

UNIVERSITY
OF
CALIFORNIA

YOU'VE BEEN
ADMITTED TO

UCMERCED



CONGRATULATIONS! COME BUILD THE FUTURE

Congratulations on your admission to the University of California, Merced!



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

Located in the heart of California, UC Merced offers unique opportunities. Here, you can conduct innovative and transformative research alongside faculty and scholars in areas ranging from human health to computational sciences.

Our close-knit campus community emphasizes extraordinary student success and will support you in reaching your academic and professional goals. Whether your interests are climbing Half Dome in nearby Yosemite, competing on a sports or academic team, or engaging in an internship, you will make friends and be a part of the community. In addition, more than 220 clubs and organizations, along with recreational and cultural activities, will complement your college experience at UC Merced.

Our rapidly growing student population hails from all corners of California and beyond. As part of our visionary 2020 Project, the campus and our community will continue to grow, bringing with it exceptional opportunities for academic and personal growth.

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



SAY YES TO **BECOME A BOBCAT!**

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: Visit 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 nonrefundable \$100 deposit.

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



NEXT STEPS **AND RESOURCES**

- ☐ Visit campus! Book a tour at tours.ucmerced.edu.
- ☐ Register for orientation at orientation.ucmerced.edu.
- ☐ Apply for housing. First year students must apply by May 3, and transfer students must apply by June 3. Visit housing.ucmerced.edu.
- ☐ Come to Bobcat Day, an event for admitted students, on April 16.
- ☐ Complete the financial aid verification process (if selected).
- ☐ Send official transcripts no later than July 1, 2016.

Notify your school to send official 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

- ☐ Send official test scores no later than July 15, 2016.
- ☐ Submit your Statement of Legal Residence, if required, at my.ucmerced.edu.
- ☐ Submit a Student Health Insurance Waiver at my.ucmerced.edu.
- ☐ Spring admitted students, visit admissions.ucmerced.edu/admitted for important dates and deadlines.

STUDENTS FIRST CENTER

If you have questions, the Students First Center provides personalized service to help make your experience as seamless and positive as possible.

studentsfirst.ucmerced.edu



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT **MARY XIONG**
WORKS IN A CHEMISTRY LAB DOING RESEARCH
FOR SPECIAL ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FOR
THE DISADVANTAGED (PROJECT SEED).



ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES

Orientation is a required one-day event during which you'll make connections with faculty, staff and students, and discover 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 submitted 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 will be sent as a link 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** for answers to your orientation questions.
- › Ensure that your official sealed transcripts are sent to the UC Merced Office of Admissions by July 1 and test scores by July 15 for fall 2016.
- › Take online placement exams.



ITEMS TO BRING TO ORIENTATION

- › Comfortable clothes and shoes
- › Money to purchase UC Merced gear at the Campus Store (optional)
- › Copies of most current transcripts and test scores
- › Your ID or driver's license so you can receive your UC Merced identification card (CatCard)



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

UC MERCED FAST FACTS*

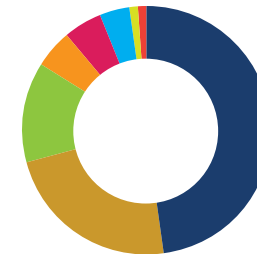
UNDERGRADUATES BY SCHOOL









	SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS	2,316 (38%)
	SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES	1,844 (29%)
	SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	1,455 (23%)
	UNDECLARED	646 (10%)

POPULAR MAJORS




STUDENTS ENROLLED	1,436		BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
	717		PSYCHOLOGY
	530		MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
	530		COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
	492		MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS

CAMPUS DIVERSITY





	CHICANO/LATINO	48%
	ASIAN	23%
	WHITE	13%
	AFRICAN-AMERICAN	5%
	NONRESIDENT ALIEN	5%
	TWO OR MORE RACES	4%
	PACIFIC ISLANDER	1%
	UNKNOWN	1%

