

UNIVERSITY  
OF  
CALIFORNIA  
MERCED

# BE A BOBCAT!



## CONGRATULATIONS!

You've Been Admitted To UC Merced

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## COME BUILD THE FUTURE!



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

UC Merced offers you a unique range of opportunities from the moment you step on campus.

Here in the heart of California, you can conduct transformative research alongside innovative faculty members and scholars in areas ranging from human health and big-data analysis to materials science, robotics and ecology.

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. Our more than 200 clubs and organizations, along with recreational and cultural activities, will complement your college experience at UC Merced.

This campus has rapidly gained recognition for its remarkable students and alumni, exceptional faculty and emerging areas of research prominence. As part of our visionary Merced 2020 Project, the campus and our community will continue to grow, bringing even more exceptional opportunities for academic and personal development.

Our diverse student population hails from all corners of California and beyond. Our close-knit Bobcat community emphasizes extraordinary student success and will support you in reaching your academic and professional goals.

Again, I offer my heartfelt congratulations on your admission to UC Merced, 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 gold ink that reads "Dorothy Leland". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

DOROTHY LELAND  
Chancellor



# SAY YES TO BECOMING A BOBCAT!

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

## HOW DO I SUBMIT MY SIR ONLINE?

**STEP 1:** Review the Conditions of Admission on the Admitted Student Page at [c.ucm.edu/admitted](https://c.ucm.edu/admitted). Remember, by submitting your SIR, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to the Conditions of Admission.

**STEP 2:** Visit the UC Merced student portal at [my.ucmerced.edu](https://my.ucmerced.edu).

**STEP 3:** Claim your **UCMNetID** and create your personal password.

**STEP 4:** Select **MyAdmissions** to view your personal application status page and follow the instructions to submit your SIR and nonrefundable \$250 deposit.

**The priority deadline to submit your SIR is May 1 for first year students and June 1 for transfer students.**

## NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES

- View your Student Admissions Checklist from the Office of Admissions. [c.ucm.edu/admitted](https://c.ucm.edu/admitted)
- Schedule a tour and visit campus. [tours.ucmerced.edu](https://tours.ucmerced.edu)
- Register for New Student Orientation. [orientation.ucmerced.edu](https://orientation.ucmerced.edu)
- Apply for housing. [housing.ucmerced.edu](https://housing.ucmerced.edu)
- Come to Bobcat Day on Saturday, April 22. [c.ucm.edu/bcday](https://c.ucm.edu/bcday)
- Complete the financial aid requirements. [my.ucmerced.edu](https://my.ucmerced.edu)
- Arrange to have official transcripts and test scores sent to the Office of Admissions.
- Submit your Statement of Legal Residence (if required). [my.ucmerced.edu](https://my.ucmerced.edu)
- Submit your Student Health Insurance Waiver (if applicable). [my.ucmerced.edu](https://my.ucmerced.edu)
- Submit proof of immunization. [my.ucmerced.edu](https://my.ucmerced.edu)

**FOR DATES AND DEADLINES, VIEW YOUR STUDENT CHECKLIST IN THE STUDENT PORTAL AT [my.ucmerced.edu](https://my.ucmerced.edu).**

## SEND YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES TO:

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

For a list of participating electronic transcript providers, visit [c.ucm.edu/transcript](https://c.ucm.edu/transcript).

### School Codes

ACT: 0450  
College Board (SAT, SAT with Essay, AP): 4129  
FAFSA: 041271

# BOBCAT DAY 2017

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Pretty pictures and impressive rankings won't tell you how it feels to be at UC Merced. A campus visit is a must, and why not come see us during our biggest and most spirited event of the spring?

**WHAT:** Bobcat Day 2017

**WHO:** Admitted first year students and transfer students awaiting decisions

**WHERE:** UC Merced campus,  
5200 N. Lake Road, Merced, California

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 22

- WHY:**
- Learn more about campus during a student-led tour
  - Listen to faculty talk about what makes their programs special
  - Attend presentations from each of our academic schools
  - Ask Financial Aid advisors questions about your financial aid offer
  - Get admissions information straight from the source
  - Interact with current students as they share info about clubs and organizations
  - Explore the residence halls, dining facilities and Kolligian Library
  - See live performances and science experiments in action
  - Learn about plans for UC Merced's significant growth through the 2020 Project

SUBMIT YOUR STATEMENT  
OF INTENT TO REGISTER (SIR)  
AND JOIN THE UC MERCED  
CLASS OF FALL 2017!



# REGISTER NOW!

[c.ucm.edu/bcdays](http://c.ucm.edu/bcdays)



# 2017 SPRING EVENTS

During our live and online events, presentations and discussions, you can learn about resources and opportunities available to UC Merced students, our academic programs, student life and more.

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## Ongoing ADMISSIONS WEBINARS

Hear from students, faculty and staff about everything from what to do after you're admitted, to financial aid, to special programs offered at UC Merced.

