



Field Study Options

W26 WORKSHOP

What we'll go over today:

- **Traditional Field Study**
 - Research/Learning Assistant Positions
 - Prospective Partners (New Sites)
- **Alternative Field Study Courses**
 - Capital Internships
 - SOCECOL 106W: Digital Media Archive
 - Advanced Field Study
- **Field Study Requiring Petitions**
 - Field Study Abroad

What Is Field Study?

- Field Study is a graduation requirement for Social Ecology and Environmental Science & Policy majors.

☆ Minimum Field Study Standards ☆

- Fieldwork Component
 - Students must complete the required 80 hours at their placement/internship site.
- Course Component
 - Students must be enrolled in an approved course for academic credit (4 units).

Completing Fieldwork + Course Component fulfills your Field Study Requirement

Important: The course and fieldwork hours must be completed during the same academic quarter.

Traditional Field Study

- Working at a Pre-Approved Site from FS Catalog
- Research Assistant/Learning Assistant Positions
- Outside Internship Positions - New Site Application



Field Study Website

Traditional Catalog Sites

4 units of SE 195/195W + 80 fieldwork hours at an approved site

- **Before Applying:** Meet the FS prerequisites
 - Declared major in the School of SE or ENSP
 - SOCECOL 10 or an equivalent course
 - Junior or Senior Standing (90+ Units Completed)
 - 2.0 or above GPA
 - Lower Division Writing (if requesting SE 195W)
- **Review Field Study Website:** Be mindful deadlines, choose the sites you will apply to using the Field Study Catalog + Review Course Options
 - Prepare Application Materials: Resume (one version) & Cover Letter (one version for each application)
- **Applying:** Apply to 3-10 approved Field Study sites in the catalog
 - **Follow Up:** If you do not hear back after 5 days follow-up with the site
 - **Prepare for Interview:** Learn about the organization + prepare questions (e.g. how will my hours be tracked?)
- **Submit Course Enrollment Form (CEF):** Once you have secured a position with a catalog-site you must complete CEF by the deadline of the quarter you are applying to.
 - Form used by our office to collect the required information needed to clear students for enrollment in any FS course. (Confirms Site Placement + Course Preference)
 - **NO CEF = not authorized to enroll = NO FIELD STUDY CREDIT**

A Traditional Field Study Site Categories

Use the reference guide to browse through the catalog.

The full listings can be found under each of the categories listed below

Catalog Reference Guide

Site Name	Placement Category	Site Number	Background Check
A-Tech Consulting	Environmental, Planning, & Policy	420	No
AASCSC - Asian American Senior Citizens Service Center	General Community Services	526	Yes
About Behavior Consulting	Child & Family Services	25	Yes
About Behavior Consulting	Clinical/Counseling	25.1	Yes
Access California Services	Child & Family Services	1	No
Acclaim Autism	Child & Family Services	37	Yes
Acclaim Autism	Education (K-12)	37.1	Yes
Adelante Behavioral Health LLC	Healthcare Services	612	Yes
Adelante Behavioral Health LLC	Child & Family Services	612.1	Yes
Adventures to Dreams Enrichment	Environmental, Planning, & Policy	400	No
Afghan Literacy Foundation	Education (K-12)	331	No
AgingNext	Child/Family Services	42	Yes
AgingNext	General Community Services	42.1	Yes
American Planning Association (APA)	Environmental, Planning, & Policy	413	No
American Planning Association (APA) - Central Coast	Environmental, Planning, & Policy	411	No
Anaheim Family YMCA	Child & Family Services	2	Yes
Anteater Recreation Center	College Student Services	200	No
Anteater Recreation Center	General Community Outreach/Services	200.1	No
Arthritis Foundation	Healthcare Services	601	No
Arthritis National Research Foundation	Healthcare Services	602	No
Asian American Youth Leaders Program	Education (K-12)	330	No
Asian American Youth Leaders Program	General Community Services	330.1	No
Assistance League of Irvine	General Community Outreach/Services	502	No
Beck Behavioral Institute	Child & Family Services	47	Yes

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SocEcol 195 Field Study Course

