



College Readiness Workshop Series

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CRWS #1: College 101

This is an informal discussion about becoming a college student. This affords an opportunity to determine where the students are in terms of their knowledge of the college system, and college terminology is discussed.

CRWS #2: Higher Education Systems in CA (CC vs. CSU vs. UC vs. Private)

This workshop will discuss the significant differences between the four systems of higher education in California with respect to: educational options, costs, majors, available degrees and admissions requirements, and nature of programs.

CRWS #3: Financial Aid

This workshop will cover all aspects of financial aid and college costs. Discussion will cover college costs, financial aid, the different types of aid and how it is determined, and finally how students can get Financial Aid. Specifically, we will cover the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGW).

CRWS #4: CSM Programs and Transfer Issues

This workshop will cover the programs, majors, and educational paths specific to College of San Mateo. Students will review the CSM Catalog. Because many students utilize the community college as a means to get into a university, we will discuss various transfer related issues such as unit/GPA requirements, course requirements, and Guaranteed Transfer Contracts.

CRWS #5: CSM Matriculation Process and Priority Enrollment Program

This workshop will explain in detail the process to becoming a college student. Students interested in CSM will be informed of our Priority Enrollment Program and given the application to complete.

CRWS #6: CSM Schedule of Classes

Students will learn and review how to read the CSM Schedule of Classes. The differences between this publication and the CSM College Catalog will be discussed. Students will put together a fictitious full time schedule for a semester utilizing the CSM Schedule of Classes.

CRWS #7: CSM Support Programs

The various CSM Support Programs will be discussed and handouts and brochures will be provided. Students will be informed of EOPS Preview Day and the Summer College Readiness Program.

CRWS #8: I'm a College Student, Now What?

Becoming a successful college student requires more than just showing up. There are certain skills that will be very beneficial. Playing an active role in your education by visiting instructors' office hours, applying for scholarships, and becoming involved in club activities are just a few things that students can do to increase their success. The importance and benefits of these and other actions will be discussed.