

PORTER ADVISING NEWS (SP09, Issue 4)

The Porter College Advising Newsletter is designed to keep you informed of important deadlines and to alert you to programs and resources that may be of interest to you. We will try to keep the newsletters as brief as possible and aim to send them one week before important deadlines. We hope you will find the newsletter a useful tool to keep your quarter running smoothly. The newsletter is also available online at [Porter College Academics](#).

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DEADLINE TO REQUEST A W GRADE/NOTATION: **MON, MAY 11**

Monday, May 11 will be your **last opportunity** to come into the Porter Advising Office to request a Withdrawal grade/notation in a spring course. If you think you might fail a class this quarter, it's a good idea to talk with your instructor or TA to determine whether there are any options for passing the course. If an F or a D seems likely, a "W" grade will protect your GPA. (If you took the class for the P/NP option, a "W" will prevent a "NP" grade from appearing on your official transcript). To request a W "grade," see one of the Porter Academic Advisers* during drop-in advising (9:00 – 11:40 am & 1:00 – 3:40 pm daily for a **Petition to Withdraw from a Course with a 'W' Notation**. Before approving, we will check your progress toward graduation and determine the effect of the W grade on your overall academic progress.

* ***You cannot use the Student Portal to request a W notation!***

ADD BY PETITION DEADLINE: **MON, MAY 11**

Add by Petition forms are due at the Registrars Office on **Mon, May 11**. This is your **final opportunity** to add a class to your spring quarter record. Check your courses now on the Student

Portal (<https://my.ucsc.edu>) to make sure all the classes you are attending are on your record. If you need to add a class, petitions are available at the Registrars Office and require the signature of your instructor, and the chair of the department offering the course. (An additional signature may be required from your academic preceptor depending on your total credits for the quarter & your cumulative GPA). There is a **\$10 fee** to file an Add by Petition form.

JUNE COMMENCEMENT INFO & DEADLINE TO APPLY MAY 16

Seniors! Are you planning to participate in the Porter Commencement Ceremony on June 13? The deadline to sign up to participate is May 16. Submit the online Porter 2009 Commencement Form found at <http://fs10.formsite.com/portercollege/form433708692/index.html> to sign-up for the commencement ceremony.

You will be assessed a \$75 late fee for registering after May 16.

- **Students completing their requirements in the spring** should both "Apply to Graduate" on the student portal and submit the "2009 Commencement Form."
- **Students finishing their graduation requirements in the summer or fall** who wish to participate in the commencement ceremony should submit **only** the Porter "2009 Commencement Form" and wait to "Apply to Graduate" for the quarter in which they will finish their graduation requirements.
- To check your grad requirements, refer to the checklist found in Sec. 7, pg. 93 of The Navigator (<http://reg.ucsc.edu/navigator/index.html>)

FALL ENROLLMENT BEGINS MAY 18

Priority Enrollment for the Fall 2009 quarter begins on **Monday, May 18**. Check the Student Portal (<http://my.ucsc.edu>) after **May 8** to view your appointment times. When the Class Search becomes available online, you can check for available classes. When the [Schedule of Classes](#) becomes available online, you can check for placement exams, enrollment conditions, [Advanced Course Information](#), and more. If you need help choosing your fall quarter classes, see an academic adviser during our drop-in hours (9:00 – 11:40 am & 1:00 – 3:40 pm) or call 459-2273 to schedule an advising appointment.

PLANNING TO ENROLL IN MORE THAN 19 CREDITS?

- If your cumulative GPA is 3.0 or above, you may enroll in up to 22 credits without approval from the college. Then enrollment system will allow you to enroll in up to 19 credits during your enrollment period and add the additional credits once classes begin in September.
- If your cumulative GPA is below 3.0, you will need to see a Porter adviser to inquire about approval of more than 19 credits.

SUMMER SESSION 2009

Enrollment in summer is a good idea if you are missing some credits from the academic year (from F or W grades) or want to catch up on some missing General Education Requirements or major requirements. You can use the Student Portal to search for summer courses that meet GE requirements just like you would for any other quarter. To enroll in Summer Session, review the information provided at <http://summer.ucsc.edu/application>, then enroll via the Student Portal. Deadlines for adding, dropping, and withdrawing from a summer course can be found at <http://summer.ucsc.edu/calendar>. FAQ's can be found

at http://summer.ucsc.edu/student_resources.

* There are important Financial Aid issues related to summer enrollment.

See <http://summer.ucsc.edu/finaid> for more information.

