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Welcome Week

Welcome Week is a series of events and programs hosted by Housing and Residence Life (HRL) in collaboration with other departments on campus such as the Office of Student Life (OSL). Welcome Week is a great opportunity to get to know your roommates and peers at UC Merced. Be sure to take advantage of the free food and activities throughout Welcome Week.

Block Party

After moving in, the first event of Welcome Week is the Block Party. Enjoy free food, music, activities, and the chance to meet other UC Merced students.

The event starts Sunday (8/24) at 8:00PM.

X marks the spot

Become familiar with key areas in Housing, where we host programs and events throughout the year. It is a great opportunity to bond with roommates and Housing staff as well as win prizes!

Karaoke Night

Like the Block Party, Karaoke Night is a recurring Welcome Week event that brings us all together to sing and dance. Be sure to join us for Karaoke Night and have a good time with your new friends at UC Merced.

Movie Night

Another staple of Welcome Week, Movie Night shows top films for free for our residents. Past films include Despicable Me 2, Fast and the Furious 6, and Hunger Games. Come out with your roommates and friends and watch a movie with us.

Stay up to date with Welcome Week 2014! “Like” Housing and Residence Life on Facebook.

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Move-In Information

Move-In Day Instructions

Sunday, August 24, 2014  NEW 1st year students and NEW transfers
Tuesday, August 26, 2014  CONTINUING students

Prior to Move-In Day
By the second week in August, you will receive information via your UC Merced email account with the following information enclosed:

• Your room assignment and the names of your roommate(s). It is a good idea to contact your roommate(s) ahead of time to discuss sharing items such as a refrigerator, microwave and/or television and avoid having three microwaves in one room!

• Your assigned move-in time which will be between 8am – 1pm. Please plan on arriving to check-in to your room during the assigned time. By following this plan you are sure to experience shorter lines, less congestion and waiting, and be able to unload your belongings closer to your assigned hall. If you are unable to make it to campus by 1pm, late check-ins will begin at 3pm.

• A Parking Pass that is specific to your residence hall assignment. This will allow the staff to direct you to your unloading area. If you are bringing more than one car, cut the pass into two and place one in each car. This will be sent to your resident address via mail in the form of a postcard dash pass. Keep an eye out for it!

Step 1: Be sure to put your COLORED DASH PASS on the dashboard of your car. Your Dash Pass has the directions to campus on the back.

Step 2: There will be a 20-minute unloading zone near your residence hall. Once you unload your belongings, you will relocate your car to a parking lot allowing for traffic to move smoothly.

Step 3: Have your CAT CARD ready. You will need it at several stations of check in. If you do not have your CAT CARD, have a picture ID ready. You will not receive a key without proper identification.

Step 4: Students ONLY should make their way to the designated check-in areas as parents and families unload the car and begin moving toward the student’s hall. Follow signs directing you to your check in location:

• The Summits - Half-Dome, Tenaya and Cathedral check-in at respective halls.
• Sierra Terrace – Mariposa and Tuolumne check-in at respective halls.
• Valley Terrace residents begin check-in at the Terrace Center office.

Step 5: Students will go through the check-in process and pick up the keys to their assigned rooms then meet their families to begin moving in.

A limited amount of carts will be available for check-out throughout the community (picture ID required). You are welcome to bring your own cart from home.

Schedule for Sunday, August 24th

8am - 2pm  Check-ins
6pm - 8pm  Mandatory Floor Meetings
8pm –12am  Block Party

The Summits Courtyard

Parents, friends and/or guests are encouraged to depart campus prior to the floor meetings allowing their student to become acquainted with their Resident Assistant, community and classmates.

Family Lounge

A Family Lounge is open from 9-3 for parents, family, and guests. This is a great place to relax in air conditioning and with a cool drink and take a break while your student meets their roommates! Sorry students, this is just for your family!
What to Bring

What’s Included
1 twin 5 position adjustable bed with an extra-long twin mattress (80”x 30”), 1 desk, 1 desk chair, 1 lockable drawer (bring your own lock), under-bed drawers, closet space (open with no door), 1 TV cable jack (cord not included), 1 telephone jack, high-speed Ethernet jack for each resident to access the internet, and wireless internet.

