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TRANSFER VIEWBOOK

CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

WELCOME TO UC MERCED, AND THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THE FIRST AMERICAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITY OF THE 21ST CENTURY FOR YOUR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES. AS A YOUNG CAMPUS, UC MERCED HAS A LOT TO OFFER.

Our unique **INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO EDUCATION** will help prepare you for the many options that lie before you, giving you a well-rounded learning experience that will carry you forward with critical-thinking skills, innovation and confidence.

Every class in each major and minor available to you (and our offerings are expanding each year) is taught by **PROFESSORS WHO ARE RESPECTED EXPERTS** in their fields and eager to help you succeed.

You'll have opportunities here that you wouldn't have on larger campuses, such as **WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBERS BOTH IN CLASSROOMS AND ON RESEARCH THAT WILL HELP CHANGE THE WORLD**, from world cultures and history, cognitive science, management, alternative energy and stem cell exploration to nanotechnology, biotechnology and biomedical fields. Our research institutes feature curiosity-driven, pioneering investigation into a variety of topics that matter most now and in the future.

We are **LEADING THE WAY IN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**, and working to shape the San Joaquin Valley for its future, as well as yours. For instance, we have forward-thinking internships available that take you into the heart of Yosemite National Park to learn more about the environment, conservation and ecological leadership.

One of the best things we can offer you is **OUR INTIMATE SETTING AND THE CHANCE TO BE PART OF A TIGHTLY-KNIT COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE** who are here for the same reasons you are—to learn, to grow and to make relationships that last a lifetime.

Here at UC Merced, you have the opportunity to **FOSTER YOUR LEADERSHIP TALENTS AND SHINE AS AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF OUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY.** There are many paths to community service here, through clubs and organizations, events and the service learning components of our courses.

I encourage you to jump right in and take part in the activities and organizations that interest you. Fulfill your needs outside the classroom, and lend your talents and expertise to help make our campus even stronger.

Thank you again for exploring UC Merced. After reading through this viewbook, be sure to contact us with additional questions you may have. **AND DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE CAMPUS IN PERSON.** I know you'll be impressed.

Steve Kang

STEVE KANG, Ph.D.
Chancellor

INTRODUCING UC MERCED

As the University of California's newest campus, UC Merced offers all the benefits of a small, private university (with the affordability of a public university), backed by the 140-year-old tradition and excellence of the UC system. UC Merced opened in September 2005 and is quickly gaining a reputation for its unique and outstanding academic opportunities.

What do our students say about UC Merced?

It's a place where:

- Friendly students, faculty and staff create a genuine sense of community with lots of personal interaction.
- Students can engage in academic and scientific research as early as their freshman year.
- People from different regions, cultures and ideas come together.
- You benefit from new academic and recreational buildings with the latest technologies.
- We are proud of our green campus—three of our buildings have achieved environmental certification.
- You can be a leader and leave a special legacy.

Campus Profile

University Type:
Research university, part of world-renowned UC system, nestled in the heart of California's San Joaquin Valley

History:
University founded in 1868; campus opened in 2005.

Semester or Quarter:
Semester

Degrees Offered:
Baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees

Fall 2007 Male/Female Ratio:
53% Male/48% Female

Expected fall 2008 enrollment:
2,700

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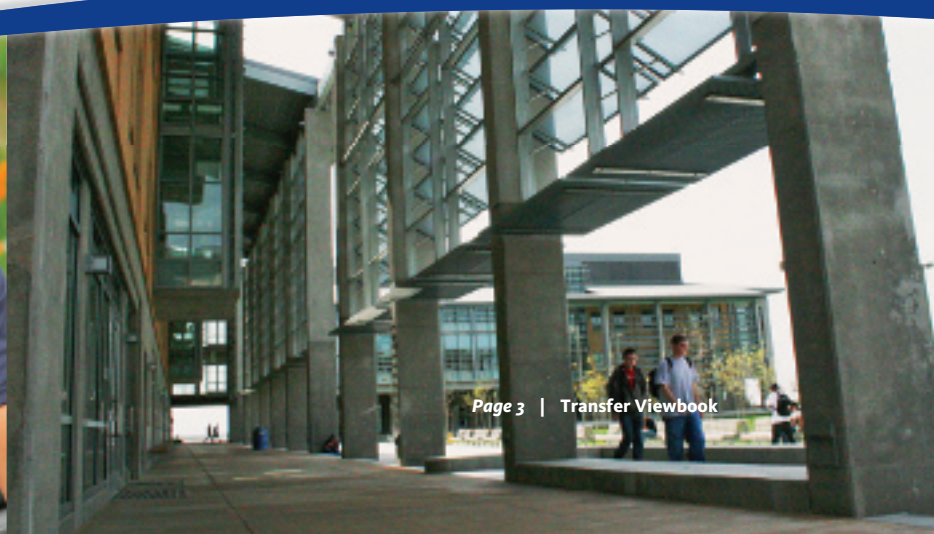


