

**State Budget  
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## **IMPORTANT STUDENT ADVISORY – STATE BUDGET**

### **State Budget Shortages = NOT Business As Usual!**

The State of California is experiencing a severe budget shortage. As of the publication of this Schedule of Classes, there are many questions about how these shortages will affect College of the Canyons and the programs and services we offer.

We know that we will be asked to operate on a significantly reduced budget for the 2009 – 2010 academic year and beyond. This will require changes in what classes we offer, how often they are offered and when they are offered. It also means that classes with low enrollment have a greater risk of being cancelled as the beginning of the semester nears.

There are likely to be changes to some of our class offerings and even some student services right up to the beginning of the semester as the budget situation becomes more clear.

You also might have read that Community College **enrollment fees may change** from the current \$20 per unit rate to some higher number. Since enrollment fees are determined by the legislature, we'll all have to wait and see what decisions are made in Sacramento.

*Here are a few tips we recommend to help you get through these uncertain times:*

- **Make sure Admissions and Records has your current email, telephone numbers and postal addresses** so that we can provide up-to-date, important information to you. Please make sure that emails from the college are not blocked by your firewalls or spam filters.
- **Know what classes you really want and sign up for them during your appointment periods.** Once you register for a class, only cancel it if you are absolutely sure of your decision. Once you drop a class during the registration period, it is very likely that someone else will immediately pick it up.
- **Check the college's homepage ([www.canyons.edu](http://www.canyons.edu)) for important notices and check the online class schedule frequently for additions or deletions.**
- **If you are applying for, or are relying on Financial Aid, or are enrolled in "special programs" like EOPS, DSPS, etc.** please check with those offices for any changes that may apply to you.

We are committed to helping you access the classes you want and need and will do our best to assist you with any concerns you have during these challenging times. However, we must advise you that decisions affecting the funding of programs we offer are NOT in our control and we'll all have to remain flexible in the days, months and years to come.