

Dear CNAS Class of 2027:

Welcome to your new academic home in the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS) at the University of California Riverside! As a member of our CNAS community, two of the things you will discover are that our staff and faculty care about your success and that opportunities to engage abound. From classes, to campus clubs, to research under the mentorship of world-renowned faculty members and more, your next four years will be rich with experiences that will position you for future success.

Fall 2023 is not far off, with orientation just around the corner this summer. The orientation will have both in-person sessions dates as well as few, select virtual dates.

HIGHLANDER ORIENTATION (MANDATORY)

You should have already received information about the UCR Highlander Orientation Program (HOF) in your [myUCR Portal](#), and additional information can be found here: <https://orientation.ucr.edu/>. You must attend one of the mandatory sessions for CNAS students in order to prepare for your transition to UC Riverside this Fall. Highlander orientation involves:

- Completing an online **CNAS ADV101 advising module** that introduces your major, advising, registration, and preparation for your fall schedule of classes (**CNAS ADV101 opens early June, you will be notified via your UCR email account**);
- Attending an in-person orientation on the UCR campus or a virtual orientation (first session starts July 13);

At Highlander Orientation you will be able to:

- Get important information and advice from faculty, professional academic advisors, and CNAS Leadership
- Register early for Fall 2023 courses
- Become acquainted with campus culture and resources
- Talk to Highlander Orientation leaders about questions and concerns
- Become familiar with your academic support team in your freshman learning community

Before you can register for your fall courses, you must send in any AP and IB scores, and complete placement testing for Math and English. **The first in-person orientations start July 13th, and all placement examinations in mathematics and English must be completed by July 12, 2023.** You will not be able to participate in advising and registration without these scores.

PLACEMENT TESTING FOR FALL COURSE ENROLLMENT

- A. **Mathematics Advisory Exam (MAE) for MATHEMATICS.** The **Mathematics Advisory Exam (MAE)** is important for students in CNAS because the results determine your initial math class placement. The key to best placement on the **MAE** is study, study, study, practice, practice,

practice! Take advantage of exam practice modules to review your knowledge of second-year algebra and pre-calculus BEFORE taking the proctored **MAE** exam. **If you place into ARC035 on your proctored exam, we HIGHLY recommend that you do more prep online and retake your proctored exam prior to July 12.** For more information on how to register and take the online exam, please see this web site: <https://arc.ucr.edu/mae> **The highest placement from the MAE or AP/IB scores will determine the starting math class.**

B. Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) for ENGLISH. To meet graduation requirements, all UC students must satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR). The first step for meeting the ELWR is to take the **Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE)**. Keep an eye out for test information and also visit this site: <https://uwp.ucr.edu/elwr>.

Please complete these exams and get your results by July 12, 2023. CNAS recommends you take the **MAE** and **AWPE** even if you've taken Advanced Placement exams, to ensure we have eligible Math and English results to place you in UC Riverside classes for the Fall quarter.

If you anticipate to have passing AP calculus scores, the highest math placement will be your default math placement. It is best to take the MAE if AP scores are not received. By taking the MAE, this will ensure you have a math placement prior to AP scores being received. You will not be defaulted to the lower math placement. Highest math placement is the default math-course placement.

ADVICE ON SUMMER CLASSES

Our last tip is regarding Summer: We do not recommend CNAS students enroll in any **community college** courses in Summer 2023 since unforeseen transcript delays could affect your timely enrollment in the appropriate Fall classes. If you need options during the summer, your CNAS academic advisor will inform you during Highlander Orientation and will refer you to appropriate UCR Summer enrollment options.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to UCR! If you have any questions about the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, our programs or the placement examinations noted above, please contact my office at cnasstudent@ucr.edu.

Sincerely,

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