A University Founded on the Principles of Academic Excellence

- Valuable **one-on-one** attention
- The prestige of a UC education with a **small student-to-teacher ratio** and a classroom environment that fosters individual success
- **World-renowned faculty** and scholars who make themselves accessible to you
- Come see for yourself why a common phrase among the UC Merced faculty is: **"My door is always open"**
- Extraordinary **research opportunities** early in your academic career
- A remarkable chance to participate in **local, statewide and national internships**
- A chance to study abroad in one of 35 countries through our **Education Abroad Program (EAP)** or anywhere else in the world
- **National Park Service partnerships** that allow you to travel to locations like Yosemite and study a variety of subjects

Academic Schools

At UC Merced, you can benefit from unique interdisciplinary learning among three academic schools: Engineering; Natural Sciences; and Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts. Together, these schools facilitate an interactive classroom and research environment in a variety of courses, including computer science, biology, mathematics, literature and economics, just to name a few. For more information about these schools, visit the Academics link on our Web site: www.ucmerced.edu.

Research Institutes

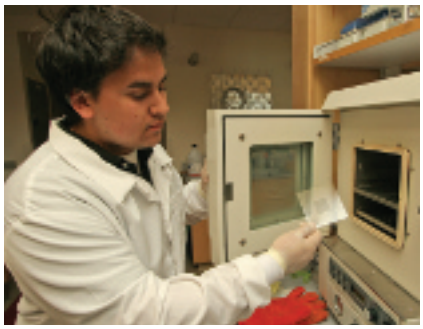
The Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI) operates two facilities that support research activities in the Central Valley and Sierra Nevada regions. The Environmental Analytical Laboratory (EAL) analyzes a wide variety of environmental materials. The Wawona Field Station is the first curiosity-driven research institute in Yosemite National Park. Faculty, researchers and students in the SNRI conduct basic and applied research on issues such as rapid population growth, competition for natural resources, air, water and soil pollution, climate change and competing land uses.

UC Merced has three other developing institutes: the World Cultures Institute, the Merced Energy Research Institute and the Biomedical Sciences Research Institute, which forms the foundation for our planned medical school.

FUTURE PLANS

We have exciting plans in the works. New majors and minors are created regularly. We are developing a management school to open as early as 2009. We are also in the planning stages of a medical school, which is remarkable for a young campus. To read about the Medical Education Initiative, visit med.ucmerced.edu.

Pre-Professional Programs



Pre-med/health professions, pre-law, business preparation: Our advisors are available and ready to help prepare you for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, business, management and other professions. Many of our UC Merced students who are interested in a medical or health profession belong to the Pre-Health Professional Club.

Teacher preparation: Take advantage of our Science and Math Initiative, designed to help students pursue credential programs in those subjects. For more information: naturalsciences.ucmerced.edu.

UC Merced's Career Services Center: Partners in Your Success

As a transfer student, you come to UC Merced having already declared a major and ready to pursue your chosen field of study. Our Career Services Center arms you with tools to reach your goals and enrich your experience. We connect you with on- and off-campus jobs and internship opportunities, perform career assessments, offer a number of valuable workshops, assist with resume preparation and critique, provide individual assistance with interviews and other types of counseling, and boast a resource library to help you at every stage of career planning. For more information: careerservices.ucmerced.edu.

Just a few of the internships our Bobcats have enjoyed:

E & J Gallo Winery: *Technology & Quality Intern*
Pricewaterhouse Coopers: *Accounting Intern*
Genentech: *Research & Development Intern*
Gottschalks: *Retail Management Intern*
PG & E: *Engineering Intern*
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory: *Lab Assistant*
Yosemite National Park: *Park Ranger*

TRANSFER STUDENT PROFILE

ANLEY TEFERA

Year: Senior
Major: Bioengineering
Hometown: Logan, Utah

Activities/Interests:
Charter member of UC Merced National Society of Black Engineers.

Plans after graduation:
Earn a doctoral degree in biomaterials.

