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WRITING 2 AND WRITING 20 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

On Tuesday, December 10 at noon seats in Writing 20 will open. This course is required for all students who still need ELWR, UNLESS you are enrolled in 80D for winter as part of your stretch core course. Writing 2 is scheduled to open new seats up at 2 p.m. on December 10. Seats for both classes are expected to fill very quickly, so mark your calendar. Visit the Writing Program website to see course descriptions and for information on classes that still have openings during the first week of winter: http://writing.ucsc.edu/courses/index.html. Writing 2 will be offered again in spring quarter.

FALL 2013 INSTRUCTION ENDS: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

This is the final day of instruction for the fall quarter. (We bet you knew that!)  

FINAL EXAMINATIONS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 9--THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Can you believe finals are next week??? Final exams will run from Monday, December 9th through Thursday, December 12th. The fall 2013 final examination schedule is available at the following link: http://registrar.ucsc.edu/soc/final-examinations.html#. First you will see the Winter 2014 schedule, scroll down until you reach Fall 2013. Planning out your finals will help you to be able to prioritize your studying and allow you to feel more organized. Remember to take care of yourself during this time with healthy food, sleep, and little breaks now and then. Check your syllabi and stock up on pencils, blue books and scantrons so that you will be prepared! Good luck!

END OF FALL QUARTER 2013: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

This is the final day of the fall quarter. Have a wonderful holiday break!

REMINDER: PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If you are NOT planning to return to UCSC for winter 2014 be sure to see your college academic adviser to petition to withdraw or take a leave of absence from the university (no need if you are participating in UC EAP, UCDC, or another UCSC program for which you pay registration fees). Notifying your college advisers that you do not plan to attend by filing the Petition for Withdrawal/Leave of Absence will cancel your winter registration fee and remove you from your enrolled classes. If you wait until the beginning of winter quarter to petition for a withdrawal or leave of absence, the effective date of your withdrawal or leave will be the date that you notify your college advisers that you are not attending UCSC (which, if after the first day of instruction, could result in thousands of dollars of registration fees). For the petition and additional information online go to advising.ucsc.edu/student/loa.
FALL QUARTER GRADES DUE FROM INSTRUCTORS: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
You may begin checking your fall grades on your student portal on Tuesday, December 18th. Colleges will conduct academic standing reviews once grades are received. If you think you may fall below good academic standing after your fall grades are assigned, please check with your college academic adviser for important academic review information.

DEADLINE TO PAY FEES FOR WINTER QUARTER 2014: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
This is the deadline to pay undergraduate registration fees for winter quarter without incurring late fees. Student Business Services offers deferred payment options and can answer any specific questions you may have regarding your bill. For more information visit: http://sbs.ucsc.edu/.

CAMPUS CLOSURE FOR HOLIDAY BREAK
The campus is closed from Saturday, December 21 through Wednesday, January 1. Please plan to conduct any university business before or after this time period. Enjoy your holiday break!

FIRST DAY INSTRUCTION FOR WINTER QUARTER 2014: MONDAY, JANUARY 6
Make a note that instruction for winter quarter begins Monday, January 6th. See you in the New Year!

STUDENT SUCCESS TIP OF THE WEEK: FINALS WEEK SURVIVAL GUIDE
Finals week can be a daunting and stressful time for any college student. Late nights, unhealthy eating, lack of sleep, tons of coffee, and intense cramming can leave you feeling drained and miserable by the time it is over. Don't let finals beat you down; take charge! The following link from University of Illinois Springfield offers a "Finals Week Survival Guide": http://trac.uis.edu/2011/04/finals-week-survival-guide.html. Follow this guide and you will leave finals week feeling accomplished rather than defeated!

