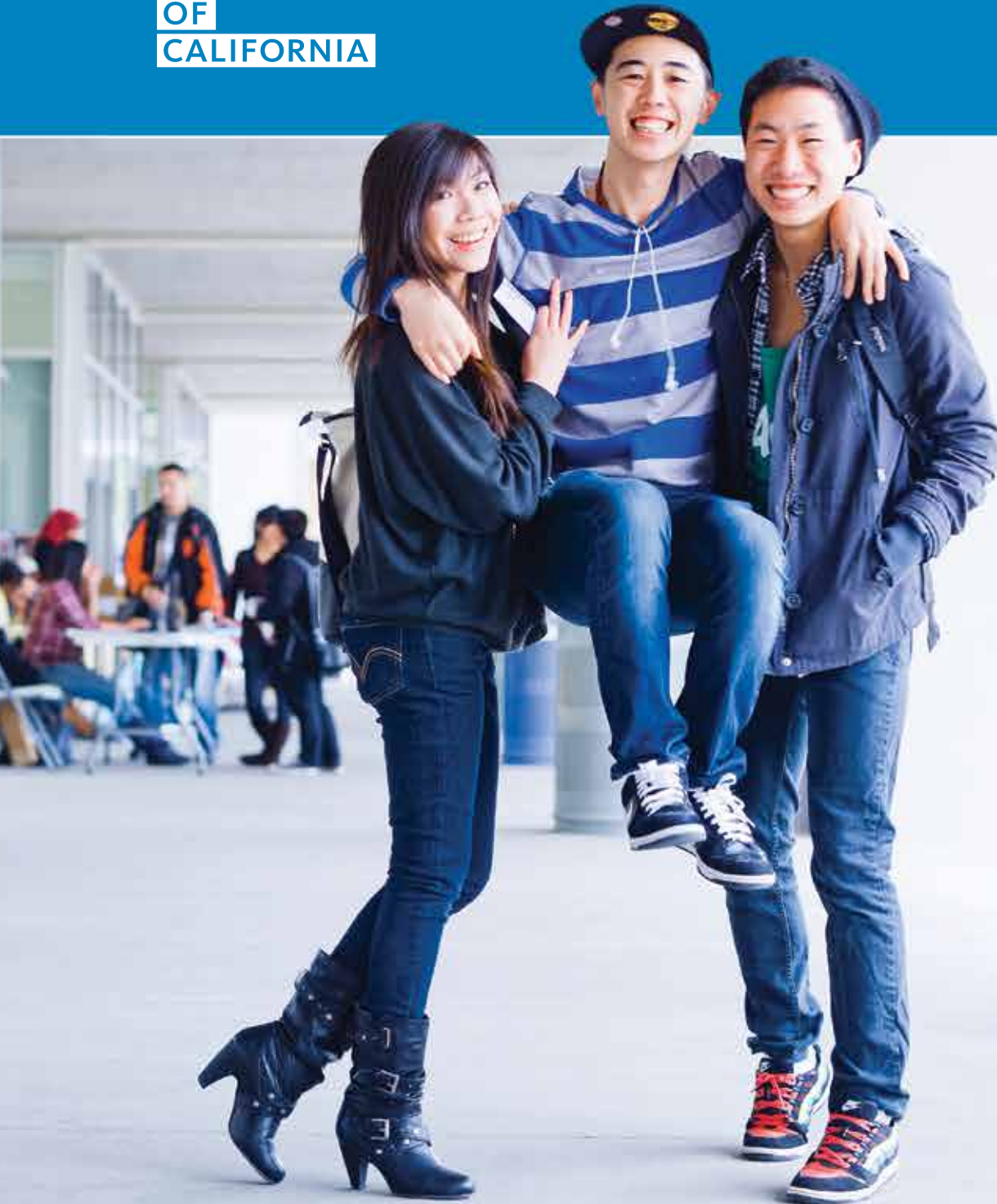


UNIVERSITY
OF
CALIFORNIA

YOU'VE BEEN ADMITTED TO
UCMERCED



CONGRATULATIONS! COME BUILD THE FUTURE

Congratulations on your admission to the University of California, Merced's newest class!



UC Merced is rapidly gaining recognition for its remarkable students, exceptional faculty and emerging areas of research prominence.

Located in the heart of California, UC Merced offers unique opportunities. The nearby Sierra Nevada mountains serve as a natural laboratory, the peaks and vistas acting as your classroom. Here, you can conduct innovative and transformative research alongside faculty and scholars ranging from human health, information, computational and computer sciences, environmental sustainability, energy systems, political science and more.