My experience:
"It was my auntie who encouraged me to visit UC Merced, but it was the school's emphasis on research that caught my attention."

Degrees

- Bioengineering, B.S.
- Biological Engineering and Small-Scale Technologies, M.S., Ph.D.
- Computer Science and Engineering, B.S.
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, M.S., Ph.D.
- Environmental Engineering, B.S.
- Environmental Systems, M.S., Ph.D.
- Materials Science and Engineering, B.S.
- Mechanical Engineering, B.S.
- Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, M.S., Ph.D.

Planned Programs

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Economics and Management

Careers and Opportunities

In the School of Engineering at UC Merced, each major is interdisciplinary. Students receive an education that balances their knowledge of math, science, and critical reading and writing with decision-making and communication skills. Engineers are able to understand and manage complexity. They are fascinated by questions of how and why things work and how they might be made to function better. They are skillful designers, planners, managers, analysts, researchers, consultants, computer scientists, and leaders in an increasingly technical society.

FACULTY PROFILE

MICHELLE KHINE, Ph.D.
UC Berkeley

Professor Khine is one of three faculty members conducting stem-cell research at UC Merced. A UC Berkeley graduate, she helped start a biotechnology company, Fluxion Biosciences, while working on her doctoral dissertation.

"The entrepreneurial spirit of a new campus was part of what attracted me to UC Merced," she says. "You have to have a vision to come here. There are no predefined roles, just lots of opportunities."

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SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

TRANSFER STUDENT PROFILE

DANNIQUE AALBU

Year: Senior
Major: Earth Systems Science
Hometown: Sacramento, California

Activities/Interests:
One of two students representing UC Merced in the Research Experience for Undergraduates program directed by Professor Benoit Dayrat in Yosemite National Park.

Plans after graduation:
Attend graduate school and pursue research, leading to a career in water policy and resource management.

My experience:
"I've been learning a lot of different field techniques. Fengjing trusts me to go out and take samples on my own twice a week, which is a great experience. And I'm learning lab techniques in Merced, as well, analyzing isotopes."

Degrees

- Applied Mathematical Sciences, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.
- Biological Sciences, B.S.
- Chemical Sciences, B.S.
- Earth Systems Science, B.S.
- Physics, B.S.
- Physics and Chemistry, Ph.D.
- Quantitative and Systems Biology, M.S., Ph.D.

Minors

- Applied Mathematics
- Natural Science Education
- Physics

Planned Programs

- Biochemistry
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Cell and Developmental Biology

For more information:

School of Natural Sciences
(209) 228-4309
Web site: naturalsciences.ucmerced.edu
E-mail: naturalsciences@ucmerced.edu

Careers and Opportunities

A degree in the sciences opens the door to a vast array of exciting careers. Graduates from the UC Merced School of Natural Sciences will have practical skills to enter the high-tech job market, as well as the in-depth knowledge needed to succeed in professional schools or graduate programs. The Natural Sciences curriculum thoroughly prepares our students for careers in important and rewarding fields, including medicine, dentistry, basic and applied biological research, veterinary medicine, nursing, management, computer science, teaching, biotechnology, health care conservation and management, law, engineering, economics, environmental sciences, policy, and business.

FACULTY PROFILE

RUDY ORTIZ, Ph.D.
UC Santa Cruz

Professor Ortiz's research addresses both clinical and basic science questions regarding electrolyte and water regulation in a variety of animal models including seals and dolphins. His research led him to investigate the link between diabetes and obesity with hypertension.

"Our goal is to use the data to help guide regional legislation aimed at establishing good nutrition and health policies for San Joaquin Valley residents in an effort to promote awareness, intervention and environmental change as recommended for national remedies to the increasing obesity epidemic."

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS (SSHA)

Degrees

- Anthropology, B.A.
- Cognitive Science, B.A. and B.S.
- Economics, B.A.
- History, B.A.
- Literatures and Cultures, B.A.
- Management, B.S.
- Political Science, B.A.
- Psychology, B.A.
- Social and Cognitive Sciences, M.A., Ph.D.
- World Cultures, M.A., Ph.D.

Minors

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Arts
- Cognitive Science
- Economics
- History
- Literatures and Cultures
- Management
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Services Science
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Writing

Planned Programs

- Art
- International Communications
- Law and Society
- Museum Studies
- Philosophy
- Sociology
- Spanish Language and Cultures

Careers and Opportunities

Graduates of the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (SSHA) are uniquely positioned to pursue graduate study or careers in a variety of fields. A SSHA major provides you with a firm foundation to do just about anything. You can be an advertising executive, book critic, consultant, diplomat, economic forecaster, FBI agent, financial analyst, journalist, lawyer, manager, multimedia designer, museum coordinator, writer, physician, political lobbyist, newscaster, real estate professional, social worker, teacher or professor, and more.

