Welcome message from GPSA President Surbhi Sharma

On behalf of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), I would like to welcome all new and returning graduate and professional students to the 2015—2016 academic year. As an enrolled graduate and/or professional student, you are a part of GPSA: the recognized student government for graduate and professional students at UNLV. Our mission is to promote and advocate the interests of graduate and professional students at platforms such as Board of Regents, President's Advisory Council meetings; assist in academic endeavors through research and travel sponsorship funding, our annual spring Research Forum; and to provide an environment conducive to student scholarship and research by organizing various professional development workshops and social events throughout the academic year.

Familiarize yourself with your department representative who serves on the GPSA Council. You are always welcome to attend the GPSA Council meetings held the first Monday of each month at Student Union Rooms: 208 A, B & C from 2:00—3:30pm. You will receive important updates and pertinent news that affects your academic career through your department representatives and GPSA email messages we send throughout the semester.

Please visit GPSA @ [https://www.unlv.edu/gpsa](https://www.unlv.edu/gpsa), and contact us with any questions, comments or suggestions you may have during your stay at UNLV. We wish you the very best of luck for the upcoming academic year!!!

In appreciation: GPSA 2015 Summer Council

One of the main charges of the GPSA Summer Council each year is to set the goals for the upcoming year. The 2015—2016 GPSA goals are located on the GPSA website. A special thank you for the service and active involvement of the GPSA E-Board and Council members: President Surbhi Sharma, Vice President Meghan Pierce, GPSA Secretary Ariel Rosen and GPSA Treasurer Terri Thomas, School of Allied Health Kristyne Bartel, College of Business Kaiyang Wu, College of Community Health Sciences Adam Obenza, College of Education Jacqueline Hart, College of Engineering Patrick Daleiden, College of Fine Arts Wendy Chambers, College of Hotel Administration Alice Swift, Law School Steven J.T. Washington, College of Sciences Jason Sylva, College of Urban Affairs Carrie Sampson, GPSA Faculty Advisors: Graduate College Dean Kate Hausbeck Korgan and Peter Gray and GPSA Manager Becky Boulton.
Personal Safety and Crime Prevention Presentations are Available to Campus

UNLV Police Services is ready, willing, and able to give group presentations on any topics involving personal safety, campus policing, crime prevention, and emergency preparedness.

Police Services gives presentations to the campus community on the following topics:

1. Campus emergency preparedness
2. Active shooter situations and personal safety on campus
3. Crime prevention (e.g., auto theft, burglary, robbery, nighttime safety, sexual assault, cyberstalking, identity theft, hate crimes, pedestrian safety, and more)
4. Police services provided to the campus community
5. Orientation presentations for new students and their parents as well as faculty and staff
6. Law enforcement as a career

Please note that a custom presentation to suit your group’s needs can be created. To arrange a presentation, call Hobreigh Fischer at (702) 895-1302 or email him at hobreigh.fischer@unlv.edu.

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The Advantages to Using Your RebelCard

Your RebelCard is more than your official campus identification. You can deposit money to your RebelCard and use it as RebelCash for dining on campus, for vending machines, printing in computing labs and at a number of restaurants and shops both on and off campus. For your on-campus RebelCard purchases you will not be charged the 8.1% sales tax. For a full list of vendors that offer Rebel Card discounts, visit the RebelCard website. The content of this information was retrieved from: http://www.unlv.edu/rebelcard.

- Raisin’ Canes Chicken Fingers Apple Stores
- Pink Taco in Hard Rock Hotel – 25% off of bill
- Station Casino Movie Theatres
- Town Square AMC Motion Pictures
- Del Taco – Maryland and Tropicana – 10% off
- Macayos on Tropicana & Maryland Parkway
- Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf – Maryland Parkway location only – pay with your Rebel Card any day of the week from 2-6pm and receive a “Buy one get one free” beverage

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A Place to Study - Graduate Student Commons

Looking for a place to work on your group project, study for a test or write your thesis or dissertation? Come visit us in Graduate Student Commons, Lied Library room 2141. This state of the art facility is equipped with a copier, fax, flatbed scanners, color laser printers, office supplies, 38 PCs, 6 Macs and wireless access, 5 large LCD touch screen panels, whiteboards, a small kitchen, and a meeting room for group study (reservations made with the office staff).

You can read your free copy of The New York Times provided by the GPSA on the comfortable couches. The GPSA has a plotter to print large posters for your conference presentations. The printing cost comes directly off of your RebelCard, $11 a linear foot.

