Welcome to the School of Social Ecology Orientation for Transfer Students! 2009 - 2010
LEARNING OUTCOMES
What is it that you hope to learn or gain from orientation?

- Secret to Your Success at UCI
- Resources & Services for You
- How to Prepare for Fall quarter
- Policies and Procedures
- Academic Requirements
- Register for classes
WHERE AM I & WHAT DID I SIGN UP FOR

- Research Institution
- Research is creating new knowledge, whereas teaching is conveying known knowledge.
- Goal is to contribute to knowledge through scholarly analysis—journal articles, book chapters, books, etc.
- Your “cutting edge” education.
- You can and should participate in research, especially if you want to go to graduate school.
The research institution cont...

- This may not be just like the school you came from...
- You are among the top 12%
- You may need to study harder or differently
- Picking a major is what you want to read and write about and
- Picking an internship is what you would like to experience and possibly like to do as a career
- You may not love college from the beginning...it may take some time...but do things that may get you to like it...like engaging in activities/clubs/research, etc.
WHO FACULTY ARE...

- People who love learning so much they never left school.
- Experts in their field- they all have Ph.Ds.
- Different titles (Lecturer, Professor: Assistant, Associate, Full, Emeriti)
- Duties: research, teach, community service
- Teaching Assistants are graduate students
- Office Hours 101: see handout
YOUR JOB AS A STUDENT

- Full-time commitment.
- Seen as intelligent adult capable of seeking help when needed. Know your resources—everything is in writing.
- “Average” and “excellent” are now recalibrated—heed the feedback.
- You may need to retool your study skills to be successful here.
- Utilize the services available to you.
THE SECRET TO YOUR SUCCESS

Academic Integration + Social Integration

- **Academic Integration**
  - Getting to know your professors & TA’s
  - Getting to know classmates inside the classroom
  - Doing well in classes

- **Social Integration**
  - Getting Involved in clubs & organizations
  - Getting to know professors outside the classroom (office hours, faculty mixers, research)
  - Establishing a support system outside of class
SECRETS CONTINUED ...

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Ways to be involved
  - Research- if you go to Hershey, PA, you go to eat chocolate-you are at a research univ. you may want to try it...
  - Clubs & Orgs (SESA, CLS Assoc, PHA — go to Welcome Week)
  - Campus Organizations from Dean of Students

- Benefits!!!:
  - Leads to higher graduation rates
  - Less likely to drop out
  - More fulfilling experience
  - Connection to the campus
  - Leads to increased student development and enrichment

Valuable Resources and Services FOR YOU
TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

- New Student Guide
- Academic Counseling
- Learning and Academic Resources (LARC)
- Career Center
- Counseling Center
- Transfer Services Counseling Program
- And more! Refer to pg. 12 of New Student Guide
NEW STUDENT GUIDE

- Keep this for all your important academic advising documents and bring it to your appointments.
- Can be found on the SE Student Services website.
  - Look for the “New Student Guidebook – 2009” under “New Students”
ACADEMIC COUNSELING

- Academic Counselors and Peer Advisors
- Same-day advising for quick questions
- Scheduled Appointments for long-range planning and problem solving
- Talk with a Peer Advisor for student-to-student expertise
- Discuss Graduate School options
SOCIAL ECOLOGY
STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

- Contacting the Office
  - Telephone: (949) 824-6861
  - Website: http://socialecology.uci.edu/

- Location
  - Social Ecology Bldg. 1, Room 102

- Hours
  - Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
THE LEARNING AND ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER (LARC)

- Campus wide academic assistance program in Math, Science, Writing, Study Strategies, Critical Reading
- Offers a variety of learning models
  - Tutorials
  - Workshops
  - Classes
  - Individual tutoring
- Located in Rowland Hall, 2nd Floor-RH 284
CAREER CENTER

- Career exploration & counseling
- Resume building
- Interviewing techniques
- Internships & jobs
- Graduate school advising
COUNSELING CENTER

