.

Explore

Explore resources that will help make UC Merced feel like your new home. Learn to navigate campus and the City of Merced community before classes start.

Name of Event Attended	*Signature*
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____

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Connect

Connect and make friends with others on campus and learn what it means to be a Golden Bobcat.

Name of Event Attended	*Signature*
1) _____	_____
2) _____	_____
3) _____	_____

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Lead

Lead with passion! Get involved with organizations, people and clubs that share your same ideals and interests.

Name of Event Attended	*Signature*
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Succeed

Succeed in your first year by visiting with your advisor, professors and participating in Student Advising and Learning Center or Housing workshops so you will have strategies to help you succeed academically.

Name of Event Attended	*Signature*
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Facts and Figures

UC Merced opened September 5, 2005, as the 10th campus in the University of California system and the first American research university of the 21st century. The campus significantly expands access to the UC system for students throughout the state, with a special mission to increase college-going rates among students in the San Joaquin Valley. It also serves as a major base of advanced research and as a stimulus to economic growth and diversification throughout the region. Situated near Yosemite National Park, the university is expected to grow rapidly, topping out at about 25,000 students within 30 years.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS*	3,414	
Undergraduate Students	3,190	
Graduate Students	224	
UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE		
Total	3,190	
Women	1,554	49%
Men	1,624	51%
Race/Ethnicity		
African American / Black	229	7%
American Indian / Alaskan Native	22	1%
Asian / Pacific Islander	1,050	33%
Hispanic	1,028	32%
White	699	22%
International	34	1%
Race/Ethnicity Unknown	128	4%
Age		
Average Age		20
Percent of Undergraduates Age 25 or Older		3%

** UC Merced enrollment figures as of Fall Semester 2009*

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Important Contact Information

Students First Center
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studentsfirst@ucmerced.edu

Student Advising & Learning Center
(209) 228-7252
learning@ucmerced.edu

UC Merced Police Department
(209) 228-2677 (CAT COPS)
police@ucmerced.edu

Office of Student Life
(209) 228-5433 fax: (209) 228-7618
studentlife@ucmerced.edu

H. Rajender Reddy Health Center
Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation & Wellness Centers
(209) 228-2273 fax: (209) 228-7650
health@ucmerced.edu

Career Services
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FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
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They are designed to help you Explore, Connect, Lead and Succeed.

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