Parent Academic Overview
Student-Parent Orientation Program

University of California, Irvine
Purpose of Parent Academic Overview

1. Provide the Mission Statement of the UCI Academic Counselors

2. Provide information about preparing for the first day of class

3. Provide tools to help support students with their ongoing academic success
Mission Statement

• To facilitate the academic development of all students, and to assist them in achieving their academic, personal, and professional goals by providing high quality academic advising and guidance.
More......

• It is our objective to achieve this in a courteous, accurate and efficient manner.

• We expect our students to take full responsibility for their decisions and actions.
By session’s end, you will know…

- The academic structure of UCI
- What it takes to succeed academically at UCI
- Importance of parent/student communication
- What students should do before classes begin
Academic Structure of UC Irvine

- The Arts
- Humanities
- Biological Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Engineering
- Information & Computer Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Social Ecology
- Nursing Science
- Undecided/Undeclared Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Business
Academic Advising Services

- Academic planning based on each student's individual needs
- Referral to campus resources and student academic programs
- Assistance with policies and procedures
- Act as an advocate for students
- Career preparation
- Referral to faculty for research opportunities
- Peer Academic Advising
Important Offices & Departments

Admissions
Financial Aid and Scholarships
Registrar
Housing
Student Health
Disability Services Center
Learning & Academic Resources Center
Counseling Center
Career Center
UCI Libraries
What does it take to be successful at UCI?
Pursuing the Right Major

- Students succeed in the field of study in which they are most interested
- Many students discover they have started in the wrong major
- More than one third of students graduate from a different School than the one they started
- Be flexible about your student’s choice of major
Balancing Student Time

• Academic counselors work with each student throughout the year to determine the best program of study
• Successful students spend an average of 3 hours studying for every hour in class
• Employment can result in conflicting responsibilities – be realistic about the number of work hours
• Can my student graduate in 4 years?
Student Responsibilities

- Know the requirements needed to graduate with a Bachelor’s degree
- Monitor his or her own academic progress
- Attend classes and communicate with faculty (e.g. office hours)
- Manage time for class preparation
- Communicate with his or her counselor regarding issues and/or concerns about academics or student life
- Become familiar with university resources
- Understand and adhere to university policies, including academic honesty
What students learned yesterday...

Academic Requirements
(Available in on-line Catalogue)

UC
UCI
School/Major

Enrollment Procedures

On-Line Registration
Schedule of Classes
Course selection

Note: The registration system is open all summer if your student needs to make changes. They should consult with their academic counselor before making changes to their schedules.
What is Good Academic Standing?

- 2.0 (C) average overall and each quarter
- The academic units track students’ progress each quarter and notify them of any problems.
- Time to degree – 12 quarters
- It’s common for students to experience some academic difficulty when transitioning from high school – students’ first-year GPAs are usually lower than their high school GPAs.
Tips for soon-to-be college parents:

1. Expect the unexpected.
2. Be available to support and encourage.
3. Make plans for regular communication.
4. Encourage students to do things they can do for themselves.
5. Plan for the ‘big’ day.
6. Give yourself time to adjust to having a student in college.

- UCI Parents’ homepage- www.parents.uci.edu
And finally…

Remind students to:

- Review Anteater Zot Start website (Parents can view this as well): [www.students.uci.edu/anteaterzotstart/](www.students.uci.edu/anteaterzotstart/)
- Review New Student Checklist: [www.newstudents.uci.edu/](www.newstudents.uci.edu/)
- Bookmark the UCI Catalogue
- Update their addresses – local and permanent
- Regularly check their UCI email
- Sign up for Zot Alert
- Complete the F.I.R.S.T. Survey (First-Year Internet Required Safety Training)
Welcome Week (September 24th – 26th)

Featuring special programs and events geared toward integrating students into campus life.

Parents are invited to attend PARENTS DAY on Sunday, October 28th
Welcome to UCI!

Classes begin Thursday, September 27, 2012
Workshop this afternoon….

• “Any Last Academic Questions?”

• We will answer any general questions you might have after speaking with your student at lunch.

• 1:10 PM, here in CCA
Suggested Readings for Parents: