With the ever increasing focus on the internet as the primary source for college-aged students’ acquisition of knowledge, it is no wonder that many clubs, organizations, and even campuses have turned to social networking sites like Facebook and YouTube to advertise events and upcoming news.

Social Ecology Student Services has taken to the web as well, recently launching their own revamped Facebook profile, and YouTube channel! What could possibly be on these sites, a curious Social Ecology student might wonder? Check it out!

Upcoming Workshops
Student Services, in partnership with the Peer Academic Advisors and faculty members, offer monthly workshops tailored specifically to Social Ecology Students. Whether it is a workshop on interviewing and resume skills, study abroad FAQ’s, Field Study Meet and Greets, career guidance, or a Graduation overview, you can be sure that it is posted up on Facebook as an event anyone with an account can view, RSVP to, and comment on!

Field Study Deadlines and Tips
Tackling the big Field Study requirement is something many Social Ecology students find daunting, but with the implementation of workshops and events centered specifically around Field Study, it takes a lot of the pressure off of having to figure it all out alone.

Field Study Meet and Greets, question and answer sessions, and general information regarding deadlines are all listed on Facebook. No more having to sift through emails to remember what day or time an event takes place!

Scholarship Opportunities
From major-specific to field-specific listings, the Facebook page offers information on upcoming scholarships available to Social Ecology students, how and when to apply for them, and any other general requirements that are needed in order to receive awards.

Peer Advising
Peer Advisors constantly updates all the information on the Facebook account, so you can be sure that everything is timely, accurate and helpful! Peer advisors create events about workshops held on campus, and any other information panel or activity they put on.

Faculty and School Spotlights
Social Ecology’s YouTube channel posts informative videos highlighting faculty members within the school, and the work they are doing outside of the classroom. Events and updates regarding the School of Social Ecology and the community are also posted.

Find us!
- http://www.youtube.com/user/SocialEcologyUCI
- http://www.facebook.com/SocialEcologyStudentServices
Set Your Sights Abroad

By Sarah Machat, Peer Academic Advisor

Ever wondered what it would be like to visit another country? What about earning course credit while enjoying the sights?

By studying abroad, you can take advantage of not only an amazing trip with lasting memories, but a chance to further your school work and enhance your cultural experience.

Here are some tips for Social Ecology students thinking of taking the opportunity to travel and wanting to achieve course credit:

- If you’re interested in studying abroad, visit the Center for International Education first to help you find a program tailored to your needs.
- After you have an idea of your program, look into courses that you are interested in taking.
- Then come visit Social Ecology Student Services to make sure that studying abroad can work into your schedule and you can graduate on time!
- Take advantage of being a Social Ecology major because we have room to take electives - as long as you PLAN AHEAD!
- Remember that SE 10, SE 194W and SE 195 need to be taken at UCI and the quarter before you are planning on taking SE 195 you need to be here on campus as well.

Stellar Additions to Social Ecology’s Staff

Daniel Park:
I’m the newest Academic Counselor in the Office of Student Services. I’ve always considered UCI to be my home away from home so I’m happy to return to the campus in my new role. Most recently, I was at USC where I advised graduate students in the Rossier School of Education.

Prior to working at USC, I spent nearly three years working in residential life (Middle Earth Housing) at UCI where I directed the first-year experience program for a vibrant community of 1,700 residents.

I was involved on campus as a student leader, engaged in research with faculty, and took courses outside of my major and minor. I encourage you to challenge yourself and explore what UCI has to offer.

You’ll be amazed by the committed faculty and staff, incredible campus resources, and diverse course offerings. I enjoy working with students and am particularly excited about working with undergrads again. I look forward to meeting many of you during your time here. Zot!

Grace Park:
I graduated from UCLA with a degree in Asian American Studies in 2008 and have been working in education off and on for several years now.

I currently am the Administrative Assistant for the Social Ecology Student Services Office and I get to interact with students on a daily basis.

I’d like to go back to school to get my Master’s and eventually be an academic counselor at a college/university.

In my free time, I love being outdoors and being active, and more often than not, I spend time outside of work seeking new adventures.

