Interning with THINK Together

By: Heather Bucci, THINK Together

Interns are invaluable “Academic Assistants” in THINK together after school programs. They provide vital support to our Site Coordinators and Program Leaders, as they help students reach their full academic potential and act as caring, positive role models in students’ lives.

Interns help THINK Together staff guide students through three main components of after school programs: homework, academic enrichment, and other enrichment activities/recreation. They can choose either to work with a specific grade level in one class or work with different grade levels in various classes. In addition to helping Program Leaders deliver and facilitate homework and academic enrichment, interns have the option of developing their own enrichment activities and clubs. Many UCI interns have started exciting clubs at our sites such as dance, choir, arts & crafts, cheerleading, and soccer. Their job duties are flexible and not rigidly defined, as interns have the opportunity to challenge themselves, test novel ideas, and implement new activities. Interns can also act as a Site Coordinator’s Assistant and help develop curriculum, plan and organize projects, and complete essential administrative duties.

For students interested in education, nonprofit, public policy, or for those that just want to make a meaningful impact in children’s lives, THINK Together offers excellent and truly enriching internship opportunities!

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
- Career opportunities available with your Social Ecology Major

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

Social Ecology Drop-in Hours
Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. in SEI 102

Upcoming Workshops for Social Ecology
- Resume writing for Social Ecology Majors - Tuesday, February 10 at 4:00 p.m. in SEI 112

Feel free to visit the Career Center in 100 Student Services 1 (across from Starbucks), www.career.uci.edu, or contact: Allison Keller, kellera@uci.edu, the Career Center Liaison to Social Ecology.
Get Involved on Campus!

Make the most out of your college experience by getting involved! Take a look at a few of the opportunities available to students:

- **Administrative Internship Program**
  Deadline: 2/18/09

- **Career Center Peer Consultant (Field Study Site # 860.5)**
  Deadline: 3/2/09
  [http://www.career.uci.edu/pdf/Application.doc](http://www.career.uci.edu/pdf/Application.doc)

- **Counseling Center Peer Educator (Field Study Site # 179.5)**
  [http://www.counseling.uci.edu/students/Peer Educator Program.aspx](http://www.counseling.uci.edu/students/Peer Educator Program.aspx)
  Look for the application during week 5!

- **UC Student Regent**
  Deadline: 2/9/09

If you need help finding leadership opportunities, go to the Leadership Train website: [http://www.dos.uci.edu/train/](http://www.dos.uci.edu/train/)

### Preparing for Field Study: Tips and Tricks

Here are some helpful tips and tricks to get you ready for field study!

**Freshman/Sophomore Year**
- Take Social Ecology 10
- Browse through the Field Study catalogue
- Attend a Field Study Meet and Greet to find out more about your opportunities

**Junior Year**
- Note interesting studies you have read in your classes
- Note any theories/paradigms/ideas that you might want to learn more about on your own
- Keep articles you use for research papers and class presentations. They may be helpful to you later
- Visit the Career Center to enhance your job search skills
- Go to INTERNSHIP DAZE and attend workshops
- Plan to take 194W, Naturalistic Field Study Research late your junior year, or early your senior year

**Senior Year**
- Apply for and complete field study!
- Don’t wait until the spring quarter of your senior year to complete the field study requirement!

Questions about field study?

The Field Study Director, Ashley Vikander, has open office hours MONDAYS, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. in Social Ecology Student Services, 102 Social Ecology I.

Can’t make it to the open hours?
Call (949) 824-6861 to schedule an appointment with Ashley.

Visit the field study website: [http://socialecology.uci.edu/students/undergrad/fieldstudy](http://socialecology.uci.edu/students/undergrad/fieldstudy)
Taking the Stress out of Field Study

Adapted from: Daniel Chen  
Revised by: Kelly Yocca

If you are a major in the School of Social Ecology, you might have heard about the field study requirement in your introductory courses or at the Student Parent Orientation Program (SPOP). Field Study refers to the upper-division four-unit SOCECOL 195 course and field work at an approved site.

Over the course of a quarter, field study students are required to attend regular (weekly or biweekly) meetings and must complete the required number of hours of field work. While the requirement for graduation is 4 units of field study, you have several options. For example, if you have several time constraints, you might consider taking 2 quarters of field study for 2 units each quarter. While the academic requirements don’t change between 2-4 units, the field work requirements do. Twenty-five hours of field work is required for each quarter unit of credit. If you are enjoying field study, you can repeat it for up to 24 units total. For some majors, an additional 4 units of field study will fulfill the additional upper division school requirement.

The field study enrollment process can be very stressful so it is important to start planning very early in order to meet all of the deadlines.

Finding a Field Site

The first step is to view the list of approved field sites from the Social Ecology website: http://socialecology.uci.edu/students/undergrad/field_catalog. There are over 250 field sites to choose from, depending on your interests. Field sites fall under the following categories: Corrections, Counseling, Environmental Education, Health, Legal Services, Planning, Police/Law Enforcement, Public Policy, Education and Schools, and Senior Services. Spend time reading the field study catalog to get a better understanding of the many field sites to find the best fit for you.

TIP: Try to review the catalog BEFORE you take Social Ecology 194W, Naturalistic Field Research. Then when you begin your literature review and your 194W project, you can look for articles that might be relevant to your field work plans.

Applying

Apply early! When applying, pay attention to the specific application instructions. Some sites require background checks, which can take several weeks to several months. You might even be asked to go in for an interview. It’s a good idea to apply to 6-8 field sites. Keep record of who you contacted so that you can follow-up as necessary.

