What’s happening Week 1?

Find Your Major on MyMajors!
Not sure of your major, or what you might do after graduation? Can’t decide what classes to take? Take this new assessment tool, MyMajors, to help you choose (or confirm) your UCLA major, along with some potential career ideas. MyMajors looks at your grades, course enjoyment, GPA, achievement test scores, interests, and personality to provide options for you to consider. You can also discuss your results with an academic advisor who can work with you to get the most of your undergraduate career and be prepared for life after UCLA, and explore career ideas with a career advisor! Access MyMajors online at www.cac.ucla.edu/findyourmajor.

Advising Tips: Graduating Early
Are you looking to graduate early but don’t know where to start? It’s definitely possible, depending on a number of factors, including early planning. If you are looking to get out into the real world sooner - be it as a freshman-admit planning to complete a 3- or 3 ½-year program, or a transfer student planning to complete degree requirements in less than 2 years - you should meet with your College and Departmental advisors to outline a program plan and ensure you’re completing all degree requirements. Three-year program plans for many majors are available on the UCLA Degree Paths website: www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/degreepath.

MCD BIO 90 – Human Stem Cells & Medicine
Are you looking for a GE that fulfills the Scientific Inquiry - Life Sciences category this Winter Quarter? Then consider taking MCD BIO 90: Human Stem Cells & Medicine! Stem cells have the potential to revolutionize way medicine is practiced today. Some stem cell therapies are already used successfully to treat thousands of people worldwide. Other stem cell therapies are considered experimental; therefor treatments must be monitored by the Food and Drug Administration to ensure safety and efficacy. Some stem cell therapies are offered with minimal scientific justification, relying on hope and hype rather than scientific fact. This course will explore the use of stem cells in modern medicine and take a closer look at the science behind some of today’s most famous and infamous stem cell medical applications. This course meets MWF from 1-1:50 pm. P/NP or letter grading.
Are you interested in studying abroad? Then we got you covered because this week The Connection will provide tips about UCEAP!

What is UCEAP?
The University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) is the official, system wide study abroad program for all institutions in the UC system. UCEAP is partnered with 115 universities worldwide and offers programs in 42 countries. These UC-approved programs combine immersive learning with engaging activities. UCEAP students enroll in courses abroad while earning UC units and maintaining UCLA student status. Many programs offer internship, research, and volunteer opportunities. Choose from summer, quarter, semester, and yearlong options. Financial aid and scholarships are available for qualifying students.

Who is Eligible for UCEAP?
To participate in UCEAP, you must be an undergraduate or graduate student at UCLA. Program options are available for students starting the summer after their freshman year. Most EAP deadlines are 6-9 months before departure. Students are encouraged to meet with a UCEAP counselor early in their college career to plan and prepare for a summer, quarter, semester, or year abroad.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
Many UCEAP countries have options that do not require prior knowledge of a foreign language and offer a plethora of courses taught in English. However, some programs only offer coursework in the language of the host country. Students interested in studying a foreign language abroad should note that UCEAP also offers many Language and Culture programs with minimal language prerequisites. Students should meet with a UCEAP counselor in 1332 Murphy Hall for more specifics about different program requirements and application guidelines.

Can I apply if I am a transfer student?
Of course! Although transfer students might have tighter schedules and more to consider when planning on studying abroad, the UCEAP program encourages you to explore all your options. They send many transfer students abroad every year. Students are encouraged to plan carefully in consultation with a UCEAP counselor.

Where can I get more information?
Visit http://uc.eap.ucop.edu to access information about various programs, deadlines, and applications. Please keep in mind that selection is on a first-come, first-serve basis and are accepted until a program's application deadline.

If you have any other questions about the UC Education Abroad Program, do not hesitate to make an appointment with a UCEAP counselor or visit https://ieo.ucla.edu/ for more information.

The UCLA Community Programs Office (CPO) provides many useful resources for students, including the Test Bank located in room 105 of the Student Activities Center (SAC). The CPO Test Bank is an archive of past quizzes, midterms, finals, and essay prompts for various UCLA classes. In order to access its files, you must submit an original copy of an exam or essay prompt. Doing so will grant you access to print up to 5 past exams per day for the entire quarter. Lines at the Test Bank can get long, especially during exam season, so it’s a good idea to go earlier in the quarter. The Test Bank is open Monday to Friday at 9am-11am and 1pm-6pm. For more information, visit http://www.cpo.ucla.edu/src/.