

7 UCSB EAP- Crashing Classes & Reminders

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Dear UCSB EAP Reciprocal Exchange Students,

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to meeting you all at the in-person CALI Training (orientation) tomorrow! This email contains information about your CALI Trainings (orientations), fee payments in BARC, how to crash classes, and other important reminders.

Online CALI Training

Don't forget to complete the mandatory [online CALI Training](#) *before* you attend the in-person CALI Training on Friday, January 4. It covers many important topics that will not be discussed at your in-person CALI Training including banking, cell phones, transportation, health and safety, student life, and more.

In-person CALI Training

Check-in for your mandatory in-person orientation is open from 9-9:30am, and the orientation starts at **9:30am Friday, January 4** at the Isla Vista (IV) Theater 2 on Embarcadero Del Norte and Trigo Roads (quadrant F8 on the [campus map](#)). It will be followed by a walking tour of campus and lunch. **New!** After lunch from 1:30-4pm all students are required to attend "Gaucho FYI" a workshop on student health and safety.

Remember to bring a printout (or screenshot on your phone) of your **I-94** record with you to CALI Training! The I-94 record will be checked by OISS staff to ensure you were correctly processed at the border. To retrieve your I-94 record you can go to: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>.

Engineering students – instead of the campus tour you will meet with the College of Engineering to discuss your class enrollment. Bring any questions with you.

Class Registration

If you are still trying to get into classes:

- If the class is full, join the waitlist. Here is more information on [waitlists](#).
- If the class has prerequisites or is restricted by major, contact the department's academic advisor by following the [prerequisite clearance instructions](#). (Special instructions for [Engineers](#)).
- Enroll in alternative classes. **You must enroll in at least 12 units**. If you get into the class you want later, you can drop the ones you don't want by January 11 without a fee or by February 4 with a \$3/class fee. The last day to add a class with a \$3/class fee is January 28. See the "Registration" screen in GOLD for additional deadlines.
- If you are still not enrolled in the class by time it starts, crash the class (see below).

Crashing Classes

- For tips on crashing classes from other UCSB students, please watch this Youtube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9Q10vdarFY>.
- The first week of school, go to all of the classes you wish to take. Sign the crash list to let the professor know that you attended class.
- Talk to the professor and introduce yourself as an EAP student (The letter you will get from the EAP sign-in table at CALI Training may help with this).
- If you successfully get into the class, the professor will provide you with an approval code, which you will then use to add the class on GOLD. It can take a week or so for everything to be finalized, so please don't panic if you don't receive an approval code on the first day.

Tips for crashing classes:

- Crash more classes that you actually intend to enroll in. For example – if you need to add one more class to your schedule, crash two or three classes.

- Keep up with all of the homework and assignments so that you do not fall behind. Our 10-week term moves very fast.
- Be flexible! Look for classes outside of your major subject area. This is a great opportunity to explore subject areas that you wouldn't normally take at your home university. Check with your home university if that is ok with them.
- Remember, crashing classes is not unique to EAP students. Almost all UCSB students have had to crash courses at some point.

Grading Options: What is the difference between P/NP and a letter grade (LG)?

- Letter grades are used in calculating your grade-point average (GPA). Unit credit is awarded for any grade of D- or above, while no credit is awarded for F grades. You are required to maintain at least a **2.0 GPA**. Here is the [grade point system](#).
- Passed/Not Passed (P/NP) grades are not included in your GPA. A grade of P will be assigned for coursework equivalent to a C or higher on the letter-grade basis and will receive credit. A grade of NP will be assigned for coursework equivalent to a C- or below, and not receive credit.
- **Some universities will not accept courses taken on the P/NP grading option, so please check with your home university before making your selection.**

Student ID Cards & Bus Stickers

You can get your UCSB student ID card (also called your Access card) at the Information Desk inside the University Center (UCen). Starting January 7 they will be open from 10am-4pm Monday-Friday. Let them know that you are a new student.

After you get your Student ID card and pay all the fees in your [BARC](#) account you can get a Bus Sticker that allows you to ride all [MTD buses](#) for free. You can get the sticker at the Associated Students (AS) Cashier & Ticket Office window located across from the Corwin Pavilion / UCen. Starting January 7 it's open Monday-Friday 10am-4pm.

UC SHIP Payment Reminder

If you did not waive out of UC SHIP you must pay the \$1,120 winter UC SHIP fee by **January 11** through your UCSB [BARC account](#) or you may be dropped from winter classes. You can log in with the same UCSBNetID and password that you use for GOLD. Check your BARC account often throughout your stay at UCSB as fees will be added periodically. [Here are acceptable forms of payment](#), and if you cannot pay it all at once here is information on extended [payment plans](#).

Immunizations Reminder

Please complete and upload your TB and immunization information. Your winter registration will not be affected, but if you do not complete this requirement by **February 6** you will be blocked from registering in spring classes. Here are your [immunization instructions](#).

For easy reference, I've saved all the emails I've sent you so far on the [UCSB EAP Pre-Arrival website](#).

Next week's email will include upcoming events and ways to get involved! As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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