The UCLA Freshman Cluster is an innovative approach to general education beyond the traditional lecture course. Distinguished faculty from different disciplines team-teach yearlong, big-idea “cluster” courses unlike any others offered to freshmen. The courses explore a single broad topic, such as interracial dynamics or biotechnology, from perspectives as varied as biology, philosophy, literature and urban planning.

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Each cluster course has:
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- BIOTECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY (Cluster M71A,B,CW)
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