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Graduate Student Commons located on the 2nd floor of the Lied Library

**Graduate Student Commons Hours**

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Meet the GPSA 2015 – 2016 Executive Board

GPSA E-Board elections are held in April each year with the new officers assuming their new roles at the May Council meeting. The terms for the Executive Board are from May to May.

Incoming **GPSA President Surbhi Sharma** is currently a Ph.D. student working in Dr. Martin R. Schiller’s laboratory in the School of Life Sciences. Her dissertation research focuses on predicting the novel C-termini minimotifs in the human proteome. Previously, Surbhi served as the School of Life Sciences’ GPSA representative and held a seat on both the Sponsorship and Publications committees.

**GPSA Vice President Meghan Pierce** began her studies at UNLV in 2003. After completing a B.A. in psychology, she then went on to complete a M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and a M.A. in Psychology. Currently, she is working on her Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology with an emphasis in neuroscience. Her research examines the neuroendocrine and genetic correlates of stress, specifically markers of the HPA axis in various populations of veterans, females, and psychopathology. Meghan has held positions as the GPSA Secretary and Treasurer.

**GPSA Treasurer Terri Thomas** began her studies at UNLV in 2011 as a bachelor’s student in the School of Social Work. Terri is currently working on her M.S.W. in the area of macro and community practice, as well as a Nonprofit Management Certification from the Public Administration Department. Terri is utilizing her skills in her work as a Family Support Services Specialist at the Center for Academic and Outreach. Terri has served for the past two years as the School of Social Work GPSA Representative. As a member of the GPSA Council, Terri has served on the GPSA Sponsorship Committee, the GPSA Awards Committee and as the graduate student Commencement Marshal.

**GPSA Secretary Ariel Rosen** began her graduate studies at UNLV in 2014 as a master’s student. She is currently pursuing a dual degree, a Master's in Information Systems combined with a Master's in Business Administration. Ariel is very involved in campus life, and serves as the Operations VP for the Master's of Business Administration Association, along with serving on the Publications Committee and as Chair on the Elections Committee within the GPSA. She works as a Faculty Assistant in the Management, Entrepreneurship and Technology Department.

**GPSA Fall and Spring Semester Book Scholarship**

*Need help paying for your textbooks?? Each semester the GPSA offers fifteen (15) book scholarships @ $100 each to be used at the UNLV Bookstore*

To qualify for the GPSA Book Scholarship, graduate / professional students must be admitted in a degree program and enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits. Students must also have and maintained a minimum 3.0 GPA, be in good academic standing, and have at the time of application submission taken and completed at least 6 graduate and/or professional credit hours. Students are permitted to receive no more than one GPSA Book Scholarship during their graduate/professional studies at UNLV. Information about the GPSA Book Scholarship is available on the GPSA website.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES:** Fall semester – April 30th and Spring semester – October 30th
Do Your Part for the Environment—Discounts on Transit Passes

Buy your transit pass at UNLV at get a discount: a 30 day monthly pass is $32.50 (a $65 value) and a semester past is $104. You must show a valid student ID card. UNLV transit passes can be purchased at the UNLV Student Union, UNLV Bookstore, or Parking and Transportation Services. More information is available at: http://www.rtcsnv.com/transit/fare-information/unlv-transit-pass/.

Parking Tips for the Fall Semester

- There is a free parking lot on campus located in Lot S (corner of Harmon and Swenson, west of the tennis courts by the track). No permit is required to park in this lot. However, you do need to arrive early in the day to ensure a space.
- Avoid Maryland Parkway during the day. There is very limited parking between Cottage Grove (northern end of campus) to University Road (southern end of campus, Greenspun Hall next to In and Out Burger). Traffic gets very congested on Maryland Parkway with the speed limit set at 30 mph to keep traffic slow for the several pedestrian walkways in that stretch of road.
- Arrive early so that if do run into trouble finding a parking space and you don’t use up your valuable time and energy getting frustrated.
- Read the RAVE (http://oit.unlv.edu/rave/) messages. If there is going to be an event on campus that will impact parking, messages usually go out the week prior to the parking impact.
- Open parking on Saturday.
- The two most likely areas that you will be able to find parking at any given time are the Thomas & Mack Center parking lot on the southwest side of campus and the Cottage Grove parking garage.
- New on campus, Zipcars give students the flexibility of using a vehicle without the hassle of ownership. You can reserve online or by using the app on your smartphone. Zipcars are available for as little as an hour at a time or up to 4 days. More information is available at: http://www.zipcar.com/unlv. You must be at least 18 years or older to use this service.
- With the exception of Lots I and G after 5:00pm, students displaying a valid student parking permit may park in faculty parking as well.
- Parking & Transportation Services provides assistance with battery jumps and tire inflation. Call 702-895-1300.