Our close-knit campus community emphasizes extraordinary student success and will support you in reaching your academic and professional goals. In addition, whether your interests are climbing Half Dome, competing on a sports or academic team, or engaging in an internship, you will make friends and be a part of the community.

Our rapidly growing student population hails from all corners of California and beyond. More than 220 clubs and organizations, along with recreational and cultural activities, will complement your college experience at UC Merced.

Again, I offer my hearty congratulations on your admission, and I hope to see you on campus this fall as you initiate your journey toward success.

Fiat Lux and Go Bobcats!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dorothy Leland".

DOROTHY LELAND
Chancellor



UC 2.0: WHAT COMES NEXT?

UC Merced is a vital part of the world-renowned University of California, but we're also forging new paths with our pioneering spirit. UC Merced embodies innovation, and we relish our sense of community.

Learning knows no limits here, interdisciplinary, cross-campus or international, through studying abroad.

UC Merced also has a unique relationship with the National Park Service, being the only university to have a research station there. That creates dynamic research, learning and career opportunities for students.

But one of the most impressive aspects of the campus is our 20:1 student-faculty ratio. That means we combine the personal attention of a small private school with the academic resources of a major research university.

As an undergraduate, you'll have extraordinary research opportunities working directly and closely with our stellar faculty members and deans.

You can collaborate with with the researchers working on stopping melanoma in its tracks or the ones developing a new method of preventing HIV from infecting humans, the professor who recently won a Google Faculty Research Award to pursue his algorithm that helps machines function more like the human brain or the team dedicated to studying climate change and helping humans learn to adapt.

From academics and student life to athletics and community service, you'll discover the leadership, creativity, compassion and keen insight you're looking for to lay the foundation for a truly meaningful future.

SAY YES!

Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to secure your place and to embark on an incredible educational journey.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY SIR ONLINE?

- STEP 1:** Go to the UC Merced portal, my.ucmerced.edu.
- STEP 2:** Claim your UCMNetID and create your personal password.
- STEP 3:** Select myAdmissions to view your personal application status page and follow the instructions to submit your SIR and non-refundable \$100 deposit.

Check our website for the SIR priority deadline: admissions.ucmerced.edu/admitted



MAJORS AND MINORS

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

- › Bioengineering (B.S.)
- › Computer Science and Engineering (B.S.)
- › Environmental Engineering (B.S.)
- › Materials Science and Engineering (B.S.)
- › Mechanical Engineering (B.S.)

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

- › Applied Mathematical Sciences (B.S.)
- › Biological Sciences (B.S.)
- › Chemical Sciences (B.S.)
- › Earth Systems Science (B.S.)
- › Physics (B.S.)

Minors

- › Applied Mathematical Sciences
- › Chemical Sciences
- › Environmental Science and Sustainability
- › Natural Sciences Education
- › Physics

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS

- › Anthropology (B.A.)
- › Cognitive Science (B.A., B.S.)
- › Economics (B.A.)
- › English (B.A.)
- › History (B.A.)
- › Management and Business Economics (B.S.)
- › Political Science (B.A.)
- › Psychology (B.A.)
- › Public Health (B.A.)
- › Sociology (B.A.)
- › Spanish (B.A.)

Minors

- › American Studies
- › Anthropology
- › Arts
- › Chicano/a Studies
- › Cognitive Science
- › Economics
- › English
- › History
- › Management
- › Philosophy
- › Political Science
- › Psychology
- › Public Health
- › Service Science
- › Sociology
- › Spanish
- › Writing







› Other UC campuses have drone research programs, but UC Merced might be the only one with two certificates of authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), which allow students to fly drones at higher altitudes and, possibly, in locations they haven't flown before.



UC MERCED FAST FACTS*

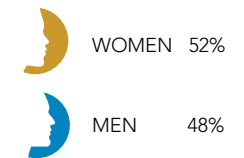
UNDERGRADUATES BY SCHOOL

	SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS	2,067 [35.2%]
	SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES	1,868 [31.8%]
	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	1,179 [20.1%]
	UNDECLARED	756 [12.9%]

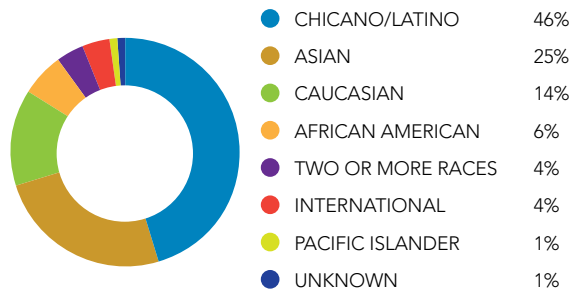
UNDERGRADUATES	5,884
GRADUATE STUDENTS	384
TOTAL ENROLLMENT	6,268



62% OF CLASSES HAVE FEWER THAN 30 STUDENTS








CAMPUS DIVERSITY *



* Percentages are rounded

POPULAR MAJORS

STUDENTS ENROLLED	1,388		BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	705		PSYCHOLOGY
	414		MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
	363		MANAGEMENT
	336		COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING

STUDENT ORIGINS



NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	24.7%
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	22.9%
GREATER LOS ANGELES	22.7%
SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	6.8%
OTHER	22.9%

* PERCENTAGES ARE ROUNDED.
FIGURES ARE FROM 2013-14 DATA FROM THE UC MERCED INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND DECISION SUPPORT DIVISION.

› Most undergraduates have the opportunity to conduct research with world-renowned faculty, such as immunology Professor Jennifer Manily, who studies development of T lymphocytes, important components of immune defense against pathogens.



LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



Fun Campus Activities

However you like to spend your free time, there's something for everyone.

- › Welcome Week
- › Family Weekend
- › Luau beach party
- › Soul'd Out Poetry Jam
- › Spirit days
- › Cabsterical comedy series
- › Halloween party and dance
- › Movie Night
- › Winter Ball Gala
- › Research Week
- › Cinco de Mayo celebration



Trips

Different organizations sponsor trips to places such as San Francisco, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, and Gallo Center for the Arts, Modesto Nuts baseball games and other local sporting events. There's something happening all the time!





Clubs and Organizations

Our students have already formed more than 220 clubs and organizations. If you can't find one that seems like a good fit, tap into the school's pioneering spirit and start your own!

HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

- › American Red Cross Club
- › Anime Club
- › Ballet Folklorico de UC Merced
- › Bobcat Band
- › Chicano Latino Council
- › Cycling Club
- › Minecraft Club
- › Native American Student Coalition
- › Photography Club
- › Project Smile
- › Robotics Society
- › Society of Women Engineers



Fraternity and Sorority Life

Our fraternity and sorority community has nine chapters on campus that are recognized by the Fraternity and Sorority Council. There are many more professional, service and academic Greek-letter organizations on campus. Events include Meet the Greeks, Greek Week and formal recruitment each spring.



Find It Online

The CatLife website (catlife.ucmerced.edu) allows students to access fliers for upcoming events, register for events, look up club and organization information, record community service hours and record activities in the student involvement portfolio.



› Bobcat Radio provides the backdrop for many campus events. Between the more than 220 student-led clubs and Greek life, there is always something going on!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

BY THE TIME THEY WERE **SENIORS**,
65% OF STUDENTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN
COMMUNITY SERVICE OR VOLUNTEER WORK.



NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Merced County Project 10%

University students share personal stories with middle school students about overcoming obstacles that could have prevented them from graduating from high school.

You See Leaders conference

The conference is an annual event that attracts up to 200 high school students who are looking to develop their leadership skills.

EPICS program

The Foster Family Center for Engineering Projects in Community Service (EPICS) puts engineering students to work on challenging projects for nonprofit organizations in the Merced community.

Environment

The Office of Student Life (OSL) sponsors several popular beautification projects in conjunction with National Days of Service throughout the year.

Fight against hunger

The UC Merced Food Pantry is a designated USDA Distribution Site; volunteering serves fellow students and the community at large.

Literacy

UC Merced students can receive training to work with challenged young readers one-on-one, recognize learning disorders that might be holding them back and change a child's life.



THE WORLD IS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS



Get a global view by studying abroad for a summer or semester, or spend a whole year traveling and learning in one of 42 countries, including Egypt, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, New Zealand, France and Russia, to name a few.

THINK YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO STUDY ABROAD? Think again! Studying abroad is affordable for UC Merced students for a number of reasons.

- › 100 percent of the total program cost — including airfare — is calculated in your financial aid package.
- › There are many semester- and yearlong programs that are less expensive than living in Merced.
- › Most UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) students see no difference in the total net cost of living in Merced compared with a semester abroad.
- › 100 percent of financial aid transfers for UCEAP students.
- › Students can apply for thousands of dollars in scholarships to replace loans.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

studyabroad.ucmerced.edu, facebook.com/ucmstudyabroad



› England's Stonehenge is just one of hundreds of sights to behold for students who study abroad. Get up close with native wildlife, take in the green cliffs of Ireland and make friends in Asia as you cross the globe.



