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= a positive approach to living

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[](https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/wellness/intellectual)

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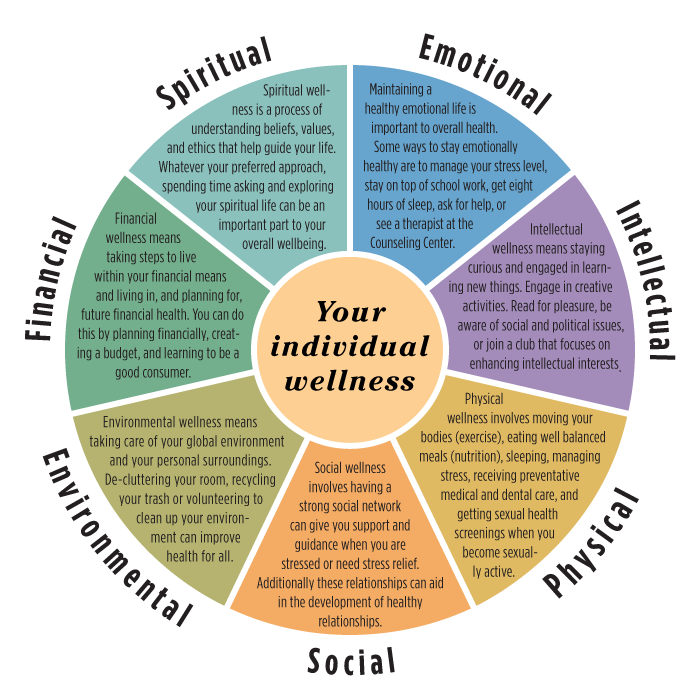
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[**Financial Wellness**](https://shcs.ucdavis.edu/wellness/financial)

Financial wellness involves learning how to successfully **manage financial expenses**. Money plays a critical role in our lives. Not having enough of it impacts health and academic performance. Financial stress is a common source of stress, anxiety and fear.

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