- 4 units of SE 195 (coursework + 80 fieldwork hours) fulfill the SE Field Study requirement
- Must be taken P/NP
- Class meets 50-80 minutes per week, up to 10 times per quarter
- Most sections meet 5-6 times per quarter
- Expect to spend approximately 1-2 hours per week on assignments (outside of class/fieldwork)
- Class paper/s = 2,500+ words (+625 words for each extra unit beyond 4)
- Can be taken for 2-8 units

Prerequisites

- SocEcol 10
- 90+ Units
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Secured position at approved site
- Course enrollment form submitted by deadline

SocEcol 195W Field Study Course + Upper Division Writing

- 4 units of SE 195W (coursework + 80 fieldwork hours) fulfills the SE Field Study + UDW requirements
- Must be taken for a grade; 'C-' or better fulfills Upper Division Writing requirement
- Class meets for 50 minutes per week
- All sections meet 10 times per quarter
- Expect to spend approximately 2-3 hours per week on assignments, paper drafts, and building writing skills (outside of class/fieldwork)
- Class paper/s = 4,000+ words (+625 words for each extra unit beyond 4)
- Can be taken for 4-8 units

Prerequisites

- Lower Division Writing
- SocEcol 10
- 90+ Units
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Secured position at approved site
- Course enrollment form submitted by deadline

RA/LA Positions

80 fieldwork hours + enrolling in your specific RA/LA units

Interested in **Research** or **Assisting** Professors on Campus?

- **Research Assistants (RAs)** get hands-on experience in supporting the ongoing research projects of Social Ecology faculty
- **Learning Assistants (LAs)** are undergraduate peer educators that work with students in the classroom setting to support and facilitate active learning in courses that are traditionally difficult or have high enrollment

Which RA/LA positions count for field study?

- RA and LA positions **LISTED on the [School of Social Ecology Based Placement Catalog](#)** are **automatically approved!**
 - RA and LA positions **WITHIN the School of Social Ecology**, NOT LISTED on the catalog may still be approved as a field study placement.
 - (Make sure you can complete 80 hours over the 10 weeks + Attain faculty consent)
- RA and LA positions **OUTSIDE of the School of Social Ecology** must be reviewed and approved by the Field Study Director before they can be submitted as a field placement.
 - Submit your position for review through the [Research Assistant Clearance Request Form](#).

RA/LA Positions Continued

There are specific enrollment requirements for RAs and LA's as described below, so review them carefully:

- **RAs in SE 195** must enroll in exactly: 2 units (SE 195) + 2 units (SE 198) = **4 total units**
- **LAs in SE 195** must enroll in exactly: 2 units (SE 195) + 2 units (UNI STU 198) + 2 units (UNI STU 176) = **6 total units**
 - UNI STU 198 + UNI STU 176 must be taken P/NP
- **RAs in SE 195W** must enroll in exactly: 4 units (SE 195W) + 2 units (SE 198) = **6 total units**
- **LAs in SE 195W** must enroll in exactly: 4 units (SE 195W) + 2 units (UNI STU 198) + 2 units (UNI STU 176) = **8 total units**
 - UNI STU 198 + UNI STU 176 must be taken P/NP

You will need to request an authorization code from your faculty RA or LA supervisor (NOT your Field Study course instructor) to enroll in SE 198 or UNI STU 198. Please reach out to them directly when your registration window opens.

Students using this option **must still submit a Course Enrollment Form** before the deadline.

- Research Assistantships (RA) – Default Site # 1000
- Learning Assistantships (LA)– Default Site # 1001

Outside Internships

4 units of SE 195/195W + 80 fieldwork hours at the outside internship

Do you have an **outside internship** that you want to use to fulfill the fieldwork part of your field study?