STUDENT SERVICE/PROGRAM OF THE WEEK: RECREATION DEPARTMENT
The UCSC Recreation Department is a subdivision of OPERS. The mission of this department is to provide the UCSC community with an opportunity to gain skills, have fun, be challenged, and make personal connections through outdoor, recreational and hands-on learning experiences. They offer a wide range of courses that provide opportunities for beginners as well as more experienced participants:
• You can expect well-organized classes, activities and informal teaching. Be prepared to be active and involved.
• Courses are led by Recreation Instructors and UCSC student leaders.
• Instructors range from community members to program developers who have extensive experience in the activity, class or workshop they offer.
• Those with all backgrounds, levels of experience and abilities are encouraged to participate.
For more information, visit the Rec Department website at: http://www.ucscrecreation.com/index.html.

WANT UP TO $30,000? SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY
The following scholarships are administered by the Office of Undergraduate Honors:

David L. Boren (NSEP) Undergraduate Scholarships
David L. Boren Scholarship awards undergraduate scholarships for study abroad in selected countries (study in Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand is excluded). Recipients will be selected on the basis of merit with consideration for: academic record, commitment to international education, language interest and aptitude, and the quality and appropriateness of the proposed program and its relevance to the National Security Education Program. This scholarship carries with it a service requirement.

Campus Application Deadline: January 10, 2014. Award amount: The maximum award is $8,000 for a summer, $10,000 for a semester, or $20,000 for a full academic year.

Donald A. Strauss Scholarship
The Donald A. Strauss Scholarship Foundation allows juniors to pursue a public service project during their senior year by providing $10,000 for educational expenses. The project may be a new undertaking or an extension of the recipient's current activities. UC Santa Cruz can nominate three students for the Strauss Award. To qualify:
• Students must have one full year remaining until graduation
• Students must have a GPA in the upper 1/3 of his/her class
• Students plan to devote a significant part of your lives to public service
Campus Application Deadline: February 3, 2014. Award amount: $10,000.

**Harry S. Truman Scholarship**
The Truman Scholarship provides up to $30,000 in funding to students pursuing graduate degrees in public service fields. Students must be college juniors at the time of selection. The Foundation also provides assistance with career counseling, internship placement, graduate school admissions, and professional development.

Campus Application Deadline: January 17, 2014. Award amount: Up to $30,000.

**Morris K. Udall Scholarship**
The Udall Foundation seeks future leaders across a wide spectrum of environmental fields, including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, and economics. Scholarships are offered in any of three categories:
- To students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment; or
- To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to tribal public policy; or
- To Native American and Alaska Native students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to Native health care.

Campus Application Deadline: February 14, 2014. Award amount: Up to $5,000.

Questions regarding the above scholarships should be directed to Undergraduate Honors and Awards Coordinator Marlene Robinson, marobins@ucsc.edu. And visit our website: http://honors.ucsc.edu/.

**LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR EXAM PREPARATION**
**Drop-in Writing assistance will be available on:**
- *Sunday, December 8th from 12-6pm*
- Monday, December 9th from 3-6pm
- Tuesday, December 10th 3-6pm
- Wednesday, December 11th from 3-6pm
All drop-in writing sessions will be held at the ARCenter, room 216

Students may sign up for an appointment slot by calling Learning Support Services at (831) 459-4333 before 2:00pm the day of the session.

*Students will not able sign up for a Sunday appointment after Friday, December 6th at 5:00pm.*

**Drop-in Math tutoring for MATH 2, 3, 11A, 11B, 19A, 19B, 22, 23A, and 23B will be available at McHenry Library, room 1279 on:**
- Sunday, December 8th from 4-8pm
- Monday, December 9th from 4-8pm
- Tuesday, December 10th from 4-8pm

**24-Hour Study Center**
The ARCenter will be open continuously as a study center beginning Sunday, December 8th at 9:00am and remaining open until Wednesday, December 11th at 11:00pm. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, December 12th. Free coffee will be available.

Any updates and changes to these services will be posted on the Learning Support Services website at http://www2.ucsc.edu/lss/

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