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| Where can we see this webinar after it's done? | highlanderdays.ucr.edu |
| What is the best way to plan out/balance the curriculum needed for med school? | The 4:30 p.m. session will be hosted by the Health Professions Advising Center (https://se.ucr.edu/hpac/overview), and they will provide very helpful information about this topic. Also, the advisor in your particular major will be able to assist you as well with planning out your classes. |
| What research opportunities are there for microbiology? | There are so many great opportunities for all of our majors, and Connie will touch on this in a bit. In addition, in a few moments you can ask our panelist of students directly what type of research they have done. All faculty on campus do research on our campus. I will send you a link to check out the research that is done by MCBL faculty. |
| Can I change majors within CNAS? Is it difficult? | Before you start attending, you can change your major in My.UCR.EDU if you are eligible for the new major. There will also be an opportunity to consider a major change during freshman orientation in summer. Once you have begun classes at UCR, your advisor can assist you with exploring other majors of interest in CNAS. |
| How may we request to apply for scholarships within the CNAS college? | Here is a great website that shows you how to apply for scholarships while at UCR: financialaid.ucr.edu/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships |
| I'm a biology major, and I know for my major I have to take chemistry courses but I was wondering how many more chemistry courses I'll have to take for biochemistry major? | Courses for BIOL and BCH in the lower division area are all the same. Both majors require three (3) quarters of General CHEM and 3 quarters of Organic CHEM. |
| Are there any research opportunities for neuroscience majors? | Yes, all of our majors offer research. Here is the website to show all the faculty and the research they do in the Neuroscience area: neuromajor.ucr.edu/faculty.html |
| Would biology majors have on-campus classes? | All majors have classes on campus in general. As we prepare for the 2021 fall term specifically, more information will be provided regarding the instructional modes for fall. |
| If you major in statistics, can you design your schedule to put an emphasis on data sci? If not, is it possible to change majors? | Hi there, Yes, you can change your major through MyUCR portal. I believe you would then click on Major Change or something like that in the portal. If you are interested in Data Science, please change your major. That would be best for you if that is your main interest. You can always minor in Statistics. |
| Are you able to get into research as a freshman in the biology major? | Yes, students can begin research in their first year! |
| You accidentally did not include the link. | Here is the link: financialaid.ucr.edu/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships |
| Are there any programs for Zoology/Animal Science? | There is a Pre-Vet club on campus as well as research projects that work with animals. |

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| <p>Can I choose to do research in a psychology lab even if I'm in neuroscience? I'm really interested in those labs along with neuroscience.</p> | <p>Yes! There are many kinds of labs that combine the disciplines of psychology and neuroscience. Labs are always welcoming of undergraduate students as research assistants.</p> |
| <p>What are classes for a statistics major that you can test out of?</p> | <p>Students may potentially bring in AP/IB credit or credit from courses taken at a community college, which can include STAT courses. Students may also transfer in MATH courses, and may take the MAE to determine MATH placement. The higher your MATH placement (or credit transferred in), the fewer MATH classes would be needed overall to complete the major.</p> |
| <p>Would a sociology or criminology minor go good with a biology major for med school?</p> | <p>Yes, if you enjoy sociology, that would be a great minor. We want students to take courses in the area they are very interested. Sociology also would be a great foundation for working in the medical field.</p> |
| <p>Could you send me the link for neuroscience research?</p> | <p>Sorry, here is the link: neuromajor.ucr.edu/faculty.html</p> |
| <p>If you are thinking about going to PA school, is it ok to be a C MDB major or should you change to a biology major?</p> | <p>The 4:30 pm session today will feature the Health Professions Advising Center: se.ucr.edu/hpac/overview. They are a wealth of knowledge about this area. In addition, they support all students regardless of major toward a goal of health professions.</p> |
| <p>Are you able to do research in a field that is not of your major? Can you do research in field you minor in?</p> | <p>Yes, definitely. We recommend students get involved in research in any area of interest. It can even be an interest of a minor.</p> |
| <p>I'm planning to take cell, molecular, and developmental biology as my major. Will my major help me prepare for pharmacology or pharmacy-related graduate programs?</p> | <p>Yes, any life science major will prepare you for professional school. In addition, please attend the HPAC (Health Professions Advising Center) webinar at 4:30 p.m. They will inform you more on majors and courses.</p> |
