

Welcome to the Department of Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology!

GRADUATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Graduate students are responsible for being aware of official policies, procedures, and deadlines as contained in the General Catalog, Schedule of Classes, and Policies and Procedures for Graduate Study. The information presented here is supplemental.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 06-07

Independence Day holiday	Tuesday, July 4
Labor Day holiday	Monday, September 4
Fall Quarter 2006	
Quarter begins	Monday, September 25
Instruction begins	Thursday, September 28
Study List deadline	Friday, October 13
Veterans Day holiday	Friday, November 10
Thanksgiving holiday	Thursday-Friday, November 23-24
Instruction ends	Friday, December 8
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, December 9-10
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, December 11-15
Quarter ends	Friday, December 15
Christmas holiday	Monday-Tuesday, December 25-26
New Year's holiday	Friday-Monday, December 29-January 1
Campus Closure	Saturday, December 23-Monday, January 1
Winter Quarter 2007	
Quarter begins	Wednesday, January 3
Instruction begins	Monday, January 8
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	Monday, January 15
Study List deadline	Friday, January 19
Presidents' Day holiday	Monday, February 19
Instruction ends	Friday, March 16
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, March 17-18
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, March 19-23
Quarter ends	Friday, March 23
Spring Quarter 2007	
Quarter begins	Wednesday, March 28
Cesar Chavez holiday	Friday, March 30
Instruction begins	Monday, April 2
Study List deadline	Friday, April 13
Memorial Day holiday	Monday, May 28
Instruction ends	Friday, June 8
Common final exams	Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, June 11-15
Quarter ends	Friday, June 15
Commencement ceremonies	Friday-Sunday, June 15-17

MCDB GRADUATE SUPPORT FACULTY/ STAFF

Frank Laski, Faculty Graduate Advisor

310-206-3640, laski@mbi.ucla.edu

The faculty Graduate Advisor supervises all academic affairs for graduate students in MCDB. The Graduate Advisor acts on behalf of the Department to approve student Guidance and Doctoral committees and programs of study. Advises on advancement to candidacy, considers petitions, leaves of absence, readmissions, probations, and other matters.

Jia-Qing Zhao, Graduate Student Affairs Advisor

310-794-4256, jzhao@lifesci.ucla.edu

This is your first point of contact if you are both seeking information or solving problems. The Graduate Student Affairs Advisor has experience handling graduate student issues, and can be an extremely valuable interface between you and the Graduate Division. The Student Affairs Advisor will help you file the necessary paperwork related to constitution/reconstitution of your doctoral committee, the Doctoral Oral Qualifying Examination, and defense of your thesis. The MCDB Student Affairs Office assists the Graduate Advisor.

ATTENTION NEW STUDENTS!!

BRUINCARD

The UCLA BruinCard is your student identification card. It allows you to check out books from the library, it serves as your recreation access card, it can work as a debit card for purchases on and off campus, it allows you to get ticket discounts to various events at UCLA and in Los Angeles, and it allows you to ride the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus and the Culver City Bus at a reduced rate.

To obtain a BruinCard:

1. Download application form at www.bruincard.ucla.edu
2. Mail in signed form and passport photo
3. Pick up card from 123 Kerchoff during the first week of school

BRUIN DIRECT

Sign up for Bruin Direct at the start of your UCLA career.

With Bruin Direct, BAR system refunds are deposited directly to student bank accounts. Students are notified of transactions via e-mail before each deposit is made. UCLA requires Bruin Direct for BAR refunds, and students not currently enrolled must pick up a form from the Administrative Main Cashier Office in 1125 Murphy Hall or from Student Accounting in 1121 Murphy Hall. The form is also available at <http://www.sfs.finance.ucla.edu>. Bruin Direct refunds are processed daily. Refunds by mail are processed weekly.

CALIFORNIA RESIDENCY

Graduate students should contact the Residence Deputy immediately upon their arrival in Southern California to find out what steps you need to take to become a California Resident for tuition purposes. Some information can be found at www.registrar.ucla.edu/faq/res.htm or by telephoning the Office of the Registrar (1113 Murphy Hall) on (310) 825-3447.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

All international students (ie non-citizens) whose native language is not English will need to pass the TOP before they are allowed to work as a teaching assistant (TA) at UCLA. Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology requires that each student TA for two quarters, so all international students will need to take this exam as soon as possible.