TOTAL ENROLLMENT

UNDERGRADUATES	6,237	
GRADUATE STUDENTS	448	
TOTAL	6,685	

STUDENT GENDER

	WOMEN	51%
	MEN	48%
	DECLINED TO RESPOND	1%

CLASS SIZE



STUDENT ORIGINS

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	30.1%
LOS ANGELES COUNTY	22.4%
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	22.2%
SACRAMENTO - TAHOE	6.4%
INLAND EMPIRE	5.8%
SAN DIEGO - IMPERIAL	4.4%
ORANGE COUNTY	3.7%
OTHER	5.0%

FIGURES ARE FROM FALL 2015 DATA FROM THE UC MERCED INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND DECISION SUPPORT DIVISION.

LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM



CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

There are activities for everyone at UC Merced.

- › Welcome Week
- › Halloween party and dance
- › Soul'd Out Poetry Jam
- › Clubs and Organizations
- › Luau beach party
- › Cinco de Mayo celebration
- › Cabsterical comedy series
- › Movie night
- › Spirit days
- › Family Weekend



TRIPS

Various organizations sponsor trips to destinations such as Yosemite, San Francisco, Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, the 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 12 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.



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 and more.

YOU CAN TAKE IN THE GORGEOUS VISTAS AT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK,
JUST TWO HOURS AWAY FROM MERCED.



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
SAN DIEGO	8 hours



ATTRACTIONS NEAR MERCED

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

DAY TRIPS

Sometimes it's nice to stop studying and just take a break. Grab your roommate and some friends and go on a day trip.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- › 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, about an hour away;
- › Throw caution to the wind and go **sky diving** 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;
- › Head up to **San Francisco** and shop in **Union Square**, about two hours away;
- › Drive to **Gold Country** to visit some of their cozy antique shops, an hour and 35 minutes from Merced; or
- › Go skiing at **China Peak** (2 hours, 14 minutes) 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 outdoor activities, ranging from the Week of Wilderness, Granite Clinic and Speaker Series, Outdoor Adventure and trips, and Open Wrench bicycle sessions. Trips include exploring the big trees, giant rocks and stunning waterfalls at 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 that provides students the opportunity to rent 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 (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 gymnasium.

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

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.



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 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 that 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 are for you! They provide students a great way to get exercise, relieve stress and develop friendships. Sports include archery, basketball, flag football, grass volleyball, soccer, softball and ultimate Frisbee.



CAMPUS HOUSING

UC Merced is proud to guarantee housing to all incoming first-year and new transfer students meeting the necessary application and contracting deadlines stated on our website: housing.ucmerced.edu. On-campus housing is also available to continuing students on a first-come, first-served basis. Starting in fall 2016, all new transfer students will be assigned to live in one of the Heritage Apartment complexes conveniently located in north Merced, within a 5-minute walk to the CatTracks shuttle.

THE HERITAGE APARTMENTS

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HERITAGE APARTMENTS, and to view 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom floor plans, visit www.hmgt.com. Apartments will be fully furnished and will include paid utilities and a \$600 Cat Dollar monthly allowance. Cat Dollars may be used at the Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center, Lantern Cafe, Fork in the Road vendor carts, and the Campus Store. Only new transfer and second year housing guarantee students are eligible to live in the Heritage master lease apartments. No first year students will be offered a contract in the apartment housing.