| <p>To Student Panelists: What career paths are you taking post your undergrad degree? Are any of you enrolling into UCR Med school thru the EAP? What does the process look like?</p> | <p>Hello, I am planning to go into medical school after undergraduate. The UCR Med school has a website you can read to understand more about their program: somsa.ucr.edu/haider-program</p> |
| <p>Is it possible to get a bachelors in biology and a minor in sociology in four (4) years?</p> | <p>There are a number of opportunities to take classes for a major, as well as for a minor. Summer is a great time to take additional classes, and students can enroll in up to 20 units during the regular fall, winter, and spring terms. Students would work with their major advisor to develop a plan for completing a minor of interest.</p> |
| <p>What research projects are available for math majors?</p> | <p>Here is a link to see the various research available: mathdept.ucr.edu/research</p> |
| <p>How difficult will it be to change my major from biology to psychology? I would like to change my major to psychology with a pre-med track. Also, if I do change my major to psychology, will I still be able to sign up for the learning communities?</p> | <p>You can select a major change to PSYC in MyUCR if you are currently eligible. There may also be opportunities to consider a major change during freshman orientation in summer. After you begin taking classes at UCR, there is still opportunity to consider a major change, working with your advisor to assist you with the process.</p> |
| <p>What medical schools do UCR premed students typically get admitted into?</p> | <p>We have students that are accepted nationwide. You can talk to the Health Professions Advising Center webinar at 4:30 for additional information. But, I know that students are accepted at all UC's, western, eastern schools, and overseas.</p> |
| <p>For the 5-year entomology BS+MS, what's the tuition like for the 5th year. Someone told me MS tuition is usually paid when you join a PhD program (is that true?) but for the 5-year program, is it paid by the student? If I plan to go on to a PhD, is the BS+MS a good decision, if I want to minimize loans?</p> | <p>Thank you for this thoughtful question. Conferring with the UCR Financial Aid office would produce the most accurate answer to this question, based on your eligibility for financial aid, scholarship options, etc. They can assist you with understanding eligibility for grants, loans, and other opportunities. financialaid.ucr.edu</p> |

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| <p>Are there any study abroad opportunities for students who are biology majors?</p> | <p>Yes there are! Some students think that there are no study abroad programs for biology majors, but this is not true! I know of two faculty-led biology study abroad programs. You can see the various study abroad programs offered at international.ucr.edu/abroad/overview.</p> |
| <p>Is neuroscience similar to psychology? My major is neuroscience, however I also really enjoy psychology and biology.</p> | <p>Yes, they are a little similar, but neuroscience deals more with the brain and psychology is more cognitive based. You can always do a minor in PSYC if you are enjoying NURO or BIOL.</p> |
| <p>Can you explain the difference between neuroscience in CNAS and neuroscience in CHASS?</p> | <p>Great question! The majors are virtually the same and your math and science requirements will not differ. However, CHASS requires their students to complete a foreign language (or test out of the language requirement).</p> |
| <p>If I took college statistics and AP calculus AB while in high school, do I still have to take the Math Advisory Exam for math placement?</p> | <p>If you score 3, 4, or 5 and you already know your score, you do not have to take the MAE. However, if you don't know the score, the scores won't be out until the middle of July, so we require these students to take the MAE. If your AP score is higher than the MAE, we will place you in the higher of the two.</p> |
| <p>Are you able to join the honors program later on or does it have to be freshman year?</p> | <p>Yes, you can join the Honors program in your sophomore year or junior year. They will have more information at the Honors Webinar.</p> |
| <p>If I plan to go the medical route, is biology a good major or should I do something else?</p> | <p>Please plan to attend the 4:30 pm session today. The Health Professions Advising Center (hpac.ucr.edu) will present information about this topic and provides extensive support to students working toward a health profession. To answer briefly, you can select any major on campus to work toward a health profession, and work on taking the prerequisite math and science courses needed for a health profession.</p> |
| <p>Are there any programs or opportunities to work with UN organizations for research or internships?</p> | <p>Here is a good website that might assist with this area: chass.ucr.edu/press/2020/02/20/bringing-nations-together. Let me know if you have additional questions regarding this.</p> |
| <p>Can you give any advice or any details on what cell, molecular, and developmental biology entails please?</p> | <p>To get a better overall view of this major, visit cnasstudent.ucr.edu/cell-molecular-and-developmental-biology. Here you can see what the major entails, click on "Additional Documents" and you can see a list of the courses that are required, and click on "Visit the CMDB Dept. website and you can see what is available for research.</p> |