What You (Definitely) Need

- **Extra Long Twin Bedding**
  Sheets, pillows, pillowcases, blankets, bedspread/comforter

- **Bathroom Supplies and Toiletries**
  Towels, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, razor, lotions, and personal item

- **Power Supplies**
  Power strip with surge protector and heavy duty single plug extension cords (UL)

- **TV and Internet Cables**
  Cords for cable TV and Internet hookups

- **Laundry Supplies**
  Laundry bag/basket and laundry detergent

- **Emergency Supplies**
  Flashlight, battery, radio, etc.

- **Study/Desk Lamp**
  Halogen lamps that are fire safety rated are acceptable

- **Prescribed Medications**

- **Pad Locks (Combo or Key)**
  Locks for desk drawers, bike (Half Dome has bathroom lockers)

- **U-Lock (for bikes)**
  If you bring a bike

- **Micro-Fridge or Refrigerator**
  Not to exceed 4.2 cu. Ft

- **Microwave**
  Energy star microwave oven (900 watt)

Go Green
Be Environmentally Responsible!

- Minimize the amount of cardboard boxes or other disposable packing items you plan to throw away
- Use Energy Star appliances
- Use CFL light bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs
- Use recycled products that are recyclable

What you should leave at home

- **Pets**
  Only fish in 10 gallon tank or smaller are permitted.

- **Weapons**
  Guns, stun guns, tasers, air guns, nunchucks.

- **Kitchen Appliances**
  Rice cooker, coffee pot, hot water pot, crockpots, toasters, toaster oven, electric grill, etc.

- **Flammable**
  Gas cans, etc.

- **Illegal Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia**
  Including prescription drugs not prescribed to you.

- **Alcohol**
  If you are under 21 years of age.

- **Candles, incense, space heaters, sun lamps, BBQ grills, etc.**

Contact your roommate
Space is limited so contact your roommate(s) to determine what you may be comfortable sharing.
Housing Information

Wait-list Information

A wait-list will be generated, if the demand for on campus housing exceeds the space we have available. Applicants will also be wait-listed if their reservation fee or deferment request was not received by the guarantee deadline. Students on the wait-list will be offered housing as cancellations occur. You will have a limited amount of time to respond before we offer the space to the next person on the wait-list. It is important that you check your UC Merced email account regularly. If you have any questions, please email housing@ucmerced.edu.

Request for Contract Cancellation

Whether you decide to live off campus or will no longer be attending UC Merced, once you have submitted an on-line application, you will need to submit a written request to officially cancel your contract. The request form can be found on-line at www.housing.ucmerced.edu. The housing contract is a legal document and therefore all cancellation requests require an ink signature. You may not fax, scan, or email a request for contract cancellation. You are welcome to either hand deliver or mail a signed copy of the Request for Contract Cancellation form to:

Terrace Center Housing Office (Cancel Request)
5200 N. Lake Road
Merced, CA 95343

IT Support and Services

Computers are available for use in each housing community as well as other campus locations. Printers are also available in the Terrace Center and The Summits computer centers for a nominal fee.

An IT Help Desk is available for residents in the evenings and weekends in Half Dome. Student Technology Consultants are available to help you connect your devices to the wireless network, connect to UC Merced printers, clean malware and viruses from your computer, and other services.

Laundry

Valley and Sierra Terraces residents have access to the washers and dryers in the Terrace Center laundry room. The Terrace Center laundry room is open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. Building laundry rooms are available 24-hours a day in The Summits communities - Tenaya, Cathedral and Half Dome. You have the option to add money onto your Cat Card Resident Laundry Account or a few coin operated machines are available. It is $1.25 to wash ($1.50 super cycle) and $1 to dry.

Parking

On-campus parking is managed by Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS). Incoming first-year resident parking permits are available by exception ONLY. A limited amount of space is also available to continuing and new transfer students. Resident parking applications are available on-line at www.taps.ucmerced.edu.

Important Dates

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Mail

One mailbox and combination/key is assigned to each bedroom (shared by roommates). Student mail is delivered to the mailbox in the Housing and Residence Life Office in the late afternoon each weekday. If an item is too large to fit in your box, a package slip is placed in your mailbox informing you to stop by the office to claim it. Picture ID is required to claim your package. The mailroom will occasionally close to facilitate quicker delivery to residents.

Important Notice

“Overnight Delivery” will only ensure that our campus receiving facility will have a package the next business day. Please anticipate a delay in delivery because our campus receiving facilities services our entire campus including departments located off campus.