THE SUMMITS: Cathedral Hall, Tenaya Hall and Half Dome *

THREE RESIDENCE HALLS MAKE UP THE SUMMITS COMMUNITY:



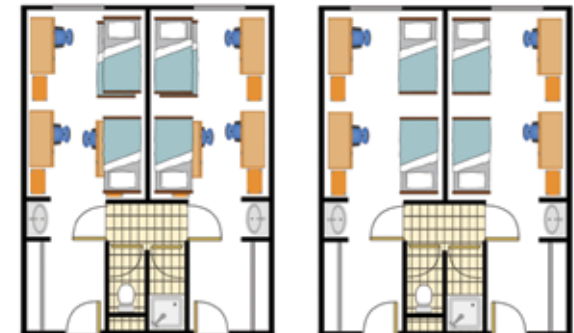
The Summits is designed as a traditional corridor-style residence hall experience with five bedrooms sharing a common bathroom. Half Dome is home to new and continuing students, while Cathedral and Tenaya Halls are exclusively for first-year residents. The Summits provides many amenities such as the 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*

IN THE SIERRA TERRACES, two-story residence halls (Tuolumne and Mariposa) offer community living with three students per bedroom. A private bathroom is shared between every two bedrooms. Both halls have common lounges, computers and a kitchen to make snacks.

* NOT TO SCALE





THE VALLEY TERRACES *

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

* NOT TO SCALE



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.



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 table tennis. Movie nights, dances and other special events take place in the Terrace Center's California Room.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR HOUSING?

1. **Submit your SIR and payment by May 1, 2016, for first year students and June 1, 2016, for transfer students.**
2. Wait 24 hours.
3. Visit housing.ucmerced.edu, select "apply for housing" and complete your online housing application. First year students must apply by May 3, and transfer students must apply by June 3.

YOU WILL NEED:

- › Your UCMNetID and password
- › A valid credit card (Visa not accepted) or electronic check to pay the \$300 reservation fee. (You can request for this fee to be reviewed for deferment.)

HOUSING COSTS

WHAT WILL IT COST?

ESTIMATED 2016-17 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- › Quadruple-Occupancy Room – \$13,000
- › Triple-Occupancy Room – \$14,100
- › Double-Occupancy Room – \$14,800
- › Single-Occupancy Room – \$16,100
- › Apartments (*Double-Occupancy Bedrooms*) – \$11,000

Please note the following:

1. Rates are guaranteed not to exceed this estimate by more than 2 percent.
2. First year students will pay their room rate (see above), which includes \$3,000 for the required residential dining plan and \$600 per year in CAT Dollars. Additional CAT Dollars also are available for purchase.
3. Transfer and continuing students who live in the Heritage Apartments will pay the \$11,000 apartment rate, which includes \$600 CAT Dollars per month, and are not required to purchase a residential dining plan.
4. Only new transfer and continuing housing guarantee students are eligible to live in the Heritage master lease apartments. No first year students will be offered a contract in the apartment housing.
5. For more information on housing costs, visit housing.ucmerced.edu/apply/fall16.
6. Heritage Apartments and the Valley Terraces suites have common-area furnishings such as a kitchen table, study table, and living room chairs and soft seating. Staff members work closely with residents and student staff to provide activities, advising and other amenities and housing services.
7. All room rates include Internet access, cable TV and utilities except telephone. Each resident is provided with an extra-long twin bed, desk, chair, and drawer and closet space.

DINING OPTIONS

Residents can use their residential dining plan to enjoy the variety of contemporary restaurant-style meals in the Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center. Foods such as Mexican, Italian, Asian, grilled items, vegetarian, gluten-free items, salads and much more are available.

CAT Dollars also 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. With financial aid and scholarship resources, the opportunity to attend UC Merced is more affordable than you think!

AFTER YOU RECEIVE YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD:

- › Check your email often
- › Learn about financial aid: financialaid.ucmerced.edu
- › Visit my.ucmerced.edu to explore your financial aid checklist
 - View your awards online
 - View and satisfy requirements
- › If you haven't applied for financial aid visit financialaid.ucmerced.edu to explore your options

BLUE AND GOLD OPPORTUNITY

Covers your systemwide fees if you are a California resident whose family makes under \$80,000 a year and you qualify for financial aid. universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold

MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP

Applies to undergraduate students with family incomes up to \$150,000 who don't already qualify under the Blue and Gold program. financialaid.ucmerced.edu/middle-class-scholarship

