



Hey, Transfer Students!

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A Message from the Transfer Student Center

Hello Transfers!

Welcome to 2012! We hope you had a restful winter break and a Happy New Year's celebration. As the winter quarter gets underway we'd like to encourage you to stop by the Transfer Student Center to meet with a Counselor and design an action plan for success, talk to a Transfer Peer Mentor, study, or meet new people.

Just a friendly reminder that if you are applying for or renewing your financial aid paperwork, you are able to start doing so now for the 2012-13 academic year! Be sure to visit the official FAFSA website [at www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/) and visit the UCI Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships if you have any financial aid questions or concerns.

We wish you the best of luck this quarter and hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

The Transfer Student Center Staff

Mentor Minute By Tania Choudhary

"Finding Balance"



Hello Transfers!

My name is Tania Choudhary and I am a 4th year Biological Sciences Major. It is very common for transfer students to be overwhelmed while trying to manage multiple things at the same time, especially when many of us live off-campus. Despite the difficulties, I have managed to pursue just about everything I wanted to. I am a full-time student who works both on campus and off-campus along with doing research on campus, while living off-campus.

Managing your time is the key to success. One has to start early and not procrastinate. For example, be somewhat ready for your next quarter courses prior to its beginning. Jot down ideas about how much time is required for each thing. Make a raw plan about blocks of study time per week, weekly reviews, and study groups, allowing some flexibility in case of emergencies. For example, if you think it will take you 45 minutes to review your notes, then give yourself at least an hour. Prioritize your assignments according to the due dates. Look at the syllabus and course requirements; skim through the books in advance. Read and understand the material before the class starts. Email your Professors in advance if you have any questions or concerns that will give you and your Professor an ample amount of time to respond. Visiting your Professors during their office hours will also help you to know more about the Professors and their expectations from their students. Ask your peers for help because most likely, they are in the same boat as you are and will help you by providing different prospective as to how to approach certain difficulties. Communicate with your academic adviser each quarter to make sure that you are following your degree requirements and being on track with your academics.

Moreover, explore all the possible resources on campus. There are many clubs, organizations, and centers such as Transfer Student Center, SOAR, Career Center, Transfer Student Organization, Student Support Services, Tau Sigma, and Transfer Vision willing to help you as long as you help yourself. They provide guidance for you to do well and accomplish your goals. Ask them about their requirements and how much time needs to be devoted. Choose those clubs and organizations that are best suited to your needs and time. Have short-term goals that eventually lead you to your long-term goal. Make a raw plan for yourself for each quarter according to your short-term goals- things you would like to accomplish by per quarter, which would help you manage your commitments in a rightly manner. Have a study buddy who will keep you on track. Remind yourself and ask yourself, "What do I want to achieve by the time I graduate from UCI?" Look back and see if your short-term goals are actually leading you towards your long-term goal. Do not wait for anyone to come guide you; instead find people who can help you. Once you have a hang of things, embark gloriously on your journey!

Sincerely,

Tania Choudhary.

Mentor Minute By Miko Santos



"Campus Involvement"

You see signs and you hear constant advertisements from workshops, mentors and peers alike saying to "Get involved on campus". Why should you be involved anyways? What does "getting involved even mean and what does an involved student look like? These were the questions I asked myself as a new transfer student in the fall of 2009.

My first involvement experience was joining a club. It was through my club that I gained the confidence to apply to positions on campus because I finally had something to write on my resume through the activities I participated in with my club. My second involvement experience came from an opportunity to be a research assistant for a professor I took a class with. These experiences were so crucial to my campus involvement due to the fact that it gave me confidence as well as resume-worthy experiences.

For me, campus involvement means being a part of something bigger than myself. Getting involved is like being a cog on a machine and without my presence the machine would not work as efficiently or not even work at all. A person could be doing a small part within the UCI community like, for example, advocating for a specific cause. If that person changed another person's life for the better, it can really lead to a better tomorrow, today. This, then, really answers the last of the three questions. You get involved to impact people as well as be impacted or should I say be molded into a person that you were meant to be.



TSC Calendar of Events



Winter Quarter Workshops*

Week	Workshop	Date	Time
2	Financial Aid	Tuesday, January 17th	12-1pm
3	Study Strategies	Monday, January 23rd	12-1pm
3	Coffee Hour: Grad School Q & A	Tuesday, January 24th (This will take place in Student Support Services, located in Student Services II, Suite 2100)	10-11am
4	Communication Skills	Tuesday, January 31st	12-1pm
5	UC/DC Capital Internship Programs	Monday, February 6th	12-1pm
6	UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program)	Tuesday, February 14th	12-1pm
7	Test Anxiety	Tuesday, February 21st	12-1pm
8	Perfect Your Resume	Monday, February 27th	12-1pm
9	Relaxation & Stress Relief	Tuesday, March 6th	12-1pm

*All workshops will take place in the Student Services II building, room 1010AB.

NOTE: The TSC Calendar of Events is subject to change. Please be sure to check our calendar online at www.transfercenter.uci.edu for updates.

Announcements

Stressed Over Your Fall 2011 Grades? The Transfer Student Center Can Help!

Did you have a rough fall quarter? Was your transition to UCI harder than expected? Did you find it difficult to balance school and other responsibilities? Let the Transfer Student Center help you plan for success. Meet with one of our Transfer Counselors to identify your obstacles, find possible solutions, and assist you as you design a plan of action. To schedule appointments please call (949) 824-1142 or email us at transfer@uci.edu with the subject line "I'd like to schedule a Success Plan appointment". We look forward to working with you!

Need Help with Your Writing?

Here are some places to go....

- **Writing and Library Research Peer Tutors:**
<http://www.writing.uci.edu/peertutors.html>
- **Learning and Academic Resource Center (LARC) Writing Specialists**
<http://www.larc.uci.edu>
- **Tutoring information through the Program in Academic English: Email Professor Robin Scarcella at rscarce@uci.edu.**



Feeling Stressed?!



You don't have to face your stress alone. The Counseling Center at UCI offers a myriad of services from individual, couples, group, and family counseling as well as helpful workshops regarding building healthy relationships and interpersonal skills. More information may be found at: www.counseling.uci.edu.

Be healthy. Be happy.

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