Exam schedules and additional information can be found at <http://www.oid.ucla.edu/TOP/index.html>.

PARKING

Due to the limited available parking at UCLA, individual parking assignments for students (who are not TAs - see TEACHING ASSISTANT INFORMATION section below) are decided by utilizing a point system. This system assigns priority to students based on a number of factors, such as class standing and distance from UCLA, which is designed to ensure that those students with the greatest need receive parking on campus.

For more information and to apply for parking, please visit: <http://www.parking.ucla.edu/appmain.htm>. Be sure to apply by posted deadlines to be considered.

ALL THINGS ADMINISTRATIVE

MAILBOXES

The department mailboxes for graduate students are located in the Student Affairs Office, 2124 Life Sciences. Graduate student mail is often left in the mailbox of their PI for distribution in the lab. Any packages that need to be mailed can be left in the storeroom, 2204 Life Sciences.

E-MAIL ACCOUNTS

Bruin On-Line accounts can be obtained at 124 Kerchoff Hall, or by calling 825-7452.

PRIVACY AND ACCESS TO FILES

By federal law (FERPA: the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) students have a right to see everything in their file except those items to which they have specifically waived their right of access (such as some letters of recommendation). A "student file" is anything intended for communication from one person to another that has the student's name on it. (A person's notes to him or herself are excluded.) No one can keep confidential evaluations in a student's file without the student having a right to review them. Along with that comes the guarantee that no one has a right to see the file without his or her permission, except on an "in-house, need-to-know" basis. That means that a professor cannot look up all of his/her students - and your spouse or parent cannot check up on you! It does mean that if a faculty or staff member needs access to this information in the normal course of his/her job, that access is available. A FERPA restriction means that no information will be released to the public, including perspective employers. A FERPA restriction must be released in person at the Office of the Registrar in 1113 Murphy Hall. Please see the Graduate Advisor with questions regarding student privacy and records access.

REGISTRATION AND FEE INFORMATION

CLASS SCHEDULES

For the most up-to-date list of courses being offered please visit the Registrar's website at www.registrar.ucla.edu/schedule. Remember that all students need to be registered in 12 units by the end of the second week of courses for each term.

URSA (www.ursa.ucla.edu)

Your grades, registration information, and other useful stuff are now just a phone call or a mouse click away, rather than requiring a long wait in Murphy Hall. Check the schedule of classes for information. You need to find out your personal 4-digit security number (look at the fee payment card you get in your registration packet).

ENROLLMENT

Graduate students are expected to take responsibility for making sure they are enrolled in the necessary units by the end of the second week of the term. All enrollment and drop deadlines are in the printed Schedule of Classes and available on the Registrar's Office web site at www.registrar.ucla.edu/schedule. Failure to enroll will result in a late registration fee and will affect departmental funding for the next year. Students are expected to enroll in at least 12 units.

At the end of week three, the University will bill TAs the cost of their registration fees if they are 1. not enrolled in at least 12 units, and 2. not enrolled in the appropriate 375 course. Fellowship recipients will be billed for the amount of their award.

BAR ACCOUNT

All students are assigned a BAR (Billing and Accounts Receivable) account. A BAR account records all charges and payments (excluding housing) associated with registration along with other service charges that are assessed to students. Accounts are administered electronically (eBill, through URSA).

Students must pay all charges in full by the 20th of the month following the posting date of the charge. If the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the last business day prior to the 20th. After the payment deadline, students are assessed a \$20 delinquent fee.

FEE PAYMENT

All students will receive a monthly financial statement from the University, which will include most debts to the University, such as registration fees and library fines, and all credits received, including fellowship and TA benefits. Amounts owed are due on the 20th of each month. Overdue balances will incur a late fee, which will be charged each month the balance is overdue.

FILING FEE

Graduate students may be eligible for and billed the filing fee (half the quarterly registration fee) in lieu of full registration fees for the term in which they expect to complete final degree requirements. Please see the Graduate Advisor for more information.

REDUCED NONRESIDENT TUITION

Nonresident graduate doctoral students who have advanced to candidacy are eligible for a 75 percent reduction in their annual nonresident tuition fee for a total of three years.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

For graduate students on official leave of absence, a percentage of registration fees paid are refunded according to the calendar date on which the official Request for Leave of Absence is submitted to the Graduate Division.

