and visit a counselor to make sure they are set to graduate.

All graduation ceremonies take place in the Bren Events Center. Tickets are limited, and must be reserved online. Each student is expected to receive between five and seven tickets to the ceremony. There are two rounds for ticket reservations. The first date to reserve tickets for majors in the School of Social Ecology is April 6 at 10 am. The second round will be announced shortly after that for additional tickets. Don’t miss the deadline because they will go quickly!

For more information, please refer to www.commencement.uci.edu

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.” -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Graduating seniors in the School of Social Ecology will be celebrating their commencement in ceremonies taking place Sunday, June 14.

The first ceremony, beginning at 1 pm, is for students graduating in Applied Ecology, Criminology, Law, and Society, Environmental Analysis and Design, and Public Health majors from the College of Health Sciences. It features speaker Erwin Chemerin-sky, the Founding Dean of the UCI School of Law. The 5 pm ceremony is for students graduating in Psychology and Social Behavior and Social Ecology.

Any students graduating within the 2008-2009 academic year are eligible to participate in the graduation ceremony, as long as they have completed all requirements and have submitted an application for graduation online through Student Access. All students applying for graduation should make sure they have carefully checked that they have met all requirements for graduation.

The easiest way to do this is by reviewing their degree audit. If there is any uncertainty about the requirements, they should come in and visit a counselor to make sure they are set to graduate.

Social Ecology Career Corner

Attention Graduating Seniors:
Take advantage of Career Center services BEFORE you graduate!

Meet with a Career Counselor, have your resume reviewed, or attend an Interviewing Workshop. After graduation, there is a fee to use counseling services and to participate in events.

Job Searching After Graduation?
UC Irvine Alumni can access ZotLink job listings free of charge. A Request Form, found online at www.career.uci.edu must be completed and emailed to career@uci.edu for free extended access to ZotLink. Requests received Monday-Friday by 4:30pm will have access the next business day.

For more information, please refer to www.commencement.uci.edu
Important Dates and Deadlines

Social Ecology Undergraduate Awards Ceremony
Friday, June 12th
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Student Center, Doheny Rooms

UCI Undergraduate Commencement
Social Ecology & Nursing Science Ceremony #1
Sunday, June 14th
1:00 PM - Bren Events Center
Applied Ecology, Criminology, Law & Society,
Environmental Analysis & Design,
Public Health Policy & Public Health Sciences

Social Ecology Ceremony #2
Sunday, June 14th
5:00 PM - Bren Events Center
Psychology and Social Behavior, Social Ecology

Scholarship Opportunities

Dan and Jean Aldrich Scholarship (Campus)
Awarded to an outstanding student on the basis of merit. The recipient must be a graduating senior during the 2009-2010 academic year. The nominee should demonstrate academic excellence (suggested 3.0 GPA or higher), leadership, contribution to campus and community service. The Dan and Jean Aldrich Scholar will receive a $2,000 award for the 2009-2010 academic year. Application Deadline: Wed., April 14, 2009. All applications will be screened and top finalists will be chosen for interviews between April 16-20.

Nicholas Aeberhard Memorial Award (Campus)
A scholarship based on personal integrity, student leadership, academics and involvement in campus and civic activities. Students must have completed 24 units by the end of Winter quarter 2009, which should not include Advanced Placement or repeat courses. The Nicholas Aeberhard Scholar will receive a $3,000 award for the 2009-2010 academic year. Application Deadline: Wed., April 14, 2009. All applications will be screened and top finalists will be chosen for interviews between April 16-20.

Mohan Narasimhan Scholarship in Criminology, Law and Society (CLS)
One $500 award given annually to an exceptional CLS undergraduate student entering their senior year. Scholar recipient will be selected based on academic performance, participation in research, and a 3-4 page typed, double-spaced essay. Application Deadline: 4:00pm on Monday, April 13, 2009.

Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award -- In Honor of Gilbert Geis (CLS)
One $1,000 award given to an outstanding student interested in research in the field of Criminology, Law and Society. Award recipient will be selected based on academic performance, participation in research, and a letter of recommendation. Application Deadline: 4:00pm on Monday, April 13, 2009.

The Strauss Scholarship
An outstanding scholarship opportunity for students interested in a career in public service. One $4500 award given. Award recipient will be selected based on being a current full-time JUNIOR enrolled in any major within the School of Social Ecology, and an essay describing your career aspiration in PUBLIC SERVICE. Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009.
Applying to Graduate School?

Graduate school can sometimes feel like a huge mystery to students, and the process can be truly ambiguous at times. As some of our Peer Advisors have gone through the admissions process for graduate programs, they have compiled information they wish they had known prior to applying. The following tips may be of great importance to students applying to PhD and Master’s programs (note that law school and other professional programs have different requirements):

- Sometimes, a graduate degree is a requirement for employment. In deciding whether or not to attend graduate school, students should consider their ultimate career goals.

