

PEERS Sophomore Seminar: Pathways to Majors, Careers and Entry into Research

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EEB 97X - Fall 2014

Thursdays, 1-1:50 PM

Young 2200

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT(S)	DUE DATE
0	October 2	Introduction: Sophomore issues, sophomore experiences	Write your sophomore reflective essay; Prepare questions for counselors	Essay: December 4 th Questions: October 16 th (email)
1	October 9	Plotting your course	Plotting your course	December 4 th
2	October 16	Panel: Counselors from different disciplines in science		
3	October 23	Finding a mentor: How to write a CV and cover letter	Write a CV and cover letter	November 6 th (2 copies)
4	October 30	Scholarships: How to apply	Identify 3 summer programs and their deadlines	November 20 th (email)
5	<i>Tuesday Nov. 4</i>	PEERS Poster Session <i>Tuesday, November 4th, 6-8 pm, Kerckhoff Hall Grand Salon</i>		
5	November 6	In class evaluation of CV and cover letter	Identify 10 potential faculty mentors	November 20 th (email)
6	November 13	MD vs. MD/PhD vs PhD: How to choose a degree program & Panel with MD, PhD and MD/PhD students		
7	November 20	Panel: Faculty and biotech	Prepare questions for career panel	December 2 nd (email)
8	November 27	<i>Thanksgiving – no class</i>		
9	<i>Wed. Dec. 3</i>	PEERS RESEARCH TALK – Professor Glen MacDonald, Institute of Environment and Sustainability, Department of Geography, and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology <i>Wednesday, December 3rd, 6-8 pm, CHS 13-105</i>		
9	December 4	Panel: Careers with a science degree (invitees TBD)		
10	December 11	What you need to know now to succeed later		

ASSIGNMENTS

ALL assignments must be completed for a passing grade. Assignments due in class must be typed, double-spaced and include your name and ID number on every page. Email assignments should be sent to PEERS@lifesci.ucla.edu. If you cannot attend class, email your assignment to PEERS.

ASSIGNMENT	DUE DATE
Questions for science major counselors	Monday, October 13 th (email)
Curriculum vitae (CV) and cover letter	Thursday, November 6 th (bring 2 copies to class)
List of 3 summer programs and deadlines	Thursday, November 20 th (email)
List of 10 potential faculty mentors	Thursday, November 20 th (email)
Questions for careers with a science degree panel	Tuesday, December 2 nd (email)
Personal Reflective Essay	Thursday, December 4 th (in class)
Plotting your course	Thursday, December 4 th (in class)

ATTENDANCE

It is your responsibility to sign in at each class or evening event. No more than TWO EXCUSED absences are allowed for a passing grade. You must email Anthony Tróchez at peers@lifesci.ucla.edu *before your absence* to explain your absence from seminar class or evening event (e.g., poster session or research talk).

COURSE WEBSITE

Detailed information on assignments and PEERS events can be found on the EEB 97X course website:
<http://www.ugresearchsci.ucla.edu/peerssopheeb97x.htm>

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact Anthony Tróchez (peers@lifesci.ucla.edu) as soon as possible.