CHANGE OF MAJOR

Students who wish to change their majors are required to go through the same review process as those applying for admission. The Graduate Advisor can provide complete information and forms.

FELLOWSHIP AND SUPPORT INFORMATION

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT CATALOG

The Graduate Division publication Graduate Student Support, which reviews all the forms of financial support available to you, is sent to the Department sometime in November and will be forwarded to you. *It is your responsibility to read this booklet and act on that information within the given deadlines.* If you do not receive a copy by December, see the Graduate Advisor, who usually has a few extras.

GRAPES

GRAPES (Graduate Research and Postdoc Extramural Support database) catalogs major fellowships for which announcements have been received in the Graduate Outreach, Diversity and Fellowships Office. GRAPES contains information on approximately 400 scholarships, fellowships, internships, and awards for graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. Students can search the database for free:

<http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/asis/grapes/search.asp>

TEACHING ASSISTANT INFORMATION

UNION

As a graduate Teaching Assistant, you belong to a union, UAW. Please refer to for more information on your contract and rights:

http://atyourservice.ucop.edu/employees/policies/labor_relations/index.html

ADVANCE TA LOAN

If a student has a teaching assistantship, he or she can get an advance loan interest-free, with the understanding that the repayment will be made by automatic payroll deduction. One-half of the loan will be deducted from the second paycheck and the remaining half from the third paycheck of the quarter.

PARKING

If you plan to drive to school, parking is available through the Department if you are a TA. **YOU MUST APPLY FOR PARKING EVERY QUARTER.** Quarterly permits cost \$147, but they include the extra benefit of being able to park in Lot 32 (in Westwood Village) after 430 on weekdays and all day on weekends. This is very useful for movie-going and shopping. With a permit, you can also park in any of the lots on campus on weekends and after 4:30 PM on weekdays.

If you are a TA, you can apply for employee parking for the quarter(s) you are teaching.

- \$11/month/per person for 3 person employee carpools
- \$24.50/month/per person for 2 person employee carpools
- \$55/month for Yellow (Non-reserved)
- \$68/month for Blue (Mobility)

CAMPUS RESOURCES

EMERGENCY LOANS

In the **loan office in Murphy Hall**, you can arrange an appointment with a loan officer to obtain an emergency loan. In this case, it is exactly like borrowing from a credit union or bank, the limit is \$200, or \$350 if you are employed. You are charged interest, and must make regular monthly payments beginning on an agreed day the next month after you get the loan. They are not likely to give you money unless you have a source of income from which to make the payments. A student can get an emergency loan for 30 days without having to pay interest. If the loan is repaid late, there is a late charge. Check with loan office for information on the maximum amount.

Don't forget the **Westwood Student Federal Credit Union**. If you are a member of the credit union, you may be eligible for a loan. Call: 825-1211 for information.

CAREER CENTER

Offers job listings, campus interviews, workshops, career fairs, and career counseling.

www.career.ucla.edu.

OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES (OSD)

A campus resource that provides educational support services and programmatic access to students with verifiable permanent or temporary disabilities.

STUDENT PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Student Psychological Services, or SPS, is a multi-disciplinary mental health center for the UCLA community, offering individual and group counseling and psychotherapy to students; emergency services; consultation, outreach, prevention, and education to students, staff and faculty; and training programs for graduate students in the mental health professions. Some of the issues that SPS deals with include: separation from parents, roommate disputes, friendship and love, anxiety, sexuality, substance use and abuse, isolation and loneliness, depression and despair, and death or loss.

To make an appointment, call (310) 825-0768.

RECREATION

The John Wooden Center, located next to the Ashe Center (Student Health), provides a fitness area, intramural sports, club sports, and a variety of varied leisure and wellness activities for the UCLA campus community. The facility was just remodeled Fall 2005! The Wooden Center offers many customized memberships. For more information please visit their website at www.recreation.ucla.edu or you can email them at recreate@ucla.edu.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The GSA is the student governing body that represents graduate and professional students. To find out more or get involved check out: <http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/index.html>.

TAX HELP

Volunteers are usually available to help resident students with their taxes, and workshops are also scheduled through Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) around tax time each year. Information will be sent to MCDB graduate students as it becomes available. For general information please visit www.tax.ucla.edu.