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## March 27-30 VISIT WEEK

Over the course of four days, you'll have an opportunity to interact with students and staff, tour campus, attend presentations and get answers to any questions you have about the University.

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## April 3-7, April 10-14 EXPERIENCE UC MERCED

Get more out of your visit: Tour campus, attend a lecture to observe how students and professors interact, and speak with faculty, staff and current students.

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## April 3-21 INSIDE UC MERCED

If you really want to know what it's like to be a student at UC Merced, this program is for you. You will stay overnight in the residence halls with a current Bobcat, attend classes, eat with students in the dining common and much more.

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## April 6-10 statewide REGIONAL ADMISSION RECEPTIONS

Learn about the remarkable opportunities that await you at the newest campus in the world-renowned University of California system during special events in Sacramento, Fremont, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino.

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## April 22 BOBCAT DAY

This special day just for admitted students and transfer applicants is our biggest event of the spring! Come see UC Merced when campus is at its liveliest.

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## April 29 SPOTLIGHT UC MERCED

This half-day introduction to UC Merced is the last event of the spring for first year students. It serves as a valuable chance to ask any final questions you might have as you weigh your options. You can find out about housing, student life, financial aid, academic opportunities and more.

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## May 2-4 TRANSFER DAYS

Admitted transfer students can tour campus, speak with Admissions and Financial Aid advisors, submit any supplemental documents such as transcripts, get advising from each of our academic schools, and learn about special resources available to transfer students.

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

[admissions.ucmerced.edu/springevents](http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/springevents)

# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

[engineering.ucmerced.edu](http://engineering.ucmerced.edu)

- » Bioengineering, B.S.
- » Computer Science and Engineering, B.S.
- » Environmental Engineering, B.S.
- » Materials Sciences and Engineering, B.S.  
**Optional Emphasis:** *Nanotechnology*
- » Mechanical Engineering, B.S.
- » Undeclared School of Engineering

## SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES

[naturalsciences.ucmerced.edu](http://naturalsciences.ucmerced.edu)

- » Applied Mathematical Sciences, B.S.  
**Emphases:** *Applied Mathematical Sciences*  
*Computational and Data Sciences*  
*Computational Biology*  
*Computer Science*  
*Economics*  
*Engineering*  
*Environmental*  
*Physics*
- » Biological Sciences, B.S.  
**Emphases:** *Biological Sciences*  
*Developmental Biology*  
*Ecology and Evolutionary Biology*  
*Human Biology*  
*Microbiology and Immunology*  
*Molecular and Cell Biology*
- » Chemical Sciences, B.S.  
**Emphases:** *Biological Chemistry*  
*Chemical Sciences*  
*Environmental Chemistry*  
*Materials Chemistry*
- » Earth Systems Science, B.S.
- » Physics, B.S.  
**Emphases:** *Atomic/Molecular/Optical/Condensed Matter*  
*Biophysics*  
*Mathematical Physics*  
*Physics*
- » Undeclared School of Natural Sciences

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS

[ssha.ucmerced.edu](http://ssha.ucmerced.edu)

- » Anthropology, B.A.
- » Cognitive Science, B.A., B.S.
- » Economics, B.A.
- » English, B.A.
- » Global Arts Studies Program, B.A.
- » History, B.A.
- » Management and Business Economics, B.S.
- » Political Science, B.A.  
**Subfield:** *Pre-law*
- » Psychology, B.A.
- » Public Health, B.A.
- » Sociology, B.A.
- » Spanish, B.A.
- » Undeclared School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

## UNDECLARED

[learning.ucmerced.edu](http://learning.ucmerced.edu)

### MINORS

- » American Studies
- » Anthropology
- » Applied Mathematics
- » Arts
- » Chemical Sciences
- » Chicano/a Studies
- » Cognitive Science
- » Community Research and Service
- » Economics
- » English
- » Environmental Science and Sustainability
- » History
- » Interdisciplinary Public Health
- » Management and Business Economics
- » Natural Sciences Education
- » Natural Sciences Education Minor with Teaching Credential
- » Philosophy
- » Physics
- » Political Science
- » Psychology
- » Sociology
- » Spanish
- » Writing

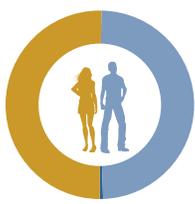
## THREE-YEAR PATHWAY PROGRAM

To support the diverse academic and post-baccalaureate goals of our students, UC Merced has identified accelerated pathways to popular degrees in the School of Natural Sciences. Learn more about these three-year pathways at [ns-advising.ucmerced.edu/acceleratedplan](http://ns-advising.ucmerced.edu/acceleratedplan).



