

October 8, 2003

TO: CCC Transfer Center Directors and Articulation Officers

RE: UC Merced 2004-05 Application and Articulation Update

Dear Colleagues:

As you have no doubt heard, the opening of UC Merced has been adjusted to fall 2005 because of the state budget situation. The office of Admissions/Relations with Schools & Colleges is busily preparing information for prospective transfer students.

We are asking for your assistance to inform your students about the adjustment of the opening date and about the transfer information that will soon be widely available for students planning to transfer in 2005 or after. Your help is especially needed because most of the university-wide publications were printed prior to the legislature's decision to delay the campus opening.

**Who can apply for admission to UC Merced during November 2004?**

UC Merced is listed as an option in the *2004-05 University of California Undergraduate Application for Admission and Scholarships*. In the application instructions, both the Campus Enrollment Restrictions section and the listing of major codes note that Merced is open only to DAP students. In the on-line application in Pathways, only Dual Admission Program applicants will be able to submit an application, as the database recognizes that UC Merced is open only to DAP applicants. Students are prevented from selecting Merced as a freshman or transfer option because UC Merced majors are closed to them.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to highlight that information on the paper application itself, so freshmen and transfer applicants may attempt to submit a paper application. Students who submit a paper application for Merced will receive notification from the University of California Application Processor, stating that the Merced campus is not open and they will be invited to select another campus. If they do not select another campus, they will receive a refund of the \$40 application fee.

**Articulation Update:**

Our faculty has been working earnestly in developing curricula for the campus and identified preparatory courses for Merced's majors. Scott Trippel has developed major information sheets highlighting transfer preparation courses. The sheets are attached to this communication and will soon be available at a new UC Merced Admissions web site.

The opening majors in fall 2005 will be:

- Biological Sciences, BS
- Computer Science & Engineering, BS
- Earth Systems Sciences, BS
- Environmental Engineering, BS
- Social and Behavioral Sciences with emphases in:
  - Economics BA
  - Psychology BA, BS
- World Cultures and History, BA with emphases in:
  - History
  - Literature

Efforts are now under way to develop articulation agreements for these majors with Region V community colleges. Expansion of articulation to additional community colleges across California will begin as soon as the region is completed. Information about UC Merced's General Education Program will soon be announced as well, providing additional guidance for the preparation of students pursuing science and high unit majors. This will be forthcoming.

The previously published, *Foundations for Transfer*, which identified recommended course patterns for transfer students preparing for transfer to UC Merced, will be honored for students transferring during academic years 2005-06 and 2006-07, but we will not be updating them as previously planned. The campus specific major preparation and general education will better prepare students for upper division work at UC Merced, so we encourage you to use the new major information sheets for students initiating the transfer process.

We encourage you and your students to call us if you have questions, at (559) 241-7474 or use our toll-free (in California) telephone number: (866) 270-7301. Thank you for your help in providing this information to your staff and students. We look forward to working with you!

With warm regards,

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