HOUSING

The University offers housing options for graduate students who are single, married, have families, or have same sex domestic partners. A brand new complex was just opened for single graduate students at Weyburn Terrace (www.housing.ucla.edu).

The UCLA Community Housing Office - www.housing.ucla.edu - also keeps a list of private housing currently available in the local community.

HEALTH CARE

STUDENT HEALTH

Unless you elect out of it (which you can do on URSA), all graduate students will be a part of the Student Health organization, which is located in the Ashe Center. (This is billed on your BAR account as GSHIP.) To make an appointment, or for more information, go to www.studenthealth.ucla.edu.

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CARE

The Marion Davies Children's Clinic is part of the UCLA Hospital complex. In addition to their child health insurance plan for UCLA student's kids, they also screen people financially and offer fixed percentage reductions for examinations, treatment, and prescriptions on a sliding scale. They ask for payment in advance of service. Staff includes mostly residents in pediatrics.

Administrative Offices: Suite 265, Medical Plaza 200 (310) 825-0867
Emergencies: (310) 825-2062

DENTAL

The Dental School accepts patients for their students to practice on. There is a nominal evaluative screening fee, which includes a set of X-rays. You are rated on teaching value on a 5-point scale, and financial screening permits a sliding scale reduction in fees. The Dental School also refers you to other low-cost dentists.

Appointments: 10-158 Dentistry Bldg. (310) 825-2337
(310) 206-4239
Children's Clinic: 20-137 Dentistry Bldg. (310) 825-5619

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Center for Health Sciences at UCLA (CHS A2-130) (310) 825-4073

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER:

11914 1/2 Santa Monica Blvd. (310) 826-0818

WESTSIDE WOMEN'S HEALTH CENTER:

1711 Ocean Park Blvd., SM (310) 450-2191

AUTOMOBILE AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

INSURANCE

Car insurance in Los Angeles is incredibly expensive. However, it's the law in California that you must have proof of insurance in your car at all times.

AAA (ACSC, or Automobile Club of Southern California down here)
State Farm
20th Century
Farmer's
Wawanesa (based out of San Diego)

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Visit this website for vehicle registration and information about SMOG certificates:
<http://www.dmv.ca.gov/>.

RIDE-SHARING ALTERNATIVES

UCLA offers many ride-sharing alternatives. For more information visit:
<http://www.parking.ucla.edu/CAR/CAR.htm>

BUSES

There are three major bus lines: MTA (Metropolitan Transit Authority, the LA system), Santa Monica Bus Line ("The Big Blue Bus"), and the Culver City Bus Lines. The best way to proceed is to call one or the other and tell them where you want to leave from and where you want to go (1 800 COMMUTE or <http://www.mta.net>). They will give you route and time information.

- MTA \$1.35
- Santa Monica \$0.75 (\$.25 with Bruin Card)
- Culver City \$0.60
- Transfers are \$0.25 for all lines

You can buy a roll of 50 Santa Monica tokens for \$22.75 (\$0.46 each) or a student bus card for \$4.20, which is good for 10 rides on the Santa Monica line, from **UCLA's Central Ticket Office**. You can also buy a monthly MTA bus pass for \$42 there or a roll of 10 MTA tokens (\$0.90 each, good for one fare). These prices are subject to change.

Drivers do not carry change, so either have exact change or hope that your bus has a machine, which accepts dollar bills (you don't get change, so pay for someone else's ride and have them pay you). The **UCLA Office of Transportation (825-7639)** has a great map with all of the routes marked and color-coded.

BICYCLES

A license is required for a bicycle on city streets. The license costs \$3 for one year. Licenses are obtained at bicycle stores in conjunction with the police department. Call first; they are only issued on certain days. The police refuse to even listen to complaints about stolen bikes that weren't licensed. Although it is extremely rare, you can get a ticket for riding an unlicensed bike.

BANKING

WESTWOOD STUDENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Located in Kerckhoff Hall. Membership is free to students but a minimum of \$25 is needed. (310) 825-1211

BANK OF AMERICA

930 Westwood Blvd., LA. (310) 996-7855

WELLS FARGO

11377 W. Olympic Blvd., LA. (310) 473-6488
10920 Wilshire Blvd., LA

WASHINGTON MUTUAL

10701 W. Pico Blvd., LA. (310) 475-9402. There is also a branch on the corner of Wilshire and Westwood)

THE OUTSIDE WORLD - there is more to life than the lab.