- The GRE is required for many graduate programs and can be repeated if students are not satisfied with their results. This exam is setup similar to the SAT you may have taken in high school. The examination has three parts: Verbal, Quantitative and Analytical Writing. The Verbal and Quantitative sections are out of 800 points each and the Analytical Writing portion consists of two essays. The GRE is offered to students six days a week and the exam is taken on a computer in a testing center. In fact, students can sign up online for the exam even a few days before they want to take it. See the following website for more information: www.ets.org/gre/

- Letters of recommendation are usually another requirement for graduate school applications. Most programs require three letters, including a minimum of one from a professor. It’s best to choose a professor whose class you did well in, with whom you have had two or more classes, or someone you have done research with.

- Research experience is vital for PhD programs and some Master’s programs. UC Irvine has a strong undergraduate research program, UROP, which provides skills that graduate admissions boards are seeking. Take advantage of this program as early as possible during your undergraduate career so you can write about the experience in your personal statement. Research also allows students to network with professors who can later write letters of recommendation for them. Visit the UROP website for research opportunities: www.urop.uci.edu/

- The personal statement is a significant part of the application. Most students had to write a similar statement in their undergraduate application to UCI; however, graduate school personal statements weigh far more heavily in admissions. The Learning and Academic Resource Center (LARC) at UCI offers FREE one-on-one personal statement assistance with trained staff members. This is a unique opportunity where you can sit down and have someone read your statement and advise you on how to improve it. Visit the LARC website for more information: http://www.larc.uci.edu/

- Remember: Begin your application early. Most programs have deadlines during December and January. This timeframe requires that students begin compiling their application at least the summer before deadlines. You will want to give yourself ample time, in case you want to repeat the GRE and have a number of people edit your personal statement. Research programs you are interested in and always feel free to contact graduate programs with questions you have.

- Finally, be sure to visit the Career Center and your academic counselors for more information on graduate school and career paths. Good luck!
Find a Field Study Placement!

Students interested in completing their Field Study in the Summer or Fall should be researching prospective placement sites now. Think about what it is you want to get out of the Field Study experience. Begin your search by browsing through the Field Study Program, Placement Site Catalog (https://socialecology.uci.edu/students/undergrad/secure_files/Field_Study_Catalog.pdf). To learn more about the agencies that interest you, take a look at the website listing. Reflect again on your goals for your experience and identify 8-10 sites that are interesting.

Tips for contacting the agencies

If the site does not include specific instructions for applying, send your resume and a cover letter to them, preferably via email. If no email address is listed, fax or mail your resume. In the cover letter, be sure to identify yourself as prospective field study student, include the deadline date, the placement period, and how many hours a week you plan on spending at the site. Deadlines and placement dates are available at: http://socialecology.uci.edu/files/students/undergrad/FSCal0809.pdf. Also, let them know what you will contribute to their organization and what you hope to gain from your experience. A day or two after you send in your information, call to follow-up and make sure they received your resume and check to see what their schedule is for filling any opportunities they have.

Agencies regularly send our office updates that are not published in the on-line catalog. To find the latest contact information go to the Important Notes and Site Updates portion of the field study website (http://socialecology.uci.edu/?q=students/undergrad/fieldstudy). Scroll toward the bottom of the page and you will see updated contact information, listed by site #. This is also a good page to visit to help you narrow your search as we list those sites who are still looking (closer to the deadline) as well as those that have notified us that there are no openings. If a site is not on either of these lists, that does not mean there are no openings, it just means they haven’t notified us. The bottom line – send your information and follow-up directly with them.

Summer Session Field Study

Field Study is offered Summer Session I and II. These are 5 week sessions and Field Study is only offered for either 4 units (100 hours – 20 hours/week) or 8 units (200 hours - 40 hours/week). If you look on the summer session schedule, it appears as if Field Study is “waitlisted”. This is not the case. Since Field Study enrollment requires authorization from the School of Social Ecology, this is the way summer session restricts enrollment. If you plan on taking field study during the summer review the steps at: http://socialecology.uci.edu/students/undergrad/fieldstudy/summer. Quick tips:

(1) Find a placement and submit a course enrollment form.
(2) Watch for an email about 6 working days after the course enrollment form deadline to enroll in Social Ecology 195.
(3) Enroll.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SUMMER SESSION ENROLLMENT:
Your section choice indicates your 1st preference for a section. If demand exceeds the total number of seats available for a given session (either SSI or SSII), priority will be given to seniors graduating in Summer 2009. If demand for a particular section in either session exceeds the capacity, students will be assigned in the order that course enrollment forms are received. Students participating in UCDC or UCCS for Field Study are required to enroll in the on-line class (course codes 50100 or 50102). The on-line section is a new offering for Field Study. Students will be receiving instruction over the internet through video, power point, and other documents and participating in class through forums, chat rooms and occasionally through email. Space is limited.
Why Study Abroad as a Social Ecology Major?

