

JULY 2026

newsletter



Hello Bobcats,

Be sure to check your MyUCMerced Connect regularly for updates, reminders, and any requested items.

DATES TO KNOW



July 15- SAP Appeal Priority deadline
July 27- Health Insurance Waiver deadline

PACKAGES UNLOCKED



Starting in July 2026, students will be able to review and accept or decline their federal student loan offers. To take action on your loan offers, please log in to your UC Merced Connect Portal and navigate to the My Financial Aid tab.

ORIENTATION

Don't forget to register for Fall 2026

New Student Orientation.

For more information visit:

<https://orientation.ucmerced.edu/>

HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER

For more detailed information on how to waive UCSHIP please visit:

<https://health.ucmerced.edu/insurance/how-waive>

Deadline- July 27, 2026

ACADEMIC ACTIVITY APPEAL PROCESS

If you receive federal financial aid, your instructors must confirm that you are academically active in your courses. If insufficient academic activity is recorded, your federal aid may be reduced.

To avoid disruptions to your federal aid, make sure you are actively participating in each of your classes. If your federal aid is adjusted due to insufficient academic activity, you may submit documentation showing proof of engagement to request reinstatement.

Learn more about the Academic Activity Appeal process here:

<https://financialaid.ucmerced.edu/academic-activity#Appeal>

SAP APPEAL

Need to appeal your SAP status to regain financial aid eligibility? Submit a complete SAP Appeal by **July 15** to guarantee review before the Fall fee payment deadline. Complete appeals must include a statement explaining the circumstances that affected your academic progress, a plan for improvement, and supporting documentation. Appeals that are incomplete or missing required information may not be reviewed until all required materials are received. The SAP Appeal will remain available throughout the academic year for students who need to appeal after July 15.

HELPFUL TIPS

Click below for helpful tips on SAP!



SAPChat
Financial Aid Success Tips & Updates

Meet with a Financial Aid Advisor. We are here to help!

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm, Friday 8:30am-3pm

(Closed for lunch everyday from 12-1pm)