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT

As a public state institution, UC Merced provides aid to students who qualify under the California Dream Act legislation. Additional assistance in the form of the Dream Loan provides the option for eligible undocumented students to receive state- or UC-funded loans to help pay for their education.

financialaid.ucmerced.edu/CADreamAct

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

Through WUE, students in western states can enroll in participating two-year and four-year college institutions at a reduced tuition level: 150 percent of UC Merced's regular resident tuition. admissions.ucmerced.edu/wue

RESEARCH AT OUR CORE

At UC Merced, some of the world's foremost scholars team up with students to focus on creating new products and technologies that will improve our daily lives. They collaborate to solve some of society's most pressing issues, from disease to global warming, and everything in between. As an undergraduate, you will have opportunities to take your learning beyond the classroom out into the field or in a laboratory. research.ucmerced.edu

ACROSS ALL DISCIPLINES

Some examples of recent research conducted by faculty and students:

- › Professor and biologist Miriam Barlow helped develop a method to restore the efficacy of antibiotics and help doctors deal with resistant bacteria.
- › Physics Professor Ajay Gopinathan and researchers in his lab investigated the transport that occurs in biological systems across different levels of organization and scales in complex settings, such as the crowded interior of cells.
- › Three students were selected as fellows for the Global Food Initiative to work on projects including increasing food recovery, advancing food literacy and expanding experiential learning opportunities in food systems.
- › Professor Danielle Edwards was part of a team of researchers that made a huge discovery about two groups of giant Galapagos tortoises — they are actually two different species.
- › Undergraduate mechanical engineering student Rebecca Quinte worked with Professor Andrea Joyce on a project that aims to shoo away leaf-footed bugs, insects that feed on the seeds of crops, research that could end up benefitting farmers in the Central Valley and beyond.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

- › Department of Animal Research Services (DARS)
- › Imaging and Microscopy Facility (IMF)
- › Light Microscopy and Crystallography Modeling Center
- › Merced Nanomaterials Center for Energy and Sensing (MACES)
- › Sierra Nevada Research Institute Environmental Analytical Laboratory
- › Stem Cell Instrumentation Foundry (SCIF)
- › UC Natural Reserve System

INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

- › Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS)
- › Health Sciences Research Institute
- › Resource Center for Community Engaged Scholarship (ReCCES)
- › Sierra Nevada Research Institute
- › Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- › University of California Advanced Solar Technologies Institute (UC Solar)





THE LOW STUDENT-TO-PROFESSOR RATIO ALLOWS STUDENTS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH FACULTY MEMBERS. HERE, PROFESSOR AND RESEARCHER MARK ALDENDERFER WORKS ON CLEANING UP A FOSSIL WITH TWO STUDENTS.

CAREER PREPARATION

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



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The desire to see an immediate return on investment for a college degree has never been stronger. At UC Merced, each student has the opportunity to 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 a competitive advantage 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.



REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

All students at UC Merced have the opportunity to get internship positions at a variety of industry partners, nonprofit organizations and the Peace Corps. Many students have secured positions because of their involvement in research – something that is key to the UC Merced experience. The campus' diversity prepares students for a diverse work force and fosters thinking on a global level.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- › **CalTeach:** Earn your teaching credential from UC Berkeley while simultaneously working on your undergraduate degree through the CalTeach/UC Science and Math Initiative. calteach.ucmerced.edu
- › **Global Arts Studies Program:** Analyze artistic practices in multiple media and investigate how those practices have been impacted by industrialization, colonialism, commercialism and globalization. gasp.ucmerced.edu
- › **Pre-Professional Programs:** Advisors are available to help prepare you for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, law, business, management and other professions.
- › **UCDC:** Combine an internship in your area of academic interest with field research and coursework taught by University of California professors in our nation's capital. ucdc.ucmerced.edu
- › **UC Education Abroad Program:** There are opportunities in nearly 35 countries through scores of international partner institutions for summer, semester and yearlong internship, field study and research programs. studyabroad.ucmerced.edu
- › **Yosemite Research Experience for Undergraduates:** Take part in field trips and individual research projects spanning a broad range of disciplines such as ecology, geoscience, biodiversity and conservation, all while getting paid to do so. snri.ucmerced.edu/Yosemite_REU



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.



