UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING NEWS (Winter 2014, Issue 8)

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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE: MARCH 18-21
Winter quarter finals are scheduled from Tuesday, March 18 through Friday, March 21, 2014. Go to http://registrar.ucsc.edu/soc/final-examinations.html to see the schedule and learn about final exam policies. If you have two or more finals scheduled on the same day, adjust your study and prep time accordingly. See study tips below, and good luck!

WRITING 21 OPENS FOR ENROLLMENT: WEDNESDAY MARCH 19
If you have not yet satisfied the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR), you are required to enroll in Writing 21 for spring quarter. Spaces in this class are expected to fill quickly, so enroll on Wednesday for the best choice of section times.

A COURSE JUST FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!
Navigating the Research University is a 2-credit course available exclusively to first-year students -- last year's students gave the course excellent reviews! The course explores first-year issues and success strategies and ways to participate in the institution’s academic life, and investigates strategies for clarifying educational goals (including deciding on a major) and devising a plan for success. The course is listed as STEV-26 but is open to any first-year student. If you are a first year student but are unable to enroll because you have enough credits to be considered a sophomore, email advising@ucsc.edu for a permission number. Class number: 62788. TuTh06:00PM-07:10PM.

LEARNING SUPPORT SERVICES FOR FINALS
Drop-in Writing assistance will be available on:

- *Sunday, March 16th from 12-6pm
- Monday, March 17th from 3-6pm
- Tuesday, March 18th from 3-6pm
- Wednesday, March 19th from 3-6pm

All drop-in writing sessions will be held at the ARCernt, room 216
Students may sign up for one 30-minute 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, March 14th at 5:00pm.

Drop-in Math tutoring for MATH 2, 3, 11A, 11B, 19A, 19B, 23A, and 23B will be available at McHenry Library, room 1279 on:

- Sunday, March 16th from 4-8pm
- Monday, March 17th from 4-8pm
- Tuesday, March 18th from 4-8pm
• Wednesday, March 19th from 4-8pm

24-Hour Study Center
The ARC Center will be open continuously as a study center beginning Sunday, March 16th at 9:00am and remaining open until Thursday, March 20th at 11:00 PM. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, morning March 21st. 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/](http://www2.ucsc.edu/lss/)

**DEADLINE TO PAY FEES FOR SPRING QUARTER 2014: THURSDAY, MARCH 20**
Registration fees for Spring are due on Thursday, March 20. Your billing statement can be viewed under "Accounts & Billing" on your student portal. UCSC does not mail paper billing statements. To pay online, sign up for SallieMae ePay. Payment can also be made via the Cashier’s Office drop-box (North side of Hahn Building) by 3:00pm on March 20 or in-person in the Cashier’s Office by 4pm. A late registration fee of $50 is assessed for late payments. For more information on billing and payment options, see: [http://sbs.ucsc.edu/payments.html](http://sbs.ucsc.edu/payments.html) For information on Deferred Payment Plans, visit: [http://sbs.ucsc.edu/dpp.html](http://sbs.ucsc.edu/dpp.html).

**END OF WINTER QUARTER 2014: FRIDAY, MARCH 21**
This is the official last day of the Winter Quarter 2014. Have a wonderful break till March 31!

**WINTER 2014 GRADES DUE FROM INSTRUCTORS: TUESDAY, MARCH 25**
You may begin checking your Winter grades on your student portal on Tuesday, March 25. Colleges will conduct academic standing reviews once grades are received. If you think you may fall below good academic standing after your winter grades are assigned, please check with your college academic adviser for important academic review information.

**CAMPUS CLOSED: CÉSAR CHÁVEZ DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 28**
The campus will be closed on Friday, March 28 for César Chávez Day. Please keep in mind if you need to conduct any university business over the break.

**SPRING QUARTER 2014 BEGINS: MONDAY, March 31**
Classes begin for Spring Quarter on Monday, March 31st!

**STUDENT SUCCESS TIP OF THE WEEK: FINALS WEEK STUDY TIPS**
Finals week is right around the corner!!! Are you ready??? Here are some tips that will help guide you through this week:

• **Create a Plan of Attack**: find out when your finals are going to be (you can reference the finals week schedule above) and if you have papers due, group projects to present, or tests to study for. Then plan when you are going to complete each course’s requirements.

• **Break Down Your Plan**: once you have your plan to tackle finals week, it may appear daunting and impossible. So break it down into smaller attainable goals. It can help to approach it one class at a time.

• **Take Care of Yourself**: your brain cannot function if you do not get enough sleep or eat well. Try to avoid pulling all-nighters to study for an exam. Drink lots of water and try to give yourself a little downtime amongst all your finals prep.

• **Stay Motivated**: you have worked hard all quarter and at the very end you might be feeling a lack of motivation to get through finals week. Remind yourself why you are here and what you want your degree to bring you when you achieve it. Finals week is the final sprint to the finish line, so don't give up now.

• **Should you need additional guidance or support during the end of quarter and finals week, please utilize your college advisers for assistance. They are there to help!**

**UPCOMING CAREER CENTER WORKSHOP & EVENTS**
Thursday, March 20: Virtual Career Fair: Employment for People with Disabilities. A free online event! For more information on this event, and for spring events, visit: [http://careers.ucsc.edu/](http://careers.ucsc.edu/).

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