

Department of Animal Science Advising Center

Winter Newsletter #3

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!](https://www.facebook.com/UCDAnimalScienceAdvisingCenter/)

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A. Announcements / Upcoming Events

1. Academic Peer Adviser Job Opening!

- The Animal Science Advising Center is looking for an academic peer adviser for the 2015-2016 academic year. If you are interested in advising students in Animal Science, Animal Science and Management, and Agricultural and Environmental Education, and contributing to the success of the Animal Science Department, please consider applying for the position.
- Peer advisers will work up to 10 hours per week and this is a paid position.
- Applicants for this position must be available for all three quarters - Fall 2015, Winter 2016, and Spring 2016. **If hired, you will also be required to participate in the new Peer Adviser training course offered this Spring 2015: EDU 160, 4 units Pass/No Pass, at 8:00-9:50am Mondays and Wednesdays in Scrub Oak Auditorium.**
- We are looking for candidates who can communicate accurate information about our majors and other college requirements while representing the department in a positive manner. Please see the attached job description for more information.
- The application is attached and applicants must provide a resume. **The completed application and resume are due to the ASAC (1202 Meyer Hall) by Monday, February 23rd at 4pm.**
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Emma Martinez at eadmartinez@ucdavis.edu or (530) 752-6118.

2. Important Dates for Winter 2015

- As we continue this quarter, it's important to keep certain important dates in mind:
- **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.

3. 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.

4. 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

5. ICC Travel Grant Application is Now Open!

- Are you planning to intern abroad during Summer 2015? Looking for Funding? The ICC Travel Grant Application for international internships is now open!
- To apply for the ICC Travel Grant, search for the keywords "2015 Summer ICC Travel Grant" or Aggie Job Link #786655 in Aggie Job Link.
- Grants range from \$500-\$1,000. Both graduate and undergraduate students are eligible for funding.
- Applicants for the grant must be current UC Davis students at the time of their internship.

- Travel Grant Applications are due by **Monday, April 6th**.
- For any related travel grant questions, please email: travelgrant@ad3.ucdavis.edu
- For more detailed information, please visit: <http://icc.ucdavis.edu/International/travelGrant.htm>
- If you are interested in finding an international internship, you can meet with an adviser during ICC drop in hours to begin your search. Drop in advising hours are listed below:
 - Mondays: 1:30-3:30 pm
 - Tuesdays: 12:30-3:30 pm
 - Wednesdays: 10:00-11:30 am
 - Thursdays: 12:30-3:30 pm
 - Fridays: 10:00-11:30 am
 - All drop in hours will be held in the ICC, on the 2nd floor of South Hall.

6. 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 be accepted.
- **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!

7. 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:
 - 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.

8. Spring Commencement and Candidacy Information

- Spring 2015 Candidacy opens on **February 1st, 2015**. To apply for graduation/candidacy, please fill out the Online Graduation Application at <http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/graduation/>, or stop by 12 Mrak Hall to fill out a graduation application in person.
- If you're planning on graduating soon, then it's time to start thinking about Commencement! The Spring Ceremony for ANS, ANM, and AEE majors will be held on **Sunday, June 14th at 2:00 pm** in the ARC Pavilion.

- Registration to participate in Commencement opens on **February 1st** and will close on **April 10th**. To register, please visit <http://commencement.ucdavis.edu/registration.html>
- You can also apply to be a student speaker for the commencement ceremony. The deadline to apply is **April 10th**. To apply, please visit: http://commencement.ucdavis.edu/general_info/index.html#speaker
- Students who register to participate in the ceremony by the April 10th deadline will be guaranteed 7 guest tickets.
- If you have questions about commencement, check out the FAQs on the commencement website: <http://commencement.ucdavis.edu/faq.html>
- This year's Grad Fair will take place on **March 4th from 9am-6pm** in the MU Griffin Lounge.
- Please refer to the attached documents for the student speaker application, cap and gown information, and graduation checklist.

9. Undergraduate Research Conference Information

- Are you interested in presenting your research at the 26th Annual Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, & Creative Activities Conference? Do you want to learn about what benefits there are to presenting your research? Drop in to an information session and learn more about the conference, get your questions answered, and meet other interested students!
- The next information session will be held on **Tuesday, January 27th from 12:10-1:00 pm** in Meeting Room D, Student Community Center.
- A flyer has been attached with more upcoming workshops.