This section of the student handbook is designed to help you navigate your way around Los Angeles and to make your life a little less complicated.

NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES

Science's Next Wave. An electronic network for the next generation of scientists. Free to UCLA students: <http://nextwave.sciencemag.org/>.

UCLA Daily Bruin. This is our school paper, available free every day from kiosks around campus or from the Daily Bruin offices in Kerckhoff Hall). Has movie, restaurant and music reviews.

L.A. Times. Main LA newspaper. Covers international, US and local news. The "Calendar" section is good for cultural listings.

L.A. Weekly. Excellent cultural listings, which include gallery openings, film/theater reviews, restaurant/club listings, and more. Comes out every Thursday.

FM RADIO

Frequencies may be approximate, and this is by no means a complete listing.

National Public Radio Stations (NPR): KCRW (89.9)

Pacifica Radio: KPFK (90.7)

African/Reggae: KCRW (89.9), Sat. and Sun. afternoons
KROQ (106.7) Sunday evenings.

Classical: KKGO (105.1) full-time classical, "the concert station"
KUSC (91.5) commercial-free classical
KPFK (90.7) - various times

Eclectic: KCRW (89.9) - mornings and evenings
KXLU (88.9) - commercial-free

Jazz: KCRW (89.9) - various times
KPFK (90.7) - various times
KXLU (88) - various times
KLON (88.1)

Mellow: KTWV (94.7)
KLIT (101.9)
KOST (103.5)
KBIG (104.3)

Rock Oldies: KRTH (101.1) - K-Earth

Country: KZLA (93.9)
KIKF (94.3)

Rock: KLOS (95.5) - rock and roll
KLSX (97.1) - classic rock
STAR 98.7- Top 40 pop music
KIIS (102.7) - Top 40 pop music
KROQ (106.7) - alternative rock

R&B: KKBT (92.3) - the Beat
KLOVE (107.5)
KJLH (102.3)
KACE (103.9) - R&B Oldies, The Quiet Storm
KPWR (105.9) - Power

AM RADIO

- KNX (1070) - CBS network news on the hour, weather/ traffic reports every ten minutes, sports reports at :15 and :45.
- KFWB (980) - News on the hour; news/traffic around the clock, sports reports at :15 and :45.
- KABC (790) - LA Dodger Games
- KLAC (570) - Big Band
- XTRA (690) - UCLA Sports
- KFI (640) - talk radio

HOTELS

More information on Los Angeles hotels can be found at the following websites:

**<http://los.angeles.hotelguide.net/>

<http://www.usahotelguide.com/states/california/losangeles/>

UCLA GUEST HOUSE

330 Young Drive East, Los Angeles, CA 90095. (310) 825-2923

- Some rooms w/kitchenette.
- On-campus location.
- Available to UCLA parents, alumni, and campus visitors.
- Complimentary Continental Breakfast available in lobby.
- Cable TV. Guest laundry.
- Website address: www.hotels.ucla.edu

HOTEL DEL CAPRI

10587 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024. (310) 474-3511

- Special UCLA rates
- Standard rooms and suites available
- Large heated pool, open 24 hours
- Food delivery from 32 LA restaurants
- Complimentary shuttle service to UCLA, Beverly Hills, Century City
- Valet service
- Car rental delivery
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DOUBLETREE HOTEL-WESTWOOD

10740 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024. (310) 475-8711 or (800) 472-8556

- Exclusive boutique style hotel with 295 rooms
- Special Bruin/UCLA rate

- Full service hotel with 24 hr room service, fitness room, heated pool and sauna
- Restaurant, lounge and concierge service
- Shuttle to/from campus and Getty Museum
- 2 blocks from Westwood Village

HOLIDAY INN - BRENTWOOD/BEL AIR

170 Church Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90049. (310) 476-6411

- Ask for UCLA rate.
- Free transportation to campus
- Full service hotel
- Close to Getty Center; 1 mile from UCLA.
- Restaurant and lounge located on 17th floor
- Heated pool, jacuzzi, and fitness center.

HILGARD HOUSE HOTEL

927 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024. (310) 208-3945

- Next to campus
- Continental Breakfast, Remote color TV, refrigerators/ice-makers, hair dryers and make-up mirrors.
- Free parking
- Near shops and restaurants.