- Individual &/or group counseling offers the opportunity to look at yourself and environment and to change the way you think, feel, and behave so that you can make the most of your time at UCI
- If you decide to participate in individual counseling, you and your counselor will set goals so that you know what you are working toward
- Transitioning to UCI
- Stress Tips
- Test and Anxiety Tips
UCI Transfer Counseling

- Transfer Services Counseling Program
  - Designed to help new and continuing transfer students quickly locate appropriate sources of advice for academics and student life
  - Shelly Brown - UCI’s Transfer Services Counselor
  - The “Transfer Student Concierge”
  - Student Services II, Room 2200
  - 949-824-1142, transfer@uci.edu

http://www.transfercounseling.uci.edu/
TRANSFER LOUNGE

- A place for transfer students to study, relax, eat, socialize, etc.
- Amenities:
  - Computer Lab
  - Refrigerator
  - Microwave
  - Couches
- Located in Student Services II, Room 2200
- 9am – 5pm for now
**Transfer Seminars – Uni Stu 4**

- Small 1-unit classes (15 students)
- Meet other new students with similar interests
- Get to know a faculty member who can serve as a mentor
- Learn about research at UCI
- 6 topics to choose from for fall
  
  Sample topics:
  - Civic & Community Engagement
  - 20th Century Fashion
  - Cruise News in Biology

- [http://www.due.uci.edu/tsp/](http://www.due.uci.edu/tsp/)
Preparing for Fall Quarter
PAYING TUITION AND FEES

- **Fee Deadline:** September 15, 4:30 p.m.
- **Paperless Billing:** pay ZOTBill online
  - [https://sbs.adcom.uci.edu/ZotAccount/](https://sbs.adcom.uci.edu/ZotAccount/)
  - or type “sbs” on main UCI web page to view

- **If you have Financial Aid...**
  - Aid is applied to fees automatically once you enroll in 6 minimum required units (MRU’s)
  - Must enroll in 6 MRU’s by fee deadline
PREPARATION ITEMS

- Send ALL transcripts to Admissions
  - Due Date: July 15, 2009
- Check MyAdmissions website for updates
- Take Placement Exams (Math for PH)
- Complete Statement of Legal Residence
- Update address on Student Access
THINGS TO KNOW
And know and know!
UCI CATALOGUE

- Information regarding:
  - UC system and UC Irvine
  - Degree requirements
  - Majors
  - Minors
  - Honors opportunities
  - Academic Regulations
  - Course descriptions
CATALOGUE RIGHTS

- Transfer students who have maintained continuous enrollment in college for more than four years prior to transfer may use
  - those requirements in effect at the time of entrance; OR
  - those subsequently established; OR
  - those established during the years of continuous enrollment

- Complete policy in catalogue, page 59
FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

- By law, we cannot release your information to anyone else.
- Students MUST be the point of contact with any campus official.
- Specific information that CANNOT be released:
  - Grades
  - Class Schedule
  - Academic status
- FERPA limits public dissemination of your info.
GRADES

- **Letter Grades:** A, B, C, D, F
  - Affects GPA
  - + and - are calculated in GPA
  - All required school and major courses must be taken for a letter grade

- **Pass/Not Pass Grades:** P or NP
  - Does not affect GPA
  - Breadth courses and elective courses can be taken Pass/Not Pass
  - “C” or higher = Pass; “C-” or below = No Pass
ACADEMIC STANDARDS

- Normal Progress
  - Most classes are 4 units
  - Typically, students enroll in 12 units or more per quarter to maintain normal progress
  - The average student enrolls in 12 – 16 units per quarter (3 or 4 courses)
  - Students that fail to make normal progress will be placed on academic probation or may be subject to disqualification
  - Complete policy in catalogue, page 73
ACADEMIC PROBATION POLICIES

- **Academic Probation**
  - GPA below 2.00 (in major courses, in upper division major courses, or cumulatively)

- **Subject to Disqualification**
  - GPA below 2.00 for two or more consecutive quarters
  - case-by-case review

- **Dismissal**
  - GPA below 2.00 for multiple quarters
  - case-by-case review
ACADEMIC HONESTY