1. See the world and fulfill degree requirements at the same time!
   - Whether you’re a PSB or CLS major, or any major in between, there are a multitude of opportunities available to fulfill General Education or Major/Minor Requirements while living and traveling in a different country!
   - To start take a look at the Study Abroad in Your Major or Minor Page: [http://www.cie.uci.edu/academics/socialecology.html](http://www.cie.uci.edu/academics/socialecology.html)

2. An opportunity for applied learning!
   - Study abroad is a great way to take what you are learning here at UCI and see it taught from a different perspective. You may also be able to conduct research abroad utilizing the assistance of UROP.
   - Check out this UCI student story: [http://today.uci.edu/Features/profile_detail.asp?key=429](http://today.uci.edu/Features/profile_detail.asp?key=429)

3. Why NOT study abroad?
   - The reasons you have for not studying abroad are either myths or just not good enough.
     - Fact: You CAN afford it!
     - Fact: You CAN go without knowing another language!
     - Fact: You CAN go and graduate on time!!

4. Your reasons to not studying abroad debunked:

Just remember, “Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the one you miss,” (Author Unknown). Don’t let someone steal your opportunity...visit The Center for International Education (CIE) TODAY to learn more. We are located at Student Services II, Room 1100 (directly across from the UCI Bookstore & the Zot-n-Go). We’re open 8:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Social Ecology Student Association

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! Members gain a network of fellow Social Ecology students, learn more about resources on campus to get involved with, and even get help with classes.

Some events for this spring quarter include a Professor of the Quarter (week 1), a SESA booth at Wayzgoose (week 3), a sponsored study night with free Starbucks (week 10), and so much more!

SESA will also be sending out a call for students to nominate the Professor of the Year!

Meetings are held every Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 in Social Ecology I, room 112 (near the counseling office and computer lab).

To learn more information or if you have any questions feel free to email us at sesa.officers@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Bradley Jong
SESA President
Get Involved in Research!

There are many research opportunities available for Social Ecology students to get hands-on experience working with both professors and graduate students. These opportunities are usually liked with course 198 or 199. Students work with professors who are experts in their field of study, which can be an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with faculty members. Some of the tasks performed include: library research, interviewing subjects, data processing, coding data, subject recruitment, and lab research.

How to get involved:
One way to learn about different research opportunities is to approach faculty members that are teaching classes you are currently in or have previously taken. Most students approach professors in courses that they have enjoyed or performed well in. You can also visit the Social Ecology research opportunities home page and search for research opportunities under specific departments at: http://socialecology.uci.edu/students/undergrad/research_opp. Departments include Developmental Psychology, Health Psychology, Psychopathology, and Social/Personality Psychology.

Excellence in Research Program

The School of Social Ecology offers students an opportunity to gain advanced research experience through the Excellence in Research program. This is a two-year program accompanied by a three quarter Social Ecology Honors Seminar. Students who complete the program receive an Excellence in Research award and the opportunity to win a $300 gift card to the bookstore.

Students participating in this program will gain extensive research experience. Students will establish a relationship with a PSB faculty mentor and in their senior year will conduct an independent research project under the supervision of this faculty member. By the end of their senior year, students will have completed a research thesis or report, which will be presented at a scientific conference.

Requirements
This program is open to all PSB majors, and students must apply by spring quarter of their junior year. Requirements for the program include:
- 3.2 UC GPA and a 3.5 in upper division SE courses.
- Submission of a research proposal
- Letter of support from a SE faculty member
- Commitment to enroll in three courses of the Honors program
- Completion of a faculty supervised research project by the end of senior year.

For more information, visit the Excellence in Research website at http://socialecology.uci.edu/students/undergrad/honors_info

UROP- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program encourages research and creative activities by undergraduates from all schools and departments at UCI. Research opportunities are available not only on campus, but also with many outside agencies including national laboratories and other universities. UROP offers assistance to students through all phases of their research process including writing a proposal, developing a research plan, grants, scholarly journal writing, etc. UROP’s goal is to integrate both students and faculty into the research culture of UCI by allowing them to work together on creative projects. By allowing students to engage in research opportunities, UROP hopes to “inspire in them a life-long passion for discovery and inquiry-based learning.” For more information, visit the UROP homepage at http://www.urop.uci.edu/about.html.
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(949) 824-6861
Hours: 8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.
Counseling Hours: 9-11:30a.m. & 1:30-3:45p.m.
Social Ecology Website:
http://socialecology.uci.edu/

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.

Summer Session 2009 Update
Effective Summer Session 2009, there will no longer be an 8-unit fee cap. Instead, students who enroll in Summer Session classes at UC Irvine will pay per unit. For current UCI undergraduate fees, go here:
https://summer.uci.edu/pdfs/info/student_policies_procedures.pdf

Important Dates for Field Study

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