EXPLORE OFF CAMPUS

CatTracks (UC Merced's shuttle system) can take you just about anywhere in Merced for free — simply present your CatCard. CatTracks has eight dedicated lines, three of which travel between campus and downtown. Visit cattracks.ucmerced.edu.

THINGS TO CHECK OUT IN MERCED:

- › Live music and “Conjunitos,” where an artist, a poet and a musician simultaneously create art on the spot at J&R Tacos
- › Open mic night, trivia night, karaoke and live music at the Partisan
- › Open mic nights, live music, poetry readings and art shows at Coffee Bandits
- › Local artists, musicians and poets at the Merced Art Hop
- › Art exhibits at the Multicultural Arts Center
- › Theatrical and musical performances at Playhouse Merced and the Merced Theatre
- › Merced Shakespearefest, held in Applegate Park each year
- › Paddleboats, sailing, picnics and barbecues at Lake Yosemite, adjacent to campus

IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING

ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIMES FROM UC MERCED:

- MODESTO — 45 minutes
- FRESNO — 1 hour
- YOSEMITE VALLEY — 2 hours
- SACRAMENTO — 2 hours
- SAN FRANCISCO — 2.5 hours
- SANTA CRUZ — 2.5 hours
- LOS ANGELES — 4 hours



ATTRACTIONS NEAR MERCED

- 1 LOS ANGELES
- 2 SACRAMENTO
- 3 SAN FRANCISCO
- 4 SANTA CRUZ
- 5 YOSEMITE

DAY TRIPPING

Sometimes it's nice to stop studying and just take a break. Grab your roommate and some friends and go on a day trip. No transportation? The Hertz on Demand program offers vehicle rentals to students on campus at low rates. Visit taps.ucmerced.edu/Hertz.



AREA ATTRACTIONS

- › Take in the gorgeous vistas at **Yosemite National Park**, two hours from Merced;
- › Hike at **Point Lobos State Park** in Carmel, a little more than two hours away;
- › Catch a **Broadway show** such as “Hello, Dolly” or “Wicked” at the Fresno Convention Center, just about an hour away;
- › Get soaked at the largest water park in Central California, **Wild Water Adventure Park**, in Clovis, about an hour and 20 minutes from Merced;
- › Throw caution to the wind and go **skydiving** in Lodi; about an hour and a half from Merced;
- › Visit **Old Sacramento** and tour the state capitol, about two hours away;
- › Observe underwater realms at the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**, then eat and shop on **Cannery Row**, about two hours and 15 minutes away;
- › Play at the **Gilroy Gardens** theme park, then shop at the **Gilroy Outlets**, about an hour and 50 minutes from Merced;
- › Head to **San Francisco** and shop in **Union Square**, about two hours away;
- › Drive to **Murphys** in Gold Country to grab lunch and visit some cozy antique shops and other boutiques, about an hour and 35 minutes from Merced; or
- › Go skiing at **China Peak**, two hours, 15 minutes from here, or **Dodge Ridge**, about two hours from here

RECREATION AND WELLNESS



FRESH AIR AND FUN OUTSIDE

- › The **Outdoor Experience Program** (OEP) offers an array of activities ranging from the Week of Wilderness (for incoming freshmen only), Granite Clinic and Speaker Series, Outdoor Adventure trips and Open Wrench bicycle sessions. Trips include exploring the big trees, giant rocks and stunning waterfalls in Yosemite National Park, skiing and snowboarding in the Sierra, rafting the American River, kayaking in the San Francisco Bay and surfing in Santa Cruz.
- › The **Outdoor Center** offers an extensive equipment-rental program including backpacks, sleeping bags, stoves and tents, as well as snowshoes and trekking poles.
- › The **Wilderness Education Center** provides recreational and professional opportunities for students in Yosemite National Park. Staff members and rangers inspire stewardship of the area's world-class natural resources through trip planning, backcountry guiding and more.
- › To make it easier to visit the national park, **Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System** (YARTS) picks up students Monday through Friday and takes them from the campus to Yosemite.



PLENTY OF SPACE TO STRETCH OUT

The Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center and the Student Activities and Athletics Center combined offer more than 54,440 square feet of space dedicated to recreation and wellness. The facilities feature state-of-the-art cardio and fitness equipment, group exercise equipment and a multipurpose gym.

The 600-seat gym features NCAA regulation-size basketball and volleyball courts, two cross courts for rec basketball and volleyball, and two regulation-size badminton courts.

Group fitness courses range from dance to cycling and martial arts to yoga, and those in need of individual assistance can opt for a personal trainer.



› Nearby Dodge Ridge is a snowy playland for students with a sense of adventure. On campus, students participate in everything from yoga to aerobics to weight lifting in modern facilities.



GO, BOBCATS!

