

University of California Irvine Info Guide

Campus/Surrounding Area

- Located in Irvine, California
- Public university
- Right next to the city of Newport Beach
- 1475 acres
- Known as the school with never-ending construction
- Centered around Aldrich park
- Park is filled with trees and has a lush feel of nature
- Park is a commonplace to study, hang out, engage in physical activities such as sports, etc.
- Undergraduate schools are found closer to the park
- Graduate/professional schools are found further outward
- The park is surrounded by Ring Road, a stoned pavement that creates segments for each school
- Each school has its own designated spot on Ring Road
- Buildings further away are connected through 4 bridges
- “North Campus” = The Facilities Management Department, Faculty Research Facility, Fleet Services, and the Air Pollution Health Effects Laboratory
- “Southern Campus” = University Research Park (office and research area for various amount of companies)
- There are 5 libraries on campus
 - Jack Langson Library
 - Science Library
 - Grunigen Medical Library
 - Libraries Gateway Study Center
 - UCI Law Library
- Campus provides a food center, study spots, and theaters
- 10 different labs across campus that serve as places to study as well
- Most labs are fairly close to Aldrich Park
- The Irvine Barclay Theater is used for many kinds of performances in the arts

- Cross-Cultural Center - a place where events regarding the understanding and acceptance of different cultures are held
- Bren Events Center - a place where most of UCI's sports occur
- Crawford Athletics Complex - a place where UCI athletes can train, includes a baseball park, track and field area, and swimming pool
- Anteater Recreation Center - a place used for campus recreation events
- California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology - a place that uses nanotechnology and other sciences to create solutions to problems
- Administrative buildings are located furthest away from the central park
- Most housing is located in the opposite direction of administrative buildings
- Other housing is scattered around campus
- Many students bike/walk to school from dorms and surrounding areas with apartments
- Past Irvine Barclay Theater there is a pedestrian bridge that connects across the road to a shopping center known as University Town Center
 - Mini target
 - In-n-Out
 - Chick-fil-a
 - Blaze Pizza
 - Yogurtland
 - And other various restaurants/shops
- Anteater Express allows students to travel around campus via shuttle
- Holiday Shuttle allows all students and staff free passage to John Wayne Airport and Irvine Train Station during holiday breaks
- Not considered a party school, intense focus on academics
- Surrounded by a suburban area
- Emergency evacuation areas located all over campus
- Campus provides examples of sustainability through bottle filling stations, LEED-certified buildings, solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations, and community gardens

Academics

- Offers over 85 majors
- 16 different schools/programs
 - Claire Trevor School of Arts
 - 4 departments: art, dance, drama, and music
 - Studios, theaters, technologically advanced classrooms, and art galleries are found on campus
 - School of Biological Sciences
 - First-year consists of ecology, cellular, molecular and evolutionary biology
 - Second-year consists of genetics, biochemistry, and molecular biology
 - third/fourth years consists of an advanced biology course of the student's choice
 - The Paul Merage School of Business
 - Several types of business degrees are offered including Business Administration, Business Information Management, and Business Analytics
 - School of Education
 - Several types of educational degrees are offered including Education Sciences, Ph.D. in Education, and Masters in Teaching
 - The Henry Samueli School of Engineering
 - 6 departments: biomedical engineering, chemical/biomolecular engineering, civil/environmental engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical/aerospace engineering, materials science, and engineering
 - All first-year engineering majors experience a similar type of coursework
 - School of Humanities
 - Over a dozen language programs
 - Programs in creative writing, journalism, global cultures, religious studies, and academic English
 - Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences
 - Programs for computer science, engineering, mathematics, and social sciences
 - 3 departments: Computer Science, Informatics, and Statistics

- Interdisciplinary Studies
 - Allows students to participate in different studies
- School of Law
 - Offers degrees such as the Juris Doctor degree and Master of Law degree
- School of Medicine
 - One of the top medical research schools in the nation
 - Degrees in biomedical/translational science, genetic counseling, medical science, and medicine
- Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing
 - Degrees in nursing practice and doctor of nursing practice
 - Ph.D. program also available
- Department of Pharmaceutical Services
 - Degrees offered for careers involved in biomedical research, pharmacy, medicine, and other health-related jobs
- School of Physical Sciences
 - Departments in chemistry, earth system science, mathematics, physics, and astronomy
- Program in Public Health
 - Different degrees offered such as Public Health, Global Health, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Sociocultural Diversity & Health, and Environmental Health
- School of Social Ecology
 - 3 departments: Criminology/Law & Science, Urban Planning & Public Policy, Psychological Science
- School of Social Sciences
 - Work to understand and change in society, the economy, and humans in general
- Student to Faculty Ratio: 18:1
- Graduation Rate: 84%
- Academic Calendars divided into quarters
- Studying abroad programs available