For more information:

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts
(209) 228-7742
Web site: ssha.ucmerced.edu
E-mail: ssha@ucmerced.edu

TRANSFER STUDENT PROFILE

COELL AND MADISON SIMMONS

Year: Senior
Major: History
Hometown: Catheys Valley, California

Activities/Interests:
The twins participated in the **UC-DC program** last year, Coell the sole intern for a congressman and Madison an intern in the U.S. Supreme Court's Curator's Office.

Plans after graduation:
Madison wants to pursue the legal profession to play a role in the lives of future generations of Americans.

My experience:
"UC Merced's small class sizes and close-knit community immediately made me feel comfortable and allowed me to interact with my professors in a manner unique to the University of California system."
—Coell

FACULTY PROFILE

KATIE WINDER, Ph.D.
The John Hopkins University

Professor Winder's research interests lie in labor economics and applied econometrics. She is primarily concerned with the employment and wages of women and how these are determined by fertility decisions, access to child care, and government and firm policy.

"One of the things that attracted me to UC Merced was the prospect of working with students who, by choosing a brand-new university, have shown themselves to be adventurous and enthusiastic about new opportunities."

STUDENT LIFE

What's there to do on campus?

- Be an athlete on one of **UC Merced's sports teams** (including baseball, basketball, lacrosse, cheerleading, volleyball, soccer, softball, badminton, archery, and ultimate Frisbee), organize the sport of your choice, or participate in intramural athletics.
- Get fit and have fun at the **Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center**. Check out recreation.ucmerced.edu for more information.
- **Join clubs and organizations** (our students have already formed 80 of them) and even create your own. Visit studentlife.ucmerced.edu to learn more.
- Serve on **UC Merced's student government** and help shape the direction of your school.
- Participate in student life activities and events like **movie nights, guest lectures, student concerts, and socials**.
- **Get involved in the community**. Become a mentor for elementary school children or volunteer at a local hospital.
- **Boost your résumé and experience** by working as an assistant in a variety of places: a laboratory, the library, food services, housing, a classroom, or an administrative office.

What about off-campus?

- **Catch CatTracks** (UC Merced's shuttle system) that will take you just about anywhere in the city.
- Hang out downtown, enjoy a coffee or great meal, check out the current exhibit at the **Multicultural Arts Center** or watch a movie at the **Main Place Stadium Cinema**.
- Check out the **Merced Shakespeare Festival**, held outdoors in **Applegate Park** each summer (mercedshakespearefest.org) or the various productions at **Playhouse Merced** throughout the year. (www.playhousemerced.com).
- Enjoy the plethora of delicious choices offered by our multicultural community, ranging from **traditional American to exotic Thai cuisine**.
- Walk, ride your bike or drive to **Lake Yosemite**, adjacent to the UC Merced campus, and rent personal watercraft and paddleboats, have picnics or barbecues or go sailing.
- **Take day trips** to the beach, the mountains, San Francisco and Yosemite National Park.
- **Go hiking, fishing, white-water rafting, kayaking, snowboarding, or skiing**—we have lots of lakes, rivers and forests nearby, as well as ski resorts and beaches.

For more information:

Student Life
(209) 228-5433
Web site: studentlife.ucmerced.edu
E-mail: studentlife@ucmerced.edu

GUARANTEED HOUSING

UC Merced guarantees housing to all incoming freshmen and transfer students who meet the required deadlines stated on our Web site: housing.ucmerced.edu.

About our housing:

The Sierra Terraces

Sierra Terraces is home to the majority of freshmen living on campus. This brand-new, two-story residence hall offers community living, with two students to a bedroom. Each two-bedroom suite shares a private bathroom. Triple rooms are available at a lower cost.

The Valley Terraces

These beautiful residence halls accommodate continuing and transfer students, as well as nontraditional freshmen. Each apartment-style suite, shared by four or six students, includes a living room, bathroom and two or three double bedrooms.

The Terrace Center

Located at the heart of the community, the Terrace Center provides sophisticated laundry facilities complete with a unique Internet notification system; the mailroom and housing office; a comfortable study lounge; a computer room; and The Den, where residents can watch a large-screen TV, play ping-pong, pool, air hockey and other games. Movie nights, dances and other special events take place in the Terrace Center's California Room. The newly expanded Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center offers a variety of contemporary restaurant-style choices: pizza, sandwiches, grilled items, vegetarian specials, salads, home-cooked meals and much more.