Next time you’re in the Social Ecology Student Services office, make sure to say hello! We look forward to meeting you!

“Once you have traveled, the voyage never ends, but is played out over and over again in the quietest chambers. The mind can never break off from the journey.”

- Pat Conroy
The Career Corner

By Kristine Kelly, Career Consultant

Do you know what you want to do after you graduate? However you answer that question, the Career Center is here to help. If you know your career path, we'll help you refine your résumé and cover letter, connect with potential employers through a variety of employer events and help you practice for interviews. If you aren't sure what's next, we can help you there too! We can lead you through the career development process and help you discover the best career options as well.

As a Social Ecology student, you'll complete an internship for your field study requirement, but why stop at one? The Career Center has excellent resources to help you get additional internships.

First, we have internship listings on Zotlink. Second, we host Career fairs and Employer information sessions where you can meet recruiters from companies of interest to you. And third, we host Career Fest every February.

Career Fest is a great opportunity for you to learn about career options from people in those careers and find out from them how to get an internship/job in their field.

We offer 16 panels and 5 spotlights so you can meet people from a wide variety of careers sectors, such as, Criminology, Federal Government, Consulting, Nonprofit and Service, Psychology, and Organizational Development.

Log into Zotlink for a complete list and to RSVP—but don't wait too long, these events fill up quickly!

Our services are free while you're currently enrolled as a student at UCI, so come early and come often.

Let us help you Dream Big!

—Career Fest 2011—

Career Fest is here again! Kicking off on Wednesday, February 2nd, this month-long event serves as an opportunity for students to network with professionals in their field, learn more about particular career interests and get involved in field and career-specific panels and "spotlight" presentations! For a full list of events and to RSVP to the workshops, click on the link below. Don't miss this chance to get your foot in the door and a grip on your future! Here are some samples of the workshops provided below:

http://www.career.uci.edu/IAMA/Student/Career_Fest.aspx

Mon, 2/14: Engineering—Career Center

Tues, 2/15: Entrepreneurs: Spotlight—Career Center

Tues, 2/15: Non-Profit and Service—Career Center

Wed, 2/16: Digital Media—Career Center

Wed, 2/19: Art & Design—Student Services II, Room 1010A

Wed, 2/16: Healthcare—Career Center

Thurs, 2/17: Green—Career Center

Thurs, 2/17: Psychology—Career Center

Tues, 2/22: Entertainment and Sports—Student Center, Doheny Beach B

Tues, 2/22: Public Health—Career Center

Wed, 2/23: Organizational Development: Spotlight—Career Center

Wed, 2/23: Writing & Journalism—Career Center

“...the people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them.”

- George Bernard Shaw
Calling all Social Ecology Students! Want to apply for scholarships, but don’t know where to look? Well look no further. UC Irvine’s Scholarship Opportunities Program offers students a chance to apply for major-specific, merit-based, and interest-based scholarships!

Their website offers tips and tricks for applying, past winners, a comprehensive list of available scholarships and more. Here are a few opportunities perfect for Social Ecology Students to take advantage of!

**The Strauss Scholarship**
An outstanding scholarship opportunity for students interested in public service. Student must be a junior in any major within the School of Social Ecology, and interested in planning for a career in Public Service. Applicants submit a written description of their aspirations and plans for a career in public service.

**Mohan Narasimhan Scholarship in Criminology, Law and Society**
An award recipient will be selected from among the finalists based on academic performance, participation in research, and a 3-4 page typed, double-spaced essay that addresses your future plans and how they utilize your CLS experiences. The essay should discuss how your academic experiences, including faculty, classes and research involvement, have affected your future career plans.

For a complete list of available scholarships and full details on applying for the ones above, visit [http://www.scholars.uci.edu/].

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**Mission Statement**

As student advocates, we strive to empower students for the betterment of their own lives and society by not sacrificing the human element in favor of bureaucracy. Our goal is to provide students with the tools to succeed academically, providing accurate and timely information in a professional atmosphere. We achieve our mission by supporting one another collaboratively in a team-building environment and thereby supporting the larger mission of the university in teaching, research and community service.

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