

# Department of Animal Science Advising Center

## Fall Newsletter #6

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](mailto: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](http://asac.ucdavis.edu), and like our Facebook page: [UCD Animal Science Advising Center!](#)

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### A. Announcements / Upcoming Events

#### **1. Survey Contest Winners! Please come and pick up your PRIZES!**

- Thank you to everyone who filled out our incoming freshmen and transfer student surveys! Here are the selected winners for participating in the survey:
  - Freshmen: Kathleen Vaughan
  - Transfers: Elizabeth Parker
- **Winners, please come by the Animal Science Advising Center in 1202 Meyer Hall to pick up your prize Animal Science hat!**

#### **2. Call for NUT 115 Undergraduate TAs and photographers!**

- Dr. DePeters is looking for two former NUT 115 enthusiasts to serve as undergraduate TAs for NUT 115 in Winter 2015. TAs will supervise the Digestion Study and the Broiler Growth Project. Academic credit for 2 units is available.
- Dr. DePeters is also looking for a former NUT 115 enthusiast to help take pictures of digestive tracts. He is looking for someone who is knowledgeable about photography. Academic credit for 2 units is available.
- If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Dr. Ed DePeters via email at [ejdepeters@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ejdepeters@ucdavis.edu). You must apply by **November 19<sup>th</sup>**.

#### **3. Course for Winter 2015: Disease Ecology**

- **VME (Veterinary Medicine and Epidemiology) 158:** Infectious Disease in Ecology and Conservation.
- This course integrates ecological theory and application. Students interpret ecological approaches and models for understanding disease and then study particular diseases to develop their fundamental skills in ecology and epidemiology. The course also promotes communication between graduate and undergraduate students as well as veterinarians, wildlife biologists, epidemiologists, and basic ecologists.

- The undergraduate course is VME 158, and the **CRN is 92564**. The instructor for this course will be Dr. Janet Foley. For more information, please contact Dr. Foley at [jefoley@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jefoley@ucdavis.edu).
- The course format will be 2 lectures per week, on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:10-4:30**.
- This course can also count toward some Animal Science specializations, depending on faculty adviser approval.
- A course flyer has been attached with more information.

#### 4. Course for Winter 2015: Forage Crop Production and Management

- PLS 112: Forage Crop Production and Management.
- This course will discuss fundamentals of forage crop production and management, discuss how to optimize both forage production and animal nutritive value, and consider the impact on environmental services from including forage crops in an agroecosystem. The focus will be on forages important to California, particularly alfalfa and range grasses, but the course will also compare and contrast systems throughout the US and around the world.
- PLS 112 is a 3 unit course, and will be offered **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00-8:50 am** in 116 Veihmeyer Hall. The instructor will be Dr. Charlie Brummer, you may contact him via email at [ecbrummer@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ecbrummer@ucdavis.edu).
- This course can also count towards the restricted electives for Agriculture and Environmental Education majors.

#### 5. Pre-Vet Advising: Vet School Interview Workshop

- Do you have questions about the veterinary school interview process? Join Pre-Vet advising to learn more about how to be a good interviewee! You'll have a chance to hear from current UC Davis vet students as they share their experiences with you! Learn more information about the format of the MMI interviews, as well as get advice for interview panels. This is a great opportunity to start preparing for the interview season!
- The Interview workshop will be held on **Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:10-7:00pm in Olson 146**.
- If you would like any more information on this event or Pre-Vet advising in general, please contact the Health Sciences Advising Pre-Vet advisor, Katie Krebs, at [khkrebs@ucdavis.edu](mailto:khkrebs@ucdavis.edu).

#### 6. Wildlands Studies Information Session

- There will be a Wildlands Studies Student Information session on **Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm** in the **Weir Room, 2154 Meyer Hall**. Pizza will be provided!
- Wildlands Studies field projects provide students with the opportunity to join backcountry study teams as working field associates, studying environmental impact assessment, environmental policy, geologic, climatic, and topographic factors that support various habitats, and the relationships between environments and culture.
- Each program grants 4-12 units of upper division semester credit that easily transfers to UC Davis. These courses could count towards your specialization. Project teams consist of 8-16 participants working with a course instructor who provides onsite instruction and directs all field study activities.
- This season students can choose from 18 wildlife, wildland, and cultural ecology field studies, all searching for solutions to environmental and cultural challenges. Field studies will take place in Yellowstone, Big Sur (California), Banff (Canada), California Channel Islands, Vancouver Island, Fiji, Belize, South Africa, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Thailand, Nepal, Indian Himalaya, Costa Rica, Panama, Australia, and New Zealand.
- Information on all Wildlands Studies programs is available on their website: [www.wildlandsstudies.com](http://www.wildlandsstudies.com). You can also contact Wildlands Studies via email at [wildlands@wildlandsstudies.com](mailto:wildlands@wildlandsstudies.com).