The New York Times is Available on Campus and Online

The GPSA provides hard copies of The New York Times in the main lobby of the William S. Boyd Law School and the Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. The GPSA also belongs to The New York Times Readership program. UNLV log-ins are limited to 200 daily e-passes, NYTimes.com/Passes. These passes provide full, complimentary access for 24 hours to The New York Times website and The NY Times smartphone apps. This does not include e-reader editions, premium crosswords or The New York Times crosswords apps. The NY Times apps are not supported on all devices. Other restrictions may apply. For more information: http://www.gpsa.edu.
Fall 2015 Professional Development Workshops

Each semester, the GPSA / Graduate College host a series of professional development workshops. Visit the GPSA website for further workshop details.

Friday, August 28, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: At Home at UNLV: Navigational Guide for International Students. BEH 241.

Friday, September 4, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: How to Successfully Start your Graduate Program. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Friday, September 11, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Syllabus and Assignment Creation. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Friday, September 18, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Learning to Embrace Equity and Diversity in Higher Education. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Friday, September 25, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Academic Etiquette. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Friday, October 2, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Applying to Academic and Non-academic Jobs. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Friday, October 2, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Publisher Technology and Relations. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Friday, October 9, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Designing Effective Research Assignments. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Friday, October 16, 10:00 am – 11:30 am: Effective Online Teaching. Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141.

Registration for each workshop must be made using your UNLV Rebel mail account. Registration links are provided on the GPSA website: http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/development

Graduate College - Graduation Deadlines for Fall 2015

Thursday, October 1, 2014
Final day to apply and submit application for graduation through MyUNLV account. Please note: A $75 graduation and commencement fee will be placed on your student account (one fee per degree/certificate) beginning the first day of registration for the semester in which you have applied to graduate, or, if registration has already opened, your fee will be applied within two business days.

Saturday, November 14, 2015
Last day to take comprehensive exam, or to defend your thesis or dissertation.

Friday, November 20, 2015
Last day to submit the final, properly formatted hard copy of your thesis or dissertation to the Graduate College for final format review; all final exam results and final documents must be submitted to the Graduate College by this date.

Thursday, December 4, 2015
Last day for electronic submission of final thesis/dissertation to the Graduate College. All final, properly formatted hard-copies of theses, dissertations and doctoral projects are due by this date.

Monday, December 7, 2015
Last day for electronic submission of final thesis/dissertation (with formatting pre-approved by the Graduate College) to ProQuest.

Tuesday, December 15, 2015
UNLV Commencement at the Thomas and Mack Center—4:00pm. Commencement hotline: 702-895-3229.

For more information on thesis and dissertation formatting visit: http://www.unlv.edu/graduatecollege/thesis
Don’t miss out on GPSA Funding Opportunities

GPSA Research and Conference Travel Sponsorships

Need funding for your research project or to attend a conference during the spring 2016 semester? GPSA sponsorship information and the application are available at http://www.unlv.edu/gpsa/sponsorship-awards. For the academic year 2015—2016, the GPSA has $150,000 for student research and conference travel. For scholarly activities that take place in the Spring 2016 semester, the sponsorship deadline is November 15, 2015. The Summer 2016 semester sponsorship deadline is March 15, 2016. Emergency travel funding is also available (for conference presentation or research travel only). The application deadline is the 20th of each month. Applications must be submitted prior to your travel. Check the GPSA website to see if you qualify. Please see the adjacent flyer for more information on the upcoming Funding Workshop which will take place October 23rd. The GPSA will also host 2 workshops at the William S. Boyd School of Law: October 14th from 12:10 –1:10pm and 4:30—6:15pm, and a workshop at the Dental School on October 22nd from noon—1:00pm. Pizza and drinks will be served at all of the workshops. For more information, please visit the GPSA website.

UNLV Technology Services Available for Students

Take advantage of the numerous technology resources available on campus for graduate and professional students:

- Lynda.com is a free online resource for UNLV students. It is a web-based tutorial training service that offers a wide array of tutorials for professional development and for the latest software e.g. AutoCAD, WebCampus Essentials for Instructors, Google Tools, Microsoft Office 2013, Web designs and graphics, etc. Use your ACE account to log-in.