# UC MERCED SNAPSHOT

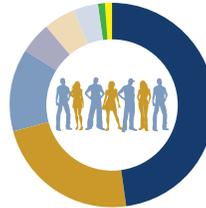
## STUDENT BODY PROFILE 2016



**50.5%**  
Female  
**49%**  
Male  
**0.5%**  
Declined to State

**7,336**  
Campus  
Enrollment

**6,815**  
Undergraduate  
Students  
**521**  
Graduate  
Students



- Chicano/Latino **48%**
- Asian **23%**
- White **13%**
- African-American **5%**
- Nonresident alien **5%**
- Two or more races **4%**
- Pacific Islander **1%**
- Unknown/ Declined to state **1%**



**99%** of students are from California

## UNDERGRADUATE PROFILE 2016



**92.2%**  
First Year  
**7.8%**  
Transfer

**First  
Generation  
Status\***

\*First Generation is defined as neither parent having a 4-year college degree.

**71%**  
All Undergraduates  
**76.4%**  
First Year  
**68.2%**  
New Transfer

**Average Time to Degree\***



**4.5 YEARS**  
First-Time Freshmen  
**2.75 YEARS**  
Transfers  
\*2015-16 graduates

**Retention Rate\***

\*Fall 2015 students who returned for fall 2016

**85.8%**  
First-Time Freshmen

**85.5%**  
First Generation

**91.6%**  
Transfers

**88.5%**  
First Generation

### MOST POPULAR UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS



Biological Sciences



Psychology



Computer Science and Engineering



Mechanical Engineering



Management and Business Economics

### UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL

**2,550**

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

**1,981**

School of Natural Sciences

**1,698**

School of Engineering

**586**

Undeclared

PLEASE NOTE: PERCENTAGES MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

SOURCE: UC MERCED INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND DECISION SUPPORT DIVISION, FALL 2016



## TAKE ME TO YOSEMITE!

Merced is unofficially known as the gateway to Yosemite National Park, and UC Merced students regularly take advantage of the fact that being one with nature is only a short drive away. There are amazing views everywhere you turn, such as this one of Clouds Rest and Pinnacle Peaks from the top of North Dome.

*CREDIT: Tim Donnellan, National Park Service*

I WILL  
STOP SCROLLING AND START DOING

# WHERE IS UC MERCED?

UCMERCED  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



**37.3648° N, 120.4244° W,  
TO BE EXACT**

Be prepared: Your friends and family are going to ask where Merced is. Just tell them this: **Merced is in the middle of everything.**

## GOOD COMPANY, GREAT ADVENTURES (AWESOME SELFIES)

Sometimes you just have to text your friends: “Get dressed. We’re going on a day trip.”

### 8 DESTINATIONS WITHIN 2 HOURS OF UC MERCED

**Yosemite National Park.** See that big picture to the left? Pretty fantastic, right? There’s a reason why it’s considered one of the wonders of the world.

**San Francisco.** Golden Gate Bridge. Clam chowder in a sourdough bowl (but take a picture of it first). Diverse neighborhoods. Giants games. Alcatraz (spoiler alert: no actual inmates).

**Santa Cruz.** Dozens of beaches by day, boardwalk arcades and rides by night. A movie on the beach or monarch butterfly sightings if you time your trip right.

**Monterey Bay Aquarium and Cannery Row.** Stunning marine life up close, rocks on the shore to climb afterward, and a famous waterfront street to wander once your shoes and socks are soaked.

**Dodge Ridge and China Peak.** Skiing and snowboarding. (Hot cocoa in the lodge is okay, too.) Selfies in the snow!

**Lodi.** Skydiving, if you dare. Selfies in the sky! (Another option: Park your car and watch other brave souls take the plunge.)

**Sacramento.** State capitol tours. Gold Rush-era buildings, restaurants and museums in historic Old Sacramento. (The state fair takes place here, too. Ferris wheel selfies!)

**Gold Country.** Quaint and thriving downtowns in Columbia, Jamestown, Murphys, Sutter Creek and more. Gold panning (find a nugget, finance your education) and live re-enactments for your history fix.

# FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY

When you first arrive at UC Merced, you might wonder how you will meet people. You can start by leaving the comfort of your room, exploring campus and following your interests, whether in dance, gaming, photography, robotics or anything else. Once you find your niche, you'll feel part of the close-knit UC Merced community and start making the friends with whom you will share your entire college experience.

## ACTIVITIES

There's something for everyone, and something is always happening: Movie nights, luau beach parties, spirit days, cultural events, dance crew battles, guest speakers and more.

You'll see excited faces from all over campus at our most popular annual events – the harvest carnival and concert Treats 'N Beats, CABsterical Comedy Jam, Soul'd Out Poetry Jam, and the biggest draw of the year, the Cowchella music festival.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Anime Club, Black Student Union, Bobcat Theater, Pilipino American Alliance, Pre-Pharmacy Club and The Prodigy News are only a few of the more than 200 clubs and organizations UC Merced students have formed. If you can't find a good fit, you can tap into the school's pioneering spirit and start your own!