The proper format for your UC Merced Housing & Residence Life address is:

**Mailing Format:**
- Your Name, Community name COMPLETE Hall Name and Room #
- 5200 N. Lake Road
- Merced, CA 95343

**Example:**
- John Smith The Summits Cathedral 101-A
- 5200 N. Lake Road
- Merced, CA 95343

Additional Amenities

- Access to the Housing and Residence Life Office for questions, sign out keys, pick-up mail or packages, and talk to the professional staff
- Resident Learning Center located on the first floor of Tenaya
- Study space available on each floor
- Access to a computer lab
- Access to an exercise and music room
- Meeting rooms for workshops and events
- Outdoor BBQ area
- Game Room (with video gaming set up)
- Snack vending machine
- In The Summits, laundry facilities are located within each Residence Hall and are open 24 hours a day.
Linens Program and Care Packages

Residence Hall Association assists parents, friends and family in ordering care packages and room linens/ decorations for their student!

The Linens Program provides quality bedding that is guaranteed to fit residence halls as well as campus apartment beds and last until graduation. Towel sets, shower totes, comforters, room decor, first aid kits and much more is also available through the Linens Program. Be sure to order early; so you are sure to get your first choice of colors and prints while supplies last. Be on the lookout for the order form in your mail.

The Care Package Program is a wonderful opportunity for family members to show their love and support for their student. The program offers a wide assortment of packages that can be ordered at the beginning of the year to welcome your student to campus. Letters are mailed in mid-July to all parents of new students. Parents can place orders through that mailing. A care package is the best way to remind your student that you are thinking of them during their first weeks at school and during final exams. A care package says it all.

Dining Services

Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center

Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center is the residential dining facility for the entire residential community. The YWDC operates seven days a week and offers extended evening hours to accommodate the needs of our diverse student population. The YWDC offers eight different food service concepts housed in one facility.

- Blue Plate - Our flagship station, Blue Plate offers the home cooked meal experience, featuring traditional meal choices.
- All American Grill - Grilled Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Chicken Sandwiches and more! The All American Grill is one of our most popular stations as it serves the traditional American food our youth is used to.
- Kung Pow - An exciting concept that offers a choice of rice or noodles, beef, chicken or tofu, topped with a choice of Thai curry, Indian curry, or Japanese Teriyaki sauce.
- Caliente - Our most popular concept, Caliente serves traditional Latin fare and daily specials throughout the week. Fish taco Friday’s is a resident favorite.
- Paisanos - Pizza by the slice and grilled panini sandwiches are the mainstay of this concept. Rotating specialties offered daily. Open for Limited and Late Night Services.
- Breakfast Bar - Fresh cut and whole fruit offerings, a variety of popular cereals, and a yogurt station.
- Field of Greens - Select from a choice of fresh greens and salad bar toppings. This concept also features two daily soups and a "make your own" deli sandwich bar.
- Grab n’ Go - A variety of pre-packaged food items for the student on the go. Sandwiches, salads, crudite, fruit cups, yogurt.

The Lantern Café

Centrally located in the heart of campus, The Lantern Café is a popular food service destination in the Kolligian library. The Café offers full-service coffee and espresso beverages along with pre-packaged sandwiches and salads, daily hot food specials, pastries, and more. The Café features daily lunch specials such as Clam Chowder Friday’s, Spuds stuffed baked potatoes, and build your own taco salad. Greatly appreciated by the student on the go, the Lantern Café prides itself in offering a little bit of convenience for everyone. The Lantern Café accepts cash, credit, Cat Dollars and Flex Dollars.

Summits Marketplace

The Summits Marketplace, located just off of Scholars Lane in the Summits Housing Community, is the first true retail food service facility to open on campus. The Summits Marketplace offers a large selection of snack items, fresh pre-made meals, common grocery and personal care items, essential electronic items, and much more. Oh, and don’t forget about the incredibly popular “F’Real” milkshakes and smoothies. Need a snack on your way to a mid-term? Looking for special dietary options such as gluten-free products? The Summits Marketplace has you covered. The Summits Marketplace accepts cash, credit, Cat Dollars, and Flex Dollars.

