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PRIORITY ENROLLMENT BEGINS NEXT WEEK!
Priority enrollment begins Monday, May 19th!! If you are not certain what classes you should take fall quarter 2014, then see your college adviser for guidance. Try to enroll as close to your appointment time as possible in order to have the best chance at securing the classes you need.

WHY DO I HAVE A HOLD ON MY ENROLLMENT
A hold on your enrollment is your cue to take care of some important university business. Enrollment holds are visible on the right side of your Student Center in your portal. Click "Details" to find out who placed the hold, why the hold was placed, and how to get it released. Some examples of holds placed by your college: undeclared major, academic standing issues, extension of enrollment petition needed, etc. You may also have a hold on your enrollment if you have outstanding debt, a judicial issue, need to complete Part 2 of Alcohol EDU, or you have simply failed to update your emergency contact information; contact the appropriate department. Avoid delays in enrolling by clearing any holds before your enrollment appointment time!

THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF CLASSES (SOC)
Are you accessing the complete Schedule of Classes? In addition to the course listings for the quarter, important information is contained in the online text pages of the Schedule of Classes at http://reg.ucsc.edu/soc.htm. You will find important announcements, information on placement exams, final exam schedules, course descriptions of classes, and enrollment conditions for interview only courses. You'll also find the complete academic calendar, a schedule planner, general information on enrolling and fees, and department contact information. And you can download a PDF of the complete Schedule of Classes. Check it out!

THINKING OF ENROLLING IN MORE THAN 19 CREDITS?
No one can enroll in more than 19 credits until the first day of instruction for the quarter. On the first day of classes for fall, students with a cumulative UCSC GPA of 3.0 or above may enroll in up to 22 credits without approval from their college. You need college approval for an increased course load if you would like to:

1. Enroll in more than 22 credits and you have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above.
2. Enroll in more than 19 credits and you have a cumulative GPA below 3.0.

To request an increased course load, contact your college adviser. In most cases, approval will not be granted until after your spring grades can be reviewed.

Please note: UC regulations indicate that 3 hours of academic work per week is expected for each earned credit. Twenty credits will necessitate about 60 hours of academic work per week (including class time). So take this into consideration before enrolling in 19+ credits!

MINIMUM PROGRESS POLICY
To be considered as making minimum progress toward graduation, you should be earning at least 36 credits in your most recent 3 quarters of UCSC enrollment; and you must maintain an average of at least 12 credits per quarter overall. If you will not earn at least 36 credits from the combination of your Fall, Winter, & Spring classes, you should plan on taking summer courses to bring your credits up to minimum progress levels. Please see your college adviser with any questions or concerns around your progress toward your degree.
35th ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL
Don’t miss this very popular student-organized event held in the Oakes lower lawn. Check out more about the festival food and performances at: https://www.facebook.com/events/1474118526153570/

ADVISING TIP OF THE WEEK: THE IMPORTANCE OF NETWORKING
No matter what direction you want to take after college, networking is your key to success. Whether graduate school is on your radar or you are ready to dive into the working world, your connections will help you get there. Studies show that 80% of jobs are found through networking or the "hidden job market.” Here are a few helpful networking tips to start putting into practice:

1. **Get involved in a student or professional organization that links to your career goal.** Many careers have professional associations that carry student memberships. By becoming involved in these associations early, you expose yourself to the latest information in your field and to professionals already doing what you someday hope to do.

2. **Start a LinkedIn account.** LinkedIn is a great way to take your network online. Many recruiters use this tool to connect to new graduates. You will continue to develop and build your network as your career takes off, but getting it going now is good practice. But remember, this is a professional networking tool and potential employers will see your page, so make sure you are putting your best foot forward! The Career Center has a workshop on May 20 from 4pm to 5:30pm (Cervantes & Velasquez Room, Third Floor of the Bay Tree Building). This is a hands-on workshop, so bring your laptop or tablet!

3. **Attend any event, on or off campus, where you can connect with potential employers.** Departments around campus or the Career Center will host employer panels from time-to-time. These are great events to attend where intelligent questions are often raised. Stay after the event and personally introduce yourself. You will more than likely leave with a business card!

4. **Make a list of everyone you know.** You may have forgotten about Uncle Joe who has a friend who owns a publishing company. It is important to reach out to those you already know, because a personal referral can go a long way!

5. **Set up informational interviews.** These are meetings that you initiate with a professional working in the field of your interest. You would simply get in contact with the person and let them know that you are interested in working in a job similar to theirs, and you were hoping that you could speak with them about working in their profession. People love to talk about themselves, so 9 times out of 10 they won't turn you down. Come to the meeting with well thought-out questions about the profession and getting started in it. Bring a resume to give to the professional at the end, in case they happen to know of any openings in the field. You'll leave knowing more about the profession and you can add one more person to your network!

6. **See what the Career Center has on Networking.**

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