The spring 2012 semester is right around the corner, and in anticipation of the upcoming spring registration period, officials at College of the Canyons have introduced a number of new tools and website features to assist students with enrollment.

“Each semester our students have questions about how to find the current schedule of classes, how to apply and register and, most importantly, how to locate which classes are being offered at which campus,” said Ryan Theule, Assistant Dean of Student Services at the Canyon Country campus.

The college’s spring 2012 class schedule includes more than 300 sections — an equivalent of nearly 10,000 seats — being offered at the Canyon Country campus alone. Highlighting the Canyon Country campus’ schedule of classes are new courses in the areas of solar energy and automotive technology, which will both be offered in the campus new state-of-the-art Applied Technology Education Center (ATEC), which opened in August 2011.

Also included in the schedule is a section of the new course, Environmental Science 103: Introduction to Environmental Science, which debuted at the Canyon Country campus last fall, and a full lineup of math, English, history and science courses that all students need to take in order to fulfill their general education requirements.

However, despite the variety of sections being offered, the demand for classes will most likely exceed the number of seats available, due to issues related to continued state budget cutbacks — which the college cannot control. As a result, college officials at both campuses have focused their efforts on maximizing classes that are most critical to students’ educational progression.

For students attempting to register for the first time, the college’s Admissions and Records Office has established a strong online presence designed to help guide students through the list of basic, yet essential, processes that all incoming students must successfully complete.

Covering everything from the application process and student assessment procedures, to online orientation and student advisement appointments, the “My Canyons” section of the college’s website is the first place that any prospective student should plan on visiting.

“By accessing the My Canyons feature students can browse the schedule of classes, view online counseling tutorials, order transcripts and program evaluations and begin building a schedule for the upcoming spring semester,” Theule said. “These are valuable tools that aren’t available at every community college.”

Students can also use the My Canyons section to browse for class sections according to campus — ensuring there won’t be any classroom location mix-ups when the new semester begins.

The Canyon Country campus section of the college’s website has also recently been enhanced with a new interactive “map of services” section, depicting where various offices are located on campus and providing links to department websites, student support services and key FAQs.

In addition, the campus’ website regularly posts online newsletters highlighting important campus announcements, upcoming events and other information of interest about the campus to both students and community members.

College of the Canyons is currently accepting applications for the spring 2012 semester, which begins Monday, Feb. 6, and runs through Thursday, May 31. Spring registration will begin Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012.

For more information about the College of the Canyons 2012 spring semester or to view a complete schedule of classes please visit www.canyons.edu.

To contact the COC Canyon Country campus, please call (661) 362-3900 or visit www.canyons.edu/Offices/CCC/.
To further assist in the registration process, the college has provided the following pre-registration tips:

- After applying to the college, students should make sure the COC Admissions and Records Office has their current email, telephone number and postal addresses in order to receive up-to-date information regarding their potential registration date.

- Students should try to know in advance what classes they really want, and sign up for them during their scheduled appointment periods. After registering for a class, they should only cancel it if they’re absolutely sure of their decision. Once a class is dropped, it is very likely that another student will immediately pick it up.

- Monitor the College of the Canyons homepage for important notices and frequently view the online class schedule to check for the addition and/or deletion of class sections.