PORTER SUMMER COURES

If you are planning to attend UCSC Summer School, you may want to take a Porter College course open to any and all interested students since:

- 1) One 5-unit and one 2-unit class is much closer to the pace of the 15 units that students typically take in a 10 week quarter. (You can expect a 2-unit class to be about half the workload of a 5-unit course). Two 5-unit courses in one session is a heavy workload for 5 weeks, equal to the pace of 4 classes during a regular quarter.
- 2) Two-unit courses are considerably less expensive than five unit courses since student pay by the unit in summer.
- 3) Students must take at least 6 units to qualify for financial aid in summer session. One way of doing this is to take one 5-unit course along with a 2-unit course in one session.

Below you'll find the details of a 2-unit course Bob Giges will be teaching Tuesday evenings in Summer Session I, open to all interested students. No particular advance preparation is required.

Summer Session I, June 22-July 22

Porter 80J "The Mockumentary Film" Class Number: 72371 (5 credits)

TuTh 1-4:30 PM, Porter D249 Bob Giges, metta123@yahoo.com - Instructor

Mockumentaries grow out of the documentary tradition, but instead of claiming to represent real-world phenomena, they blatantly distort. This class will screen mocks and their documentary correlates in order to explore the genre and its boundaries, investigating the ways in which pseudo-documentaries satire social institutions and undermine the documentary's relationship with the real. **This is Spinal Tap** - Waiting for Guffman, Woody Allen's Zelig, and more...

No previous film coursework required. Enrollment limited.

General Education Codes: **A, T5-Humanities and Arts or Social Sciences Topical**

Porter 23B "Personal Narratives in Theater & Film" Class Number: 72989 (2 credits)

Tu 5:30-9:00 PM, Porter Acad D249 Bob Giges, metta123@yahoo.com - Instructor

Focuses on filmmakers and monologue performers as they come to terms with their identity in autobiographical works. Students write responses to texts and create their own brief personal narratives.

No previous film/theater coursework required-appropriate for students from all majors.

SATISFYING GE'S OVER THE SUMMER

Thinking of taking community college courses over the summer to satisfy some GE's? The easiest way to do find out which courses to take is to use a website funded by the California state legislature: <http://assist.org>. For instructions, see http://www.assist.org/web-assist/help/help-using_assist.html. Use the pull down menus to select your California community college and UCSC, then from the menu "For General-Education/Breadth" select "General Education Requirements." It will then display an articulation agreement that should show which courses at the community college will

satisfy our GE's. Some colleges do not have updated agreements and will not display any courses. In that case, you can consult an academic adviser who can help you choose an appropriate course. After you take the course, you will need to order a transcript from the community college and have it sent to the Office of Admissions at UCSC to receive your unit credit and GE credit. As always, see an academic adviser if you have any questions. If you need to satisfy a lower-division requirement for your major, you can either use ASSIST to look up major requirements or see the department adviser in your major department.

MINIMUM PROGRESS POLICY

To be considered as making minimum progress toward graduation, you should be earning at least 36 credits in your last 3 quarters of UCSC enrollment. If you will not be earning at least 36 credits from Fall 08, Winter 09, & Spring 09 credits, you should strongly consider taking summer courses to bring your credits up to minimum progress levels. See The Navigator, Chapter 4: Minimum Progress for more information. <http://reg.ucsc.edu/navigator/index.html>.

UPCOMING CAREER CENTER WORKSHOPS

MAY 6 & MAY 12: Resume & Cover Letter Workshop

MAY 5 & MAY 15: Interviewing Workshop

MAY 7: Writing as a Career Option

MAY 8: Law Schools – Santa Clara, USF, New York Law

MAY 12: Selecting an Internship

MAY 18: Graduate/Professional School Information

Spring quarter is a great time to visit the Career Center. Look for summer internships, get help with job interviewing techniques and resume writing, browse through the Career Resource Library, meet with a career adviser, or access the Career Advice Network (CAN) to connect with UCSC alumni working in a field that interests you. Most workshops are held on the 3rd floor of the Baytree Bldg on a first-come, first-served basis. For a complete schedule, visit the Career Center website at <http://www2.ucsc.edu/careers/student/schedule.html>

For a complete list of services, see <http://www2.ucsc.edu/careers/student/service1.html>. AND, Check out their new events calendar at <http://www.careercenter.ucsc.edu/calendar/>.

THE CAREER CENTER IS ON FACEBOOK!

