The Graduate Student Commons

Located right above Joe’s Pizza and Subs in Quarry Plaza, the Graduate Student Commons is an independent organization that exists solely to serve the needs and interests of grad students at UCSC. The Commons is the only building on campus that is owned and operated entirely by graduate students! It provides a comfortable and welcoming space, fostering graduate student interaction and a sense of community. The Commons offers a variety of events and resources throughout the year for grad students, including:

- Private study/meeting rooms
- Space for TA’s to hold sections and office hours
- Multimedia equipment including Nintendo Wii, DVD player, and board games
- Lounge area & balcony to study, relax, hang out
- Free printing (up to 10 pgs/day)
- Kitchen with water cooler, microwave, & small fridge
- Reserve space for your club or organization to meet

Social Events

First Friday Socials at The Commons – Hang out and unwind with fellow grad students on the 1st Friday of each month. Snacks & assorted beverages provided. April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, 5:00-7:00pm

Spring Fling Party - Dress to impress! Snacks & assorted beverages provided. Friday, April 27th, 5:00-8:00pm

Mural Unveiling & UCSC Art Showcase - Snacks & assorted beverages provided. Date & Time TBA - Stay tuned!

Professional Development

How to Prepare a Statement of Teaching Philosophy - for grad students of any discipline. Monday, April 9th, 10:00-11:30am

How to Prepare A Diversity Statement – for grad students of any discipline. Wednesday, April 11th, 5:00-6:30pm

Becoming A Professor - Dr. Grivetti is back! He will cover everything from securing your 1st position and the quest for tenure, to balancing work and family. Tuesday, April 24th, 10:30-Noon & 1:30-3pm

Self-Management for Graduate School & Beyond - Executive coach Fehrunnisa Moore will facilitate this event. Wednesday, May 2nd, 12:30-2:00pm

Health and Well-Being

Yoga with Aura – All are welcome. Bring a mat or use one of ours. Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00-11:00am

Hiking with Kimball – Explore UCSC! Tuesdays and Fridays, Noon – 1:00pm, Meet at the Grad Student Commons

Meditation with Aura - All are welcome. Wednesdays, Noon-1:00pm, Room 204

Acupressure and Chair Massage – Back again by popular demand! De-stress from graduate life with complimentary acupressure or massage. Date & Time TBD

Grant Writing for Graduate Students – This workshop panel will feature grant experts, faculty, and current grad students. Learn about locating and applying for a number of grants/fellowships and tips for crafting a successful research proposal. Thursday, May 10th, 12:00-1:30pm

Grad Student Resume Marathon – Experts from the Career Center will provide individual guidance on transferring your CV to a resume. Bring your CV and a job ad you are interested in. 1st-come, 1st-served! Wednesday, May 16th, 1:30-4:00pm

Managing Conflict in Professional Settings – Identify your conflict management style and learn practical tools to manage conflict at all levels Thursday, May 24th, 2:00-4:00pm

REMEMBER! Get your own 24-hour access code to The Commons so you can use the space after staffed hours and easily gain entry to events that begin after 5pm. Just stop by The Commons during staffed hours and one of our awesome staff will help you!

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Questions? Comments? Ideas for future programming? We’d love to hear from you! Contact Danielle Kohfeldt (Professional Development Coordinator) at dkhfeld@ucsc.edu, Diane Brookes (Facilities Manager) at dbrookes@ucsc.edu, or Mark Mozena (GSC President) at mmozena@ucsc.edu

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