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HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SUMMER/FALL?

The reason that ACCESS offers you priority registration is to help you get into the classes you need. If you did not register early, the classes and instructors you want may not be available. If you still need counseling to choose your classes, phone the ACCESS Office NOW to make an appointment with Michele (408-855-5192).

New Policies: Financial Aid Disqualification

The Director of the Financial Aid Office has informed us that **the financial aid probation/ disqualification policies that are always in place for Fall and Spring semesters will also now be enforced for Summer Sessions.**

In other words, if you sign up for several classes and then drop below **2/3** of your Summer units, or if you fail more than 1/3 of your Summer classes, you may also face financial aid probation/disqualification.

So don't overload on Summer classes, planning to "experiment" and then drop several of the classes a few weeks into the Summer session. It may make you a candidate for Financial Aid Disqualification.

PAY ATTENTION to the SYLLABUS for drop dates and other deadlines (sooner for summer classes).

We want you to take advantage of summer classes but we want you to be successful!

Scholarship Awards Ceremony

The Scholarship Awards Ceremony will be held in Center Space, Friday, May 13, from 9 to 11:30am. Students who are receiving Mission College scholarships should hear from the Scholarship Committee by May 9 or 10. Each year, several ACCESS students receive scholarships. Come to the ceremony and cheer them (and maybe you!) on!

ACCESS Student Carolyn Garcia Awarded Jonnah LaRoche Scholarship

Each year, the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges awards the Jonnah LaRoche scholarships for transferring and continuing students in the community colleges. Each Academic Senate around the state can nominate one student who is transferring from our colleges, and one student who is continuing in our system, and then the state Academic Senate selects one transfer and two continuing student to recognize.

This year, I am proud to announce that one of the winners of the scholarship for continuing students is **Carolyn Garcia**, of Mission College.

"Falling from an elevation of 35,000 feet without a parachute is not an experience that is easy to overcome, but is exactly what student Carolyn Garcia was forced to do. As a flight attendant for American Airlines, Garcia sustained two work injuries that left her both disabled and unemployed. For many, this would have been the end, but for her it was only the beginning. After her career of sixteen years ended, Garcia decided to go back to school; she heard a new calling at Mission College. Now Garcia is working to attain her associate's degree in business with hopes of working for the F.B.I. as a forensic accountant. According to Garcia, working with numbers is her passion, and every day at Mission College moves her one step closer to achieving her goal."

Congratulations, Carolyn!

Cathy Cox, President, Mission College Academic Senate / Collection Development Librarian



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Free Legal Advice

Mr. Rossi, Attorney at Law, is available to advise all Mission College students at no cost. You must have a Student ID Card with an ASB sticker for the current semester. Mr. Rossi can meet students in Campus Center Room 225 from noon to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, May 4. No appointment necessary; free referrals and information. For additional information, please call 408-855-5406. Sponsored by your Student Government and the Office of Student Activities.



ASB-Sponsored Activities

Gamer Day: *Call of Duty! Halo! Zombies! Mario Kart! Just Dance/Rock Band! Michael Jackson Experience!* Come to the Campus Center Lobby and join in! Tuesday, May 3, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sponsored by the ASB, Alpha Gamma Sigma, and Circle "K" International Club.

Poetry Slam: *To Read or Not to Read: That is the Question.* Wednesday, May 4, 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the Cafeteria. Sponsored by ASB

Cinco de Mayo: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo in the Quad Lawn Area Thursday, May 5, from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Sponsored by Latino Student Union Club and ASB.

Clean Up your Facebook Act!

When you post on the internet, it is often difficult to delete something once it has been shared, so it is very important that you are confident that whatever information you do post is something that you are willing to have read or seen by just about anyone in the world. The saying goes, "Don't post it on the Internet unless you are confident that even your mother could read it!"



Keep in mind that your new professor or your potential employer is probably as computer-savvy as you are! Many employers go to Facebook to pre-screen job candidates, so it is important to be careful about the information that you post about yourself on your Profile or on your Wall.

Keep your postings "politically correct" and avoid foul language. Be sure to periodically check your security settings, which are best set at "Friends Only." You should also ask someone who is NOT a "Facebook friend" to log in and check your page, so that you can see what a stranger (or prospective employer!) will see if they find your page. Do not post anything that a potential employer or professor might see; for example, don't diss your advisor, teacher, or current or past employer! And don't ever post anything that is illegal. Those things have a way of catching up with you. Also, you may not have control over what other people post on your page, but you do have the ability to delete information, photos, and postings. It's a good idea to periodically scan your wall and delete anything that might be perceived as offensive.



