



Profile of Undergraduate Students

University of California, Irvine

Fall 2012

The Campus

UC Irvine is one of nine undergraduate campuses in the University of California system. The city of Irvine has, for the last eight years, been identified as the safest city of its size or larger in the United States. We are close to beaches and mountains and are between Los Angeles and San Diego. UCI currently enrolls undergraduates from 62 countries; more than 80 languages are spoken on campus. For a virtual tour, go to www.campustours.uci.edu and click the link that says virtual tour.

Campus Enrollment

In Fall Quarter 2012, UCI had 22,216 undergraduates, 4,470 graduate students, 419 medical students and 297 law students. The undergraduates included 5,077 freshmen and 1,704 new transfer students. UCI received 76,319 new student applications for the current year.



Gender

54% of UCI undergraduates are women; 46% are men.

UCI is Ethnically Diverse

55% of our undergraduates identify themselves as Asian/Asian American (20% Chinese, 11% Vietnamese, 8% Filipino, 7% Korean, 5% East Indian/Pakistani, 2% Japanese, less than 1% Pacific Islander and 3% other SE Asian). Additionally, 20% identify as Chicano/Latino, 18% White/Caucasian, 3% Black/African American, less than 1% Native American, less than 1% other and 3% unknown.

Undergraduate Majors

UCI currently offers degrees in 85 undergraduate majors and 66 minors. The five largest majors are:

- Biological Sciences
- Psychology & Social Behavior
- Business Economics
- Political Science
- Public Health Sciences

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"Meeting people of different backgrounds has taught me a lot about myself and about other lifestyles. It has made me more aware of diversity and changed my values, opinions, and personal goals."

– Spring Quarter, 2012



Academic Opportunities for

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

First-Year Programs: The First-Year Integrated Program sequences engage students on a topic from the perspective of three or more different disciplines in a small yearlong learning community of 3-4 faculty, 2 graduate teaching assistants and no more than 85 freshmen. Freshman Seminars, small classes of 15 students, introduce students to the research university. These seminars emphasize analysis and communication and give faculty and students a chance to explore academic topics and new lines of inquiry in a supportive, interactive and informal setting.

The Campuswide Honors Program (CHP) offers high-achieving students a challenging and rewarding educational experience through its "small college" learning community, faculty mentors and special learning opportunities. Currently, 700 undergraduates participate in CHP.

Whether it's to take additional courses in their major, improve their GPA or graduate sooner, more than half of UCI undergraduates enroll each summer in Summer Session, which offers about 800 courses.

Summer Start Programs provide an academic and social foundation for incoming freshmen and transfer students during the summer before their first quarter at UCI.

During 2012-13, about 900 students will study abroad for at least one term. The Study Abroad Center has programs in 36 countries, ranging from Argentina to Vietnam.

You can also do an internship and take classes in our nation's or state capital through the Capital Internship Programs in Washington, D.C., or UC Center Sacramento. A wide variety of internships are available for all majors. Earn UC credit and take your financial aid with you.

Each year, nearly 2,000 undergraduates participate in faculty-mentored research and creative activities through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The UCI Center for Excellence in Writing and Communication helps students develop their writing skills and offers free assistance for papers from any class. The Scholarship Opportunities Program (SOP), housed in the UCI Writing Center, helps high-achieving students win internationally prestigious awards. SOP provides information and advising, edits candidate materials and writes university nomination letters.

The Learning and Academic Resource Center (LARC) provides learning skills workshops and course-specific tutorials to promote students' academic success.



For Undergraduate Students

Student Support Services (SSS) assists first-generation, low-income students and students with disadvantaged backgrounds through workshops, individual counseling and peer mentoring sessions. SSS supports summer bridge programs for freshmen and new transfers who qualify for services.

The Transfer Student Center offers workshops and mentoring and also provides a convenient campus location for transfer students to connect, hang out or study between classes to enhance their academic and social experience.

"LARC is an amazing resource that has provided me with all the help I need and beyond. It makes being a student athlete possible."

– Fall Quarter, 2012

The International Peer Group (IPG) is a cross-cultural mentoring program designed to assist incoming international students in making a smooth transition to university life.

SELECTING AND CHANGING MAJORS

You don't have to enter UCI with a declared major. Taking time to select a major is important, especially given the wide variety of majors available. One option is to enter UCI in the Undecided/Undeclared Program (U/U), which helps new students successfully transition to college and explore their academic and life goals. 19% of freshmen entered as U/U in Fall Quarter 2012.

General Education courses expose students to different disciplines to expand their academic interests.

About half of our undergraduates will change their major at least once before they graduate.



Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded 2011-12

Social Sciences	2272	33%
Biological Sciences	1037	15%
Social Ecology	902	13%
Humanities	817	12%
Engineering	546	8%
Public Health	384	6%
Physical Sciences	322	5%
Arts	265	4%
Info & Computer Science	234	3%
Business	116	2%
Nursing Science	46	1%
Pharmaceutical Sciences	20	0%
Total	6961	100%

Note: Figures include Summer 2012. Source: UCI Registrar

of all undergraduates lived on campus. Another 8% of our undergraduates live within walking distance.

Source: UCI Housing

Degrees Awarded

UCI awarded 6,961 baccalaureate degrees in 2011-12.

UCI GPA

The average Fall Quarter 2012 GPA for continuing undergraduates was 3.01. Nearly 28% of continuing undergraduates who took at least 12 graded units earned Fall Quarter GPAs of 3.50 or better, qualifying them for the dean's list. The average Fall Quarter 2012 GPA for new students was 2.87.

Prestige of the Faculty

UCI has 21 faculty members who were elected to the National Academy of Sciences and 37 faculty members who were elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

Undergraduate Financial Aid

In Fall Quarter 2012, 80% of undergraduate students received some type of financial aid, 61% received need-based scholarships or grants (the average award was \$16,123), and 43% received Pell Grants. UCI enrolled 69 new Regents' Scholars and 572 new Chancellor's Achievement Scholars.

Source: UCI Financial Aid

Campus Housing

In Fall Quarter 2012, 78% of freshmen and 46%

Undergraduate Enrollment – Fall Quarter 2012

School	New Freshmen		New Transfers		All Undergraduates	
Arts	153	3%	66	4%	772	3%
Biological Sciences	1118	22%	184	11%	3924	18%
Business	130	3%	52	3%	590	3%
Engineering	664	13%	175	10%	2872	13%
Humanities	172	3%	202	12%	1569	7%
Info & Computer Science	303	6%	101	6%	1179	5%
Nursing Science	36	1%	2	0%	166	1%
Pharmaceutical Sciences	249	5%	39	2%	679	3%
Physical Sciences	317	6%	70	4%	1254	6%
Public Health	83	2%	44	3%	1045	5%
Social Ecology	285	6%	340	20%	2363	11%
Social Sciences	627	12%	425	25%	4454	20%
Undecided/Undeclared	940	19%	4	0%	1349	6%
Total	5077	100%	1704	100%	22216	100%

Source: UCI Registrar