W

930 Hilgard Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024. (310) 208-8765

- Luxury Four Seasons Hotel.
- Special UCLA rates
- Adjacent to UCLA campus
- Two pools, three restaurants. 24-hour room service.
- Extended stays welcome at special rate

DISCOUNT STORES

COST PLUS

Furniture, collectibles, home décor, vast wine selection, gourmet food. 10860 Little Santa Monica (Corner of Santa Monica and Westwood) plus other locations.

COSTCO (\$35-40 annual membership fee)

Warehouse; sells bulk items. 6100 Sepulveda Blvd., Van Nuys and 2901 Los Feliz Blvd., LA. Other locations.

SMART & FINAL

Warehouse, sells smaller bulk items. 604 Lincoln Blvd., Venice, and 12210 Santa Monica Blvd, LA. 10113 Venice Blvd., LA. Other locations.

TARGET

(<http://www.target.com>)

99 CENTS ONLY

Everything is 99 cents! Various locations. www.99only.com.

SHOPPING CENTERS

CENTURY CITY MALL

On Little Santa Monica Blvd. and Avenue of the Stars, east of Westwood, in Century City

GLENDALE GALLERIA

On Colorado Blvd. in Glendale

FASHION SQUARE

Riverside Dr. and Woodman Ave. in Sherman Oaks

WESTSIDE PAVILION

Westwood and Pico Blvd.

BEVERLY CENTER

Beverly and La Cienega Blvd., in Beverly Hills

THE GROVE

Fairfax and 3rd, Hollywood (next to Farmer's Market)

FOX HILLS MALL

Slauson and Sepulveda, in S. Culver City

SANTA MONICA PLACE/ THIRD STREET PROMENADE

Santa Monica Place is at Broadway and 4th street in Santa Monica. Third Street Promenade is an outdoor mall adjacent to Santa Monica Place.

BOOKSTORES

UCLA BOOKZONE

Ackerman Union.

BARNES AND NOBLE

Various locations.

BOOK SOUP

8818 Sunset Blvd. in W. Hollywood. (310) 659-3110

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC

1360 Westwood Blvd. (310) 475-3444

A DIFFERENT LIGHT

Every gay and lesbian publication imaginable, including periodicals, literature, greeting cards, and local free papers. 8853 Santa Monica Blvd, W. Hollywood. (310) 854-6601

THE BODHI TREE

An interesting selection of books on metaphysics, Eastern religions, humanistic psychology, overstock and special orders, and many poetry, play, and literature readings and performances. 8585 Melrose Ave. (310) 659-1733

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL

A wide variety you won't find elsewhere-from nature and anthropology to foreign language (especially Spanish) and travel books. 1318 3rd St. (Promenade), SM. (310) 393-2923

BARRY R. LEVIN SCIENCE FICTION

720 Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica. (310) 458-6111.

THE MYSTERY BOOKSTORE

www.mystery-bookstore.com. 1036-C Broxton Ave, Westwood.

THINGS TO DO AROUND TOWN

MOVIES

Westwood has eight movie theatres within walking distance of campus. They all give UCLA student discounts, if you have your student i.d. card.

MOVIEFONE

Dial 777-FILM to get show times and locations for films throughout the LA area, or go to www.moviefone.com

AMC 14

Century City Mall. (310) 553-8900

ARCLIGHT CINEMA

www.arlightcinemas.com

BEVERLY CINEPLEX

14 small (tiny) cinemas and no discount cards; new domestic and foreign films which are very good, but not mass market enough to go to a mainstream house. In the Beverly Center.

LAEMMLE THEATER CHAIN

Various locations. If you like foreign films, they're likely to be playing at one of these theaters.

LACMA BING THEATER

The museum has a variety of film series during the year. The schedule is available on the web at www.lacma.org.

NEW BEVERLY CINEMA

Double bill for \$4 if you show student ID. Plays lots of old and foreign movies, with the two movies in the double bill usually related by having the same director or lead actor.

THEATER INFORMATION

- The Westwood Theater has student rush tickets available.
- Some theaters (like the Geffen on Le Conte and Westwood) exchange free viewing of plays for ushering.
- The Music Center in downtown L.A. (310) 472-7100, [Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Mark Taper Forum, Ahmanson Theater] all have student rush tickets. A ticket will cost \$20 (CASH ONLY) and you need your student ID
- The Mark Taper Forum offers student rate season tickets for \$30 for an entire season's offerings.