CAREER/TRANSFER CENTER

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE VISITS

Spring 2011

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Monday, May 2 nd	Cogswell Polytechnical College	Table Visit: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Tuesday, May 3 rd	CSU East Bay	Advising Appointments: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, May 5 th	National University	Table Visit: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, May 5 th	William Jessup University	Table Visit: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 10 th	Cogswell Polytechnical College	Table Visit: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

There may be updates to the Spring 2011 University Rep schedule of University representatives who will be available to speak with students. You can check the current schedule online at:

http://www.missioncollege.org/student_services/transfer/transferVisits.html

To schedule an appointment, contact the Transfer Center in the Main Building E1-201 (408) 855-5115.



Transfer Students: Eight Things You Need to Know

According to special report from the National Association for College Admission Counseling, a third of students end up transferring to other colleges or universities. Some of these students are transferring from community colleges, but many are also seeking to move from one four-year school to another.

If you are hoping to transfer, here are eight things you need to know:

1. The transfer admission hurdle is slightly more difficult. The acceptance rate for transfer students (64 percent), according to NACAC, is slightly lower than the acceptance rate of first-year students (69 percent).

When evaluating transfer applicants, the biggest admission factor by far is a student's grades at their current college. More than 90 percent of colleges that participated in the NACAC survey said the overall postsecondary grade point average was "considerably important."

2. Transfer students can qualify for merit aid. Seventy-seven percent of colleges reported that they provide merit scholarships to transfer students. Eighty-one percent of small colleges, which have less than 3,000 students, report that they award merit scholarships to transfer students. In comparison, 66 percent of medium-sized schools and 67 percent of large schools offer merit awards.

3. Not all schools have room for transfer students. Small colleges, which have very few undergrads leaving, can have few available spots for transfer students. For instance, Amherst College admitted just 23 transfer students out of 412 applicants for the fall term. Georgetown University, a much larger institution, admitted 284 transfer students out of 2,028 who applied. State universities are often more equipped to accept large numbers of transfer applicants. UCLA, for instance, recently accepted 5,261 transfer students out of a pool of 16,587 transfer applicants.

[See which schools have the [most transfer students](#).]

4. Standardized tests scores aren't as important. The SAT and ACT, according to the NACAC survey, are less important for transfers than high school students. In fact, the more time you've spent in college, the less other institutions care about your SAT or ACT scores, according to Deborah Shames, an independent college counselor in northern New Jersey and a transfer admissions advisor for Kaplan Education Foundation.

"If a student is transferring after one semester in college or a year, schools usually want the SAT and high school GPA, but the further away from high school, the less schools rely on them," Shames says.

5. Check out what a college wants from transfer students. Before applying to a school, find out what the institution is looking for in transfer applicants. You can get a good idea by looking at a school's Common Data Set. The Common Data Set is a document that four-year schools across the country complete that contains lots of information on such topics as admission criteria, freshman academic profile, campus safety and transfer admissions. You can often find a college's Common Data Set by Googling that term and the name of the institution.

The College Board also provides this same transfer information. When looking at the profile of any four-year school on College Board, click on "Admission" hyperlink and you'll find the transfer statistics.

6. Make sure your credits transfer. You don't want to lose credits when you move to another school. During the admission process, talk to a college's transfer credit evaluator to get a sense of what credits would transfer.

7. Look for transfer-friendly schools. One way to access that intangible is to ask if the college has a transfer coordinator. Also does the school have a transfer orientation or other transfer programs? Does the school have housing for transfer students? Ideally, you'd like to talk to transfer students about their experience at a school.

8. Focus on the positive when explaining your desire to transfer. College applications will typically ask a student why they want to transfer. Shames warns that students should avoid saying anything negative about their current school. Instead focus on positive reasons for the change and offer specifics on why you want to transfer to a specific college.

Is your major marketable? Careers for popular college majors

By Rachel Farrell, CareerBuilder.com Writer

College majors are a funny thing. Some students know exactly what they want to major in before they even start college. Others don't declare until a year or so down the road. Some choose a major knowing they could potentially earn a lot of money. Others follow in their parents' footsteps. The list goes on.

Our advice has always been to earn a degree in something that will lend itself to a career path you can be passionate about. It may be uncommon, broad or challenging. But as long as you love it and can find some type of career doing it, go for it.

We took a look at the most popular college degrees, defined here as the number of degrees conferred in any given major. Business was the most popular degree in 2007-2008, according to the *2010 Digest of Education Statistics* from the U.S. Department of Education. Of the 1,601,368 bachelor's degrees awarded by degree-granting institutions, 346,972 were for degree in business, management, marketing and related support services. Here's how other popular degrees broke down:

- Social sciences: 133,789
- Health professions and related clinical sciences: 120,488
- Education: 101,708
- Visual and performing arts: 89,140
- Engineering and engineering technologies: 84,636
- Communication and communication technologies: 83,109
- Biological and biomedical sciences: 80,956

If you're thinking about earning your bachelor's degree in any of the above fields, here are some possible careers that line up with market demands:

Business

Career: *Market researcher*

A bachelor's degree is often adequate for entry-level jobs, but you may need a higher degree for advancement and more technical positions.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 28 percent from 2008-2018.