Finalize Placement and Enroll

Accept an offer from a field site, and kindly let the other sites you applied to know that you accepted a placement. Confirm placement dates with your supervisor and make sure you understand your role at the site. Submit the course enrollment form by the deadline below. The form can be found at http://socialecology.uci.edu/webforms/fieldstudy/enroll. Check your e-mail for authorization to enroll in field study 6 working days after the course enrollment form deadline. Once you receive this e-mail, enroll in SOCECOL 195, Field Study during your regular enrollment window.

In addition to finding a placement site and meeting the deadline, required prerequisite courses are Social Ecology 10 and Social Ecology 194W. Students also must be a declared major in the School of Social Ecology, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.

If you would like some help with your resume or interviewing skills, think about using the Career Center. 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.

The field study requirement is an excellent opportunity for Social Ecology majors to get hands-on experience in their field of interest. Be sure to make the most out of this opportunity because it will greatly benefit you in the future!

Important Dates for Field Study, Spring Quarter 2009

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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.

Events for this quarter include a graduate student panel (week 2), a Social Ecology Honors program presentation (week 4), a professor/student mixer (week 7), and even a sponsored study night with free Starbucks (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 Public Relations officer Aditi Wahi at awahi@uci.edu.

Hope to see you there!
Bradley Jong
SESA President

Don’t Settle...Go Abroad!

By: Kelly Yocca

The Center for International Education’s (CIE) mission is to foster a culture at UCI in which study abroad is expected and achievable for all students.

CIE assists students participating in programs abroad by allowing them to progress toward their UCI degree while developing the academic, personal, and professional skills necessary to be well-informed, engaged members of the global society.

Students can choose between several programs: EAP, IOP, and UCI Travel Study. The Center for International Education can help you choose the program that best fits your needs and interests! Whether you want to fulfill major requirements, study abroad over summer, need financial aid or scholarships, or just want to experience another country, CIE can help!

Interested in studying abroad?
To get started, go here: http://www.cie.uci.edu/prospective/index.shtml

The CIE office is located at 1100 Student Services II (on Ring Road across from the UCI Book Store), and the office is open on Monday-Friday 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
Advice from the Peer Academic Advisors

By: Amira Yousef

Your Social Ecology Peer Academic Advisors are current students who enjoy helping students with their academic endeavors. We have gone through rigorous training to ensure that you get the most up-to-date, accurate information. And, since we are current students, we understand concerns that students commonly face, such as graduation requirements, classes and professors.

Your Peer Academic Advisors
- Katy: Criminology, Law & Society
- Natalie: Criminology, Law & Society and Psychology & Social Behavior
- Amira: Social Ecology and Environmental Analysis & Design

Having trouble scheduling an appointment? Here are some tips and tricks:
- Typically, Weeks 1-2 and 7-9 are the most saturated because of class scheduling. If you come in during off-peak times, you probably won’t have to wait as long.
- Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are also generally busy. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings will give you the shortest waiting time.
- Come in and request a Degree Audit – it’s super helpful and a great way for you to understand and keep up with your degree requirements on your own.

Same-day Appointments
- Same-day appointments last 15 minutes and are for quick questions, like doing a degree check, putting together a class schedule, changing or adding a major, and going over minor requirements.
- Both peer advisors and academic counselors see students for same-day appointments.
- Walk-in appointments are available daily between 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. We start taking names for the morning at 8 a.m. and you can sign up for the afternoon times starting at 12 noon. Come in early to ensure yourself a spot.

Advance Appointments
- If you feel that your concerns or questions require more time, you can make an advanced 30 minute appointment.
- Four year plans, graduate school planning, academic probation and readmission are all examples of things that would be better managed in an advance appointment.

Good luck Social Ecology students!

CAREERfest 2009

Career Fest is a month-long event that offers an opportunity to explore various careers and network with important people in the industry. All panels will take place from 5:00pm - 6:30pm M-Th every week during the month of February. We recommend the following panels:

- **Careers in Numbers**: Wednesday 2/4 @ Career Center
- **Primary Healthcare Careers**: Monday 2/9 @ Student Center Emerald Bay B
- **Writing Careers**: Monday 2/9 @ Career Center
- **Counseling Careers**: Tuesday 2/10 @ Dr. White Room- Cross Cultural Center
- **Environmental Careers**: Wednesday 2/11 @ Career Center
- **Allied Health Careers**: Thursday 2/12 @ Student Center Emerald Bay B
- **Education (K-12) Careers**: Tuesday 2/17 @ Career Center
- **Socially Conscious Careers**: Wednesday 2/18 @ Career Center
- **Law Careers**: Thursday 2/19 @ Student Center Doheny B
- **Higher Education Careers**: Thursday 2/19 @ Career Center
- **Federal Government Careers**: Monday 2/23 @ Career Center
- **Public Health Careers**: Tuesday 2/24 @ Career Center

For more information, visit [http://www.career.uci.edu/Students/careerfest.aspx](http://www.career.uci.edu/Students/careerfest.aspx)
1. Learn how to use Microsoft Word. Using 12 ½ font and slight margin manipulation can help you reach that extra half a page.

2. If class starts at 8am, make sure attendance isn’t mandatory.

3. Gateway = social hour. Don’t attempt to study there.

4. Top ramen and cup of noodles are staples when on a college diet (and budget).

5. Boring lecture? Show up in a superman cape and run out in the middle of class yelling about how you have to save the world.

6. Don’t let street preachers intimidate you.


8. Enjoy being a senior. It’ll be the best 3 years of your life.