Watch for field sites career fairs, civic engagement events, internship events and more. Social Ecology sends out announcements when sites may be present. Additionally, watch for field study workshops, open houses and events sponsored by Social Ecology Student Services, Social Ecology Student Association, or the Social Ecology House in Vista del Campo.

Once the site approves me, how do I enroll in the class?

- Submit your course enrollment form detailing the site and your duties by the appropriate deadline.
- 5-6 working days after the deadline, watch for an email from the director about how to enroll. Typically you will enroll during your regular enrollment window. For Spring field study – the enrollment process takes place in February. So you will want to leave room in your schedule for a field study class.

If you need help narrowing a placement or have other questions, either make an appointment to see Ashley Vikander, the Field Study Director, by calling (949) 824-6861 or visit her during open office hours – Mondays from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in Social Ecology I, Room 102.

Field Study—FAQ’s

By, Ashley Vikander
Field Study Director

How do I go about actually applying for a field site?

- Applying for field study is very much like applying for a job. The field study catalog is like Zotlink, Career Builder, or Monster Board - the place to search for an internship. The first thing is to decide what you want out of field study - what are your interests, skills, abilities? Do you want to use this opportunity to begin a professional network, to participate and help in an area you are passionate about, or to meet the graduation requirement? The next step is to consider any constraints - such as time, commute, other commitments, etc. Now you are ready to begin your search in the field study catalog. Read about the sites, find out how to apply, and check out the websites to find out more.

- You will then apply directly to the site - usually you simply send an introductory email to the contact in the catalog and attach a resume. However, some sites have additional or different application procedures, so check the catalog for each site and look for information under “How to Apply”.

Should I follow up with my potential site to make sure they received my information?

- Absolutely! Whether you email, mail, drop off your information or submit a webform, a follow-up call is a great way to make contact with the site and confirm they have openings.

Are there any new field sites available for the Spring 2010 schedule?

- New sites will be posted under the Important Notes and Site Update pages as they are approved.

Are there any ways for me to meet potential field sites before I apply?

- Go to “Meet and Greets” Week 8.
- Call them and ask for a brief tour or informational interview.

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For more information visit www.students.soceco.edu/pages/field-study
Social Ecology Career Corner

By: Allison Keller, Career Center Counselor

If you have questions or concerns about...
- Gaining an internship
- Writing a resume
- The graduate school application process
- Job search strategies
- Interviewing tips
- Career opportunities available with your Social Ecology Major

Take advantage of drop-in career counseling tailored to Social Ecology majors!

Social Ecology Drop-in Hours
Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. in SEI 102
(Please note: Drop-in hours and scheduled appointments are also available at the Career Center during additional days/hours)

Feel free to visit the Career Center in 100 Student Services I (across from Starbucks), www.career.uci.edu, or contact: Allison Keller, kellera@uci.edu, the Career Center Liaison to Social Ecology.

Studying Abroad...One Student’s Story

By: Kelly Yocca
Criminology, Law and Society
Psychology and Social Behavior

Studying abroad can be one of the most rewarding and worthwhile experiences you have as a UCI undergrad. This past summer I studied abroad at Cambridge University, England through the UCI Travel Study Program. I looked into several different programs and what drew me to this one was that they offered Psychology and the Law, a CLS and PSB course, which fulfills a major requirement. As a double major in the School of Social Ecology, it was important for me to find a study abroad program that would help me stay on track to graduate within 4 years. The courses offered on this program were taught by Cambridge faculty, which allowed me to fully experience the university and gain new perspectives. The UCI Travel Study Program also attracted me because of the numerous planned excursions to Scotland, England, Stonehenge, Bath, and Stratford. I was able to find a program that helped fulfill major requirements, provided an opportunity to experience a new country for the first time, and allowed me to meet great people. I was able to find the perfect program for me, and you can find one for you too! There are several resources on campus, such as the UCI Travel Study Office (http://www.summer.uci.edu/travelstudy) and the Center for International Education (http://www.cie.uci.edu) which can help you find the best program for you!
The Social Ecology Student Association (SESA) is a student-led organization sponsored by the School of Social Ecology. We are dedicated to helping members get the most out of their undergraduate education by bringing the resources to you! Members gain a network of fellow Social Ecology students, learn more about campus resources, and even get help with classes!

Events for this quarter include a UCDC information session about interning in Washington DC for field study credit (Week 3), an evening with our Professor of the Quarter, Dr. Frattaroli, to discuss her background and research (Week 4), a panel of field study representatives to give an insider's perspective on this Social Ecology requirement (Week 6), a Professor/Student mixer to meet and network with faculty from the various departments while getting a catered dinner (Week 8), and even a sponsored study night with free Starbucks coffee (Week 10)!

Meetings are held every Wednesday from 6-7pm in Social Ecology 1, room 112 (near the counseling office and computer lab).

To learn more information email us at sesa.officers@gmail.com or contact SESA's Social Chair officer Katie Victoria at kvictori@uci.edu

Hope to see you there!

Lisa Pahel
SESA President

Peer Academic Advisors are students just like you! We’ve taken the same classes as you, have had the same professors as you, and are knowledgeable about campus resources. Basically, we’re here to provide one-on-one academic counseling. We give guidance based on our own experiences to ensure that you make the best possible decision for yourself when it comes to your academic career. Stop by Social Ecology Student Services and give us a visit!

Fall 2009 PAA Advising Hours

Monday: 9:00am-10:45am and 1:30pm-3:45pm
Tuesday: 9:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-3:45pm
Wednesday: 9:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-3:45pm
Thursday: 9:00am-11:30am and 1:30pm-3:45pm
Friday: 9:00am-11:30am

-Each appointment is 15 minutes. Make sure to come in early! Appointments are first-come first-served.
Mission Statement

As student advocates, we strive to empower students for the betterment of their own lives and society by not sacrificing the human element in favor of bureaucracy. Our goal is to provide students with the tools to succeed academically, providing accurate and timely information in a professional atmosphere. We achieve our mission by supporting one another collaboratively in a team-building environment and thereby supporting the larger mission of the university in teaching, research and community service.

Social Ecology Website:
http://socialecology.uci.edu/

I didn't know that...

7 lucky things you may not have known about UCI

By, Khrystyn Pamintuan
Social Ecology Peer Academic Advisor

1. Need to study late night, but want to beat the crowds at Gateway Commons? Engineering Gateway is open 24 hours. Plus you’ll feel extra smart as you study amongst the Engineering students.

2. The UCI Police Department offers a 12 hour self defense class for $80. You’ll never know when you’ll need it!

3. Want to know what your strengths are? The Career Center offers the Strengths Finder assessment. You can make good use of this information when you apply for jobs or graduate school.

4. The Counseling Center offers up to 8 free sessions a year for UCI students.

5. Looking for a place to meditate, do yoga, get a massage, or just relax? The UCI Health Education Center has a Wellness room equipped with everything you need to de-stress.

6. Want to help those in need simply by going to class? The Disability Services Center provides note taking services for those who need accommodations. Note takers can be paid or receive a letter from DSC acknowledging their volunteer work.

7. If you’re looking for a great place to start volunteering. The Center for Service in action provides many opportunities including Alternative Break. Check it out at www.volunteer.uci.edu.