| <p>What is the difference between CNAS and CHASS other than breadth reqs?</p> | <p>CHASS offers humanities, arts, and social science majors. CNAS offers math and science majors. The main difference is that each major has different requirements and focus. Most CHASS majors require completion of a foreign language, but students who have another language already have the opportunity to potentially test out of the requirement.</p> |
| <p>Is it a first-come, first-served system for classes or do you get all the classes you need? If you are accepted into the Honors program do you get priority? When do you get notified if you are accepted in the Honors program?</p> | <p>The great benefit of being a CNAS student is that most CNAS students are placed into the first year learning community. This means that your math and science classes will be reserved for you, and you will simply need to enroll in other classes such as English or breadth classes. There is priority enrollment for students with priority enrollment, such as those in the Honors program. Invitations to the Honors program should be coming out soon. Students who don't join in their freshman year may have the opportunity to join Honors the next year.</p> |
| <p>I noticed that there was a physiology emphasis within the biology major. I was wondering if this emphasis focused on only human anatomy?</p> | <p>No, there are courses from entomology, to genetics, to cell biology in the emphasis area.</p> |
| <p>If I want to change my major within CNAS, is it difficult?</p> | <p>If you are interested in changing your major, you can do so through My.UCR.EDU if you are eligible. During freshman orientation in summer, you can also consider a major change. Once you start attending UCR, you can work with your advisor if you are considering changing to another CNAS major. The first several years will be similar, for example, if you are in a life science major and you decide to change to a different life science major.</p> |
| <p>Is there a gym on campus?</p> | <p>Yes, there is a beautiful gym on campus. It was built about five years ago. recreation.ucr.edu</p> |

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| <p>Do many professors in CNAS use grade inflation and bell curves when grading?</p> | <p>It depends on the professor! Some may offer "curves" but for the most part the professors in CNAS and UCR in general are very good at teaching and usually do not require a curve.</p> |
| <p>Were the large class sizes hard to get used to in the beginning?</p> | <p>It depends, but lecture classes may go up to 400-500 people, but over time, you will get used to it.</p> |
| <p>Do students get to have a connection with professors or TA's? I've heard that some schools have class sizes of 100+, and that it's harder to talk to your professor about something.</p> | <p>... And you also have access to drop-in hours with the TA's and professors.</p> |
| <p>Do we start choosing our unreserved classes before or after orientation?</p> | <p>When you attend freshman orientation in summer, we will help you enroll in the appropriate classes. You will likely be in a CNAS learning community, which will make it easy your first year to enroll in your math and science classes because they will be set up for you, based on your math placement (MAE).</p> |
| <p>What's the learning environment and social life in CNAS, along with the workload?</p> | <p>Was this answered for you by the students?</p> |
| <p>What is the typical class size for lectures and discussions?</p> | <p>Discussions are typically about 25-30 students. Lectures at the lower division level are anywhere from 30-500 depending on the course. Upper division courses range from 30-100 students.</p> |
| <p>Do we have to join the LLC for CNAS?</p> | <p>Yes, we require students to join some type of a learning community. They are very helpful and we have great success with them.</p> |
| <p>I would like to major in biology, however, I would like to have it emphasize more on human anatomy and physiology rather than on plants and animals. How would I do that?</p> | <p>While your lower division classes will consist of general CHEM, organic CHEM, MATH, Biology, and physics, you will have more flexibility to choose the Upper Division majors of interest as you progress in the degree. Also, your academic advisor will be able to help you choose courses of interest.</p> |
| <p>Are we automatically in the cnas learning community, or do we have to apply. (cnas-bio major)?</p> | <p>Yes, we automatically put you in a Learning Community.</p> |
| <p>Are there any opportunities if someone is looking for becoming a career diplomat/foreign relations?</p> | <p>I recommend that you explore the types of education backgrounds those in your career of interest have. UCR also offers majors such as political science, public policy, and other related courses of study which may be of interest to you.</p> |
| <p>Is it easier to get the classes you need by being in a LLC?</p> | <p>Being in an LLC not only gives a peer group, but you are also automatically given core classes for the rest of the year. For example if you are a biology major, you get a seat for intro classes you will need like Biology 05A or Chem 01A. Learn more: cnasscholars.ucr.edu/cnas-scholars-learning-community</p> |
