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Finals Week

Spring quarter final exams are June 6 - 12, 2009. Some tips for you and your student for a successful finals week:

- To accommodate students who need to study, the library is open longer and 24-hour quiet hours are enforced in the residence halls.
- This is a great time to send your student a note or gift basket. A note that tells your student how proud you are of him or her can be a real booster during what can be a stressful time of the year.
- Remember that your student will be studying frequently and completing exams, which are usually three hours in length. Don't worry if your student doesn't contact you or return your call right away.

Residence Hall Move Out

For students in campus residence halls, Move Out begins June 12, 2009. Some suggestions to make Move Out a smooth process for your family:

- Start early in the day. Moving out can be a long process.
- Remind your student to have his or her room in its original order before you arrive. It is a good idea to have this done before finals week so your student does not have to worry about this during finals week.
- If your student is coming home or you are visiting campus prior to Move Out, plan to take some items home with you. This will minimize what needs to be picked up on Move Out day.
- Allow time for summer goodbyes, pictures with friends, and check-out inspections.

Commencement

Commencement ceremonies for the College of Letters and Science and the College of Engineering will be held June 13 - 14, 2009. The College of Creative Studies commencement is June 7, 2009.

- Visit www.ia.ucsb.edu/commencement to look up the date of your student's ceremony by major.
- Commencement DVDs and photos can be purchased from www.gradimage.com.
- The UCSB Bookstore has a wide selection of graduation gifts, including diploma frames, class rings, and alumni logo wear. Visit www.ucsbstuff.com to order.

*Congratulations to the
graduating Class of 2009!*

important dates

May 25
Memorial Day
UCSB Closed

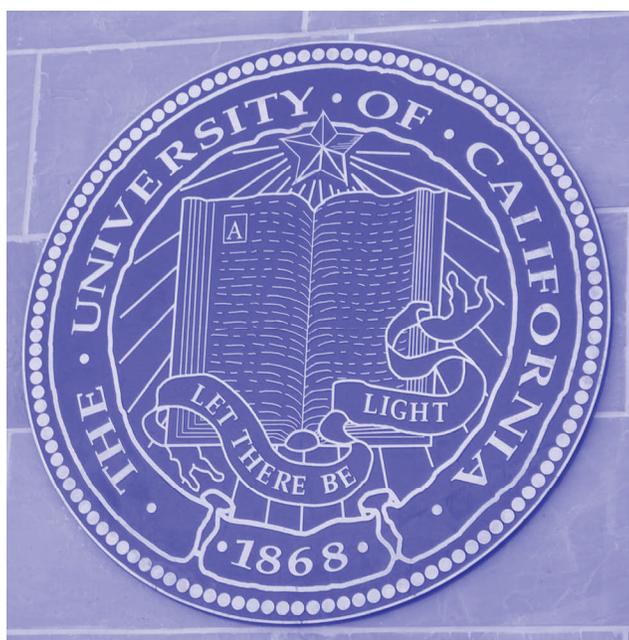
June 5
Last Day of Classes

June 6-12
Final Exams

June 7
College of Creative Studies
Commencement

June 13-14
College of Engineering and
College of Letters and Science
Commencement

June 21
Father's Day



www.guchosplay.com

Check out the new web site for UCSB Recreational Sports! Students can find information about how to join intramural and sports club teams, which sports are available, and view a calendar of upcoming activities. Additionally, students can join the Gauchos Play on-line community and create a personal profile displaying their recreational activities. Finally, students can learn about and view upcoming Adventure Programs offerings, which include kayaking to the Channel Islands, rock climbing, the ropes course, SCUBA diving, and leadership training.

Summer Sessions

Each year, the Summer Sessions program offers over 650 courses in disciplines ranging from anthropology to statistics.

Courses are offered primarily in two six-week sessions between late June and mid-September to accommodate students' schedules. Session A is June 22-August 1 and Session B is August 3-September 12. Students may enroll in courses during one or both sessions.

Students will often take summer classes to catch up or get ahead in their total number of units. Some even aim to graduate early by completing general education classes in the summer.

Students often enjoy the smaller classes during the summer and being able to focus on fewer classes at once. Additionally, summer classes can be an economical choice for some students. Unit fees are capped at the cost of 10 units, even if a student is enrolled in more units. Additionally, there are no out-of-state fees for summer classes.

Housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis for students attending Summer Sessions. Students can complete the on-line application at www.housing.ucsb.edu/application/summer/default.htm.

The cost for Summer Sessions is \$173 per unit for undergraduates and \$243 for graduate students. Additionally, there is a one-time fee of \$317.94 for undergraduates and \$126.56 for graduate students. Financial aid packages are available for Summer Sessions. Students should contact the Financial Aid office (www.finaid.ucsb.edu) to determine eligibility.

The Summer Sessions course catalog is available on-line and students are now able to enroll in summer classes. For more information about enrolling in summer courses, students can speak with staff in the Summer Sessions office located at 2214 Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building. Students can also visit the web site at www.summer.ucsb.edu, or call (805) 893-2047.

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Student Focus Affairs Diversity (RCSGD) Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD)

The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) provides a visible presence on campus for—and enhances connection and community among—lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students, alumni, faculty, and staff members.

The RCSGD, located on the third floor of UCSB's Student Resource Building, provides resources for the entire UCSB community. These resources, offered by professional and student staff in the RCSGD's safe, supportive, and welcoming environment, include:

- Three support and discussion groups that address the specific needs of LGBT students
- Informational, educational, and social programming presented by speakers, through workshops, and via films
- A computer center established with funding from the David Bohnett Foundation's Cyber Center initiative
- The Rainbow Lounge, a safe space in which students can study; use materials from the RCSGD's lending library of DVDs, books, and videos; hold committee meetings; or get together with others informally

In addition, four LGBT-related student groups are active on campus under the guidance of staff advisors, including the Queer Student Union and Friendly Undergraduate Queers In It Together.

For more information about the RCSGD, please visit www.sa.ucsb.edu/sgd or contact Director of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resources Samuel Santos, Jr. at (805) 893-5847. To support the RCSGD with a financial contribution, please contact Director Laurie Hoyle in the student affairs grants and development office at laurie.hoyle@sa.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-5037. Parent contributions help the RCSGD to:

- Employ student staff, thereby providing students with important pre-professional experience while enhancing peer-to-peer support
- Make advisors available to students and student groups
- Update its lending library with the most current information
- Maintain its computer center with Internet and printing capability
- Offer a variety of programs and attract high-caliber speakers that reflect the campus's commitment to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students



Parents' & Family Weekend 2009 will be held Nov. 6-8, 2009.
More information is available at www.ia.ucsb.edu/pfw.