



CNAS: Sciences for a Healthy World Q&A Live Chat Transcript

Question

Answer(s)

I'm an incoming environmental science major. Did you take part in the summer BRIDGE program? If so, how would you describe the experience?

Yes, I actually got into one of the UCR labs through the B2B program back in summer 2020 and I am still part of the lab team. The experience was more reading research papers and less experiments. You will be reading and summarizing research articles. Some other labs analyzed data from already conducted procedure such as PCR.

The B2B Program is a part of the larger RISE umbrella which Summer Bridge participants will also be apart of. We have programming specific for Environmental Science majors at UCR and RISE this summer. Let me know if you have any questions.

Did you apply on the UC application to be a CMDB major? I saw online you need to apply but I'm not sure if it's a program or a major?

I did apply to UCR as a CMDB major, which is available for students as both a B.A. and B.S.! It's a really cool major.

<p>Okay, thank you very much.</p>	<p>I hope that answers your question. let me know if you have more questions about the program or in general.</p>
<p>If we are in the RCC B2B program, do we still need to apply to be in the Summer Bridges program? Or does submitting the application through B2B qualify for both?</p>	<p>You are encouraged to apply for both programs. Students who are accepted to the RCC-B2B program AND transferring to UCR this Fall will be fully incorporated in Summer Bridge. But if you do not get in through B2B we will need a SBTR app.</p>

<p>Are there jobs or internships available in research labs during fall 2021, remote or on ground? I would love to hit the ground running and get involved in research at UCR as soon as I transfer.</p>	<p>There is actually a now offered entomology research. An award of \$1000 will be provided to an undergraduate student that has faced or addressed social, cultural, and financial barriers to participation in research. The funds are meant to support their ability to participate in laboratory research under the guidance of a Department of Entomology principal investigator. The deadline for the application is May 16.</p> <p>Here is the link for the application if you are interested in the topic https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSer5dvP9R_V9bjpxZf3hwT8eSyQFXHsbl8i76GOYyuRzfjv1w/viewform</p>
<p>Is there any study abroad opportunities for physics majors?</p>	<p>UCR has many opportunities for study abroad for all majors, including physics! One great opportunity for physics/career related abroad experiences would be FLEAP - the Faculty Led Education Abroad Program. The opportunities may slightly change every year, but essentially our own faculty leads small groups of students to explore abroad in relation to their program or research. We also have OAP - the Opportunities Abroad Program! This is more of taking classes or working abroad through a job or internship, which may also include physics from year to year!</p> <p>Here is our Education Abroad website: https://international.ucr.edu/abroad</p>

<p>How do I apply to STEM Pathway program as a transfer student?</p>	<p>Check out our website to register, all CNAS Transfer students will receive an email from over the summer inviting you to register for STEM Pathways in addition to many opportunities just for transfers. https://stem.ucr.edu</p>
<p>What is the difference between an advisor and a peer mentor?</p>	<p>Every student at UCR is assigned an academic advisor. We are professionally educated career advisors and assist with course planning, submitting forms as needed, helping students understand academic options if they should need to take an action such as a withdraw, etc. Peer mentors are UCR undergraduate students who are excelling in their CNAS majors and can provide helpful information from their experience and training.</p> <p>An Academic Advisor is similar to your "counselor" at community college, except they will be assigned based on your major and will guide you on the proper path to graduate.</p>

<p>Are we assigned our own advisor or can we go to anyone? If so, how do we get into contact with our advisor?</p>	<p>Each student is assigned an advisor. We are professionally trained career advisors and assist in a variety of ways, including course planning, staying on track for graduation, considering options regarding your academic record. Most advisors advise a caseload of students based on last name. For example, a Biology advisor may advise all Biology students with last names A-D. They can assist with all aspects of academic advising, as well as are familiar with helpful campus resources to refer you to as needed.</p>
<p>What tutoring services are available for STEM students?</p>	<p>For a lot of classes, there is what's known as Supplemental Instruction (SI) where you attend a weekly optional class taught by a student who did well in that course! SI is part of what is known as the Academic Resource Center (ARC) where you can free tutoring in just about any class and you can book appointments for that as well!</p>

<p>I am a geology major. Who would I need to contact for summer research?</p>	<p>The Summer Bridge to Research program is the primary opportunity for incoming transfers this summer. You can learn more at this website https://stem.ucr.edu/summer-bridge-research-program</p> <p>Additionally you are welcome to contact the Geology Lead Faculty Advisor Dr. Funning to inquire about research opportunities in general https://cnasstudent.ucr.edu/earth-sciences</p>
<p>Do CNAS students often join multiple clubs? Is that hard to do?</p>	<p>You are free to join multiple clubs, I am a part of multiple clubs and like all things its is a matter of balancing your studies and extracurricular activities.</p>