- Theatricum Botanicum (www.theatricum.com/) on Topanga Canyon Blvd., in Topanga - an outdoor theater started by the late actor, Will Geer.

COMEDY CLUBS

Check the Sunday Calendar in the LA Times or the LA Weekly for a schedule.

THE COMEDY STORE

8433 W. Sunset Blvd., LA.

(310) 650-6268

IMPROVISATION

8162 Melrose Ave., LA

(310) 651-2583

GROUNDLINGS THEATER

7307 Melrose Ave., LA

(310) 934-9700.

LAUGH FACTORY

8001 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood (2 blocks west of Fairfax). (213) 656-1336.

ART MUSEUMS

THE GETTY CENTER

Admission is always free to the museum.

L.A. COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART (LACMA)

Free the second Tuesday of every month. 5905 Wilshire Blvd.

(213) 857-6000

NORTON MUSEUM OF ART

Open Thurs. thru Sun. 411 W. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena

(626) 449-6840

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY MUSEUM AND GARDENS

1151 Oxford St., San Marino. (626) 405-2141

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (MOCA)

Open Tues thru Sun, free on Thurs 5-8 p.m. 250 S. Grand Ave., LA

(213) 626-6222

UCLA MUSEUMS

HAMMER MUSEUM

FREE every Thursday. Houses the collection of Armand Hammer, which is mainly Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Also has a large collection of Daumier and Contemporaries.

GRUNWALD CENTER FOR THE GRAPHIC ARTS

Open for study by appointment only. Houses a distinguished collection of some 30,000 prints, drawings, and photographs. Located in the Armand Hammer.

MURPHY SCULPTURE GARDEN

Located north of Bunche Hall, contains over 70 works by many late 19th and 20th century masters.

THE FOWLER MUSEUM

Its collections encompass the arts and material culture of the world, with particular emphasis on West and Central Africa, Oceania, and Latin America.

LECTURES, SPORTS, AND CAMPUS EVENTS

For more information visit: <http://www.ucla.edu/happenings/index.html>

FITNESS / ATHLETICS

Your best source of information is the **Recreation Quarterly**; a new edition comes out each quarter and is available for free from the John Wooden Center (near the Bruin Bear) and online at www.recreation.ucla.edu. It contains information on all recreational athletics: facilities, intramural/club sports, and all the classes offered by the Cultural and Recreational Affairs office (upstairs in Wooden), ranging from aerobics to ballroom dancing to windsurfing.

HEALTH CLUBS

Below are some of the more popular health clubs in the area:

24-Hour Fitness

9911 W. Pico Blvd., LA

(310) 553-7600.

Bally's Total Fitness

1914 Bundy, West L.A.

(310) 820-7571

LA Fitness Sports Club

10921 Wilshire Blvd. (at corner of Gayley),

(310) 209-5002

YMCA

11311 LaGrange Ave., W. L.A.

(310) 477-1511

plus additional locations (www.ymca.org)

YWCA

2019 14th St., Santa Monica

(310) 452-3881

OUTDOOR RECREATION

SANTA MONICA BIKE PATH

Great beach path from Palisades to Redondo Beach.

WILL ROGERS STATE PARK

Pacific Palisades. This is a great place to go for a picnic, play frisbee, or go hiking.

GRIFFITH PARK

Los Feliz. A huge park with trees, stables, a golf course, a zoo, and a planetarium. Located at the Hollywood sign!

LEO CARRILLO

About 45 minutes north on the Pacific Coast Highway. There are large rock formations that, at one spot, form a cave you can walk through. You can also come here to watch the fish spawn at night during the summer.

SANTA MONICA AND VENICE BEACHES

These are popular beaches with tourists and locals alike.

TOPANGA STATE PARK

Topanga Canyon. Perhaps the best nearby wilderness for hiking. Take Pacific Coast Highway to Topanga Canyon road.

GARDENS ARBORETUM

Arcadia. Peacocks run free through the gardens. There are lots of nice lagoons around. (310)446-8251

DESCANSO GARDENS

La Canada. <http://www.descansogardens.org/site/#>

MILDRID E. MATHIAS BOTANICAL GARDENS

Between the Biomed library and Hilgard Ave.

