**WEEK | DATE | TOPIC | ASSIGNMENT(S) | DUE DATE**
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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 | Tuesday Nov. 4 | PEERS Poster Session **Tuesday, November 4\(^{th}\), 6-8 pm, Kerckhoff Hall Grand Salon** | | |
6 | November 6 | In class evaluation of CV and cover letter | Identify 10 potential faculty mentors | November 20\(^{th}\) (email)
7 | November 13 | MD vs. MD/PhD vs PhD: How to choose a degree program & Panel with MD, PhD and MD/PhD students | | |
8 | November 20 | Panel: Faculty and biotech | Prepare questions for career panel | December 2\(^{nd}\) (email)
9 | November 27 | Thanksgiving – no class | | |
9 | Wed. Dec. 3 | PEERS RESEARCH TALK – **Professor Glen MacDonald**, Institute of Environment and Sustainability, Department of Geography, and Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology **Wednesday, December 3\(^{rd}\), 6-8 pm, CHS 13-105** | | |
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.

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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/peersopheeb97x.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.