Fall 2014 Electives

SPPS 261: Human Teratology – P2s & P3s only – 2 units
Instructor: Christina Chambers
Section: 816632
Thursday: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, Please note: First class is October 2nd.
Classroom: 1182
This course will provide an overview of the field of teratology with emphasis on specific medications used during pregnancy and the risk for congenital anomalies. Students will acquire ability to critically evaluate data and apply this to individual risk assessment.

SPPS 267: Pediatric Pharmacotherapy – P3s only – 2 units
Instructor: James Colbert
Section: 816633
Tuesday: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM AND Thursday: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Classroom: 1120
Through didactic lecture and case study discussions of common pharmaceutical care and chronic disease management challenges in the pediatric population, this elective provides students with specialized focus on Pediatric Pharmacotherapy. Reading materials and case studies will be drawn from clinical practice, primary literature, evidence-based medicine, and clinical practice guidelines.

SPPS 272: Medicare Part D – Limited to 45 students – 1 unit
Instructor: Nathan Painter
Section: 816634
Thursday, October 2 & Thursday, October 16: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM; Friday, October 10: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Classroom: 1160
Medicare Part D teaches and reviews the Medicare program emphasizing the Medicare Part D drug programs. Students are provided with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide comprehensive Medicare Part D education to the underserved elderly and to help Medicare beneficiaries navigate the complex Part D system. Outreaches to apply these skills are scheduled to engage the San Diego Community.

SPPS 284: Scientific Writing – Limited to 20 students – P2s & P3s only – 2 units
Instructors: Ana Pajor, Marianne Manchester
Section: 822120
Thursday: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Classroom: 1182
This course will examine the elements of writing scientific papers for publication. The course is intended to be an elective and will meet once a week for 2 hours during the Fall quarter. The course is intended for students, either graduate or pharmacy, who are actively involved in biomedical research, but may also be of interest to postdoctoral fellows, residents and junior faculty.

SPPS 298: AMCP P&T – 2 units
Instructors: Jonathan Watanabe, Sara Erickson
Section: 823659
Monday: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM; Class meets October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, December 1
Classroom: 1182
The AMCP Student Pharmacist Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee Competition (P&T competition) is intended to give students an opportunity to hone a variety of skills including critical analysis, presentation and research skills while gaining a real world perspective of the formulary management process. Students will evaluate the available scientific, clinical and economic evidence for a new molecular entity, conduct a cost/benefit analysis, assess the impact on patient population outcomes and relate drug therapy choices to practice guidelines.

SPPS 298: Law & Ethics Conference Co-Facilitator – P3s & P4s only – Enrollment determined by Instructor – 1 unit
Instructors: David Adler
Section: 816638
Tuesday: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Classroom: various
SOM Electives available to Pharmacy Students

PLEASE NOTE: The SOM needs to manually authorize SSPPS students to enroll in some of their courses. If you are unable to register for any of these courses in WebReg, please let me know which course & I will contact their Registrar to have you authorized.

BIOM 225: Introduction to Anthropogeny – 2 units
Instructor: Pascal Gagneux
Section: 822571
Thursday: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, First Class: September 9
Classroom: Carta Museum of Primatology (SSRB 310)
Explore multiple approaches to explaining a singular phenomenon: The Human Phenomenon, a phenomenon that is not the object of any single discipline

FPM 246: Occupational and Environmental Health – 2 units (fits with P2 schedule only)
Instructor requests that prospective students contact her prior to registering for the class -via email- rheifetz@ucsd.edu
Instructor: Ruth Heifetz
Section: 821547
Tuesday: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM, First Class: September 9
Classroom: Stein 344a (Conference Room)
Introduction to history/epidemiology of work-related disease. A review of occupationally-related health problems (heart disease, pneumoconiosis, peripheral neuropathy, sterility, birth defects, psychiatric disease and disability. Major modalities of prevention and control will be presented and the role of health practitioners, government, management and labor will be reviewed. Course will include guest lecturers, films, videotapes, and field visits to local industries and/or clinicians treating occupational disease.

FPM 296: Doctors Ought to Care -
Instructor: Ruth Covell
Section: 821042
Day: TBD. An enrollment meeting will be scheduled. For more information on the course e-mail the student coordinators, Sagar Pathak and Michelle Lum at doc-admin@ucsd.edu.
Classroom: TBD
DOC is a program that serves to educate the San Diego Community on 7 major topics (AIDS, Substance Abuse, Exercise, Nutrition, Becoming Doctors, Sex and Tobacco) that affect young people's lives. Students are responsible for developing a lesson plan and giving a presentation at a school (elementary through high school) in the San Diego area in an effort to reach out to the community. One of the major aims is to serve underprivileged areas and contribute to the health and welfare of developing minds and bodies through the powerful tool of education.

MED 253: Medical Chinese – 1 unit
Instructor: Hui Dong
Section: 821558
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, First Class: September 9
Classroom: MET 313
The objective of this course is to prepare medical students with the basic conversational skills required to conduct a clinical exam in Mandarin Chinese. Students will learn to use Mandarin to take a medical history and to perform a physical exam. The ability to converse in Mandarin Chinese is recommended.