

Department of Animal Science Advising Center

Winter Newsletter #2

If you find yourself having trouble figuring out your schedule, are not sure what classes to take or need general advice, come on in and meet with a Peer Adviser. We are experts in scheduling, resolving class conflicts, and are full of good advice.

The Animal Science Advising Center is open M-F 9am-12pm and 1-4pm in 1202 Meyer.

You can also email us at asac@ucdavis.edu or call 530-754-7915.

For more information about Animal Science Advising, be sure to visit our website at asac.ucdavis.edu, and like our Facebook page: [UCD Animal Science Advising Center!](#)

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A. Announcements / Upcoming Events

1. Important Dates for Winter 2015

- As we begin this quarter, it's important to keep certain important dates in mind:
- **TODAY, January 16th: 10th Day of Instruction**
 - ANS Department Internship forms are DUE by this date! Late submissions will require a PTA number and a \$3.00 fee. Visit asac.ucdavis.edu to access the Online Internship System (link is on the right side of the webpage) and fill out a form.
 - Last day to drop classes with a 10-day drop deadline
- **Wednesday, January 21st: 12th Day of Instruction**
 - Last day to add courses without a PTA number
 - Last day for waitlists.
- **Monday, February 2nd : 20th Day of Instruction**
 - Last day to drop classes with a 20-day drop deadline
- **Monday, February 9th: 25th Day of Instruction**
 - Last day to opt for P/NP grading. Please note that you CANNOT opt any major courses P/NP, all major requirements must be taken for a grade.

2. NPB 117 Update

- NPB 117 will NOT be offered during Spring Quarter. If this is a concern, please email Kathryn Jackson at katjackson@ucdavis.edu.

3. New ANS Spring Course Updates!

- We've created a few new courses in the Animal Science Department! These courses are designed to help students define their career paths, offer more relevant coursework to Animal Science majors, and provide

units toward specialization. These courses will not appear in Schedule Builder or the Class Search Tool, you must type in the CRN directly to find them.

- **ANS 98-033 (will later become ANS 30): Topics and Careers in Animal Science (2 units)**
 - This course is for sophomores looking for more career options within Animal Science. It will be taught by Dana Van Liew, and will be held Wednesdays from 1:10-5:00pm.
 - Enrollment cap is currently at 20 students; **sophomores will be given first priority.**
 - This is currently scheduled as a variable unit course. After officially adding to the course, you will need to manually change the course units to 2 (via Schedule Builder).
 - **CRN: TBA**
- **ANS 198-033 (will later become ANS 100): Animal Physiology (5 units)**
 - This course provides a more relevant alternative to the NPB 101 major requirement, and is accepted by vet schools for their physiology requirement. It will be taught by Dr. Todgham and will be held Monday through Friday from 10:00-10:50am.
 - Enrollment cap is currently at 100 students, but the course is Pass 1 restricted to Animal Science majors.
 - This course is NOT open for credit to any student who has completed NPB 101 with a grade of D- or better.
 - This is currently scheduled as a variable unit course. After officially adding to the course, you will need to manually change the course units to 5 (via Schedule Builder).
 - **CRN: 21539**
- **ANS 198-044 (will later become ANS 150): Animal Health and Disease (4 units)**
 - This course may be used towards specialization units! It is taught by Dr. Zhou and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:20am, and Wednesdays from 12:10-1:00pm. There may be alternative discussion times available.
 - This is currently scheduled as a variable unit course. After officially adding to the course, you will need to manually change the course units to 4 (via Schedule Builder).
 - **CRN: 21550**

4. Submit an Abstract for the 2015 Undergraduate Research Conference!

- Abstracts and registration submissions for the 2015 Undergraduate Research Conference are open until Tuesday, February 17th at 4:00pm!
- If you are interested in participating in the contest, you can attend one of the Undergraduate Research Center's workshops on how to write an abstract:
 - Tuesday, January 27th, from 4:10-5:00pm in Meeting Room D, Student Community Center
 - Wednesday, January 28th, from 12:10-1:00 pm in Meeting Room D, Student Community Center
 - Thursday, January 29th, from 3:10-4:00 pm in Meeting Room D, Student Community Center
- For more detailed information on the conference, please visit the URC website at:
<http://urc.ucdavis.edu/conference/index.html>

5. New Veterinary School Admits: Congratulations on your Achievements!

- On behalf of the Animal Science Department, we'd like to congratulate the newly admitted students to all the Schools of Veterinary Medicine! All of your time, brain power, and hard work have paid off.
- At the Advising Center, we try to encourage current undergraduates and prospective students in their endeavors. Veterinary school is often a common goal. One of the best ways we can help students develop their understanding of the rigors of vet school is by providing current statistics and information about successful applicants, and the steps they took to get in.

