WHAT IS FIELD STUDY?

UNITS
- 25 hours of field work = 1 unit of academic credit; UCDC/UCCS hours
- 4 units = 200 hours & 8 units = 320 hours
- Four (4) units of Social Ecology 195, Field Study are required to graduate
- During the academic year, field study may be taken for 2-8 units
- Field Study may be repeated for up to 24 units

SE 195 PREREQUISITES
- Social Ecology 10 is required
- Social Ecology 13 and 194W are recommended
- Declared major in the School of Social Ecology in good academic standing (2.0 GPA) and junior standing (90+ units)
- Accepted a placement at listed Field Study Community Partner and submitted course enrollment form by the deadline.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
- Attendance at regular class meetings with a faculty sponsor is required. Faculty will arrange small group or individual meetings (per week or biweekly) to facilitate the integration of academic and field experiences. **Attendance to ALL CLASSES IS MANDATORY!**
- Students are REQUIRED to complete an analytical, academic paper. Papers should be 10 pages in length and incorporate at least two references to scientific journal articles, legal case studies, etc. for every 4 units.
- Social Ecology faculty may add to the requirements listed above or establish additional grading criteria.

PLACEMENTS & PLACEMENT SITES
- Students MUST choose an approved placement site from the Field Study Catalog. **Placements at sites not listed WILL NOT BE APPROVED!**
- Students MAY NOT change placements after the course enrollment deadline
- Students may begin field work on or after the 1st date of the placement period. Hours worked before the placement period WILL NOT be credited. Hours must be completed by the last day of instruction for the quarter.

GRADING
- Field study is graded on a Pass/No Pass basis, based on the supervisor’s evaluation of the student’s fieldwork, student participation in meetings with the faculty sponsor, and the quality of the student’s paper.

HELPFUL RESOURCES
- UCI Career Center http://www.career.uci.edu/
- Field Study Catalog: http://fieldstudy.uci.edu/pages/field-study-catalog
- Field Study Course Enrollment Form: http://fieldstudy.soceco.uci.edu/webforms/field-study-course-enrollment-intent-form
- School of Social Ecology Field Study Events and Updates: http://fieldstudy.soceco.uci.edu/pages/workshops-and-events
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*Enrollment for fall quarter is not available during enrollment windows. Students enrolling in fall should plan their enrollments carefully.

**DEADLINES**

Students are responsible for meeting all deadlines including ensuring supervisors submit field work evaluations by the deadline.

**ADVANCED PLANNING IS THE KEY TO MAXIMIZING YOUR FIELD STUDY OPPORTUNITY**

**Suggested Timeline**

**RESEARCH**

3 quarters in advance

- **Self-Assessment & Goal Setting** – Field study is an opportunity. Spend some time considering what field study means to you and how field study can enhance your education and align with your goals.
- **Resume and Cover Letter** – Prepare or update your resume and cover letter. In your cover letter - identify yourself as a UCI Social Ecology Student, applying for field study opportunities. Include the **deadline date, placement period** and the **number of hours/week** you will be at the site and **WHY** you are interested in the particular placement.
- **Procedures** – Attend a Field Study Information Session.
- **Placement Opportunities** – Learn about the wide-variety of placements by checking out the Field Study Catalog on the Social Ecology Field Study website early and attending Meet and Greets.

**APPLY**

1-2 quarters in advance (more for law enforcement or academic year opportunities)

- **Apply directly to at least 6-8 field community partners.** See the Field Study Catalog for specific application instructions for each agency. If there are no instructions send an introductory email (cover letter) and attach your resume. **Keep in mind background checks can take six weeks or more.**
- **Follow-up and follow through** on your applications.
- **Getting close to the deadline?** Check out the **Important Notes and Site updates** page on the Field Study website for openings.
- **Interview.** The Career Center has workshops and services to build your confidence!
- **Keep records** of your contacts so that you can follow-up as necessary.

**SELECT**

1-2 weeks prior to deadline

- **Evaluate offers** in accordance with your goals and **accept a placement.**
- **Confirm the placement dates** with the supervisor at the site.
- **Talk with your supervisor to ensure sure you understand what you will be doing at the site.** You need this information for the course enrollment form.

**CONFIRM**

by the deadline

- **Submit the course enrollment form.** Be sure to fill out the form accurately and completely. The form is on-line at: http://fieldstudy.soceco.uci.edu/webforms/field-study-course-enrollment-intent-form
- **As a professional courtesy, once you accept a placement, inform** the other community partners.
- **Confirm the placement dates (first and last day) and your weekly field work hours with your supervisor** after you have your tentative class schedule.

**ENROLL**

via WebReg

- **Enroll in SOCECO 195, Field Study.** Input the correct units under variable units. 1 unit = 25 field work hours. To satisfy requirements, students must complete a minimum of 4 units field work. This can be done in 1 or 2 academic quarters or 1 summer session. UCDC/UCCS- hours differ (4 units=200 hours & 8 units = 320 hours)
- **NO authorization code required.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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