

Topics of Interest (TOIs)

Things to know about transferring to a UC in the Social Sciences

Speakers: Katherine Ramirez & Autumn McMahon, Cañada Alumni



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11:15am-12:30pm



The HUB Bldg. 9, Room 307*

*Space is limited

Description of Talk:

Two Cañada College alumni return to share their experiences transferring into a UC as a Social Sciences major. Among other topics, they will discuss what students should think about before transferring and what students should do now as they prepare to transfer.



Katherine Ramirez is a senior Economics student at UC Berkeley graduating in spring 2019. She was born and raised in Lima, Peru, but due to family's financial struggles and lack of higher-education opportunities, moved to California in 2013. Upon her arrival, she took ESL classes at Sequoia Adult School and in spring of 2014 Began attending Cañada College. While at Cañada, she had the great opportunity to become a PTK member and was elected chapter Co-President. While attending Cañada, she also worked



in HR for Target in Redwood City. Currently, Katherine is a full-time student

at UC Berkeley and working in marketing for Ennube Solutions, a consulting company located in Berkeley. She has developed academic research through her undergraduate classes and extracurricular roles on topics like higher education funding, wealth/income inequities, and labor unions. Some of her interests are in econometrics, economic development, and salsa dancing.

Autumn McMahon is a senior studying Political Science at UC Berkeley graduating in spring 2019. Her formative experiences as Co-President of Cañada's PTK BZN chapter inspired her to serve Cal's nontraditional student community upon transferring. During her first semester at Cal she began working with ASUC planning transfer inclusive events and passing legislation that best suited the needs of nontraditional students. Since then, she has developed a passion for public policy. She has maintained that passion while researching successful peacekeeping methods following civil conflict as part of Berkeley's undergraduate research program. Interning for a local political campaign has allowed her to further explore her passion for public policy as she has been involved in researching the promotion of women's rights. Ultimately, she hopes to one day influence this sort of meaningful policy work even more.