## GREEK LIFE

UC Merced's fraternity and sorority community has 20 recognized chapters on campus. Collectively, Greek Life provides a wide range of academic, social and community service activities.



I WILL  
BE A VOICE, NOT AN ECHO

# GO, BOBCATS!

## ATHLETICS

[ucmercedbobcats.com](http://ucmercedbobcats.com)

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

<b>Mascot</b>	Rufus
<b>School colors</b>	Blue and gold
<b>Affiliation</b>	National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)
<b>Conference</b>	California Pacific (CalPac)
<b>Men's and women's varsity teams</b>	Basketball, cross country, soccer, volleyball
<b>Athletics facilities</b>	Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center; Student Activities and Athletics Center



## RECREATION AND WELLNESS

[recreation.ucmerced.edu](http://recreation.ucmerced.edu)

If your idea of wellness is fresh air and fun outside, an energetic place to do lifts and reps, or a chance to push, pull, run and pedal in matchups with other students, you're in luck!

### Sports clubs

Archery, baseball, Bobcat Strength, cheer, cycling, dance, golf, martial arts, softball, tennis, water polo, wrestling

### Intramural sports teams

Futsal, basketball, dodgeball, indoor and grass volleyball, flag football, soccer, ultimate Frisbee

### Outdoor Experience Program

The OEP is UC Merced's hub of all things outdoors. There are activities like Week of Wilderness, Granite Clinic and Speaker Series and Open Wrench bicycle repair sessions, and you can even rent outdoor equipment and kayaks. Outdoor Adventure trips include exploring Yosemite, skiing and snowboarding in the Sierra, rafting the American River, kayaking in the San Francisco Bay and surfing in Santa Cruz.

### Fitness

You'll find state-of-the-art cardio, fitness and group exercise equipment in our recreation center. Group fitness classes range from cycling to yoga, and personal trainers are always an option.

### Healthy competition

Flex your muscles and enter the annual Strong Cat Competition (tire flip, truck pull, farmer's walk, weight plate over-head hold – piece of cake, right?), run in the Cat Trails 5K or 5-mile race, or pedal your heart out in a cycling road race.



# TRAINING YOUR MIND TO THINK

Learning at UC Merced involves more than memorizing syllabi and taking endless notes. Our innovative professors find ways to **turn real-world problems into teachable moments** that can spark ideas for inspired solutions and ignite curiosity you never knew you had.

Although your major will fall into one of our three academic schools, your choice of classes will never be limited. **UC Merced's approach to learning is interdisciplinary**, which means that you might take a human biology class in the morning and attend an anthropology lecture at night, all while working toward your degree.

And, of course, there are the unique research opportunities that UC Merced is known for. You will be an active participant in your learning by working under the mentorship of one of our accomplished faculty members. As an undergraduate, you can **conduct research alongside professors who are experts in their fields**, and get broader perspectives on the facts you learned in the classroom.

So keep calm and take notes, but also make an impression in the lab, hustle out in the field and never stop learning.

## ONE UNIVERSITY, THREE SCHOOLS

School of Engineering  
School of Natural Sciences  
School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

## SPECIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS)  
[citrisc.ucmerced.edu](http://citrisc.ucmerced.edu)

Health Services Research Institute (HSRI)  
[hsri.ucmerced.edu](http://hsri.ucmerced.edu)

Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI)  
[snri.ucmerced.edu](http://snri.ucmerced.edu)

University of California Advanced Solar Technologies Institute (UC Solar)  
[ucsolar.ucmerced.edu](http://ucsolar.ucmerced.edu)

UC Water Security and Sustainability Research Initiative (UC Water)  
[ucwater.org](http://ucwater.org)

## SOLUTIONS FOR SOCIETY

**Innovate to Grow** is a yearly celebration of student ingenuity. In a way, it's a science fair for college students, where they pitch their ideas to businesses and nonprofit organizations to help solve the challenges they face. [innovatetogrow.ucmerced.edu](http://innovatetogrow.ucmerced.edu)

- » **Innovation Design Clinic:** Teams of graduating seniors and organizations collaborate, discover solutions to common problems, create and streamline networking, and increase both radical and incremental innovation.
- » **Engineering Service Learning:** Teams of students work on real-world projects for nonprofit community partners. Past teams have used drones to detect illness in crops and made students in Merced County excited about the sciences.
- » **Mobile App Challenge:** Over the course of three months, students design, prototype and pitch their ideas for mobile applications that address a need in society. The most recent winning app is DRYVE, which aims to make carpooling easy for college students.





# I WILL

FIND THE JOY IN A JOINT EFFORT

## ENJOY SMALL CLASSES

The low **student-faculty ratio of 19:1** means students can work closely with faculty members. Here, archaeologist and professor Mark Aldenderfer and two students dust off Columbian mammoth bones dating back to the last Ice Age that were found about 30 miles south of campus.