Off-campus housing

The growing Merced community offers a variety of off-campus housing options. Visit our Web site at housing.ucmerced.edu for more information and a list of many of the rental properties in Merced, your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, what to consider when looking for a compatible roommate and much more.

Transfer Organizations, Services and Resources

Student Outreach and Mentoring Program (STOMP)

One of UC Merced's first student organizations, STOMP was established to foster a university-going culture among Central Valley transfer students. Current UC Merced transfer students mentor prospective transfer students at local community colleges and maintain a strong support network for students once they reach UC Merced. Contact STOMP students by e-mail at stomp@ucmerced.edu or visit transfer.ucmerced.edu/stomp.

Transfer Student Association

The Transfer Student Association was founded to serve the needs of community college transfer students. TSA is run by transfer students for transfer students and offers study groups, social events, peer counseling, tutoring programs, incoming student liaisons and advising/outreach. For more information, e-mail tsa@ucmerced.edu.

Note: The UC Merced Early Childcare and Education Center is currently in development. For more information, e-mail childcare@ucmerced.edu.

ADMISSION AND ELIGIBILITY

How to Apply

Apply to the University of California online at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply.

When to Apply

You can start working on the online application on Oct. 1. The fall priority filing period is Nov. 1 through 30. The spring priority filing period is July 1 through 31.

Application Fees

The $60 application fee entitles you to apply to one UC campus. The fee for international students is $70. Fee waivers are available to students who qualify. To learn more, visit admissions.ucmerced.edu.

Students from California's community colleges who have completed at least 60 transferable units (junior-level transfers) and major preparation will be given highest priority. While preparing to transfer at the junior level, we encourage you to complete a pattern of courses that will best prepare you for the upper division work in your chosen field of study.

Junior-Level Transfer

- Complete a minimum of 60 UC transferable semester units or 90 transferable quarter units with a minimum 2.4 GPA (2.8 GPA for nonresidents). You are allowed to complete up to 14 semester (21 quarter) units with credit/no credit.
- Complete the required seven-course pattern
  - English composition—*2 courses*
  - Mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning—*1 course*
  - 4 courses from at least 2 of these areas:
    - — *Arts and Humanities*
    - — *Behavioral and Social Sciences*
    - — *Biological and Physical Sciences*

Lower-Division Transfer

If you were eligible for admission to the University of California when you graduated from high school, you may be eligible for the "Fast Track" to UC Merced.

Major Preparation and Assist

Preparing for your major involves completing preparatory courses at your college that will enable you to take upper-division courses at UC Merced. Students planning to major in natural sciences, engineering or computer science should complete the appropriate prerequisites, (i.e., calculus, science, computer programming). California community college students are urged to visit www.assist.org to view major preparation articulation agreements.

General Education/Breadth Requirements

If your major falls within the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, we encourage you to complete the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). IGETC can substitute for GE requirements in the Schools of Engineering and Natural Sciences; however, IGETC may exceed school-specific lower division breadth requirements. Please consult www.assist.org for GE/Breadth preparation for your major.

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

Under the TAG program, California community college students are guaranteed admission to their major at UC Merced if they complete specific requirements. Along with a contract specifying the courses and GPA required for admission to your chosen major, you will benefit from individualized academic advising and an opportunity to participate in special UC Merced programs. Call us at **(209) 228-4682** or **(866) 270-7301 (toll-free in California)** or e-mail **transfer@ucmerced.edu** for more information.

For more information, visit www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply or contact a UC Merced transfer admissions advisor (see back page of this viewbook).

FINANCIAL AID

How to apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships at UC Merced

UC Merced is firmly committed to making a college education affordable for all students, regardless of their families' financial situations. With financial aid and scholarship resources, the opportunity to attend UC Merced may be more affordable than you think. Therefore, we encourage students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Remember:

- The FAFSA is available online beginning Jan. 1 of each year and should be submitted by March 2.
- **The UC Merced FAFSA School Code is 041271.**

For questions and assistance:
Visit our Web site at financialaid.ucmerced.edu,
e-mail finaid@ucmerced.edu or
call us at (209) 228-4AID (4243).

