

### ▶ How It Works

Invite one other undergraduate student (must be a major in our School) to join you for lunch with a Social Ecology professor. After you have reached out to your professor and selected a date, please e-mail Social Ecology Student Services at [sepeer@uci.edu](mailto:sepeer@uci.edu) at least 3 business days prior to your scheduled lunch to check-out a meal card. In your e-mail, please include the name of your guest, faculty member, and date.

Your meal card will be accepted at all on-campus dining locations, except the University Club, Anthill Pub & Grille, Café Expresso, and Express Yourself. Each person is allowed to spend up to \$12. **Meal cards along with an itemized receipt must be returned to Maria Spangenberg in Student Services, immediately following lunch.** No exceptions will be made. You will also be asked to complete a brief evaluation form to reflect on and evaluate your experience. We also encourage a group photo to be taken and e-mailed to [mbspangen@uci.edu](mailto:mbspangen@uci.edu) within 24 hours.

### ▶ Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Can I participate in the program more than once per quarter?**

*No, you can only participate once per quarter. This gives more students access to this unique opportunity.*

#### **Can I invite a faculty member from a different academic unit to lunch?**

*No, this program is only open to Social Ecology professors and students.*

#### **Can I invite my TA (or graduate student) instead of a professor?**

*No. While we recognize the importance of getting to know graduate students, we would like you to connect with a faculty member in the School of Social Ecology.*

#### **Can I invite someone else to join me and my professor for lunch?**

*Yes. You are required to have one other student join you for lunch with your professor.*

#### **I lost my meal card. Can I get a replacement card?**

*Lost or stolen meal cards must be reported to Maria Spangenberg immediately. You may be responsible for paying a \$15 fee to replace the card.*

#### **When do I return the meal card?**

*Your meal card must be returned to Maria Spangenberg in 102 Social Ecology I (Office of Student Services) immediately following lunch. No exceptions will be granted.*

### ▶ Sample Table Topics

Tell me about your current research projects and how you got interested in those topics?

What was your undergraduate experience like? Any regrets?

What advice do you have for someone interested in graduate school?

What was your graduate student experience like?

What do you like to do when you're not teaching? Special interests or hobbies?

Do you currently binge watch anything and why?

Where are you from? Where have you traveled?

If you could choose a major all over again, what would it be and why?

Do you have tips to help me maximize my college experience?