- New students receive a $1.00 printing balance. Printing is available in one of the student computer labs located across the campus (http://oit.unlv.edu/labs-classrooms), including the Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141. By logging into rebelprint.unlv.edu, you can access wireless printing. Use your ACE account to log-in.

- IT has an extremely helpful staff. You can access the Help Desk online (http://oit.unlv.edu/help) or help@unlv.edu; call 702-895-0777 or visit the office locations at SU 231 and CBC B113. The HELP desk provides support for log-in issues, software questions, etc.

- UNLV offers students free and discounted software (https://oit.unlv.edu/software-and-computers/software) and discounts on computer prices (https://oit.unlv.edu/software-and-computers/student-computer-purchases).
UNLV offers many great services, discounts, and events for graduate/professional students. Here are some facets of graduate and professional student life you should know about:

- The Student Wellness Center provides health care, counseling services, workshops, a state-of-the-art gym, massage chairs and much more. Don’t miss out: http://srwc.unlv.edu/
- Check out the free campus lectures series at:
  - Black Mountain Institute: http://blackmountain.unlv.edu
  - University Forum Lecture Series: http://liberalarts.unlv.edu/forum.htm
  - Brookings Mountain West: http://brookingsmtnwest.unlv.edu/events
  - Barrick Lecture series (this event is free, but you'll need to reserve a ticket): http://pac.unlv.edu/barrick.php
- Free New York Times newspapers are available in the Graduate Student Commons and on the 1st floor of the Boyd School of Law Building. Also available are 200 e-subscriptions offered daily. More information on how to set up your account is available at: http://nytimes.com/passes
- Use your RebelCard for on-campus dining and save the 8.1% sales tax! Your RebelCard can be used at numerous on and off-campus businesses. For a list of participating locations, go to http://www.unlv.edu/rebelcard/vendors
- The Graduate Student Commons, LLB 2141 sells a wide variety of snacks. Payment for the snacks is cash only.
- Keep an eye out for updates on an upcoming free bagels and coffee week at the Graduate Student Commons!
- Graduate and professional students taking 6 credits or more are eligible to attend athletic events for free. Call the Thomas & Mack Box Office for more information at 702-739-3267.
- Graduate and professional students can receive a discounted ticket to UNLV theatre events. Contact the Performing Arts Center Box Office at 702-895-ARTS for details. Restrictions or conditions may apply.
- There is a free parking lot on campus located in Lot S (corner of Harmon and Swenson). No permit is required to park in this lot. However, you do need to arrive early to get a spot.

For new students:

- Once you have your UNLV student ID, you will need to activate your RebelCard at the Circulation Desk at the Lied Library to access your library privileges.
- You will need your ACE account in order to use the computers in the student labs. This includes the Graduate Student Commons (LLB 2141). ACE accounts are created for students upon admission to UNLV. Students will receive an email to their personal email account with their ACE credentials and account setup instructions. Locations of all student labs can be found here: http://oit.unlv.edu/.

For graduate assistants:

All graduate assistants receive a 10% discount on textbooks at the UNLV Bookstore. Take a copy of your signed contract when you go to purchase your books to take advantage of this offer!
Noteworthy UNLV Dates

August 24  Instruction Begins
August 26  University Forum Lecture: Working to Save Both Nature and Society in Africa. Marjorie Barrick Museum/Harry Reid Center @ 7:30—8:30pm. Admission is free.

September 1  Labor Day Recess
September 12  UNLV Football vs. UCLA. Sam Boyd Stadium @ 7:30pm
September 14  GPSA Council meeting. 2:00pm—3:00pm, Student Union rooms 208 A, B & C
September 17  President Jessup’s State of the University Address. Judy Baley Theater @ 2:30—4:00pm
September 25  UNLV Women’s Soccer vs. Air Force @ 7:00pm

September 30  University Forum Lecture: “Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing & Female Celebrity. Marjorie Barrick Museum/Harry Reid Center @ 7:30—8:30pm. Admission is free.

October 1  UNLV Wind Orchestra: Raise the Roof. Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall @ 7:00pm All students receive 1 free ticket.
October 5  GPSA Council meeting. 2:00pm—3:00pm, Student Union rooms 208 A, B & C

October 30  Nevada Day Recess

November 13  UNLV Rebel’s Basketball vs. Cal Poly, Thomas & Mack Center, time TBA

GPSA newsletter archives are available: http://gpsa.unlv.edu/newsletter/

Make the most of your academic experience—meet your fellow graduate & professional students at one of GPSA’s hosted events. Check http://gpsa.unlv.edu/ for upcoming activities!