Career: *Human resources analyst*

A lot of schools don't offer specific programs for human resources, so many employers look for college graduates with a technical or business background or a well-rounded liberal arts education.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 22 percent from 2008-2018.

Biology

Career: *Forester*

A bachelor's degree in forestry, biology, natural resource management, environmental sciences or a related field is the minimum educational requirement for a forestry career.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 12 percent from 2008-2018.

Career: *Zoologist*

A bachelor's degree in biology is generally sufficient for a career in zoology.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 13 percent from 2008-2018.

Social Science

Career: *Social worker*

A bachelor's degree in social work is usually required to get a job in social work, but majors in psychology, sociology or a related social science may qualify for entry-level jobs.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 16 percent from 2008-2018.

Career: *Urban and regional planner*

Candidates with a bachelor's degree in urban planning will qualify for some entry-level positions, but they will most likely need a higher degree to advance.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 19 percent from 2008-2018.

Visual and Performing Arts

Career: *Graphic designer*

An associate's or bachelor's degree is needed for entry-level positions in graphic design.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 19 percent from 2008-2018.

Career: *Interior designer*

A bachelor's degree in graphic design, interior design, or fine arts is required for most graphic design positions.

Job prospects: Employment is expected to increase approximately 13 percent from 2008-2018.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics. (2010) *Digest of Education Statistics, 2009* (NCES 2010-013.)

Facebook May Give Your Home Address to Developers

By Ian Paul, PCWorld

Your home address and phone number may now be part of the information dump third-party developers can obtain through Facebook-powered Website logins and applications.

A new policy lets you authorize applications such as Facebook games and quizzes, and Websites that you log into with your Facebook ID access some of your most personal Facebook data.

How They Can Get Your Number: Whenever you start using a new Facebook application such as Farmville, a pop-up window appears showing you the details from your Facebook profile the application wants to access.



Now, under the heading "Access my contact information," developers can ask for your home address and mobile phone number if you've included this information in your profile. This pop-up window also appears when you use your Facebook ID to log into a third-party website such as PCWorld.com for the first time.

In Facebook's Friday blog post explaining the expanded permissions, Facebook said users have to explicitly allow access to their address and phone number. The problem is, Facebook's permissions dialog only gives you two choices: hand over your address or don't use the product or service you want to access.

That's really no choice at all. It would be one thing if Facebook gave you the power to deny a developer access

to your address and still use the application or Website. But instead, Facebook has given ultimate power to developers who can decide whether to demand your address and phone number.

Questioned about this apparent discrepancy, Facebook responded with a statement: "On Facebook you have absolute control over what information you share, who you share it with and when you want to remove it. Developers can now request permission to access a person's address and mobile phone number to make applications built on Facebook more useful and efficient. You need to explicitly choose to share your data before any app or website can access it and no private information is shared without your permission. As an additional step for this new feature, you're not able to share your friends' address or mobile information."

Disaster Waiting To Happen? Marc Rotenberg, president of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, challenges Facebook's approach.

"Facebook is trying to blur the line between public and private information. And the request for permission does not make clear to the user why the information is needed or how it will be used," he says in a statement.

"This is all part of the FTC's failure to act on the original EPIC complaint concerning the changes in Facebook privacy setting. EPIC explained to the FTC that self-regulation requires the FTC to investigate companies when they change their practices. The FTC doesn't need any new laws and they don't need to issue any reports. They simply need to do a better job protecting user privacy."

The big question is whether Facebook's decision to open up your home address and mobile phone number will result in serious or even dangerous breaches of privacy. Security firm Sophos says in a blog post that Facebook's new policy could encourage rogue applications to collect mobile phone numbers for targeted spam SMS messages or to sell data to marketing companies. Sophos also says the ability to access a users' home address will "open up more opportunities for identity theft."

Previous Problems: In 2010, Facebook users fell prey to numerous scams and malware attacks such as [clickjacking](#), the [Ikea gift card scam](#), [dislike button](#) scam, the Russian hacker who claimed he was selling [1.5 million Facebook user login credentials](#), [Boonana malware](#), malicious [ads found in a Facebook application](#) and [likejacking](#), to name just a few. The idea that malicious applications in 2011 could get access to some of your most personal information is unsettling, to say the least.

Facebook did not specify why the company is opening up some of the most personal user data to developers. One possibility is that handing over your home address will make it easier and faster to fill out Website membership forms. While this may be a convenient way to sign up for a new service, it is not as obvious what kind of data you are handing over compared to manually filling out a Web form or using a security program such as [Lastpass](#) to fill out the form for you.

What You Can Do: If you are concerned about revealing your home address and phone number, the first thing you should do is verify whether Facebook has this information. After logging in to Facebook, click on "Profile" on the upper right side of your News Feed. Then click on the "Edit My Profile" button at the top right of your profile page. Next, click on "Contact Information" in the left hand column, and check to see whether you've included your home address and mobile phone number. You can then edit this information as you see fit.

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