### IN THE CLASSROOM

**19:1** Student-Faculty Ratio

**63%** Undergraduate classes with fewer than 30 students

**74%** Undergraduate classes with fewer than 50 students

### TEACHERS AND MENTORS

**321** Full-time instructional faculty

**43%** Female faculty

**29%** Faculty from minority groups

**86%** Faculty with Ph.D. or equivalent

SOURCE: UC MERCED INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND DECISION SUPPORT DIVISION, FALL 2016

# I WILL

WORK FOR A CAUSE, NOT APPLAUSE

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Get out into the world and learn. Network with politicians such as California Congressman Jim Costa, like these UC Merced interns did in 2014 in the UCDC program. Or use technology to preserve history, enrich your mind overseas or get your hands dirty. Besides, you wouldn't want to travel with a pilot who learned to fly a plane by memorizing worksheets, would you?

# NOT ALL CLASSROOMS HAVE FOUR WALLS

Sure, you could have a perfectly respectable college career attending classes and lectures, studying in your room and sticking close to campus. But you don't have to. UC Merced has many opportunities for you to leave your comfort zone and learn out in the field.

## UCDC

You can combine an internship in your area of academic interest with field research and coursework taught by University of California professors for a semester in Washington, D.C. Network with lawmakers, work in legislative offices, attend debates and hearings, and respond to constituent inquiries and more, while living in the UC Washington Center. [ucdc.ucmerced.edu](http://ucdc.ucmerced.edu)

## UC Education Abroad Program

There are opportunities in nearly 35 countries through scores of international partner institutions for you to take part in summer, semester-long and yearlong internship, field study and research programs. [studyabroad.ucmerced.edu](http://studyabroad.ucmerced.edu)

## World Heritage Research Experience Scholars Program

Create digital maps and GIS databases of culturally relevant places; build 3D visualizations and reconstructions of ancient cities and monuments; and design virtual exhibits and museums to support heritage tourism in this program that focuses on preserving natural and cultural heritage.

[uroc.ucmerced.edu/where](http://uroc.ucmerced.edu/where)



**97%** of UC students who took classes in their major while studying abroad **received credit** for their major.

*UCEAP, summer 2016*

## WILDFLOWERS, NOT WHITE BOARDS

We are quite proud of something that gives us an edge over every other university – proximity to Yosemite National Park. This allows us to offer two programs that are truly unique to UC Merced.

### YOSEMITE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Regardless of your major or previous outdoor experience, you can gain the skills to lead, advocate for the environment, make informed ethical decisions and create social change during the two-year program.

[yjp.ucmerced.edu](http://yjp.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 you're getting paid to do so.

[snri.ucmerced.edu/Yosemite\\_REU](http://snri.ucmerced.edu/Yosemite_REU)

A Yosemite Leadership Program participant lends a hand on a climber-access trail restoration project in Yosemite.

*CREDIT: Courtesy National Parks Service*



# PACKAGING YOURSELF FOR THE FUTURE

UC Merced's Center for Career and Professional Advancement will help you navigate the transition from college to the working world by providing job search tools and helping you find internship opportunities. [hire.ucmerced.edu](http://hire.ucmerced.edu)

## CAREER PREPARATION

### Professional Services

Work directly with career specialists assigned by academic program who provide individualized coaching and perform mock interviews. You also can take career assessment tests and have access to on- and off-campus job postings.

### Workshops and Events

Gain new skills, showcase your creativity and get a competitive edge as you enter the global job market with ongoing programs that will empower you to create your best professional self.

- » Cover letter and resume assistance
- » Company and graduate school information sessions
- » Treks to businesses in Silicon Valley, Los Angeles and San Francisco
- » Career, internship and graduate school fairs
- » Networking socials with professionals in multiple fields
- » Professionally hosted etiquette dinners

## AFTER GRADUATION

You will find that employers appreciate the intellectual capacity, diverse perspectives and driving ambition of UC Merced graduates. For some students, graduate, law and medical schools beckon after their journey here.

### Recent employers who have hired UC Merced graduates:

- » Apple
- » Boeing
- » California State Assembly
- » E. & J. Gallo Winery
- » Facebook
- » Federal Bureau of Investigation
- » Genentech
- » Gilead Sciences
- » Google
- » Instagram
- » Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- » LinkedIn
- » NASA
- » National Park Service
- » Teach for America
- » Tesla Motors
- » YouTube

### Recent graduate schools UC Merced students have been accepted to:

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



# I WILL

EXPERIENCE SATISFACTION FROM  
DOING WHAT I LOVE

# IN PURSUIT OF REMARKABLE LIVES

## ALUMNI PROFILE

Marissa Dorfler

HOMETOWN: Marin County, Calif.