## 7. Study Abroad Updates:

- Enrollment for UC Davis Summer Abroad 2015 opens on **January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Here is a brief update on some of the programs offered for Summer Abroad:
  - Europe: Genetics - The Global Language of Biology
    - Study and experience the great genetic breakthroughs in this grand European tour of genetics: Cambridge, Paris, Vienna, and Stockholm and more! This course counts for BIS 101.
  - Thailand: Microbiology Lab in the Kingdom of Smiles
    - Get class credits for a life science laboratory that will involve you in exploring tropical jungles, pristine beaches, exotic markets and the mega-city of Bangkok. This course counts for MIC 101.
  - Bolivia, India, South Africa: Health Internships
- All students enrolled in a UC Davis Summer Abroad program will also have the opportunity to apply for a Study Abroad award. Recipients will receive awards in amounts from \$500-\$2,000. **Application timeline: January 5 – March 3, 2015.**
- **UC Education Abroad programs:** UCEAP summer programs are 3 to 9 weeks in length. You can study at world-renowned Universities in English, or take language classes, conduct laboratory research, and more. **Most deadlines are in January.** Below are some of the programs offered for UCEAP:
  - New Zealand, Sustainability: Sciences & Environmental Management
    - Join the Aggies of the southern hemisphere in this small, agricultural and environmental science-focused university where you can conduct research and work closely with notable professors in their field. Follow this link for more information:  
[http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/new\\_zealand/Pages/sustainability\\_lincoln\\_univ.aspx](http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/new_zealand/Pages/sustainability_lincoln_univ.aspx)
  - Barbados, University of West Indies
    - Courses offered by the Centre for Resource Management and Environmental Studies (CERMES). While studying on a Caribbean island, students can take advantage of field courses and lab work or consider an independent research project. Follow this link for more information:  
[http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/barbados/Pages/univ\\_west\\_indies.aspx](http://eap.ucop.edu/OurPrograms/barbados/Pages/univ_west_indies.aspx)
- If you have any questions about any of the study abroad opportunities, you can always stop by the Study Abroad Office, located on 207 Third Street, Ste. 120, in Davis. You may also contact them via email at [studyabroad@ucdavis.edu](mailto:studyabroad@ucdavis.edu) or by phone at 530-297-4633. Their website is <http://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu>.

## 8. University of Edinburgh Vet School: Extended Application Deadline

- If you are interested in applying to the University of Edinburgh Vet School, the application deadline has been extended to **November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.
- It is essential that they receive a work experience summary (WES), academic transcript, and an academic reference by this date. Transcripts should be sent to arrive at Edinburgh as close to this date as possible.
- All applications can be made through UCAS. You can access UCAS through this link: <http://www.ucas.com/>

## 9. Master's Degrees in Public Health: Information Session Webinars

- Want to learn more about Public Health? Interested in earning a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at UC Davis?
- The UC Davis MPH program is hosting Admissions Requirements & Information Session online webinars this Fall. Hear from the Program Associate Director, Diana Cassady, and alumni about the program requirements, admissions process, and to see if the program is a fit for you.

- The UC Davis MPH program is designed for people interested in disease prevention and community health. The program includes instruction in epidemiology, biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, health services and administration, and social and behavioral science, and prepares students for an expanding range of professional opportunities and roles in public health and medicine.
- The 56-unit graduate program can be completed in 14 months. Most students graduate after completing a summer session, three academic quarters, and a summer practicum placement. The application deadline is **January 15<sup>th</sup>** of each year.
- There will be future webinars held on **Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00-9:00 pm**, and on **Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00-9:00pm**. Flyers have been attached to this email with more information on the webinars, and on MPH Program admissions.
- If you have any questions, please contact Philip Meisch at 530-754-9048.

## 10. Need Small Animal Experience? Volunteer for Mercer Clinic!

- 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 [mercervolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:mercervolunteer@gmail.com) to be added to the list-serve.

## 11. 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](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. Upcoming Deadlines for Private Scholarships

- Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship: Scholarships of up to \$7,500 per year are available for second and third year undergraduate students who intend to pursue STEM research careers and have demonstrated

involvement in STEM research. **Deadline is November 17th.** Apply by following this link:

<http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/scholarships/prestigious/national/goldwater.html>

- **David L. Boren (NSEP) Undergraduate Scholarship:** Up to \$20,000 to study abroad within specified countries and to study language. Winners receive up to \$8,000 for a summer study abroad, \$10,000 for a semester outside of summer, and \$20,000 for a full year study abroad program. **Deadline is December 12th.** Apply by following this link:  
<http://financialaid.ucdavis.edu/scholarships/prestigious/international/boren.html>
- **CashCourse Scholarship:** CashCourse is looking for students to share their personal finance stories: Decisions made, mistakes they've learned from, and lessons other students can relate to. Students should visit the My Story Contest Page to submit their short essay and the official entry form. CashCourse will select six winners. Award amount will be up to \$1,500. **Deadline is November 15th.** Apply by following this link: <http://www.cashcourse.org/my-story.aspx>
- **Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics:** For undergraduate full-time juniors or seniors at accredited four-year colleges or universities in the United States during the Fall 2014 Semester. Applicants should articulate with clarity an ethical issue they have encountered and analyze what it has taught them about ethics. Award amount will be up to \$5,000. **Deadline is December 8th.** Apply by following this link:  
<http://www.eliewiesel foundation.org/prizeinethics.aspx>
- **Mensa:** Any U.S. citizen or permanent resident may apply. Applicants must submit an application and essay explaining his or her career, academic and/or vocational goals. Award amount will be \$1,000. **Deadline is January 15th.** Apply by following this link: <http://www.mensafoundation.org/what-we-do/scholarships/us-scholarship-process/>

**Don't forget!** This upcoming **Tuesday, November 11th**, is **Veteran's Day!** That means classes will be cancelled and our office will be closed. Have a happy holiday!

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*"To laugh is human, but to moo is bovine."*

*-Unknown*

I hope you all had another splendidiferous week of classes, and have a happy-go-lucky weekend!

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