What’s happening Week 9?

Gig Life: Ride-Hailing Drivers in Los Angeles
In an expansive city with limited public transit, the arrival of companies like Uber and Lyft has transformed daily life in LA and raised important questions about job quality, employment law, and creating an economy that works for everybody. Come hear drivers, organizers, industry experts and academics share their perspectives on the future of ride-hailing and worker organizing in Los Angeles during the age of the gig economy. The panel is free and will be held on Wednesday, May 30th from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Public Affairs building, Room 2243.

First Destination Survey (FDS)
The Student Affairs Information and Research Office (SAIRO) and the Career Center invite graduating students to participate in the First Destination Survey: an online questionnaire designed specifically to help us learn more about the experiences and aspirations of recent UCLA graduates. You can have a positive impact on fellow Bruins by sharing your post-college plans through a brief survey. Whether you plan on attending graduate school, are seeking employment, pursuing something completely different, or you’re just not sure yet, we want to know! The university is required to collect this data and uses the FDS results to educate students and the broader UCLA community about the types of careers and graduate school plans of our graduates. Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey and enter a drawing to win one of 20 Amazon gift cards ($25 each). To access the survey, click on the following link http://www.sairo.ucla.edu/fds. Your answers are completely confidential, thank you for your participation.

Summer Course: Music History 69: Music and Politics
Are you looking for an interesting summer course that also fulfills GE requirements? From individual performances to mass demonstrations, MSC HST 69 explores and demonstrates various ways in which music is informed by and informs politics. Students in this course will examine the development and use of music by social movements, political parties, and nations, and develop critical listening practices to better hear the world and sounds around them. This class will take place during Session C on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 4 pm. For more information, see the course listing on https://sa.ucla.edu/ro/public/soc.
Unit Maximums

Keep reading for important information on the different College unit maximums and how to petition for more units!

Quarter Unit Maximum vs. Degree Unit Maximum
Every student in the College of Letters & Science is granted up to 19 units per quarter. Exceeding this maximum is possible if your previous term and cumulative GPA are 3.0+. To request excess study list (or quarter) units visit your College counselor the first day of the quarter. The other unit maximum in the College is for your entire degree. A maximum of 216 units is permitted for all students, regardless of the number of majors or minors completed.

Are there any units that do not count towards the unit maximum?
Advanced placement (AP) and international baccalaureate credit (IB) units help students reach the 180 unit minimum, but are not counted toward the 216 maximum. A select number of courses if taken in Winter 2004 and thereafter count toward the 180 unit minimum but do not count toward the 216 unit maximum. These courses, known as moratorium units, are numbered 19, 88S, 89, 89HC, M97X, 98X, 98XA, 98XB, 99, 189, 189HC, 190, 193, 194, HC 101A-J, MATH 71SL, 72SL, and SCI EDU 1SL, 10SL.

Can I petition to exceed the 216 unit maximum?
Students wishing to exceed their 216 unit maximum must petition to do so. Approval is not guaranteed. Students exceeding their unit maximum without College approval will be in violation of University regulation and may make themselves ineligible for a degree from UCLA.

How do I petition to exceed the 216 unit maximum?
To petition to exceed your 216 unit maximum you must submit a Blue Petition and Degree Plan Contract to your College Counseling Unit. You can pick up the petitions at your College Counseling Unit or any ASK location across campus.

How do I fill out the petition?
Purpose: To exceed the 216 unit maximum.

Request: State the number of units by which you will exceed your unit max and the new total. For example: “To exceed unit max by 3 units and graduate with a total of 219 units.”

Reason: If you plan to graduate no later than the summer following your 4th year, or your 2nd year for transfer students, you can simply state “graduating in 4 years (or 2 years).” If you will be going into your 5th year, or 3rd year for transfer students, your explanation should include your academic reasoning for requesting additional time and units.

Stop by your counseling unit or any ASK location for more information!

GRADUATION TIPS: COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

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.

This year’s College Commencement distinguished alumna speaker is Mayim Bialik. Bialik is an actress, bestselling author, entrepreneur, and neuroscientist. At UCLA she earned her B.S. in Neuroscience with a minor in Hebrew & Jewish Studies, a PhD in Neuroscience, and then completed her doctorate in the fall of 2007. While at UCLA, Bialik was a dedicated student leader in UCLA Hillel, leading and starting a Women’s Rosh Chodesh group, chanting and blowing shofar for the High Holiday services, and conducting and writing music for UCLA’s Jewish acapella group. She currently stars on the hit CBS comedy, The Big Bang Theory as ‘Amy Farrah Fowler,’ for which she has received multiple awards and nominations. In addition, to her acting career, Bialik is an acclaimed author and has written the #1 New York Times bestseller Girling Up: How to be Strong, Smart, and Spectacular. Bialik also serves as a spokeswoman for a multitude of brands and organizations and speaks at events around the world. For more information visit https://www.college.ucla.edu/commencement/.