**B.S., MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS, 2016**

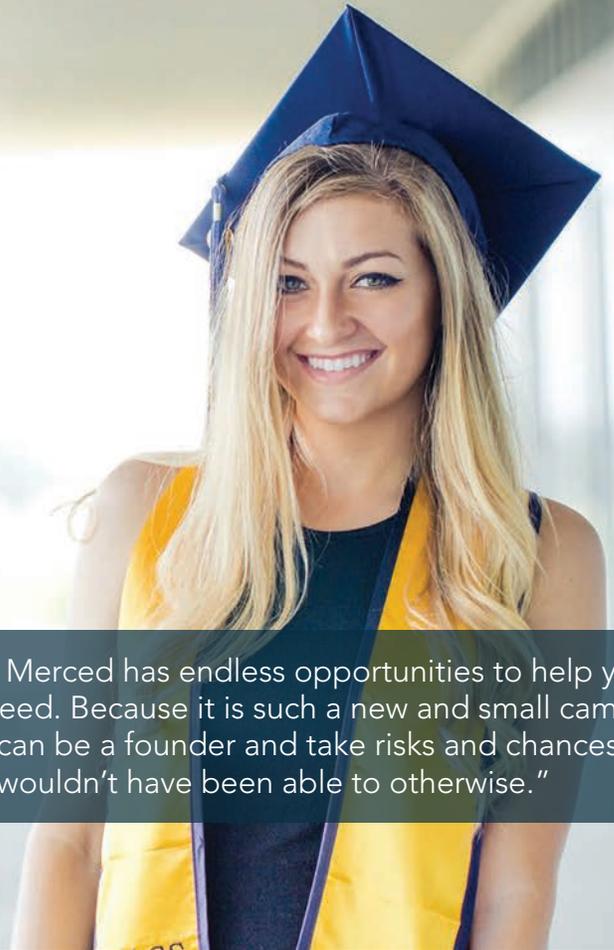
**SOCIAL MEDIA AND EVENTS COORDINATOR,  
THE BAY CLUB COMPANY**

I execute social media content and events that drive brand awareness, engage communities and support the Bay Club story. I also support fundraising campaigns and community outreach.

## UNDERGRADUATE EDGE

At UC Merced, I had two jobs and multiple positions that helped me grow and gain experience that I wouldn't have had the chance to acquire at any other university. Before graduation, I accepted an internship at OpenTable as a marketing associate, where I worked on restaurant week acquisition across the nation.

"UC Merced has endless opportunities to help you succeed. Because it is such a new and small campus, you can be a founder and take risks and chances that you wouldn't have been able to otherwise."



## GRADS TALK ABOUT SUCCESS



UC Merced graduates talk about why they will always have the University in their hearts, and the experiences and opportunities at the newest University of California campus that helped them find success.



## #IWILLATUCM



# A PLACE TO CALL HOME

UC Merced is proud to guarantee housing to all incoming first year and transfer students who meet the necessary application and contracting deadlines stated on [housing.ucmerced.edu](http://housing.ucmerced.edu). On-campus housing also is available to continuing students depending on available space.

## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Seventy-nine percent of first year students lived on campus in 2016-17. Residence halls offer computer labs with printers, study lounges, a laundry facility with an Internet notification system, a gaming center, a dance and music room, kitchens, outdoor barbecues and more.

### Take a virtual tour:

[housing.ucmerced.edu/housing](http://housing.ucmerced.edu/housing)

## OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Transfer students living in our new Heritage community will reside in one- or two-bedroom apartments with two to four people in the Merced community while maintaining many of the conveniences of on-campus housing. Apartments will include paid utilities, be furnished with bedroom and living room furniture, and include kitchens.

### Find more information:

[housing.ucmerced.edu/heritage](http://housing.ucmerced.edu/heritage)



## HOW DO I APPLY FOR HOUSING?

- 1 Submit your SIR and payment by May 1 for first year students and June 1 for transfer students.
- 2 Wait 24 hours.
- 3 Visit [housing.ucmerced.edu](http://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.