<p>Can you talk about your transition to UCR as a transfer student?</p>	<p>As a former community college student, I was told by some cc professors to take advantage of getting close to cc professors since professors at UC are not as available to students and classes are more crowded. However, my experience was completely different from what I was told. Professors were very approachable and I received the same help I got from professors at CC. The regular zoom lectures are very engaging and active. I did not feel like I passively attended lectures as professors made sure to answer and address all of their students' concerns and questions. Overall, every professional who works at UCR that I reach out for help are very responsive and prompt at getting back to me.</p>
<p>Is CMDB impacted? Also, what do your classes look like?</p>	<p>To my knowledge CMDB is not impacted; it is actually a pretty small major in CNAS! Personally, I find that better for the students because many of our upper division courses have smaller faculty to student ratios, which means you can get to know your professors a little better! As for what my classes look like, CMDB is really great because you get the best of Cellular, Molecular and Developmental Biology in a kind of 3-in-1 combo. There is so much variety and opportunities in topics I never even knew existed before coming to UCR. If you'd like me to clarify or add on to anything, please let me know!</p>

<p>Can you do double major after applying for one major? My major is CMDB, but I would like to major in Biochemistry too.</p>	<p>A lot of it depends on whether you would be able to complete both programs within a reasonable amount of time and units, there is a unit cap at UCR and to double major you should be able to finish both majors within this unit limit.</p>
<p>For the transfer students, were there any resources that you found particularly helpful to your transition into the school?</p>	<p>I took a transfer transition class with Nhi and it made a big difference for me, even though i took it my second quarter it helped answer a lot of my questions.</p>

How many people are admitted per research program?	This varies for each program and depends on funding (if paid). For Summer Bridge we expect to accept up to 25 students or more. You can also volunteer for labs (most common) once you have started at UCR.
When is the best time to contact our advisors?	<p>You will have to make an appointment to contact your advisor but advisors also have drop in hours every week that are open to students who can't make an appointment.</p> <p>When you attend your orientation in summer, your advisor will have reviewed your submitted transcripts to determine the credit you are transferring in. Based on this information, they will share a plan with you that shows which remaining courses needed to graduate. Advisors will be available at that time and after by email and by brief drop in meetings and longer appointment availability. This past year, we have been fully available by zoom for our regular appointments and advising meetings.</p>

<p>Any advice on how to manage your class schedule? Specially when it comes to upper division classes with heavy subjects. I am a neuroscience major.</p>	<p>The best way is to schedule your time. I have four upper division math classes this quarter and a big part of it is knowing how to manage your time and when to ask for help.</p> <p>Google Calendar will be your best friend. We also provide a quarterly calendar designed specifically with transfer students in mind to manage the quarter system (here's an example: https://stem.ucr.edu/sites/g/files/rcwecm2646/files/2020-09/F20%20Mentee%20Calendar_9.25.20.pdf)</p>
<p>I am a bio major. Who would I need to contact for summer research? And are internships/ research also offered during the fall semester?</p>	<p>Regardless of major the Summer Bridge to Research is the primary program for summer research. We will have other opportunities this summer and during the academic year for transfers through the STEM Pathways Program https://stem.ucr.edu/</p>

<p>students, what programming languages have you used (if any) in your research projects?</p>	<p>It depends a lot on what research project you are doing, i am currently doing research for mathematics and we are using C++ and Java.</p>
<p>Any tips for transitioning from a semester system into a quarter system?</p>	<p>Semester systems tend to be a little slower, think of a semester as a marathon and a quarter system as a long sprint. Overall the quarter system is very rewarding as we learn way more. That's the number one question we address. The Transfer Bootcamp and Transfer Transition Seminar series will go over all those details... it's basically "Transferring 101" for CNAS majors</p>

<p>For the Summer Bridge program, do we need to specify what department/professor we would like to research with? Or just our generalized interests</p>	<p>Just general interest is fine, we try to match students based on major and interest if you have any but ultimately it depends on the positions that are available. If you want to talk to more the STEM Peer Mentors will be hosting Drop-In hours over the next weeks (hours will be emailed and online).</p>
<p>For anyone who has done the Summer Bridge or any research, how much time out of the day or week did you spend on research?</p>	<p>It depends on the program some professors have a set requirement while others are more flexible, but recall the more you put in the more you get out of it and when a paid position opens up those who have been there longer and putting in more work get those opportunities.</p> <p>Research will be 30-35 hours a week, which about five hours/week is spent attending workshops, seminars, professional development, and social activities (having fun is required). An example schedule can be found on the Summer Bridge website https://stem.ucr.edu/summer-bridge-research-program</p>

<p>Yes please, if you happen to know, what kind of topics/classes are available within this major?</p>	<p>https://cnasstudent.ucr.edu/cell-molecular-and-developmental-biology</p> <p>This is our CMDDB major website! For more information on upper division courses, head to “ +Additional Documents” and click on any of the “CMDDB Schedule of Course Offerings” documents!</p>
<p>Just a general question about the campus, is it closed until fall semester starts? Like if we wanted to use the library?</p>	<p>Currently the Library is open for curbside delivery only, we are waiting to hear for fall still depending on how the situation with Covid progresses.</p>

<p>I have kids, so I am trying to manage my time and still get the most of my education while taking care of my kids. Anyone have any tips for students who are parents?</p>	<p>Quality over quantity! Better to take it at a slower rate and excel in your classes than trying to overdo it, only you know how much you can handle but don't over do it.</p> <p>We've had many student parents transfer in and do extremely well. Here is a resrouce guide written specifically for student-parents at UCR https://auxiliarydocs.ucr.edu/ecs/ucr-student-parents-guide.pdf</p>
<p>How bad is parking?</p>	<p>It has been tight. Thankfully some new parking garages are being built right now to help ease demand. A transportation center is also planned, but won't be built for the next year.</p>