Diesel Dogs

Diesel Dogs is a fun food service concept that brings the feel of big city street vendors to the high traffic quad located adjacent to the Kolligian Library. Diesel Dogs is a self-contained cart that serves traditional hot dogs and different types of sausage that can be topped with an exciting array of condiments. Meals are packaged with chips and a beverage or available individually. Specials are always popular at Diesel Dogs, especially the Texas dog with BBQ sauce and crisp fried onion straws.

Fork in the Road

Fork in the Road is a new food service that brings local vendors to UC Merced for lunch service near the CTK quad adjacent from the Kolligian Library. Previous vendors have included Jantz Cafe, Little Taste of India, Sam Cafe, and J&R Tacos.
Residence Life Team

Over 120 students serve in leadership roles in Housing and Residence Life. There are various positions that are compensated and others that are volunteer positions. The compensated positions are Resident Assistant, Programming Assistant, Office Assistant, Graphic Design Intern, and Student Assistant. Our volunteer leadership positions are within Residence Hall Association (RHA) and National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). Professional and student staff members are available in housing 24 hours a day to assist residents. Professional Staff offices are located in the Terrace Center and The Summits offices.

Student Staff and Leaders

Office Assistants (OA) and Lead Office Assistants (LOA) - The Office Assistants, who work the Terrace Center and The Summits Housing & Residence Life Offices, provide services and assistance to the community. They assist with mail, resident lockouts, answer questions and can refer you to the appropriate campus resources.

Resident Assistant (RA) and Lead Resident Assistant (LRA) - The LRA/RAs live in the residence halls and are assigned to serve a group of residents. They facilitate programs and activities to develop life skills, build community, and enforce policies to help ensure the safety and well-being of the residents. In addition, there are designated RAs available for after hour assistance.

Programming Assistant (PA) - Programming Assistants live in the residence halls and develop and implement activities and educational opportunities for residents.

Student Assistant (SA) - The Student Assistants work closely with Professional Staff members to assist with various tasks within the department.

Graphic Design Intern (GDI) - The GDI creates marketing materials for events and activities going on in the Housing community.

Get Involved

Residence Hall Association (RHA)

As a member of our residential community, you are automatically a member of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). RHA is the official voice of on campus residents and works closely with department leaders to promote a great residential experience for students. In addition to advising Residence Life on issues of policy and budget; RHA is a programming and leadership development group, putting on large-scale programs and fun events. RHA general body meetings are always on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Crescent Arch Room.

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)

The National Residence Hall Honorary is the only nationwide organization that exclusively recognizes leaders in residence halls; it is also considered the recognition branch of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH), Inc. NRHH is the premiere honorary dedicated to recognizing the top 1% of leaders living in residence halls. NRHH's outstanding leaders demonstrate excellence in scholastics, are role models of service, are bestowers of recognition and are exercisers of leadership.

Professional Staff

The Housing and Residence Life staff performs a variety of functions ranging from business operations, administrative services, facility management, and student development to make your on campus living experience satisfying.

Residence Life Coordinators (RLC) - The Residence Life Coordinators supervise the Lead RAs, RAs and PAs, that work together to create safe and inclusive learning communities. RLCs are also available for after-hour assistance.

Leadership Coordinator (LC) - The Leadership Coordinator is responsible for the selection and training of our student leaders, facilitates leadership development opportunities for residents, and advises the RHA.

Office Manager (OM) - The Office Manager oversees the services provided by the HRL offices and supervises the Lead OA and OAs.

Community Council

Each community has a Community Council to help govern events and activities. All residents in the community are members of their community council. Elections for leadership positions are held in the fall, and all students living in a building are encouraged to participate in the nomination and election process. Community Councils plan regular educational and social events for their community. To get involved in your hall council, talk with your RLC or RA. Develop your leadership potential through Community Council. Serving on your Community Council provides an opportunity to develop and practice leadership skills that you can later take with you to other student organizations at UC Merced and the greater community. Serving on Community Council can also be a springboard for future leadership opportunities on campus.
Map of UC Merced’s Housing Community
Provided above is a map of the various residence halls and communities in the UC Merced Housing community. In addition, there are key points of interests marked such as The Summits and Valley Housing Offices and the Dining Center. We hope this map will serve as a good reference.

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Housing and Residence Life Handbook
You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with the Housing and Residence Life policies and behavioral standards online. www.housing.ucmerced.edu/handbook