What’s happening Week 8?

Survey for Fragranced Products at UCLA
Are you an undergraduate student at UCLA who is 18 years of age or older? You are eligible to take our survey: Fragranced Products on the UCLA Campus! The Center for the Study of Women (CSW) is looking for participants to take our survey and help us learn about students’ experiences with the use of fragranced/scented products on campus. This is part of a research study with the ultimate goal of implementing public health policies to create a safe, healthy, and productive campus environment. The survey can be accessed online and is designed to take only 7-9 minutes to complete. If you are interested in participating in this survey, please visit the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/uclacsw. Additionally, if you would like to enter into a drawing with a chance to win a $100 Amazon gift card, please email cswsurvey@women.ucla.edu.

Careers in Diplomacy: An Insider’s Perspective
You are invited to attend a lunchtime presentation featuring Heather Joy Thompson, the U.S. Department of State’s Diplomat in Residence for the Southern California region, which includes Southern California, Nevada and Hawaii. Thompson is a lawyer and foreign affairs professional with nearly a decade of international and domestic experience in the U.S. diplomatic service. She most recently worked as an economic officer at the U.S. Embassy Mexico City, one of the largest U.S. diplomatic missions in the world. The presentation will be held on Thursday, May 24 from 12:15 to 1:45 in Public Affairs, Room 2355. To RSVP for the event, please visit https://thompsonseniorfellowspeaker052418.eventbrite.com.

13th Annual IDEAS Banquet
Improving Dreams, Equity, Access and Success (IDEAS) at UCLA, is hosting its 13th annual IDEAS Banquet on Friday May 25, 2018 from 5:30PM-9:00PM at the UCLA De Neve Plaza. This year’s theme is: Redefining the Driving Resistance and Equity for All Migrants. As a student led organization, IDEAS continues to advocate for all undocumented individuals by including and highlighting non-traditional experiences. If you are interested in attending, please register by May 21st using the following link: https://tinyurl.com/IDEASBanquet18.
Dropping Courses Week 8 & After

Thinking about dropping a course this week but not sure how to go about doing so? This issue of The Connection has you covered about how to drop classes week 8 and later!

How do I drop a non-impacted class during weeks 8-10?
If you need to drop a non-impacted class between Weeks 8-10 of a regular term, you will need to submit a Restricted Drop Petition to your College Counseling Unit. Please note that students are restricted to three (3) restricted drops during their entire academic career at UCLA as an undergraduate. To drop a non-impacted course after Friday of week 10, you need to submit a Red Drop Petition. Be aware that approval is rarely granted.

What is the deadline to submit a Restricted Drop Petition?
The last day to submit a restricted drop petition is the last day of instruction (usually Friday of week 10; check the Term Calendar for current deadlines).

Is there a fee associated with submitting a Restricted Drop Petition? Is there additional information I should know about this petition?
The fee for one of these petitions is $35. Once successfully processed, there will be a notation on your transcript noting the course and the week it was dropped. Please note the following: If you are dropping more than one (1) non-impacted class between Weeks 8-10, you must meet with a College Counselor before approval is granted. If you have already dropped three (3) non-impacted classes between Weeks 8-10 and need to drop an additional non-impacted class, you must submit a Red Drop Petition. Please be aware that approval is rarely granted.

How do I drop an impacted course during week 8 or later?
Impacted courses can only be dropped on MyUCLA without a petition through Friday of Week 2. After Friday of Week 2, impacted classes can only be dropped by submitting a Red Drop Petition to your College Counseling Unit. Since Red Drop Petitions are rarely approved, please discuss this option your College Counselor before submitting your petition. To be eligible to petition to drop the class, you must NOT complete the final requirements for the class (i.e., take the final exam or submit a final paper) in any way. The Red Drop Petition requires that you: obtain the course instructor’s signature and approval to drop the course; submit a typed statement explaining why the drop is necessary; and provide any documentation that supports or verifies your statements.

Please be aware that approval is NOT guaranteed, and generally granted only for extenuating and documented circumstances. If your red drop petition is approved, a $20 fee will be assessed and you will receive a transcript notation. The notation will indicate the week the course was dropped. For additional questions, please visit your College Counseling Unit.

GRADUATION TIPS: HELPFUL HINTS

In keeping with the forthcoming Commencement celebrations, this quarter the Conduits column will feature graduation tips! For all of your commencement concerns, read each week’s edition of The Connection to stay up-to-date on the latest commencement news. Even if you’re not a graduating senior this year, knowing these graduation tidbits will be helpful.

To make your Commencement Day go smoothly as possible, here are 3 helpful hints:

• Plan to arrive two hours before your ceremony begins or before your appointed line up time.
• Find a location other than the Bruin Bear to meet your family. The Bruin Bear is at the crossroads of campus and is a logical place to meet during Commencement Weekend. However, thousands of other families will be meeting at the same location. We suggest meeting your family at locations such as the Inverted Fountain, in front of Royce Hall, or at the entrance of a nearby building.
• Park closest to the last ceremony of your day. We suggest that you plan your day so that after a full day of walking and seeing campus, you do not have to walk across campus to get to your vehicle. Wear comfortable shoes and plan your walking for earlier in the day when you have more energy and the weather is cooler.

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