

Dear incoming student,

The Department of Health Services welcomes you to the UCLA School of Public Health. You will receive an orientation packet in August describing the Health Services Department and also general information about the School of Public Health. However, here are a few important items in the meantime:

Instruction begins Thursday, September 27, 2007-December 7, 2007.

Registration for classes has started and you may register for classes at <https://www.ursa.ucla.edu/Default.asp>. Most entering student take 3 courses please follow the suggested study list below:

MPH* (Management)	HS 200A, Biostatistics 100A and HS M236
MPH* (Policy)	HS 200A, Biostatistics 100A and HS 268
HSO/MPH 1**	HS 200A, Biostatistics 100A, HS M236
MS 2*	HS 200A, Biostatistics 200A, HS 237A
MS 1**	HS 200A, Biostatistics 200A, HS 237A
Ph.D.*	HS 200A, HS 237A, Biostatistics 200A + elective
Dr.PH*	HS 200A, HS 237A, Biostatistics 100A, HS 207A
Concurrent Programs: JD/MPH, MD/MPH, MBA/MPH	Same as MPH (Management)

*Depending on your previous course work and the recommendation of your advisor (when assigned) study list may vary.

*The MS1 and MPH 1=HSO are for students with a prior doctoral degree in the USA ONLY!

You may wish to take four courses, in that case the fourth course should be an HS elective...and you may select any 200+ level courses from HS as your elective. To view a full list of courses offered by HS in fall 07, please visit <http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/schedule/schedulehome.aspx> . If you have any questions, please email me.

University Records System Access (URSA) registration, enrollment & course suggestion for entering students:

Please refer to the Graduate Division [Orientation Handbook](#) which contains information on how to register, how to enroll, and how to access [URSA online](#). For the

most updated enrollment information visit the registrar's web site at <http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/schedule/>. You may enroll in classes on-line through your URSA account.

Fall 2007 Important Academic Dates:

Please visit <http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/calendar/calf07.htm> for the full calendar. Students are responsible for observing all due dates and deadlines.

Highlights:

Reg Fee Payment Deadline	Thursday, September 20
Quarter begins	Monday, September 24
SPH Orientation	Tuesday, September 25
Instruction begins	Thursday, September 27
Holidays	Veterans Day holiday Monday, November 12
	Thanksgiving holiday Thursday-Friday, November 22-23
Instruction ends	Friday, December 7
Final examinations	Monday-Friday, December 10-14
Quarter ends	Friday, December 14

Orientation:

The **School of Public Health Orientation Day** for Incoming Students will be [Tuesday, September 25, 2007 from 8:30-4:00pm](#). Be sure to attend the Orientation as important information will be conveyed to help you acclimate to UCLA. During orientation you will get a chance to meet your advisor and the rest of the faculty.

School of Public Health New Student Orientation
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
8:30 - 4:00 pm
UCLA Faculty Center
Map: http://www.ucla.edu/map/map_central.html

In addition to the School of Public Health and Graduate Division incoming student activities, the **Graduate Student Resource Center** is sponsoring a general introduction to campus services and offices that are of specific importance to graduate students on Friday, September 21, 2007 from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://gsa.asucla.ucla.edu/gsrc/Events/Orientation.htm>

Graduate Division 2007 Entering Graduate Student Welcome Reception

This year the Graduate Division sponsored Entering Graduate Student Welcome Reception is on:

Wednesday, September 26, 2007
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Faculty Center

Graduate Division Orientation page: <http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/orientation.html>

Waiver Exam (s) Information: Please see file attached.

Registration fees must be paid prior to each term. Fees can be paid by check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover), or cash. View the Schedule of Classes Calendar for specific dates at www.registrar.ucla.edu/calendar/. Questions regarding fees should be directed to the Registrar's Office at 1113 Murphy Hall, (310) 825-1091 or see www.registrar.ucla.edu/fees/.

Transportation and parking: <http://www.transportation.ucla.edu/>
If you would like to apply for a campus parking permit, you should submit your application no later than **Friday, July 27, 2007** at 5pm. Parking spaces are limited, so be sure to submit your application by the due date. To obtain quarterly deadline dates and information on how to apply for a parking permit, visit <http://www.transportation.ucla.edu/students/index.htm> or phone Parking & Commuter Service at (310) 825-3618, or in person at 555 Westwood Plaza. All campus parking inquiries should be directed to the UCLA Transportation Services Office at (310) 825-9871.

What other means of transportation are available?

Options include vanpools, carpools, buspools, public transit, bicycles, scooters, and motorcycles. The BruinGo! program allows members of the UCLA community to ride the Santa Monica Big Blue Bus and Culver City Bus at a reduced fare by using their BruinCard. Go Metro program offers discounted quarterly transit passes for Metro bus and rail lines. A comprehensive look at campus transportation options is outlined in the *UCLA Commuter's Guide*, published by the UCLA Commuter Assistance Ride-sharing (CAR) Office. For information call (310) 794-7433; stop by 555 Westwood Plaza, Room 200; or go to www.transportation.ucla.edu.

Other Useful Information and Websites:

Campus Information: <http://www.ucla.edu/audience/students.html>

Campus Map: <http://www.ucla.edu/map>

Graduate Division Orientation page: <http://www.gdnet.ucla.edu/orientation.html>

Student Link: <http://www.my.ucla.edu/>

URSA Online: <http://www.ursa.ucla.edu/>

Address change: If your email and/or mailing address changes over the summer you must notify us via [URSA online](#). You must also contact me at rnaranjo@ph.ucla.edu. It is EXTREMELY important that we have your most current addresses. All future announcements will be sent to you via email.

BRUINCARD: (Student Photo-ID Card): <http://www.bruincard.ucla.edu>

You are required to have a BruinCard. BruinCard is the official UCLA identification card. Many services are accessed using this card, including campus library privileges, use of the Wooden Center, and many others. The first BruinCard is free to all students. The replacement cost for a lost/stolen card is \$20, which will be charged to your BAR account.

BruinCard offices:

123 Kerckhoff Hall, (310) 825 - 2336
Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 PM (Mon - Fri)

150-A Sproul Hall (Sunset Plaza), (310) 825 - 4775
Hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 PM (Mon - Fri)

Bruin Online - Email Account: <http://www.bol.ucla.edu/>

To create a Bruin Online e-mail account please visit: <https://www.bol.ucla.edu/cgi-ssl/accounts/newuser/> All future department announcements will be distributed via email.

Establishing California Residency for Tuition Purposes (US Citizens and Permanent Residents only):

Domestic students who are not California residents will need to establish residency to avoid assessment of nonresident tuition. In order to establish your residency, certain requirements must be met. Please refer to the Registrar's web page at <http://www.registrar.ucla.edu/faq/residencefaq.htm> or call the Residence Deputy at (310) 825-1091, option 7, for the complete details on establishing California Residency. This is very important. Otherwise, you may have to pay non-resident tuition during your second year.

Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars (Foreign Students):

To begin an introduction to the campus, new international students should visit the UCLA Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars (DCISS) within the first 10 days upon arrival.

The Dashew Center for International Students and Scholars provides services and programs to UCLA's international community. The services include personal counseling on visa and immigration issues, financial and tax matters, academic adjustment, insurance, and release of funds from other countries. The Center also supports international and intercultural programs which assist student and scholars to adjust to the community, including housing assistance, community services, friendship families and English conversation groups. The Center is located in the Tom Bradley International Center at 417 Charles Young Drive West, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1379, (310) 825-1681. Visit www.internationalcenter.ucla.edu/ for more information.

Looking forward to meeting you in September!