- Ideal Placements must:
 - Fall within the realm of **Social Ecology**
 - Meet learning objectives established on the FS website
 - Accommodate a minimum of **80 hours during 10 weeks**
 - Have a **supervisor** who can:
 - Commit to being responsive to student and program correspondence
 - Commit to submitting final evaluation at end of placement period
- Please Note!
 - Deadlines for this process are earlier than the deadlines for the Course Enrollment Form
 - The process may take **2-4 weeks**
 - **No guarantee that the site will be approved - have a backup option.**

<i>Term</i>	<i>New Site Application Deadline (for Student Referred Sites ONLY)</i>
Summer 2025	Summer Session I Wednesday, April 30 @ 5pm Summer Session II Wednesday, June 25 @5pm
Fall 2025	Friday, August 8 @5pm
Winter 2026	Friday, October 24 @ 5pm
Spring 2026	Friday, January 30 @ 5pm
Summer 2026	Summer Session I Wednesday, April 29 @ 5pm Summer Session II Wednesday, June 24 @5pm

Application Process

Step 0: Secure an outside internship/position

Step 1: Representative/supervisor must complete the [New Site Application](#)

Step 2: Virtual Meeting

- A meeting will be scheduled with the site representative to assess whether the program aligns with Social Ecology

Step 3: Review and Sign the [Field Study Program - Site Placement Agreement](#).

- If APPROVED: New site must review, sign, and return the Field Study Agreement.

Step 4: Placement Status

- **For Student-Referred Sites:** The referring student(s) will be assigned a site number and provided with next steps.
 - **SUBMIT YOUR COURSE ENROLLMENT FORM** using the site number provided by our department.

Things To Consider

On-campus sites

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Child & Family Services



College Student Services



Environmental, Planning, & Policy



Healthcare Services



Law Enforcement



Clinical/Counseling



Education (K-12)



General Community Outreach/Services



Human Resources & I/O Psychology



Legal Services

Remote/Hybrid Positions

A Traditional Field Study Site Categories

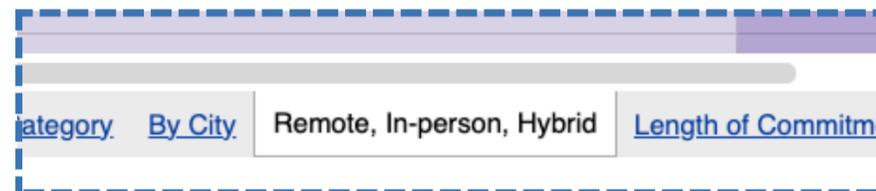
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Acclaim Autism	Clinical Buddy Inc
AgingNext	Conscious Culture Psychology Clinic, Inc.
Anteater Recreation Center	Davis Vanguard
Beyond Blindness	Erica Basso Therapy
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Redlands - Riverside	Grades of Green
Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Beach and Saddleback	Hub for Integration, Reentry & Employment (H.I.R.E.)
Boys & Girls Club of Central Orange Coast - Costa Mesa Club	JKL Teahouse/R is for Rice
Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Orange Coast - Newport Beach Club	Joyuus, LLC
California Department of Justice - LA CLEAR	Laguna Ocean Foundation
Carrazco Law	Maternal Mental Health NOW
Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)	NeuroLeap Corporation
CHEN & NOWZARI LLP	No Orange Heights, a project of Naturalist For You
Child Abuse Services Team (CAST)	OC Human Relations
Child Creativity Lab	Orange County Grantmakers
Child Development Institute Early Learning Center	PAROLE BOARD PROJECT FROM JUST ADVOCATE INC. BY PR
Child Studies Collaborative - UCI	Patient Safety Movement Foundation
City of Anaheim Planning Division	Pointer & Buelna - Lawyers For The People
City of Irvine	Project Tomorrow
City of Irvine, Health and Wellness	Well-Suited
City of Manhattan Beach	

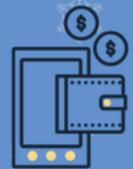
[Catalog Reference Page \(A-Z\)](#) [By Category](#) [By City](#) [Remote, In-person, Hybrid](#) [Length of Commitment](#) [Advanced Field Study \(AFS\) Sites](#) [Paid and Employment Oppor](#)



Field Study Stipend

FIELD STUDY STIPEND PROGRAM

Available Winter 2026!



The Field Study Stipend Program supports students who face challenges with reliable transportation and access to a professional wardrobe while enrolled in field study.

Application Opens: Monday, Dec 15 ↔ **Application Deadline: Friday, Jan 9**

Program Requirements:

- Must have secured an approved placement for Winter '26 and submitted a Course Enrollment Form
- Must have enrolled in SOCECOL 195/195W
- Must demonstrate a need for support through the brief online stipend application
- Funds are limited, the stipend is NOT guaranteed to all students who apply

Please Note:

- For current financial aid recipients, eligibility may be affected by their current aid package
- All approved stipends will be disbursed before the end of the winter quarter.