ATHLETICS SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT

The UC Merced Bobcats compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the California Pacific Conference (CAL-PAC) in men's and women's basketball, cross country, soccer and volleyball.

Whether you're an athlete or fan of college athletics, you can get involved by showing up and teaming with Rufus Bobcat, the mascot, to cheer on the blue and gold!

PLAY AND COMPETE IN YOUR FAVORITE SPORT

If you are interested in a different competitive sport, there's a good chance other UC Merced students who share your passion have formed a sports club team. No experience is needed! In the Sport Club Program, students compete against other colleges, universities and amateur clubs. Teams include archery, baseball, dance, martial arts, men's lacrosse and softball.

What if you love to play games but don't want to compete? Intramural sports is for you! IM teams offer a great way to get exercise, relieve stress and develop friendships. Sports include archery, basketball, flag football, grass volleyball, soccer, softball and ultimate Frisbee.



LIVING ON CAMPUS

UC Merced is proud to guarantee housing to all incoming first-year and new transfer students meeting the necessary deadlines stated on our website, housing.ucmerced.edu. Entering first-year students who live on campus during the fall term are guaranteed a second year of housing, if all deadlines for applications are met. On-campus housing is also available to continuing students on a first-come, first-served basis.

THE SUMMITS *



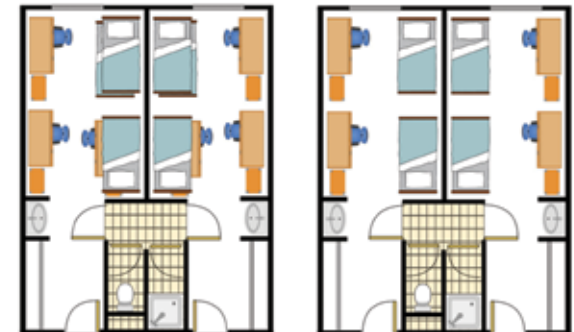
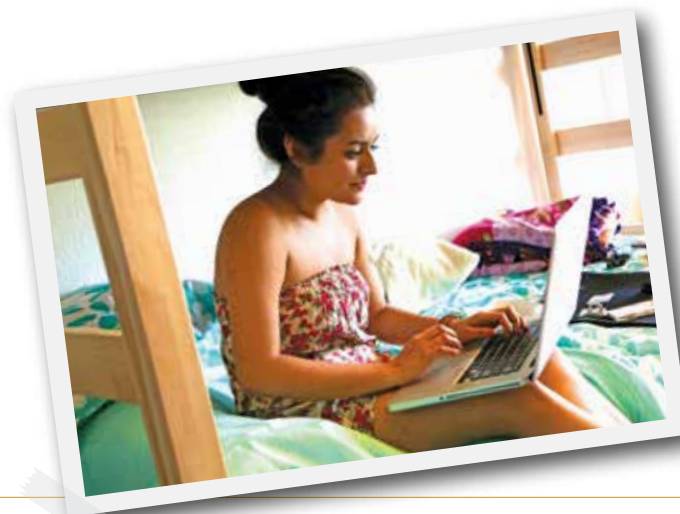
THREE RESIDENCE HALLS MAKE UP THE SUMMITS COMMUNITY: Cathedral Hall, Tenaya Hall and Half Dome. The Summits is designed as a traditional corridor-style residence hall with five bedrooms sharing a common bathroom. Half Dome is home to new and continuing students, while Cathedral and Tenaya Halls are exclusively for first-year residents. The Summits provides many amenities such as the Resident Learning Center, a computer lab and printer, a gaming center, vending machines, dance and music rooms, a kitchen and outdoor barbecue, and more.



THE SIERRA TERRACES *

SIERRA TERRACES IS HOME TO FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS. Two-story residence halls, Tuolumne and Mariposa, offer community living with two or three students per bedroom. A private bathroom is shared between every two bedrooms. Both halls have common lounges, computers and a kitchen to make late-night snacks.

* NOT TO SCALE



LIVING ON CAMPUS

THE VALLEY TERRACES *

IN THE VALLEY TERRACES, nine halls of apartment-style suites accommodate continuing and transfer students with two or three double-occupancy bedrooms, shared living rooms and private bathrooms.

* NOT TO SCALE



THE TERRACE CENTER

THE TERRACE CENTER STANDS AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY. It provides laundry facilities with an Internet notification system for Valley Terraces and Sierra Terraces residents, a mailroom, the Housing and Residence Life office, a comfortable study lounge and a computer room. The Den is a common meeting place for residents to enjoy the large-screen TV or play pool, air hockey or ping pong. Movie nights, dances and other special events take place in the Terrace Center's California Room.