COME SEE US

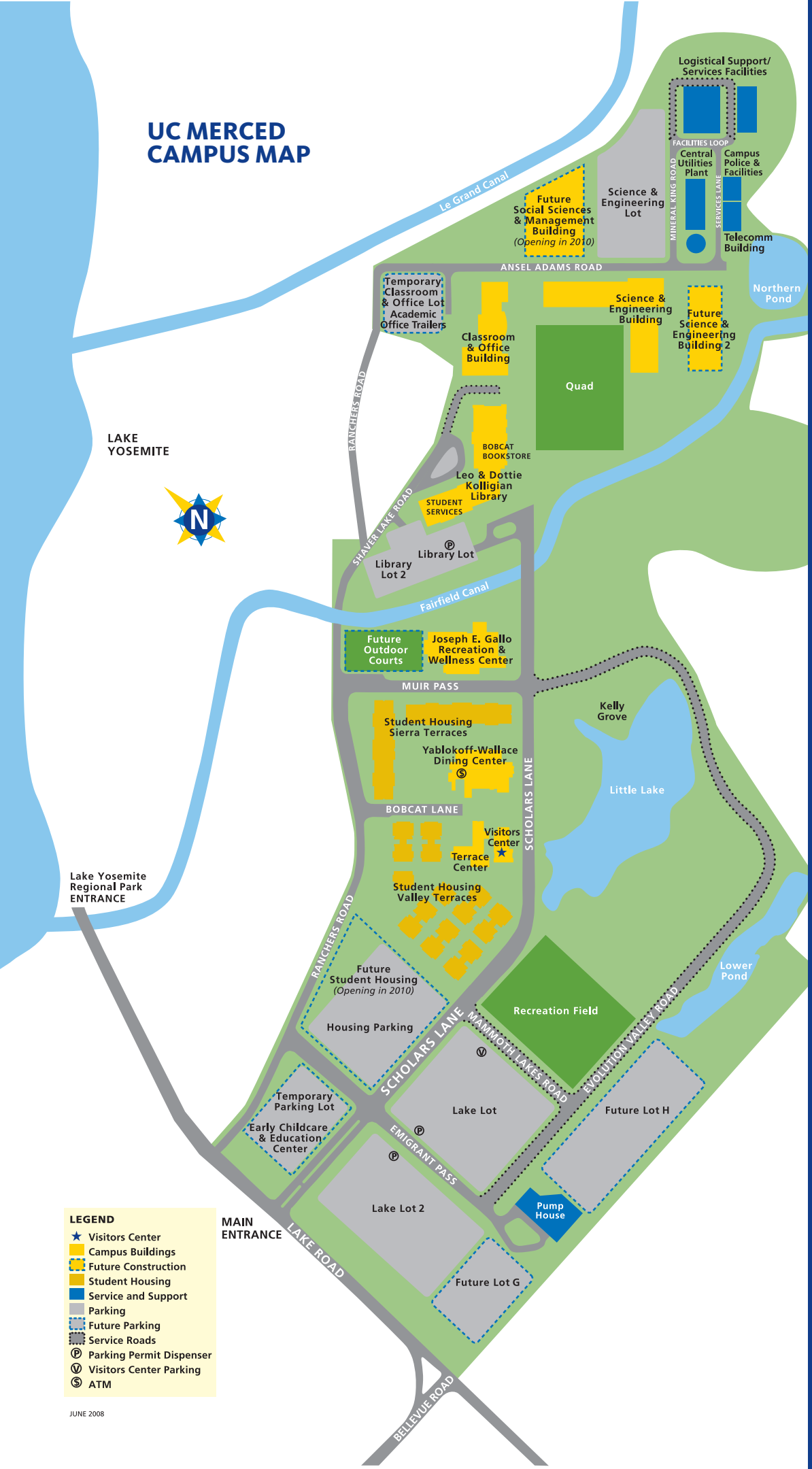
Come visit UC Merced to find out what makes our campus so special. Call us to arrange a guided tour of campus any weekday and on most Saturdays throughout the year. Visiting UC Merced will give you firsthand knowledge of our academics, housing and student life.

For more information:
Web site: tours.ucmerced.edu
E-mail: tours@ucmerced.edu
(209) 228-6316 or (866) 270-7301 *(toll-free in California)*

Estimated travel times to UC Merced:

- FRESNO 1 hour
- LOS ANGELES 4 hours
- MODESTO 45 minutes
- SACRAMENTO 2 hours
- SAN FRANCISCO 2.5 hours
- YOSEMITE 1.5 hours

UC MERCED CAMPUS MAP



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QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP:

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