The UCSC Career Center is pleased to announce their new Facebook group. Join the group and receive electronic invitations and updates about upcoming workshops, events, and fairs. (Being a member of the UCSC Career Center group does NOT mean that the Career Center can see your personal Facebook page.) You can check out their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=60680934584>

EAP FILING PERIOD: APRIL 22 – MAY 20

Get ready for the upcoming EAP deadline for the following programs: Australia, Brazil, China, Chile, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey or the United Kingdom, you may file your application from April 22 – May 20. To apply for EAP, you must complete an EAP New Applicant Questionnaire. Upon completion, you will receive your Application Checklist

and Instructions. Once you have the application, please allow enough time to meet with both your major department and one of the Porter advisers. Call 831.459.2273 to schedule an appointment with an Academic Preceptor.

- **Not sure where, when, or if you want to go?** Download the documents found at <http://oie.ucsc.edu/sa/chooseprogram.html> and attend an EAP 101 workshop to help you choose the right program. For more info on applying for Education Abroad, see <http://oie.ucsc.edu/eap/index.shtml> or <http://eap.ucop.edu/>.

UC CENTER-SACRAMENTO SCHOLAR INTERN PROGRAM

FALL 2009 DEADLINE: FRI, MAY 15

The University of California Center Sacramento (UCCS) Scholar Intern Program is a visionary opportunity for UC students to have professional experiences and skill-building opportunities while they live, intern, and conduct research in California's capitol. Students will spend a quarter in Sacramento taking courses and interning with students from other UC campuses. Internships are created with an emphasis on your academic interests. Opportunities are available for students in many different settings including the offices of Assembly Members, Senators, and the Governor or with State Agencies and local non-profit organizations and lobbying organizations. Special housing for UC students is located adjacent to the Capitol. For more information, see <http://uccs.universityofcalifornia.edu/> or <http://intern.ucsc.edu/uccs.html>. You may also contact Sheila Rodriguez, the Career Center Internship Coordinator at 459-2184, intern@ucsc.edu for more info.

INTERESTED IN TEACHING SCIENCE OR MATH?

California Teach (Cal Teach) is a University of California program for undergraduate science, math, and engineering majors. Its goal is to increase the number and retention of new, highly qualified math and science teachers in California. UCSC's program offers undergraduates paid K-12 internships, academic and career advising, teacher professional development and mentoring, and other support towards becoming a credentialed teacher.

- **MAY 20:** Priority application deadline for Fall 2009 internships
- **MAY 12:** Cal Teach Intern Panel - Question a panel of math and science majors who've completed internships in the Cal Teach series! 5-5:45, Thimann Labs 361. FREE PIZZA! *RSVP appreciated to calteach@ucsc.edu or by calling 831-459-2226*
- **For more info** on the CalTeach Program, see <http://calteach.ucsc.edu/>

TUTORIAL SERVICES

Mid-terms got you feeling a little shaky? Maybe it's time to see if there is a tutor available. Whether you are struggling in a course or you are doing well, there is never a case when you will never need a tutor! The online tutoring sign-up system will close on **Friday, May 22**. For more information refer to http://www2.ucsc.edu/lss/tutorial_services.shtml.

WRITING ASSISTANCE AT THE ARC

* **Drop-in writing tutoring at the ARC:** available to all UCSC students. Appointments are also available up to 2 hours before the session starts. The days and times are:

Tuesday: 5:00 – 7:00 pm The Learning Center at the ARCenter (2nd floor)

Wednesday: 3:00 – 7:00 pm The Learning Center at the ARCenter (2nd floor)

Thursday: 1:00-3:00 pm The Learning Center at the ARCenter (2nd floor)
Please call the Learning Support Services @ 831-459-4333 or visit The [Learning Support Services](#) web site for more information about tutoring at the ARC.

MATHEMATICS DROP-IN TUTORING

*** Drop-in mathematics tutoring at Baskin 379 Monday through Thursday 4:00-8:00 PM**

Drop-in tutoring for spring 2009 will run Monday, April 6th through the last week of classes

DID I PLAGIARIZED?

Plagiarism ranges from copying word-for-word to paraphrasing a passage without credit and changing only a few words. Visit

<http://nettrail.ucsc.edu/ethics/yourcall.html> to see if you can tell which of the three examples constitutes plagiarism.

* And check out UCLA's entertaining and informative look at citing and documenting sources (including tips on quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing; printable citation guides; quizzes and more) at <http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/col/b Bruinsuccess/03/01.cfm>.

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