UCLA Geography Undergraduate Newsletter



Here at the UCLA Geography Department, we want to empower our students with the necessary information to successfully navigate through their undergraduate careers.

In this newsletter you will find:

Department Contact Information, Tips for starting the quarter, reminders, links to helpful resources, and more. Keep Reading!





Geography Department Contact Information

Jenée Misraje is the Student Affairs Officer.
If you like to sign up for undergraduate
zoom advising sessions click on the
following link

https://geogsao.youcanbook.me

Reach out to Jenée at jenee@geog.ucla.edu

Drop in office hours 1255 Bunche Hall Wednesdays 10am – 2pm subject to change.

Ariana Rodriguez is the Assistant Undergraduate Advisor

Reach out to Ariana at undergraduate@geog.ucla.edu with general questions about Majors and/or minors

Declaring/dropping a major/ minor General inquiries

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HERE ARE 5 TIPS TO GET THE QUARTER STARTED RIGHT



Geography department asked various graduates what are some of their best tips to prepare for the quarter and here are their responses.

Be Prepared

Keep track of important information and deadlines.

Make sure to check MYUCLA frequently so you don't miss any important communication. If you have a question check the UCLA website and make sure you are as prepared as you can be.

Go Explore Campus

If you haven't already learn the campus and buildings. Go on an adventure to find the best places to get coffee or lunch. Maybe go see where your classes will be this quarter. You never know what you will discover along the way!

Ask for help

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you need it. The UCLA Geography Department is here to help you. Don't be afraid to send in your questions to our email *undergraduate@geog.ucla.edu* or stop by the office. Also be sure to take advantage of office hours or advising sessions. If you are struggling with your mental health reach out to the <u>counseling and psychological services</u> on campus. UCLA is here to help in any way we can.

Take Advantage of Campus Resources

UCLA has a plethora of campus resources whether you are searching for academic support through the writing center, center of scholarship, or academic counseling. Perhaps you are just searching for community through one of the various specific population centers. UCLA has almost anything you may need you just have to put in the energy to find it.

Get involved

Remember that going to university should also be fun. Be sure to enjoy everything campus has to offer. That may look like joining a club or organization like the GEOG Student Association. Maybe you can support the UCLA teams by going to one of the many sporting events. If volunteering is your thing stop by the UCLA volunteer center. There is something for everyone!

Before the Quarter Begins Remember!

Dates to watch out for

- Sept 17 Enrollment opened for everyone on campus
 - Be sure to check entire list of available classes online
- Sept 20 registration fee deadline
- o Sept 26 Fall Quarter Classes begin
- Sept 27 Classes dropped for non payment



Geography Attendance Policy

The department will cancel your enrollment if you do not attend at least one of the first two class meetings (for classes that meet two days each week), or the first class meeting (for classes that meet one day each week).

Geography Petition to Enroll (PTE) Policy

As a reminder the Geography department does not provide PTE numbers. A PTE number is issued by the instructor or professor offering the class. These are given at their discretion. Please contact the professor for more information.

Find out more Frequently Asked Questions here https://geog.ucla.edu/academics/undergraduate/faq/

Department Opportunities to Consider

Geography Association - Student Association

All UCLA undergrad are welcome to join the Geography Association. The Geography Association seeks to help undergraduates explore and utilize the resources available to them, while creating community among Geography enthusiasts!

Get more information at https://uclageographyassociation.org/
Follow on Instagram @ucla.ga



Geography Department Honors



Geography Honors Program is designed for highly motivated Geography and Geography/Environmental major students who are interested in completing a two-quarter research project (GEOG 198A, 198B) with a final thesis paper under the supervision of one or two Faculty Advisors. Students normally participate in the Geography Honors Program during their senior year.

Get more information at

https://geog.ucla.edu/academics/undergraduate/departmental-honors/

Geography Department Scholars

The Departmental Scholar Program (DSP) in Geography allows exceptional undergraduate geography students to pursue the bachelor's and master's degrees simultaneously.

Get more information at

https://geog.ucla.edu/academics/undergraduate/departmental-scholar/

https://geog.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Departmental-Scholar-Guidelines.pdf



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 https://www.studentaffairs.ucla.edu/for-students
- College of Letters and Science Academic Counseling https://caac.ucla.edu/
- Undergraduate Writing Center https://uwc.ucla.edu/
- Undergraduate Admission- Campus Life https://admission.ucla.edu/explore/campus-life
- Center for Scholarships & Scholar Enrichment
 https://www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu/campus-resources/
- Counseling & Psychological Services https://counseling.ucla.edu/

Free Upcoming Events



https://community.ucla.edu/truebruinwelcome