HUNTINGTON LIBRARY MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Pasadena. <http://www.huntington.org/>

BIG BEAR LAKE

This is a beautiful resort area in the San Bernardino mountains about three hours East. Go boating in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter.

CATALINA ISLAND

Perfect for a day trip, or even overnight. It consists of the small town of Avalon built in the 1930's and is mostly unchanged. Parasailing, glass bottom boats, skin diving are available. To get there:

Catalina Cruises (Long Beach)

(800) 228-2546

Catalina Express (Long Beach or San Pedro)

(310) 519-1212

CHANNEL ISLANDS

Comprising five of the eight California Channel Islands, Channel Islands National Park is home to a wide variety of nationally and internationally significant natural and cultural resources. Over 2,000 species of plants and animals can be found within the park. However only four mammals are endemic to the islands. One hundred and forty-five of these species are unique to the islands and found nowhere else in the world. Marine life ranges from microscopic plankton to the endangered blue whale, the largest animal to live on earth. Archeological and cultural resources span a period of more than 10,000 years. The park consists of 249,353 acres, half of which are under the ocean, and include the islands of San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz, Anacapa, and Santa Barbara. Even though the islands seem tantalizingly close to

the densely populated, southern California coast, their isolation has left them relatively undeveloped, making them an exciting place for visitors to explore. The islands within the park extend along the southern California coast from Point Conception near Santa Barbara to just north of Los Angeles. Park headquarters and the Robert J. Lagomarsino visitor center are located in the city of Ventura. For more information, visit their website <http://www.nps.gov/chis/homepage.htm>

JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL PARK

Joshua Tree is about three hours away near Palm Springs and is a great place to go hiking or camping in the desert: <http://www.nps.gov/jotr/>

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON

About five hours to the Northeast is a forest of giant sequoia trees. Sequoia is a great place to go camping (and cross-country skiing in the winter). Kings Canyon offers waterfalls and other great nature sites.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

Good for day hikes, car camping or long weekends. Start out early. Call rangers beforehand for weather and fire conditions.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

INFORMATION (from off-campus)	825-4321
INFORMATION (from on-campus)	0 or 33
EMERGENCY INFORMATION HOTLINE (24 hours. Takes reports on potential safety hazard and Broadcasts campus instructions during emergencies.)	206-7994
UCPD INFORMATION LINE May be used to supplement 206-7994 during major incidents	206-8883
UCLA EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTER (24 hrs)	825-2111
HELPLINE COUNSELING (Mon. - Sun., 5pm - Midnight)	825-IMLP
POLICE (Campus) Emergency	35 or 911
Police Desk	825-1491
LA RAPE & BATTERY HOTLINE (24 hrs)	392-8381
SUICIDE PREVENTION LINE	(213) 381-5111

OTHER USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ASUCLA Switchboard	825-0611
CAMPUS EVENTS (24-hour information line)	825-1070
Central Ticket Office	825-2101
Child Care Service	825-5086
Daily Bruin	825-9898
Dental Clinic (Patient Care Area)	825-2337
ESCORT SERVICE (dusk to 1am) Call about 20 minutes before you need an escort	825-1493
Financial Aid Office Counseling	206-0400
Emergency Loans	825-9864
Gay and Lesbian Association	825-8053
Graduate Division Fellowships and Assistantships	825-1985

Student and Academic Affairs	825-3819
Graduate Student Association	206-8512

Lecture Notes	825-8016
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Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)	825-1681
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Ombuds Office	825-7627
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A university Ombudsperson is an independent, neutral third party who assists students, faculty, staff, and administrators resolve problems, concerns and complaints through informal means: counseling, negotiation, and mediation.

Organizations Relations (Center for Student Programming)	825-7041
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Parking Services - student information	825-9871
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Placement & Career Planning Center	825-2981
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Psychological Services	825-7985
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Scantrons (Office of Instructional Development/EIP)	825-6939
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Student Health Service (Arthur Ashe Student Wellness Ctr.)	825-4073
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Student Legal Service	825-9894
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Students' Stores Ackerman Union	825-7711
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Travel Service (UCLA)	825-9131
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Undergraduate Students Association	825-7068
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Women's Resource Center	825-3945
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