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Advanced Field Study 2021-2022 Information Session



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Welcome everyone! We will be starting shortly. Please fill out the Attendance form. Link in Chat.

Today's Agenda

- Advanced Field Study
 - Overview
 - Prerequisites
 - Enrollment Requirements
 - Fieldwork Procedure & Policies
 - How to Apply
- Q&A



What is Advanced Field Study (AFS)?

- Provides a small number of students an in-depth, three-quarter Field Study experience primarily focused on addressing issues and challenges in the community through civic engagement
 - Throughout the academic year → work with a local non-profit or public sector organization for approximately 8 hours of fieldwork per week
 - By Spring Quarter → produce an analytical and reflective paper that distills the lessons they have learned from their community placement and, in the process, hones and deepens their writing skills



Advanced Field Study Prerequisites

- Major within the School of Social Ecology or an Environmental Science and Policy major
- Must enroll in all three courses of the Seminar sequence for the academic year
- Minimum 3.0 Cumulative GPA (at the time of application)
- 90+ quarter units completed (at the time of application)
- SocEcol 10 completed by Summer 2021
- Lower Division Writing completed by Summer 2021



Advanced Field Study Prerequisites

*Additional prerequisites for those that would like to complete a **research project** as part of AFS*:

- Completion of SocEcol 13
- Minimum one-quarter of prior participation in a research lab/research project
 - Not including projects assigned as course work in SE 10 or SE 13
- Previous volunteer experience in a community setting preferred



Advanced Field Study Enrollment Requirements

Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter
 SocEcol 195A Taken P/NP Counts for elective units only 	 SocEcol 195B Taken P/NP Satisfies the School of Social Ecology 195 Field Study requirement (4 units) 	 SocEcol 195CW Taken for a letter grade Satisfies the upper-division writing requirement with a grade of C or better

Fieldwork Requirements

- Mostly in-person placements
 - May offer a limited number of remote options
- 80 hours of fieldwork each quarter
 - About 8 hours per week
- Must have an approved field study site from catalog
- May suggest new sites for review



How Do I Find a Placement for AFS?

• Over the Summer:

- Receive catalog of approved placements and potential projects
- Submit resumes and cover letters to placements of interest
- Placement supervisors will invite students to remote interviews
- Students and supervisors rank their top choices
- Field Study office will complete a matching process based on mutual interest
- **NOTE**: You can suggest an organization or topic area of interest on your application for consideration

Fieldwork Activities

• May include, but not limited to:

- Serving in day-to-day support of operations
- Conducting research that enhances the work of the organization
- Developing new activities or programs
- Working intensively with clients
- Engaging in outreach and community organization
- Participating in organizational development and advancement efforts



Sample Placements

UCI CARE: Provides free and confidential support services to members of the UCI community who have been impacted by sexual assault, relationship abuse, family violence and/or stalking.

Center for Student Wellness & Health Promotion: Strives to be a leader in collegiate health promotion by focusing on the unique and relevant health needs and concerns of UCI students to support their academic success.

OC Habitats: The mission of OC Habitats (OCH) is to provide a public service for the many habitats of Orange County, California through conservation efforts, rehabilitation, restoration, education, outreach, volunteerism, monitoring, and partnering with other entities whose goal is to promote the preservation, conservation, and restoration of natural habitats and the species therein.

UFW Foundation: The UFW Foundation's core purpose is to empower communities to ensure human dignity. We serve over 100,000 immigrants annually through a holistic approach; we provide critical services and engage our constituents in systemic change to break the cycle of poverty

Girls Inc. of Orange County: Under the supervision of the College Bound Coordinator, AFS students provide direct service to high school cohort of fifty students and provide facilitation of curriculum which will include online learning modules

- Ex. AFS Participant Experience
 - Research Project: Mental Health Intervention

How Do I Apply?

- Application includes:
 - Current Resume
 - One Letter of Support
 - Unofficial Transcript
 - Short Answer Questions

Deadline to Apply: Friday, May 14th by 9 pm Application available on website

Career Readiness Resources

- Check out the <u>UCI Division of Career Pathways website</u> for resume and cover letter samples, advising appointments, career readiness workshops, and more!
 - <u>Resume</u> and <u>cover letter</u> resources
 - <u>VMOCK</u>: virtual resume assistance that gives you feedback within seconds
 - <u>Big Interview</u>: online system that combines training and practice to help you improve your interview technique and build your confidence

More questions?



 Or email sefieldstudy@uci.edu with the subject line: 'Advanced Field Study 21-22 Question'

Use ZotChat for QUICK & URGENT QUEstions!

Academic Advising Questions?



We will be offering ZotChat, a live chat session with a Social Ecology Undergraduate Advisor. Our current hours are: Monday through Friday from 9 - 11:40 and 1 - 3:40. Field Study is available Tuesdays 2 - 4 and Wednesdays 1 - 3. Wait times may vary. Chat With Us!

*ZotChat will not be available Wednesday mornings 3/17 & 3/24







Questions & Answers





Thank you for attending this Advanced Field Study Information Session!