8 UCSB EAP- Updates, Crashing Classes, EAP Office Hours
Sent: January 4, 2018

Dear UCSB EAP Reciprocity Students,

Happy New Year! I hope your travel preparations are going well. Below are announcements and reminders as we start winter quarter.

Winter Academic Calendar and Events

As you know, due to the recent Thomas Fire winter quarter and new events will start later than originally planned:

- January 2-11: Free baggage storage at the UCEAP System-wide Office (in Goleta, not open on weekends). Send an email to uc-reciprocity@eap.ucop.edu with your name and date when you will visit that office to leave your baggage. Shuttle schedule from UCSB to Market place adjacent to UCEAP System-wide. Bus schedule Santa Barbara Town Center/Airport.

- January 4 (Thursday): UCSB-owned housing move-in. Since fall students will be taking their finals through January 12 a strict 24-hour quiet policy will be enforced until then.

- January 8-April 1: Winter quarter Gaucho Health Insurance coverage (no change).

- January 12 (Friday): CALI Training (mandatory orientation) 9am-3pm in the Multicultural Center (new location). Complete the online CALI Training before attending this in-person orientation (be sure to click on the one for EAP reciprocity students). Check in and light breakfast starts at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided.

- January 12 (Friday): deadline for EAP Reciprocity students to pay your BARC fees. More information.

- January 15 (Monday): National holiday. No classes. UCSB offices and some businesses will be closed.

- January 16 (Tuesday): First day of winter classes

- NEW! January 18 (Thursday): Academic Training Info Session 5-6pm in the Career Resource Center. Learn how to find work, internships, and research opportunities in your field of study during, or after, your EAP study program.

- NEW! January 19 (Friday): Welcome Reception 5:30-6:30pm, Student Resource Building multipurpose room. EAP, OISS, and the International Student Association (ISA) welcome you to UCSB! Enjoy free cake and snacks and meet UCSB students who have just returned from studying abroad as well as other international students. If you were not assigned an EAP Buddy this is the perfect place to connect with a UCSB student!

- February 19 (Monday): National holiday. No classes. UCSB offices and some businesses will be closed.

- March 16 (Friday): Last day of winter classes

- March 17-23: Winter examination week

- March 24-April 1: Spring break

Enrollment & Crashing Classes
If you are still trying to get into classes:

- If the class has prerequisites or is open only to majors, contact the department’s academic advisor by following the prerequisite clearance instructions. (Special instructions for Engineers).
- If the class is full, join the waitlist. Here is more information on waitlists.
- If the class is full without a waitlist, check GOLD frequently, as other students are dropping classes and spaces may open.
- 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 22 without a fee and by February 12 with a $3/class fee.
- If you are still not enrolled in the class by time it starts, crash the class (see below).

Crashing Courses

- For tips on crashing courses from our former Peer Advisors, 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 roster 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).
- When 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 courses:

- Crash more courses that you actually intend to enroll in. For example – if you need to add one more course to your schedule, crash two or three courses.
- Keep up with all of the homework and assignments so that you do not fall behind. This 9-week term will move very fast!
- Be flexible! Look for courses 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 courses is not unique to EAP students. Almost all UCSB students have had to crash courses at some point. Many UCSB students will “shop around” for courses during the first week of school.

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

- Letter grades are used in calculating the university grade-point average (GPA). Unit credit is awarded for any grade of D- or above, while no credit is awarded for F grades.
- Passed/Not Passed (P/NP) grades are not included in calculating the university grade-point average. 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 no credit will be awarded.
- Some universities will not accept courses taken on the P/NP grading option, so please check with your home university before making your selection.

Schedule Adjustment: Adding & Dropping Classes

- You may adjust your class schedule during the first weeks of the term by adding or dropping classes on GOLD according to the deadlines in GOLD on the “Registration Info” tab.

Federal law says marijuana is NOT legal for international students in California

You are responsible for following FEDERAL immigration regulations. Federal laws are established at national level, and Federal laws override State laws. International students and scholars are subject to FEDERAL law.

California State law, passed as Proposition 64, will allow the legal sale of marijuana to people 21 and over as of January 1, 2018. This new State law decriminalizes marijuana at the State level. HOWEVER, FEDERAL LAW STILL PROHIBITS USE OR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA.
In addition, University of California policy will continue to prohibit marijuana on campus and in campus housing at all times. [The UC Policy is here.]

For international students or scholars, marijuana use—even in California after January 1, 2018 --- is considered an ILLEGAL ACTIVITY by Federal Agents. When international students and scholars enter the U.S. at an airport or border, social media accounts, texts, and email are all subject to search. Evidence of marijuana use (such as photos or texts to friends about buying or using) can be reason enough for agents to refuse entry.

YES, STUDENTS OR SCHOLARS CAN BE DEPORTED OR BARRED FROM ENTRY INTO THE U.S. FOR EVIDENCE OF MARIJUANA USE OR PLANNED MARIJUANA USE. The new California State law does not change this Federal policy. International students and scholars should use extreme caution when joking about drug use or illegal activity on social media accounts, texts, or phone.

Please contact OISS if you have any questions: carli.fowler@sa.ucsb.edu.

**EAP Office Hours**

The EAP Office is in South Hall 2431. Starting on January 8 it will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:30am-4pm, and Friday 9:30am-2pm, it is closed on Wednesdays. Come in any time to have your questions answered by our friendly Peer Advisors who know UCSB well and can answer questions about crashing classes, buses, payments, living in Isla Vista, student clubs, and more.

If you have a form for us to sign, you can drop it off at the EAP Office front desk. We will sign it the next day, and will email you when it’s ready. We will email you a scanned copy, and leave the original at the front desk for you to pick up. We cannot mail forms internationally.

**Genesis and Adrienne’s Drop-in Hours**

If you would like to meet with Genesis or Adrienne please come to the EAP Office in South Hall 2431 during our drop-in hours, or call or email to schedule an appointment. See below for our drop in hours according to your last name, but if it is urgent either of us can help:

**Genesis Herrera (last names A-L):** genesis@eap.ucsb.edu, +1 805-893-5735.  
Drop-in hours: Mondays 1:30-3:30pm, Tuesdays 1:30-3:30pm, Thursdays 10am-noon, or by appointment.

**Adrienne Wheeler (last names M-Z):** adrienne@eap.ucsb.edu, +1 805-893-5662.  
Drop-in hours: Mondays 10am-noon, Tuesdays 1:30-3:30pm, Thursdays 1:30-3:30pm, or by appointment.

If you have any questions please let us know. Remember, all of our previous emails are posted on our website. Many of your questions will also be answered in the Online CALI-Training. We’re looking forward to meeting you!
Best,