APPLY ON THE FIELD STUDY WEBSITE > STUDENTS > STUDENT RESOURCES

\$100 only provided to 15 students

Apply to the sites that you can physically get to!

Alternative Field Study Courses

- Capital Internships, SOCECOL 106W, AFS
- These all satisfy Field Study requirements, but are listed as different courses than traditional Field Study

Capital Internships

- **UCDC Academic Internship Program**
 - Live and intern in Washington, DC (1 quarter)
 - UCI students from ALL majors may be accepted to the UCDC internship program
 - Summer UCDC has a separate application process
 - 40-50 undergraduate students may live and intern in DC for 10 weeks
 - **Requirements:**
 - Enrollment in UCDC 170 (P/NP) + UCDC 180 Seminar (Letter Grade) = SOCECOL 195 Field Study
- **UC Center Sacramento**
 - Operated by UC Davis, UCCS offers 2 programs: public policy & journalism
 - UC Davis courses fulfill SOCECOL 195 FS (view website for options)
 - Students DO NOT enroll at UCI during the quarter they are in Sacramento
 - **Requirements:**
 - Must submit a course waiver petition

Website Info



SOCECOL 106W

- A unique “3 in 1” model, fulfills **3 requirements**:
 - 1) Field Study Course
 - 2) Field Placement
 - 3) Upper Division Writing
- Offerings differ per academic year
 - e.g. Spring 2026: Project: National Registry of Exonerations
- Prerequisites are the same as Traditional Field Study
- **Application process**:
 - Submit an application to enroll in SOCECOL 106W
 - Application committee reviews and updates status before the corresponding quarter CEF deadline
 - If accepted, submit a CEF for the next quarter, then during your assigned enrollment window enroll in SOCECOL 106W



[SE106W Info](#)

Advanced Field Study

- **Three-quarter** Field Study program focused on community and civic engagement
- Must first apply to be accepted to AFS, then apply to field placements
 - Ensure there are **5-8 placement sites** you are interested in that are AFS approved before considering AFS
 - See **catalog for AFS approved sites**
- Once accepted, you are in charge of securing a placement site
- **Prerequisites:**
 - Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
 - Major within School of Social Ecology or Environmental Science/Policy Major
 - Traditional Field Study prerequisites
 - Previous volunteer experience in a community setting preferred
- If you intend on completing a research project as part of AFS, complete:
 - SOCECOL 13, 1 quarter participation in a research lab/project



[AFS Info](#)

Application Process

1. Apply for the **AFS Program (only able to apply in SPRING QUARTER)**
 - a. Prepare: 1. Resume 2. Letter of support 3. Unofficial transcript
 - b. Deadlines in **mid-May** of preceding academic year (**Spring**)
2. After accepted, **apply for a placement** with an approved AFS Placement Site (see catalog)
3. Complete **~8 hrs of in-person fieldwork per week** during Fall, Winter, Spring quarters (240 hrs total)
4. During third quarter (spring), fulfill **upper division writing** requirement
 - Produce an analytical and reflective paper about community placement
 - Complete a final project that contributes meaningfully to placement site
 - Present final project for an AFS symposium in late Spring



[Previous Projects](#)



[AFS Website](#)

Field Study Requiring Petition Waivers

- Field Study Abroad
- Field Study option requiring a petition waiver to participate

Field Study Abroad

- There are a few opportunities that have been approved successfully for students who would like to fulfill the Field Study requirement while abroad.
- Please note, that at this time, ALL alternative and abroad field study experiences need to be submitted via the [Course Waiver Petition](#) for review. **Approval is not guaranteed.**

Fulfillment Process

☆ Study Abroad internship & coursework must meet the the Field Study minimum standards

1. Students must first complete their Study Abroad experience
2. Students who complete experiences that appear to meet the requirements and learning outcomes **concurrently** may submit a [Course Waiver Petition](#) upon return.
3. The petition and materials submitted will be reviewed under the standards to determine if the experience and coursework meet the standards to waive the course (**no guarantee of approval**).
 - a. This is a good option for students going abroad in their Junior year.