UC Merced graduates have gotten jobs at these employers:

Agilent Technologies	Frito-Lay	Pacific Gas and Electric Co.
Apple	Genentech	Paypal Inc.
Bayer	Google	Peace Corps
Boeing	Hilmar Cheese Co.	Raytheon Corp.
California State Assembly	Intel	Teach for America
Chevron	Kaiser Permanente	Tesla Motors
E. & J. Gallo Winery	Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	Twitter
eBay	Microsoft	Yosemite National Park
ESPN	NASA	YouTube
Facebook	National Parks Service	
Federal Bureau of Investigation		



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

Many UC Merced graduates attend prestigious graduate schools such as these:

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





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.

ALUMNI PROFILES

NAME: HIEU DO

HOMETOWN: Westminster, Calif.

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2015

MAJOR: Management and Business Economics with a minor in Psychology

WHERE YOU WORK: Google at Nest Labs



WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR LINE OF WORK: I am a recruiting coordinator. I work closely with recruiters and hiring managers to schedule hardware/software engineering candidates for onsite interviews, technical phone screens and Google Hangouts video calls. I also ensure that when candidates come onsite, they have an extraordinary experience and leave feeling “at home” with Nest.

WHAT WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU DURING YOUR TIME AT UC MERCED? Making one of the best decisions of my life: going Greek. Greek life might have negative stereotypes, but from personal experience, it has changed my life entirely for the better. It made me step outside my comfort zone and become a leader in my organizations. It provided me with the qualities that prepared me for life beyond college. It also provided me with a better perspective on enriching the community outside of academia because of the many community service opportunities available. I firmly believe that joining Greek life definitely advanced both my personal and professional life.

WHAT STEPS DID YOU TAKE BEFORE OR AFTER GRADUATION TO GET YOUR CURRENT JOB? Before I graduated, I knew that I wanted to get into human resources/recruiting, so I applied for the Yosemite Leadership Program summer internship. Through this experience, I worked with human resources professionals while being surrounded by the beauty of Yosemite National Park. After the internship, I applied to various HR/recruiting-related jobs (via LinkedIn and other job boards, as well as utilizing the career services that UC Merced has to offer) to land my current position. Some advice: Landing your dream job is a process. You will have to fight for what you want, but trust me, you will only come out a stronger individual.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT UC MERCED PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CAREER? UC Merced taught me the meaning of diversity and perseverance. Never before had I been surrounded by such diverse individuals who fought endlessly for their goals. That mindset prepared me for life after college and beyond, and I am truly thankful for my tenure at UC Merced.

NAME: NATALIE WILLIAMS

HOMETOWN: Santa Barbara, Calif.

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2016. I took a one-and-a-half-year gap to study abroad and work in my field.

MAJOR: Applied Mathematics with an emphasis in Computational Biology

WHERE YOU WORK: I was a technologist at Medtronic Neurosurgery for one year.

WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR LINE OF WORK: I assisted engineers in the validation of design changes to several neurosurgical devices, and, more specifically, helped optimize an external drainage system product line. I also printed 3D skull models from MRI scans that were used to produce a custom cranial product fitted to patients’ needs.

WHAT WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU DURING YOUR TIME AT UC MERCED? Working at the Students First Center and the opportunity to study abroad in Denmark in fall 2014.

WHAT STEPS DID YOU TAKE BEFORE OR AFTER GRADUATION TO GET YOUR CURRENT JOB? My job at the Students First Center gave me the opportunity to build a set of practical skills, which was different from the content of my classes – a professional edge employers value. In addition, I also completed a semester abroad in Denmark, which helped me stand out among applicants. The master’s courses I took abroad in math and biology (for example, a numerical optimization course) provided a lot for me to talk about in my interviews.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT UC MERCED PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CAREER?

