

We are writing to ask if you might be able to find 10 minutes of class time in the next week or so to help your undergraduate students understand the budget crisis and the ways they can help solve it. This is especially planned to prepare our campus for a series of mass actions on November 9th and 16th. If supporting this project seems appealing and possible for you, please let us know.

The UAW, the union that represents UC teaching assistants, is joining with other unions, educational institutions and local organizations in the campaign to Refund California. This statewide coalition of workers, students, and faculty from all sectors of public education are pooling resources and energy to fight the budget cuts that threaten the future of education and employment. Part of the mission is to push for progressive tax reforms that will save public education and raise taxes on the wealthiest 1% in California.

We strongly believe these actions in the movement to refund California represent an important exercise in pedagogy. It is of utmost importance that we don't punish undergraduates who choose to walk out on the 9th. Aside from facilitating student participation on this day of action, another way you can be instrumental in the movement is by taking a moment out of your regularly planned instruction to teach the budget. You may also choose to allow a volunteer from our organization to present in your class. The UAW has designed a curriculum that takes only brief amount of time to communicate some basic points about the financial crisis and higher education in California.

For more information check out the teach the budget website at <http://teachthebudget.com>

The 2011 curriculum can be found here: <http://teachthebudget.com/the-2011-curriculum/>

Also, if you would like to sign up to teach the budget in your class: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en\\_US&formkey=dEpLWTR4bJJoTW1wZkhDYVR0b3FkcGc6MQ#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?hl=en_US&formkey=dEpLWTR4bJJoTW1wZkhDYVR0b3FkcGc6MQ#gid=0)

Or, if you would like to request a presenter to come to your classroom: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEpLWTR4bJJoTW1wZkhDYVR0b3FkcGc6MQ>

Thank you for your time and your support. Save public education.