UC Merced's dorms are ranked

No. 9

in California based on students' satisfaction with **housing quality, cleanliness and amenities.**

— 2015 NICHE RANKINGS



THE SUMMITS MARKETPLACE

CENTRALLY LOCATED OFF THE PASEO BETWEEN CATHEDRAL AND TENAYA HALLS, THE SUMMITS MARKETPLACE offers a large selection of snack items, grab-and-go microwavable items, groceries, personal care items and more. Don't forget to try a F'Real Shake. It's the hottest item they sell.

HOUSING OPTIONS

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

All first-year students living on campus will participate in the First Year Experience (FYE) program, designed to support students through fun and interesting programs as they transition to our university environment.

LIVING OPTIONS

Studies show that students who live among peers with similar interests have an easier transition, make deeper connections with others and do better academically. UC Merced has a series of learning communities. Consider submitting a statement of interest as a part of the housing application to live with peers who share common interests.

Fiat Lux: Members of the Fiat Lux Scholars Program, aimed at enhancing a student's overall college experience and academic performance, are encouraged to live together as part of the Fiat Lux Living Learning Community.

Gender Inclusive: The Gender Inclusive program brings together individuals as part of a welcoming and inclusive community. It is important to note that this option is not intended to be co-ed housing. Residents applying to participate will have the option of sharing a room and/or suite that accommodates same-gender, opposite-gender, or other gender identity room/suitemate pairings, regardless of biological sex.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR HOUSING?

Submit your SIR and payment by May 1, 2015. The SIR will be processed within one day, after which you can go to housing.ucmerced.edu, select "Apply for 2015-2016 housing" and complete your online housing application.

YOU WILL NEED:

- › Your UC Merced Net ID and password
- › A valid credit card (Visa not accepted) or electronic check to pay the \$300 reservation fee. (This fee can be paid by your financial aid).



HOUSING COSTS

WHAT WILL IT COST?

ESTIMATED 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR: Rates include the room-only rates below added to the cost of your meal plan of choice*

- › Designed Quad- or Designed Triple-Occupancy Room – \$10,294
- › Quadruple-Occupancy Room – \$8,358
- › Triple-Occupancy Room – \$8,858
- › Double-Occupancy Room – \$10,999
- › Single-Occupancy Room – \$12,760

* RATES ARE GUARANTEED NOT TO EXCEED THIS ESTIMATE BY MORE THAN 2 PERCENT.

Rates include Internet access, cable TV and all utilities except telephone. Each resident is provided an extra-long twin bed, desk, chair, drawer and closet space.

Valley Terraces living rooms come furnished with a study table and chairs and soft seating. Staff members work closely with residents and student staff members to provide activities, advising and other amenities and housing services.

YABLOKOFF-WALLACE DINING CENTER

Residents can enjoy the variety of contemporary restaurant-style meals in the dining center. Foods such as Mexican, Italian, Asian, grilled items, vegetarian, gluten-free items, salads and much more are available. Residents can select from one of the three required meal plans that include the base Residential Dollars meal plan and CAT dollars:



\$5,068



\$4,236



\$3,196



CAT Dollars allow a resident to purchase food and convenience items at other locations such as The Summits Marketplace, Lantern Café and Diesel Dogs.





PAYING FOR COLLEGE

UC Merced is firmly committed to making a college education affordable for all students regardless of financial situation. With financial aid and scholarship resources, the opportunity to attend UC Merced is more affordable than you think!



OF THE 93 PERCENT OF UC MERCED STUDENTS WHO APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID IN 2014-15:

- › **87 percent** WERE PAID SOME FORM OF FINANCIAL AID;
- › **86 percent** QUALIFIED FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID; AND
- › **82 percent** RECEIVED GIFT-AID (GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS)

AFTER YOU APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- › Check your email often
- › Visit my.ucmerced.edu to explore your financial aid checklist
 - View your awards online
 - View and satisfy requirements
- › Learn about financial aid:
financialaid.ucmerced.edu

If you haven't applied for financial aid visit financialaid.ucmerced.edu to explore your options.

BLUE AND GOLD OPPORTUNITY

If you're ready to attend UC Merced, money shouldn't stand in your way. The UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan is available to eligible California residents and their families. Learn more about this initiative and view the complete set of eligibility requirements at universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold.

MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

The Middle Class Scholarship program applies to eligible UC undergraduate students who don't qualify under the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan. Detailed information about this program is available at financialaid.ucmerced.edu.

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

As a public state institution, UC Merced provides aid to students who qualify under the California Dream Act legislation. For more information, visit financialaid.ucmerced.edu/CADreamAct.