The level of professionalism I acquired because of my involvement in an on-campus job and as an officer in several clubs prepared me to communicate my skills and elaborate on my experience while sounding confident and excited about an opportunity to start a new career.





NAME: ISMAEL "ISH" VERDUZCO

HOMETOWN: Los Angeles, Calif.

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2014

MAJOR: Management with a minor in Sociology

WHERE YOU WORK: LinkedIn

WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR LINE OF WORK: I am lucky enough to be in a role that allows me to express our amazing culture by supporting global events for LinkedIn's Entry Level Talent Program, Campus Recruiting Events, Intern Programs and Hack-athons.

WHAT WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU DURING YOUR TIME AT UC MERCED? I was a special events intern and then the director of student activities, so most of my highlights are related to experiences that I was able to take part in creating for others to enjoy at UC Merced. My senior year, I had the opportunity to lead the Campus Activities Board to host the first Cowchella spring concert and the the first Treats N Beats Halloween festival. These two monumental events helped elevate the student experience by providing entertainment for everyone to enjoy.

WHAT STEPS DID YOU TAKE BEFORE OR AFTER GRADUATION TO GET YOUR CURRENT JOB? I was highly involved with multiple clubs and organizations on campus. I also had a couple of internships that aligned with what I wanted to do after graduation. Upon graduating, I got a job as an assistant service manager, which helped me land an interview with LinkedIn.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT UC MERCED PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CAREER? UC Merced has a particular culture where everyone has the opportunity to get involved and be whomever they want to be. I didn't enter my freshman year knowing that I wanted to work in tech and be an events coordinator. UC Merced allowed me to try different things and meet different people from different backgrounds, and really taught me to learn about some of the things that make me the most happy. Once I was able to figure out what made me the most happy, I was able to hone in on the jobs that were most highly associated with those attributes. I am extremely proud to tell people that I had a fantastic experience at UC Merced, and I promote the university everywhere I go.

NAME: NATHANIEL BERHANE

HOMETOWN: San Jose, Calif.

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 2015

MAJOR: Mechanical Engineering

WHERE YOU WORK: Sikorsky Aircraft: A Lockheed Martin Company

WHAT YOU DO IN YOUR LINE OF WORK: Rotor Design Engineer

WHAT WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU DURING YOUR TIME AT UC MERCED? Landing my first internship with Pacific Gas & Electric Co. through UC Merced's chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers. I also loved how involved the students were with social events. The Campus Activities Board always did a great job with the "Beats and Treats" concerts, as well! Academically and socially, being a student at UC Merced was an amazing experience!

WHAT STEPS DID YOU TAKE BEFORE OR AFTER GRADUATION TO GET YOUR CURRENT JOB? I worked very diligently on applying to jobs, updating my résumé and meeting with career advisors in the School of Engineering regularly, and constantly networking at career fairs. I seized every possible opportunity that presented itself for developing my career.

HOW DID YOUR EXPERIENCE AT UC MERCED PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CAREER?

A lot of opportunities through networking wouldn't have happened for me if it wasn't for UC Merced's close-knit community. The professors and faculty to whom I reached out for guidance were more than eager to help me in any way, and because the university is small, I was able to develop an organic professional networking relationship with powerful, intelligent professors and people in the engineering industry.



STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



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- › **Fiat Lux** is a community of scholars and dedicated staff who empower first-generation, income-eligible students to enhance their development, growth and academic success. fiatlux.ucmerced.edu
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- › **Services for Undocumented Students and Special Populations** provides support and guidance for undocumented and first-generations students in their transition to UC Merced. Services include financial aid, academic and personal advising, legal referrals and more. undoc.ucmerced.edu



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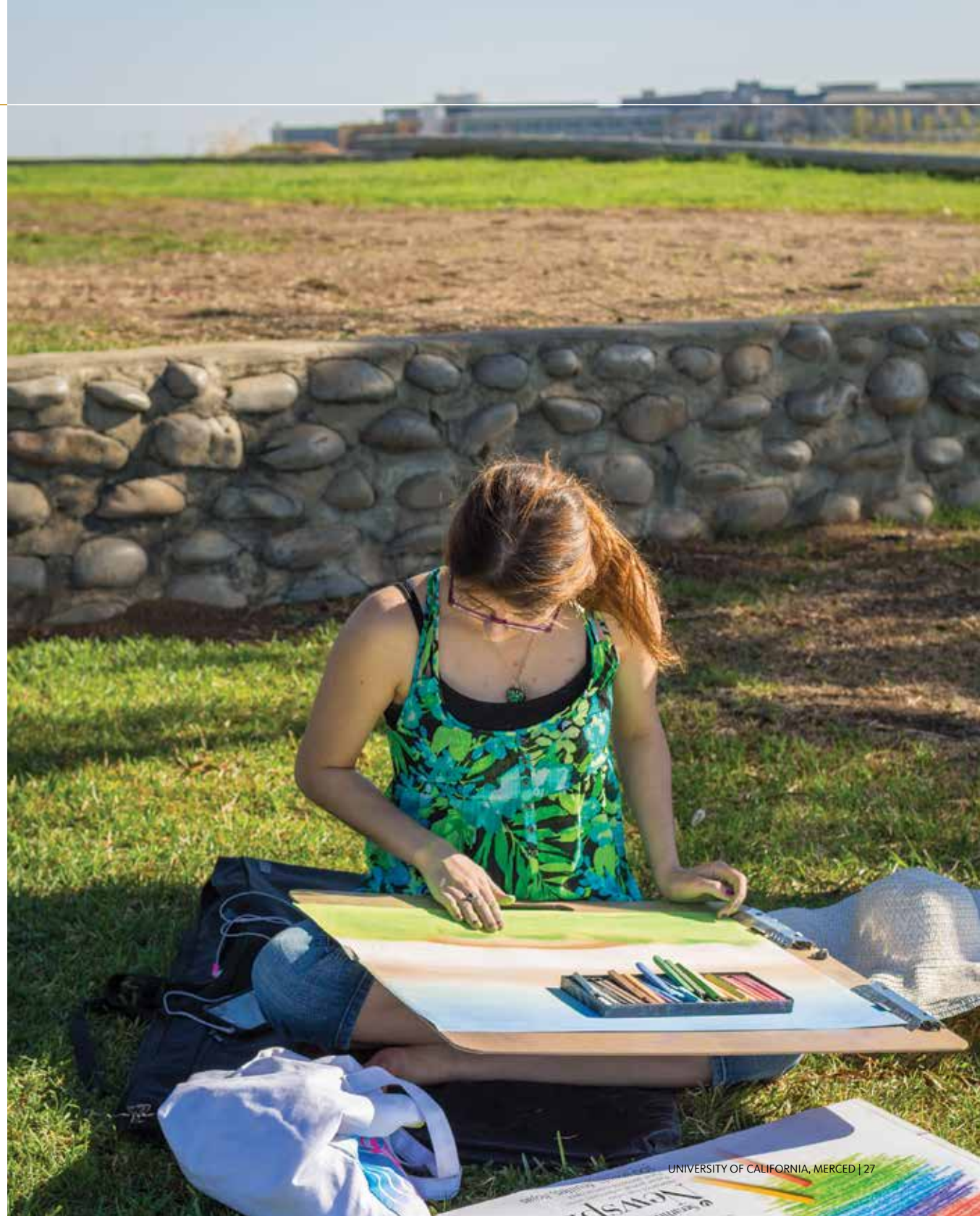
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