- If you were just recently admitted to veterinary school, and would like to help your peers and future students achieve their dream career, we would greatly appreciate if you could take the time to fill out the attached Vet School Survey. Completed surveys can be submitted to the Animal Science Advising Center, either by email at asac@ucdavis.edu, or in person in 1202 Meyer Hall.
- Based on the information from the survey, we can compile statistics to display in the Advising Center for current students to view. Many students view the information to see what criteria make a competitive applicant, and it gives them a goal to work toward as an undergraduate.
- In the future, we hope to create a story wall of successful applicants, to give more background information in addition to the statistics. If you're interested in being featured, stay tuned for more information.
- Thank you for your time and contribution, and congratulations again on your success!

6. Health Professions Advising: First Year Small Group Advising

- There will be several upcoming meetings offered through Health Professions Advising. Here is a list of the upcoming meetings, and a flyer is attached with more information on what is covered in each meeting.
 - Navigating Campus Resources for Future Health Professions Students: **January 23rd** at 4:00 pm in SLB 2061
 - Academic Recovery: Picking up the pieces after a C (or two): **January 29th** at 12:00 pm in SLB 2061
 - Health Professions Application Timeline: **February 5th** at 3:00 pm in SLB 2061
 - Effective Communication Strategies for the Future Health Professional: **February 19th** at 2:00 pm in SLB 2061.

7. Masters of Laboratory Animal Science Program at Eastern Virginia Medical School

- The Masters of Laboratory Animal Science (MLAS) program at Eastern Virginia Medical School is a new, online Master's program. The program started its first semester in Fall 2014, and is now accepting applications for the class of 2017!
- This program provides knowledge and skills to meet demand for highly qualified individuals in the animal science field. Students can earn their Master's degree in two years and will create a solid foundation to begin or advance their careers.
- For more information, please see the attached brochure or visit the Eastern Virginia medical School website: http://www.evms.edu/education/masters_programs/las/

8. UCCE Sheep Shearing School and Wool Classing Class

- Sheep Shearing School will be held **May 11-15** and Wool Classing Class will be held **May 13-15**.
- Sheep Shearing School will be taught by Gary Vorderbruggen and will take place in the sheep barn at the Hopland Research and Extension Center. There is a course fee of \$300. All shearing equipment will be provided for training.
- The Wool Classing Class runs in conjunction with the Shearing School, and will be taught by Ron Cole. There is a course fee of \$220. This course will also take place at the Hopland Research and Extension Center, utilizing the Shippey Facility.
- For more information about the Shearing School, please visit: financialaid.ucdavis.edu/scholarships/prestigious/national/strauss.html
- For more information about the Wool Classing Class, please visit: http://www.sheepusa.org/Certified_Classing
- Preregistration is available for these courses. To reserve your spot, please visit: <http://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=14578>

- Payment for the courses is not required at this time, but will be due after February 8th. This year the California Wool & Fiber Festival will be sponsoring two separate scholarships, a Shearing School tuition scholarship and a \$250 equipment scholarship. These scholarships are *only* for Mendocino or Lake County shearers.
- If you have any questions about the classes, please call the UCCE Mendocino at 707-463-4495, and ask for JT or John. If you have questions about the scholarships, please contact Janet Heppler at 707-983-9147, or email nebo-rock@saber.net.

9. Mercer Clinic Information

- Mercer Clinic is a monthly clinic run by UC Davis veterinary students to provide care for the pets of the Sacramento homeless community. Undergraduate volunteers assist as technicians while vet students perform the exams. Volunteers also sell dog toys and collect donations weekly at the Davis Farmer's Market to raise funds for the clinic. All volunteers must attend an orientation before they can participate in their first clinic. Assisting with the fundraising also gives volunteers priority for orientation and clinic spots.
- If you are interested in volunteering for Mercer Clinic and want more information, email Lauren Tseng at mercerc.undergrad.contact@gmail.com to be added to the list-serve.
- There will be a Mercer Clinic orientation on **Tuesday, January 20th from 7:00-8:00pm** in Wellman 1. Remember that orientation is mandatory before you can attend your first clinic!