CAREER PREPARATION

The Center for Career and Professional Advancement (CCPA) helps students develop the skills that will make their transitions from college to the working world more successful, including the career and professional knowledge you need to negotiate the world confidently and achieve your goals.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The desire to see an immediate return on investment for a college degree has never been stronger. At UC Merced, each student can conduct an assessment, design a strategy and begin to implement a professional development plan. Our program for student success consists of a group of skills:

- › PERSONAL INVENTORY: Take a career assessment and pinpoint your passion;
- › CAREER DIRECTION: Explore majors and related career paths. Develop a job-search strategy; and
- › PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Continually learn and build skills and relationships to lead a meaningful, satisfying life in a constantly changing world.



CAREER SPECIALISTS

Students work directly with career specialists assigned by academic program. Services include individualized career coaching and mock interviews, skill-building events and workshops, search teams and walk-in hours.



SIGNATURE PROGRAMS

Students have direct access to innovative career services that will help cultivate new skills, showcase their creativity and give them competitive advantages as they enter the global job market.



SOME ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- › Learn through the Conversations with Entrepreneurs lecture series;
- › Participate in Flash Talks, a fast-paced presentation competition;
- › Meet industry recruiters at career fairs, information sessions and networking events;
- › Dine in style at professionally hosted etiquette dinners; and
- › Engage employers as part of company treks to Silicon Valley, Sacramento and San Francisco



ALUMNI PROFILE

JACKIE SHAY

HOMETOWN:

Manhattan Beach, Calif.

YEAR OF GRADUATION:

2009

MAJOR:

Biological Sciences

CURRENT ENDEAVORS:

Obtaining my master of science degree at San Francisco State University in Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology with an emphasis in Mycology (the study of fungus).

WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR LINE OF WORK:

Learn and teach

WHAT WERE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU DURING YOUR TIME AT UC MERCED?

Acting in and directing “The Vagina Monologues”; acting as the vice president of Associated Students of UC Merced (ASUCM) from 2007 to 2009; starting the Mercy Medical Center emergency room volunteer program; receiving the vice chancellor for student affairs distinguished leader award in 2009; and winning the inaugural Gauntlet with Delta Epsilon Mu.

WHAT STEPS BEFORE OR AFTER GRADUATION HELPED YOU DOWN YOUR CURRENT PATH?

I worked very hard as a student, always trying to do well in my classes, and I gained a significant degree of outdoor and leadership experience in the Peace Corps in Morocco.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT UC MERCED PREPARE YOU FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL?

UC Merced is a research institution and I am a researcher, so it prepped me perfectly for what I am doing by training me on how to think and learn independently and with an interdisciplinary group of people. I was pre-med when I was a student, but the research kept calling me while I was living abroad, and now I am a full-time scientist!



FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS

WHO DO YOU WANT TO WORK FOR? Whether you already have a dream employer or want to keep your prospects open, you'll find that employers appreciate the intellectual capacity, diverse perspective and driving ambition of UC Merced students.



Recent employers who have hired UC Merced graduates:

- › Apple
- › Bayer
- › Boeing
- › California State Assembly
- › Chevron
- › E. & J. Gallo Winery
- › eBay
- › ESPN
- › Facebook
- › Genentech
- › Google
- › Hilmar Cheese Co.
- › Intel
- › Kaiser Permanente
- › Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- › Microsoft
- › NASA
- › Pacific Gas and Electric Co.
- › PayPal Inc.
- › Peace Corps
- › Teach for America
- › Tesla Motors
- › Twitter
- › Yosemite National Park
- › YouTube

Many students decide they want to continue their educations after obtaining their degrees from UC Merced. For them, graduate, law and medical schools beckon.



Recent graduate schools UC Merced students have been accepted to:

- › USC School of Medicine
- › UC Hastings College of the Law
- › UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine
- › UCSF School of Medicine
- › UCLA School of Public Health
- › University of Arizona
- › Cornell University
- › Northwestern University
- › Pennsylvania State University
- › Harvard University
- › Stanford University



› Graduation is the pinnacle of every student's college journey. UC Merced graduates leave school with a firm foundation on which to build successful careers and take part in graduate studies.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



- › The **Calvin E. Bright Success Center** provides academic advising and learning support services that empower students to be successful in their academic and personal development.
- › **Fiat Lux** is a community of scholars and dedicated staff members who empower first-generation, income-eligible students to enhance development, growth and academic success.
- › **Degree Attainment for Returning and Transfer Scholars (DARTS)** assists transfer students in acclimating to the university and locating necessary resources within it.
- › The **Success Mentor Program** empowers first-year students to develop strategies and skills that will advance academic, intra- and interpersonal development through one-on-one mentoring with upper-division students.
- › **Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS)** relies on peers who collaborate to learn and teach each other to provide a less restrictive learning environment than in the classroom, increasing accessibility to knowledge and modeling learning behaviors and skills that encourage success.