10. Bodega Bay Marine Laboratory Information Session

- There will be a Bodega Marine Laboratory information session on **Thursday, January 29th, from 4:30-6:00 pm** in 1347 Storer Hall.
- If you're an Animal Science or Animal Science and Management Major interested in specializing in aquatics, living at Bodega Bay for a quarter (Spring or Summer) provides 12 units toward your specialization!
- A flyer has been attached with more information.

11. Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine: Info Night

- Are you a current or future veterinary school applicant? Interested in education abroad? If so, then you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about the Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine! Tom Hueller, Associate Director of Admissions, will tell you about how easy it is to return to the United States to practice because Ross University is accredited by AVMA. He'll also cover the curriculum, how to be a competitive applicant, what financial aid is available and what it is like to live on a Caribbean island! And be sure to bring your questions. Don't miss this great opportunity to find out about this popular Caribbean vet school! (And eat FREE PIZZA!)
- The Info Night will be held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2015, from 4:10-5:00 pm** in 114 South Hall.
- If you have any questions, please contact HSA Pre-Vet Peer Advisor Katie Krebs at khkrebs@ucdavis.edu.

12. New Century Farmer Conference and World Youth Ag Summit

- Applications are now open for National Collegiate FFA's New Century Farmer (NCF) Conference, which will be held July 12-18, 2015 in Des Moines, IA. This week long conference will equip students to be premier ag producers after they graduate from college. The 50 selected participants will take part in industry tours, create a vision statement, and network with industry professionals. Former chapter FFA membership or current collegiate and/or alumni FFA membership is required to apply. Applications will be accepted through

February 15th. For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.ffa.org/events/conferences/NewCenturyFarmer/pages/default.aspx>.

- The World Youth Ag Summit (YAS) is accepting applications to take part in their 2015 summit, taking place August 24-28 in Canberra, Australia. This is a great opportunity for young adult FFA leaders and agriculture advocates to engage in an important dialogue about food security. Prior FFA membership is not required for this program. Applications are due by **January 30th**. To apply, please visit: <https://www.youthagsummit.com/>

13. Animal Science Volunteers Needed Abroad!

- Animal Science students are needed internationally to help develop and improve livestock farming in Ecuador and Uganda. Applications for the NGOabroad volunteer opportunities are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Below is a brief description of the volunteer opportunities available:
 - Ecuador: Livestock and Milk Production. Volunteers live and work with a family dedicated to milk production in the community. Their daily activities consist of milking, maintenance and monitoring of pasture, and animal nutrition and health. This project requires a person with basic livestock knowledge and the motivation to learn more about milk production.
 - Uganda: Poultry Farming. A Domestic Violence program plans to sustain their organization by having 3,000 laying hens which supply eggs. They need help with preventing disease amongst poultry and preventing salmonella, and learning the best practices for poultry farming.
- If you are interested in these abroad opportunities, please see the link below:
<http://takingstock.asas.org/?p=14256>

14. 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/>

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 awards 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. San Diego County Farm Bureau Scholarships

- The San Diego County Farm Bureau is offering scholarships for students who are permanent residents of San Diego County and pursuing a course of study in agriculture or a closely related field.
- A recommendation from a teacher or academic advisor is required, in addition to a recommendation from a current or former employer. Transcripts must also be included with the application (photocopies are acceptable).
- The scholarship application has been attached to this email, but an interactive PDF version of the application is also available online at www.sdfarmbureau.org.
- Scholarship awards in the past have ranged from \$500-\$5,000. Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed by **March 30th, 2015**.

3. California Woolgrower's Association Scholarship

- The California Woolgrower's Association Scholarship is set up to provide financial assistance to enrolled students in academic programs related to the California Sheep Industry. This support may be used to offset normal academic fees or to help offset costs of senior projects and/or research efforts.
- Students must have completed at least one year of studies in an Agricultural major, and have a minimum 3.0 GPA. The award amount is \$500.
- The application requires an essay, summary of career plans, and 3 current letters of recommendation, along with verification of enrollment.
- Applications are due by **June 1st, 2015**. An application has been attached to this email.

"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."

-Colin Powell

Best of luck this next week as we approach our first round of midterms!

Kathleen Furtado
Animal Science Advising Center