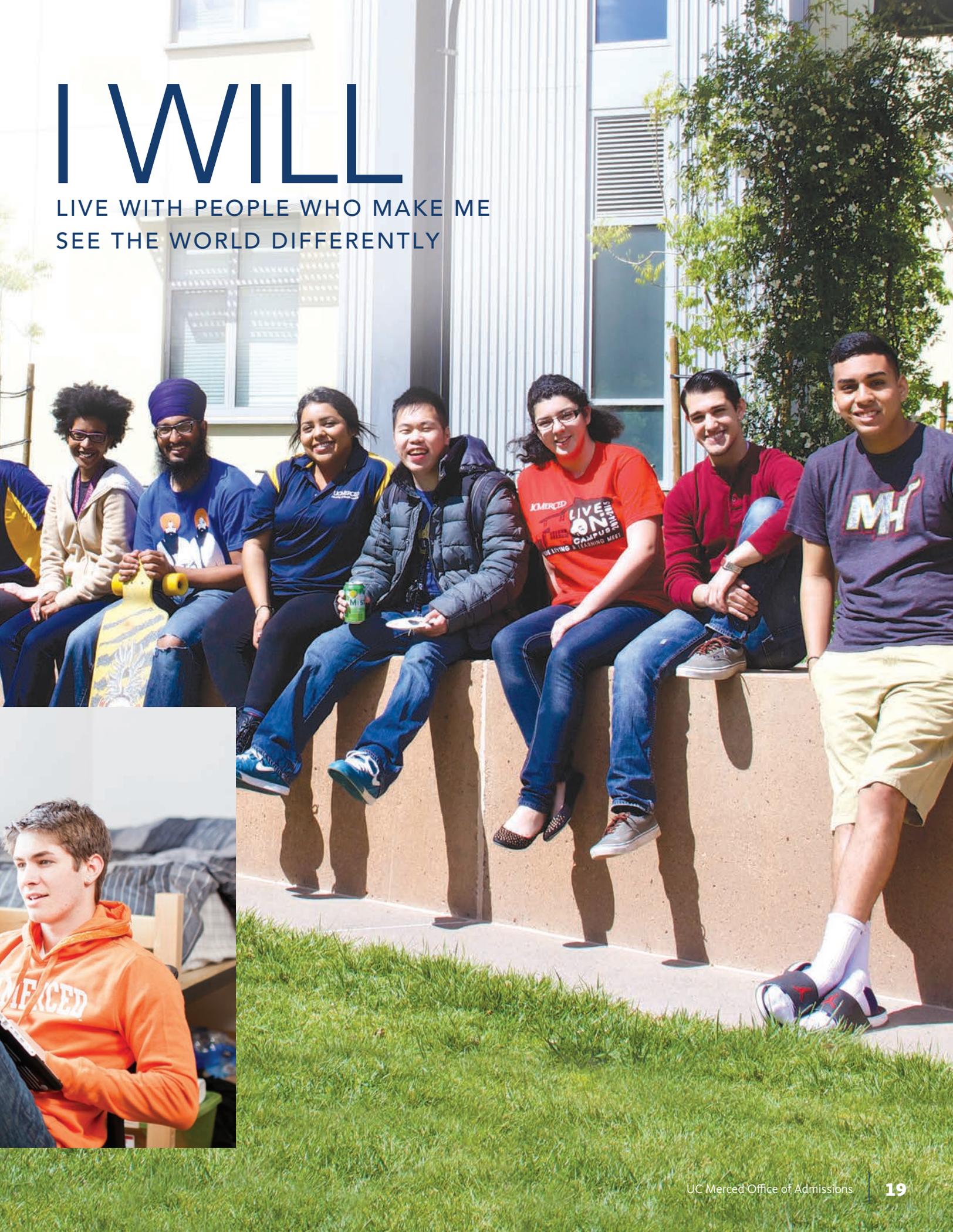
### You will need:

- » Your **UCMNetID** and password
- » A valid credit card or electronic check to pay the \$300 reservation fee. (You can request for this fee to be reviewed for deferment.)



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# HOUSING COSTS

## ESTIMATED 2017-18 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 the purchase of \$300, \$600 or \$900 per year in CAT Dollars. Additional CAT Dollars also are available for purchase.
3. Transfer and continuing students who live in the Heritage community 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 current second year students living on campus are eligible to live in the Heritage community. No first year students will be offered a contract in the apartment housing.
5. 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.
6. All room rates include Internet and cable TV access, and utilities except telephone. Each resident is provided with an extra-long twin bed, desk, chair, and drawer and closet space.

Read more about housing costs:  
[housing.ucmerced.edu/apply17](http://housing.ucmerced.edu/apply17)

## 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 Asian, Italian, Mexican, 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 on-campus 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, attending UC Merced is more affordable than you might think!

## IF YOU'VE RECEIVED A FINANCIAL AID AWARD

- ✓ Visit the **MyFinancialAid** section of the UC Merced student portal at [my.ucmerced.edu](http://my.ucmerced.edu).
  - » View your award(s) online.
  - » Review messages from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.
  - » View your checklist and satisfy outstanding requirements.
  - » Accept the terms and conditions of your award(s).
- ✓ Check your email often. We will use the email address you submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ If selected for verification, follow the instructions on **MyFinancialAid** to complete outstanding requirements by June 1.
- ✓ Visit [financialaid.ucmerced.edu](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu) for more information about receiving your aid.



The Student Loan Report has ranked UC Merced as the **#1 most affordable college** for incoming freshmen with financial need.

## IF YOU HAVEN'T APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID

Visit [financialaid.ucmerced.edu](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu) to explore your options. Submit your FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) as soon as possible. As long as your FAFSA is submitted by the federal deadline of June 30, you will be considered for federal grants and loans.