- Be academically honest...This is a BIG deal.
- Academic integrity is a paramount value!
- Examples of Academic Dishonesty/Cardinal Sins:
  - Misrepresenting your work
  - Using another’s ideas or words without credit
  - Cheating
  - Submitting the same work more than once
- Consequences can range from a failing grade to dismissal from the University
- Complete policy in catalogue, page 535
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
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- University of California Requirements
  - Entry Level Writing
  - American History and Institutions
- UC Irvine Requirements
  - General Education Requirements*
  - School Requirements
  - Major Requirements

* UCI’s Breadth Requirements can be completed instead of General Education.
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS

- Entry Level Writing
- American History
- American Institutions
AMERICAN HISTORY AND INSTITUTIONS REQUIREMENT

- Complete 2 UCI courses – 1 US Government and 1 History

  • **Requirement is already met if you:**
    - Completed 1 year of high school US History from an accredited high school; OR
    - Completed 1 high school semester each of US History and US Government (“C” average) from an accredited high school; OR
    - Scored of 3, 4 or 5 on AP US History
    - Scored 550 or ↑ on SAT II American History
    - Completion of requirement at another CA institution
UC Irvine Requirements

- General Education Requirements
- School Requirements
- Major Requirements
INTERSEGMENTAL GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER CURRICULUM (IGETC)

- IGETC Certification satisfies UCI’s General Education Requirements except Upper Division Writing
- All coursework toward IGETC MUST be complete prior to entering UCI
- Without official IGETC Certification, you will be required to complete UCI’s General Education requirements

- Admission to UCI does not mean you automatically completed IGETC!
IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED IGETC

- You must provide official IGETC Certification to the Social Ecology Student Services Office by the end of the first quarter at UCI
- Check your Degree Audit through Student Access or stop by our office after one quarter to ensure we have received your IGETC Certification
- REMEMBER, IGETC CERTIFICATION IS NOT AUTOMATIC – YOU NEED TO REQUEST IT FROM YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SEND IT TO US.
IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED IGETC

- You are responsible for completing UCI’s General Education Requirements or obtaining a Partial IGETC
- See a counselor for further information if you have not done the IGETC
**Upper Division Writing Requirement**

- Everyone must take an upper division writing course at UCI

**Upper Division Writing: 1 course**
- Complete one upper division approved Writing course with a “W” suffix
- Social Ecology majors will complete SE 194W & PH=195W
- Minimum “C” grade needed
- Some upper division courses have major restrictions
- SE194W and PH195W will satisfy this requirement and your major by earning a “C” or higher grade
IN ORDER TO GRADUATE...

- Complete a minimum of 180 quarter units
- 2.00 Grade Point Average
  - in all University of California courses
  - in all required major courses
  - in all upper division major courses
- Residency Requirement
  - 36 of last 45 units earned must be from UCI
THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL ECOLOGY
WHAT IS SOCIAL ECOLOGY?

Ecology

Organism → Environment

Social Ecology

Social Organism → Environment

(Humans)

SE courses, research → answers & solutions

(School, family, the workplace, society)
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL ECOLOGY MAJORS

- General Social Ecology (B.A.)
- Criminology, Law and Society (B.A.)
- Psychology and Social Behavior (B.A.)
- Urban Studies (B.A)
- Public Health Policy (B.A.) in conjunction w/ COHS
- Public Health Sciences (B.S.)

- Requirements (check your degree sheet)
  - School Requirements
  - Major Requirements
“I THINK I TOOK THAT ALREADY …”

- Visit:  [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
- Lists which Community College classes can count toward your requirements
- Courses completed at a California Community College can be used to fulfill lower-division UCI requirements
- Check off the classes you already took on your degree requirement sheet
SOCIAL ECOLOGY MINORS OFFERED

- Psychology and Social Behavior
- Criminology, Law and Society
- Urban and Regional Planning
- Urban Studies
- Environmental Design
- Public Health
And If You’re Feeling Ambitious ...
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

- Encourages and facilitates undergrad research
- Research opportunities for all majors
- Offers assistance with:
  - Proposal writing
  - Project development and management
  - Awarding of grants
  - Scholarly journal writing
- Transfer students are encouraged to begin this process NOW by contacting the UROP office directly.
HONORS PROGRAMS

- Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) [www.chp.uci.edu](http://www.chp.uci.edu)
- Psychology and Social Behavior’s Excellence in Research Program – uci.edu & search “PSB Excellence in Research”
- Social Ecology Honors Program
SOCIAL ECOLGY HONORS PROGRAM

- A 3-quarter long sequence for SE majors who are conducting thesis projects
- Enrollment is by invitation (after application) and is limited to 20 students
- Students work with a faculty mentor
- Eligibility requirements:
  - 3.2 UCI GPA and 3.5 GPA in upper division
  - Submission of brief research proposal
  - Letter of support from a faculty member willing to be a mentor
REGISTERING FOR CLASSES
Finally!
CREATING A FALL SCHEDULE...AND BEYOND

- Use your degree requirement sheet
- Use assist.org to figure out the classes you have already taken at your community college
- We recommend taking **12 units** your first quarter and then **16 units** every quarter after that
- Take a mixture of lower and upper division courses
- Use WebSOC to see what classes are available this quarter
**WebSOC: Schedule of Classes**

- Choose classes
- Available online only
- Enroll via WebReg

http://websoc.reg.uci.edu/perl/WebSoc
SAMPLE FALL SCHEDULES

Crim, Law & Society/General Social Ecology

Crm/law C7 lecture
UD CLS elective
Socecol 10

Psychology & Social Behavior

Socecol 10
UD PSB required course
UD PSB elective
Sample Fall Schedules cont...

- **Public Health Policy**
  - Math (if needed)
  - BioSci (if needed)
  - Upper Division Electives
    - CRM/LAW 148 or,
    - PSYBEH 101D, 102C, 103H, 112D, 152C

- **Public Health Science**
  - Upper Div. BioSci if needed
  - Chem or O Chem if needed
  - Math (if needed)
  - Upper Division Elective:
    - PH 166, PH 168 or PH 169... just options
WebReg: Registration

www.uci.edu “Registration”

How to Use WebReg:

- Log in
- Select “Enrollment Menu” at the top
- Click “Add” and plug in 5-digit course code
- In “variable units” a 1 means that you’re taking a class for a letter grade, a 2 means Pass/Not Pass – you’ll want to take School and major requirements for a letter grade. It’ll default to a letter grade if you leave it blank
WEBREG CONTINUED …

- If the class is FULL register on the waitlist
- Select “waitlist menu” and plug in the course code
- You are allowed to enroll and/or waitlist in a maximum of 20 units combined
- 2nd Open Enrollment – After fees are due, September 15, 2009, review and/or adjust your schedule
- Your enrollment window will be open 24 hours a day for a week. After a week you will only be able to make changes to your Schedule after 7pm
- When courses begin, you may try to enroll by Add Card, which needs to be signed by the instructor
**Adding and Dropping Classes**

- **Electronic Add/Drop (EAD)**
  - Register for classes electronically through WebREG until week 2 of the quarter

- **Add/Drop/Change Card**
  - Use a paper Add/Drop/Change card to add or drop classes when classes have begun and the course is FULL and/or wait listed
  - Use to Add/Drop or Change your class or grade type after week 2 of the quarter
  - Also used to change the number of units for a course
ADD/DROP/CHANGE DEADLINES

- Adding a course
  - Okay until the last day of the quarter with instructor approval

- Dropping a course
  - Okay until end of 6th week with instructor approval
  - Dean’s signature req. afterward

- Change of grade option
  - Okay until end of 2nd week with instructor approval
  - Dean’s signature req. afterward
IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Be sure all transcripts and IGETC Certification have been sent to UCI admissions!!
- Pay fees on time to avoid losing your classes – September 15
- Check MyAdmissions website for updates
- Update your address on Student Access
- Buy books
- Go to class!
EXTRA TIPS BEFORE YOU’RE OFF

- Check in with your professors...
  - 2 weeks into the quarter, take your notes into OH and ask your professor if you are capturing the right amount of detail.

- We’re open for business, so come in with questions often and early.
Welcome to UCI and The School of Social Ecology!!