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## **IMPORTANT STUDENT ADVISORY**

### **Budget Shortages + More Students =Full Classes!**

The State of California's severe budget shortage is continuing to affect community colleges.

For this budget year at College of the Canyons, we received several million dollars less in operating funds from the state than in previous years and we anticipate additional funding cuts as the current academic year progresses.

With less money to operate, we have pared down in many areas. While we have cut back on staff travel, supplies and other discretionary spending, by the Fall 2009 semester we simply had to cut back on the number of classes we offered. If you were a student in the fall you know that some classes filled immediately, waiting lists were long, and some students simply couldn't get the classes they needed. As we planned Winter session and look ahead to the Spring 2010 semester, we have made and are making significant strategic decisions about which classes we offer, when and where they are offered, and how best to serve the most students.

It is ironic that budget cuts are occurring at the same time that there is an unprecedented increase in students needing classes, but it is the reality we are challenged with now and for the foreseeable future.

You will notice that we have scaled back the number of Winter session classes and are scheduling classes that our data reveals are most in demand. We will monitor the registration process and make adjustments along the way. It is likely that classes with low enrollment will have a greater risk of being cancelled as the beginning of the Winter session nears.

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

- **Make sure the Admissions and Records office 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.**

We thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.