10. We're on Facebook!

- The Animal Science Advising Center is on Facebook! Be sure to like our page to get *accurate* course information, updates, and to see photos from our events! You can visit our Facebook page by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/UCD-Animal-Science-Advising-Center/100286430062779>

B. Internships / Jobs

1. Job Resources at UC Davis!

- If you are looking for a job, be sure to check out Aggie Job Link for current job openings for students! You can access Aggie Job Link via the link below, and sign in with a Kerberos username and password.
<https://ucdavis-csm.symplicity.com/students/>
- You can check out even more campus job opportunities through the UC Davis employment website:
https://www.employment.ucdavis.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/Welcome_css.jsp
- Also, be sure to take a look at our Animal Science Advising Center website! We list current job openings for students and recent graduates, all relatable to Animal Science. We update this list periodically, so be sure to check often!
<http://asac.ucdavis.edu/>

2. International Student Volunteers: Summer Volunteer Opportunity in South Africa

- This four week International Student Volunteers (ISV) program consists of two weeks of volunteering overseas in a hands-on conservation project, followed by an incredible two week educational exploration of the best cultural and natural highlights of the host country.
- The program will be July 9th through August 5th, 2015, and the cost is \$3,995 (not including air fare).
- Space is limited to 12 participants, so please contact Erica Mittelman, ekmittelman@ucdavis.edu, as soon as possible if you are interested.
- For more details about ISV, please visit their website at: www.isvolunteers.org

C. Scholarships

1. NPFDA Scholarships Available

- The NPFDA (National Poultry and Food Distributors Association) Scholarship Foundation is entering its 36th year in scholarship assistance. They will award four \$2,000 scholarships to students in the fields of poultry science, food science, agricultural economics/marketing, and all other fields of study related to the poultry industry.
- Students must be in their sophomore or junior year to apply. Applicants must be enrolled as a full time student.
- To apply, please complete the attached application and write a 1-2 page letter detailing your career goals. The application, goals, transcripts, and an endorsement of the student must be forwarded to the NPFDA Scholarship Foundation by either the student or the department head.
- The application, transcript, and letter of endorsement must reach the NPFDA office no later than May 31st, 2015. Selection and notification will be completed by July 15th.
- Please send application and materials to:
 - The NPFDA Scholarship Foundation, Inc.
2014 Osbourne Rd
St. Marys, GA 31558.

2. Donald A. Strauss Scholarship

- \$10,000 scholarships are available to students looking to perform a public service project throughout the course of the 2015-2016 academic year. The Donald A. Strauss foundation looks to support innovative project proposals that have not been widely pursued previously and will be sustainable in the future. Projects may be performed domestically or internationally. UC Davis is one of 15 universities that may submit up to 3 project proposals with approximately 14 awards being made.
- Applicants must be in their sophomore, junior, or senior year and ranked in the top 1/3 of their class.
- Completed applications must be submitted to the Undergraduate and Prestigious Scholarships Office by **January 30th, 2015** to be considered for nomination. A completed application includes the following:
 - UC Davis Applicant Profile (available through the link given below)
 - Transcripts from all colleges attended (these may be unofficial for the UC Davis deadline, but nominees will need to furnish official transcripts by the final deadline)
 - 2-3 letters of recommendation (it is advised that one letter be from a sponsoring organization that shows a willingness to be affiliated with your project)
 - Application Summary (available at the Donald A. Strauss Foundation website)
 - 1 page resume
 - 1 page personal statement
 - 4 page project proposal that details the project and provides a budget and timeline for project implementation
 - Signed Acceptance Agreement (available at the Donald A. Strauss Foundation website)
- To visit the Donald A. Strauss website, follow this link: <http://www.straussfoundation.org/applicants/how-to-apply/index.php>
- To begin your applicant profile, please follow this link: financialaid.ucdavis.edu/scholarships/prestigious/national/strauss.html

- For advising on the process or review of application materials, please contact Scott Palmer, Prestigious Scholarship Advisor, at scpalmer@ucdavis.edu.
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"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."
-Martin Luther King Jr.

I hope you all had a productive week, and enjoy your three day weekend!

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