Learn more about financial aid:  
[financialaid.ucmerced.edu](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu)

## RESEARCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

There are two types of scholarships available to new undergraduate students at UC Merced:

### Institutional scholarships

If you completed a FAFSA or California Dream Act application, you don't need to do anything further! You were automatically considered for all institutional scholarships upon your admission to UC Merced. [financialaid.ucmerced.edu/institutional-scholarships](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu/institutional-scholarships)

### Outside scholarships

There are many privately funded scholarships that do not need to be repaid. They can be based on merit or financial need, or can be geared toward specific types of students. For a list of databases, visit [financialaid.ucmerced.edu/scholarship-resources](http://financialaid.ucmerced.edu/scholarship-resources).

For information about scholarships available specifically to undocumented students, visit [undoc.ucmerced.edu/resources/office-financial-aid-uc-merced](http://undoc.ucmerced.edu/resources/office-financial-aid-uc-merced).

### Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

WUE students pay substantially less tuition than a traditional nonresident student and can save thousands of dollars over the first year. WUE notifications will be emailed to qualified admitted applicants in late March. [admissions.ucmerced.edu/wue](http://admissions.ucmerced.edu/wue)



# NURTURING STUDENT SUCCESS

UC Merced is committed to helping all students adapt to the challenges and demands of university life and be successful.

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

The **Calvin E. Bright Success Center (BSC)** is the hub of academic advising and learning support services on campus. Programs include:

- » Degree Attainment for Returning and Transfer Scholars (DARTS)  
[darts.ucmerced.edu](https://darts.ucmerced.edu)
- » Fiat Lux Scholars  
(resources for first-generation, income-eligible students)  
[fiatlux.ucmerced.edu](https://fiatlux.ucmerced.edu)
- » Guardian Scholars  
(support services for former foster youth)  
[guardianscholars.ucmerced.edu](https://guardianscholars.ucmerced.edu)
- » Strengthening Talents and Exploring Pathways (STEP)  
(career preparation for undocumented, income-eligible and disabled students)  
[learning.ucmerced.edu/programs/step](https://learning.ucmerced.edu/programs/step)
- » Success Mentor Program  
(one-on-one upper-division help for first year students)  
[mentoring.ucmerced.edu](https://mentoring.ucmerced.edu)
- » Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS)  
[learning.ucmerced.edu/programs/tutoring](https://learning.ucmerced.edu/programs/tutoring)

Read about additional BSC services:  
[learning.ucmerced.edu](https://learning.ucmerced.edu)

## SUPPORT SERVICES

- » Disability Services  
[disabilityservices.ucmerced.edu](https://disabilityservices.ucmerced.edu)
- » Student Health Services  
[health.ucmerced.edu](https://health.ucmerced.edu)
- » Veteran Services  
[veteranservices.ucmerced.edu](https://veteranservices.ucmerced.edu)
- » Campus Advocacy, Resources and Education (CARE)  
[prevent-violence.ucmerced.edu](https://prevent-violence.ucmerced.edu)
- » Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)  
[counseling.ucmerced.edu](https://counseling.ucmerced.edu)



# RANKINGS AND ACCOLADES

Has been featured in *Parade magazine's* **COLLEGE A-LIST** for Small State Schools

RANKED AMONG THE **“Cool Schools”** BY THE SIERRA CLUB'S SIERRA MAGAZINE



REGARD FOR RESEARCH  
The Carnegie Foundation ranked UC Merced

**among 107 top universities**

in the country as a “higher research” institution in 2016



Made The Princeton Review's list of the **MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE COLLEGES** for the second consecutive year in 2016

THE PUBLIC GOOD  
UC Merced ranks **5th in the nation** out of more than 300 universities for **“social mobility”** in the Washington Monthly 2016 College Guide

NATIONAL ATTENTION  
UC Merced was recognized in 2016 as one of the



**BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION** in U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges Rankings

SCHOLARSHIP ACCESS  
The GoodCall 2016 Best Schools for Scholarships Report lists UC Merced as **#8 out of 4,000** U.S. public colleges and universities for earning scholarships



HOUSING RECEIVED AN **“A” grade** in Niche's 2016 BEST COLLEGES RANKINGS

CAREER GUIDANCE  
**UC Merced is ranked #16** among schools nationally for career outcomes by Educate to Career



CAMPUS DIVERSITY - UC Merced is the **most ethnically and culturally diverse** of all of the University of California campuses, and it was ranked the **12<sup>th</sup> most diverse** university in the nation by bestcolleges.com in 2015



ALUMNI GENEROSITY  
U.S. News and World Report **ranks UC Merced #47** among public institutions in alumni giving rates

BEST VALUE  
In 2016, UC Merced was the **8th-best college in the Western U.S. FOR AFFORDABILITY,** according to Washington Monthly's “Best Bang for the Buck: Western Colleges”



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Schedule a tour online at [tours.ucmerced.edu](http://tours.ucmerced.edu), or call us to arrange a guided tour of the campus any weekday and on most Saturdays during the year. Visiting UC Merced will give you first-hand knowledge of our academic programs, housing and student life.

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