Availability in the PIER program is limited. For more information, please contact us at 805-437-3331, pierdass@csuci.edu, or visit Arroyo Hall 210.
WHAT IS PIER?

The Promoting Independence and Educational Resources (PIER) program is a one-semester, voluntary transition and retention program targeting freshmen and new transfer students with disabilities enrolled in Disability Accommodations & Support Services (DASS) at California State University Channel Islands (CI). The PIER program connects first-year freshmen and transfer students to knowledgeable peer and staff mentors who help them get academically and socially acclimated to CI.

Program requirements include: weekly meetings with a mentor, attending one workshop offered during the semester, and meeting with an academic advisor and instructors at least once during the semester.

WHY DOES PIER EXIST?

The PIER program aims to provide first time freshmen and transfer students a smooth transition to CI. DASS wants to ensure that incoming students feel connected and supported by peer mentors who are available to share their knowledge and experience as college students of CI. Mentors focus on welcoming, supporting, and encouraging incoming students as they navigate through a new university.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Navigate the Campus
- Workload Management
- Find Campus Resources
- Discover Personal Strengths
- Develop Learning Strategies
- Identify Time Management Strategies
- Improve Self-Advocacy Skills
- Strengthen Academic Habits
- Increase Professor Interaction