OTHER SERVICES

- › Disability Services
- › Student Health Services
- › Veterans Services
- › CARE Office (formerly Violence Prevention Program)
- › Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)



- › During finals week, therapy dogs take up residence in the Bobcat Lair to let students pet and cuddle away their stress from test taking.

ORIENTATION

Orientation is a required one-day event during which you'll receive assistance in registering for your classes, connecting with faculty, staff and students and discovering more about campus services. Your parents are also encouraged to attend the special programs we have planned for them.



THINGS TO DO BEFORE ORIENTATION

- › Once you have completed your SIR, register for orientation at orientation.ucmerced.edu. Registration begins on Bobcat Day in April, and our dates fill up quickly, so register early!
- › Print your free orientation-day parking pass that is linked to in the orientation registration confirmation email (sent to your UC Merced email address) that you will receive immediately after registering.
- › Check your UC Merced email often for orientation confirmation and updates.
- › Browse orientation.ucmerced.edu to answer your orientation questions.
- › Ensure your official sealed transcripts are received at the UC Merced Office of Admissions (address in the next column) by July 1 for fall 2015. Test scores must be received by July 15. Be sure to bring a copy with you to orientation.
- › Take online placement exams.



LOG ON TO MY.UCMERCED.EDU TO:

1. Submit your Statement of Legal Residence
2. Submit a Student Health Insurance Waiver
3. Check to see if your transcripts and scores have been received
4. Apply for on-campus housing at housing.ucmerced.edu (if available)
5. Search campus jobs at jobs.ucmerced.edu



PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL TO SEND TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES TO:

UC Merced
Office of Admissions
5200 N. Lake Road
Merced, CA 95343-5603

School Codes

ACT: 0450
College Board (SAT, SAT Subject, AP): 4129



ITEMS TO BRING TO ORIENTATION

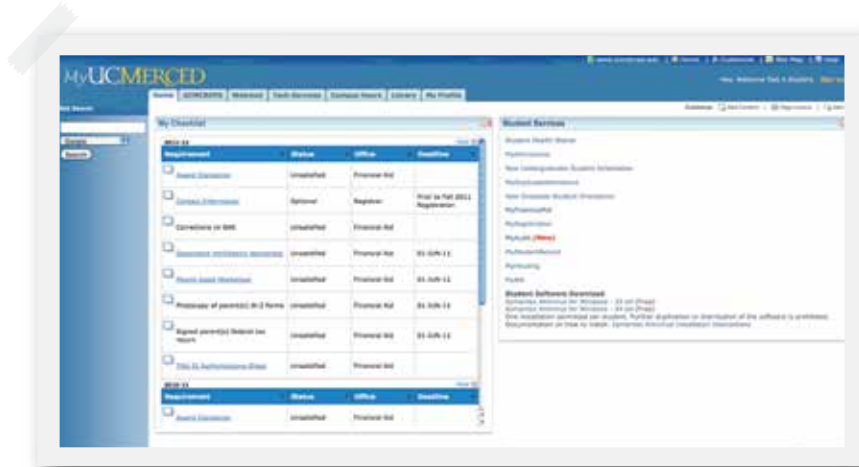
- › Comfortable clothes and shoes
- › Money to purchase UC Merced gear at the Campus Store
- › A copy of your transcripts (due July 1) and your test scores (due July 15)
- › Your ID or driver's license so you can receive your UC Merced identification card (CatCard)



NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES

UC MERCED PORTAL | my.ucmerced.edu

- › The portal is your go-to location for information about admissions, financial aid and orientation. It is also a great way to keep up to date on what is going on at UC Merced. We recommend you log on to the portal frequently.



UC UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION STATUS WEBSITE admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/after-you-apply/index.html

- › Visit this site to access your application and verify that the university has your official test scores. This is also where you should go to update your mailing address.

UC MERCED ADMITTED STUDENT PAGE | admissions.ucmerced.edu/admitted

- › Find important forms, dates and deadlines, campus resources, contact information and more.

STUDENTS FIRST CENTER (SFC) | studentsfirst.ucmerced.edu

- › If you have questions, the friendly staff at the SFC provide personalized service and help make your experience as seamless and positive as possible.





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- > UC Merced: instagram/UCMerced
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