| <p>As science students, do you get a lot of hands-on time in labs?</p> | <p>Yes. All laboratory classes are hands-on. In introductory lab courses (such as CHEM 001, BIOL 005, CHEM 008), experiments are performed in each lab period.</p> |
| <p>Will there be mentors for incoming freshman? It has been very difficult reaching out to CNAS via phone, so will it be different on campus?</p> | <p>Yes, we have many peer mentors in CNAS that are accessible on and off campus (while we are remote). Unfortunately, since we are not on campus, we do not have access to office phones. However, if you have questions, you can send them to cnassaao@ucr.edu</p> |

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| <p>How difficult is it to balance your major requirements and GE requirements? How do GEs work?</p> | <p>We refer to the GEs as breadth at UCR. The major requirements should be completed in sequence, and your advisor will assist you with planning your courses. The breadth classes, (such as English, Economics, Psychology, etc.) simply need to be completed in order to graduate. We recommend that CNAS students take the appropriate math and science classes each term, while adding in breadth courses of interest along the way.</p> |
| <p>Are there stem students who minor in a non-stem related minors? Or do many tend to minor in their particular area of study?</p> | <p>Definitely. We have a lot of students who minor in all kinds of areas!</p> |
| <p>If you were in an academic learning community, did you also join a Living-Learning Community?</p> | <p>In my first year, I lived in the SIMS Pentland Living-Learning Community (LLC), which is for CNAS students. I really enjoyed my experience, and I was able to meet many students with similar interests through the LLC. housing.ucr.edu/living-at-ucr/living-learning-communities</p> |
| <p>So we can take advantage of the learning communities without having to necessarily be in pentland?</p> | <p>Yes, definitely.</p> |
| <p>How safe is the campus, and when does most of the crime happen during the day? And, are there many classes in the evening?</p> | <p>UCR offers a service where other student volunteers can walk you to your vehicle. Some classes, such as longer lab classes, may be held in the evening, and that service is great to use in that situation. If there is a safety concern on campus, UCR has a system to immediately notify the campus community.</p> |
| <p>Do you dorm with people in your major, or is it random?</p> | <p>You may dorm with people in your major if you know them, but you do not have to.</p> |
| <p>Is it easy to double major?</p> | <p>It is not easy, but it is doable. You can find a double major, but usually you can't declare a double major until your junior year.</p> |
| <p>So are classes really being held in-person for fall?</p> | <p>We are hoping to have classes in the fall, but we just don't know quite yet if that will be all classes or some of the classes. We are still working on the logistics of all of this.</p> |
| <p>Where can i find the upper division majors on the website?</p> | <p>The upper division courses can be found in our catalog at registrar.ucr.edu/registering/catalog.</p> |
| <p>Is it still late to apply for CNAS scholarships?</p> | <p>Were you contacted about the Regents or Chancellor's Scholarship?</p> |
| <p>Unfortunately I have not, however, I qualify based on my high school GPA.</p> | <p>Please go to this website: financialaid.ucr.edu/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships They have all types of information regarding our scholarships.</p> |
| <p>Can we be both in honors or CNAS?</p> | <p>Absolutely! You can be in CNAS and also in the Honors program.</p> |
| <p>I used to write at high school newspaper. Is there a UCR newspaper which students can be part of?</p> | <p>Yes there is! We have an awesome UCR newspaper called The Highlander. I read it frequently. Students can write for the newspaper and also submit op-eds. www.highlandernews.org</p> |

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| <p>I am concerned about starting at UCR and the right mix of classes to be successful in my startup at the school with grades and obtaining the skills for my future profession. What do you recommend I do to find success and stability?</p> | <p>During freshman orientation in summer, your advisors will assist you with enrolling the exact courses you need to stay on track for graduation. In CNAS, this will be based on your math placement. UCR also has a fantastic career center to help students consider majors and careers that meet their interests and goals. Remember, you will have an assigned academic advisor as well, who can help you navigate processes and stay on track to graduate.</p> |
| <p>Is it hard to get core classes like intro English courses? I can imagine they fill up quick bc more people have to take those courses.</p> | <p>It can be difficult to get some classes, such as English 001C, but I was able to get it my freshman year. I also know several other students who were able to get ENGL 001C their first year.</p> |
| <p>Okay, so I am at the catalog. Where is the upper division category labelled as?</p> | <p>Upper Division courses are any courses with numbers from 100 to 199 (Lower Division courses are numbered 1-99). Graduate level courses are numbered 200 and up.</p> |
| | <p>This information is accurate and reliable at the time of posting but may change without notice. Please contact Undergraduate Admissions for the most up-to-date information.</p> |