



UCI University of
California, Irvine

Fall 2014

Profile of Undergraduate Students



The Campus

UC Irvine is one of nine undergraduate campuses in the University of California system. For the last ten years, the city of Irvine has been the safest city of more than 100,000 residents in the United States. UCI is between Los Angeles and San Diego, close to beaches and mountains.

For a video introduction to UCI, go to youtube.com/user/UCIrvineAdmissions

Campus Enrollment

In fall quarter 2014, UCI had 24,711 undergraduates, 4,692 graduate students, 420 medical students, and 326 law students. The new undergraduates consisted of 5,456 freshmen and 2,038 transfer students. UCI received 88,792 new undergraduate applications for fall quarter 2015. UCI currently enrolls undergraduates born in 125 different countries.

Gender

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

Ethnic Diversity

54% of UCI's undergraduates identify themselves as Asian/Asian American (22% Chinese, 11% Vietnamese, 7% Filipino, 5% Korean, 4% East Indian/Pakistani, 2% Japanese, less than 1% Pacific Islander and 3% other SE Asian). Additionally, 25% identify as Chicano/Latino, 16% 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 80 undergraduate majors and 65 minors. The five largest majors are:

- Biological Sciences
- Psychology and Social Behavior
- Business Economics
- Computer Science
- Criminology, Law and Society

Academic Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

Academic Enrichment Programs

Freshman seminars, small classes of 15 students, are available to 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 offers high-achieving students a challenging and rewarding educational experience through its "small college" learning community, faculty mentors and special learning opportunities. Currently, nearly 800 undergraduates participate.

Each year, nearly 2,200 undergraduates participate in faculty-mentored research and creative activities through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program.

Study Abroad Center:

"One of the most important changes I went through while studying abroad was a change in perspective." —Undergraduate Student



During the 2014-15 academic year, about 900 students will study abroad for at least one term. The Study Abroad Center offers programs in 36 countries, ranging from Argentina to Vietnam.

Students can also intern and take classes through the Capital Internship Programs in Washington, D.C. and UC Center Sacramento while earning UC credit and continuing their financial aid. A wide variety of internships are available for all majors.

Whether it is to take additional courses in their major, improve their GPA, or graduate sooner, every year close to half of UCI undergraduates enroll in Summer Session, which offers about 800 courses.

The Blackstone Launchpad program provides free coaching and support to help any UCI student launch a business venture.

The Blum Center for Global Engagement motivates faculty and students to assist with alleviating poverty via community engagement and research.



Academic Assistance Programs

The Center for Excellence in Writing and Communication helps students develop their writing skills and offers free assistance with writing assignments from any class.

The Scholarship Opportunities Program, housed in the Center for Excellence in Writing and Communication, helps high-achieving students win internationally prestigious awards. It provides information and advising, edits candidate materials, and writes university nomination letters.

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

Center for Excellence in Writing and Communication:

“I learned more about the general essay structure and format of college essays as opposed to high school essays. This really helped me transition from the high school environment to the college environment...”

—Undergraduate Student

Student Support Services assists first-generation, low-income students and students with disadvantaged backgrounds through workshops, individual counseling and peer mentoring sessions. It provides a Summer Bridge program for incoming freshmen who qualify for services.

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

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

The International Peer Group 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, which helps new students successfully transition to college and explore their academic and life goals. Nearly 24% of freshmen entered as Undecided/Undeclared in fall 2014.

General Education courses expose students to a broad range of disciplines to expand their academic interests.

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



Prestige of the Faculty

UCI currently has 24 National Academy of Sciences faculty members and 33 Fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Campus Housing

In fall quarter 2014, 81% of freshmen and 42% of all undergraduates lived on campus. Another 9% of undergraduates live within walking distance.

Source: UCI Housing

Baccalaureate Degrees Awarded 2013-14

School	Number	Percent
Social Sciences	1,552	25.8
Social Ecology	899	15.0
Biological Sciences	786	13.1
Engineering	617	10.3
Humanities	536	8.9
Public Health	503	8.4
Physical Sciences	291	4.8
Info & Computer Science	271	4.5
Arts	222	3.7
Business	162	2.7
Pharmaceutical Sciences	122	2.0
Nursing Science	49	0.8
Total	6,010	100

Note: Figures include summer quarter 2014. Source: UCI Registrar

UCI Grade Point Average (GPA)

The average fall quarter 2014 GPA for continuing undergraduates was 3.02. Approximately 31% 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 honor list. The average fall quarter 2014 GPA for new students was 2.89 for freshmen and 3.08 for transfers.

Undergraduate Financial Aid

In fall quarter 2014, 77% of undergraduate students received some type of financial aid, 63% received need-based scholarships or grants (the average award was \$16,987), and 47% received Pell Grants. UCI enrolled 101 new Regents' Scholars and 658 new Chancellor's Excellence Scholars.

Source: UCI Financial Aid



Undergraduate Enrollment – Fall Quarter 2014

School	All Undergraduates		New Freshman		New Transfers	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Social Sciences	5,086	20.6	715	13.1	505	24.8
Engineering	3,257	13.2	711	13.0	240	11.8
Biological Sciences	3,152	12.8	777	14.2	156	7.7
Social Ecology	2,682	10.9	286	5.2	396	19.4
Info & Computer Science	2,119	8.6	477	8.7	212	10.4
Physical Sciences	1,553	6.3	417	7.6	108	5.3
Humanities	1,459	5.9	164	3.0	218	10.7
Public Health	1,249	5.1	141	2.6	71	3.5
Pharmaceutical Sciences	751	3.0	217	4.0	33	1.6
Arts	707	2.9	120	2.2	73	3.6
Business	447	1.8	78	1.4	18	0.9
Education	294	1.2	19	0.3	4	0.2
Nursing Science	150	0.6	40	0.7	2	0.1
Undecided/Undeclared	1,783	7.2	1,294	23.7	2	0.1
Total	24,689	100	5,456	100	2,038	100