- Classes can range from small numbers of 10-20 to large numbers of 100+
- Biology, Managerial Economics, and Social Psychology are the top 3 most popular majors
- 41% of faculty female, 59% male
- List of undergraduate majors/minors: <http://catalogue.uci.edu/undergraduatedegrees/>

Dorms

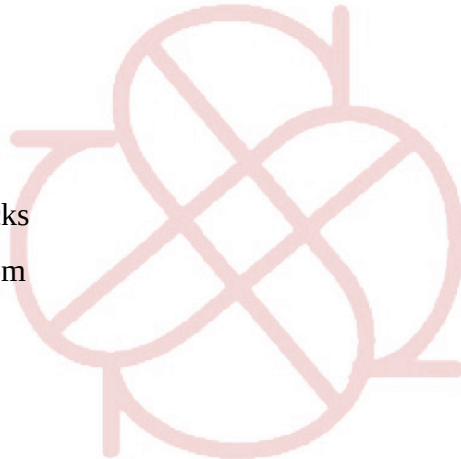
- 11 student housing areas located on the campus
- Freshmen typically dorm in Mesa Court or Middle Earth
- After Freshman year, students can live in Arroyo Vista, Mesa Court, Middle Earth, Vista del Campo, Camino de Sol, Vista de Campo Norte, Puerta del Sol, and Plaza Verde
- Mesa Court
 - 29 halls
 - 55-90 beds in each hall
 - Same-sex suites, 6 rooms in a suite
 - 3 mixed-gender towers
 - No a/c available
 - Single, double, and triple occupancy rooms available
 - Filled with plants and other nature
- Middle Earth
 - 24 halls
 - 48-96 beds in each hall
 - 5 to 10 rooms per suite
 - Gender-inclusive bathrooms available
 - 2 mixed-gender towers
- Arroyo Vista
 - 42 houses
 - 8-16 occupants per house
 - No a/c
- ACC Apartments
 - Eastside of campus
 - Furnished apartments w/ air conditioning

- Single & double rooms
- Palo Verde
 - Single, double, and triple bedrooms
 - Studios available as well
 - Houses mainly graduate students
- Verano Place
 - Single, double, and triple bedrooms
 - Studios available as well
 - Houses mainly graduate students
- Campus Village
 - 2 students per apartment
 - No a/c
 - Patio or balcony

Food

- 7 day meal plan + \$50 FlexDine
 - Quarterly
 - \$2032.68
 - Can eat at Anteater and Brandywine an unlimited amount of times
- 135 meals + \$250 FlexDine
 - Rolls over until the end of the year
 - \$1724.97
 - About 5 meals a week
- 85 meals + \$350 FlexDine
 - \$1278.87
 - Rolls over until the end of the year
 - About 2 meals a week
- 35 meals + \$325 FlexDine
 - \$780.10
 - Rolls over until the end of the year
 - About two meals a week

- \$450 FlexDine
 - Same value as cash at all dining locations
- \$300 FlexDine
 - Same value as cash at all dining locations
- Freshman required to buy a meal plan
- Mesa Commons eating place is set buffet-style
- Pippin Commons is also buffet-style
- Do not have to be a resident of that residential area to go to their dining hall
- Different eating locations across campus
 - BC's Cavern Food Court
 - Phoenix Food Court
 - Brandywine
 - 20/20 Cafe
 - Bridge Cafe
 - Med Ed Cafe
 - Several Starbucks
 - The Green Room
 - The Anteatory
 - Peet's
 - Subway
 - And more
- University Town Center right outside of the campus
 - In-n-Out
 - Jimmy John's
 - Chick-fil-a
 - Blaze Pizza
 - Sushi
 - Yogurtland
 - Noodle House



Application Info + College Facts

- Acceptance rate: 26.5%
- Uses UC application
- Application opens August 1st
- Application deadline is November 1-30
- Estimated costs to attend as a California resident: \$35,198.32-\$36,466.32
- Estimated cost to attend as a non-California resident: \$64,952.32-\$66,220.32
- Application fee of \$70 (\$80 for international students)
- No letters of recommendation are accepted
- You must complete the UC essays when applying
- Ranked 8th best public university in the nation
- 29638 undergrads as of 2020
- Class sizes range anywhere from 20 to 100+

Unique Features/Strengths

- Location creates a diverse feel
- Surrounded by a technology community that provides many job opportunities
- The university has relationships with nearby companies which help students land jobs
- Workshops from these nearby companies are presented often on campus
- Nearby companies are also perfect internship opportunities
- Biology, Managerial Economics, Computer Science and Public Health are some of the most popular as well as most developed majors at UCI
- Criminology major is one of the top in the nation as well
- Competitive for pre-med/biology

Student Life

- Over 600 campus organizations/clubs
- https://campusgroups.uci.edu/club_signup
- Clubs involving sports, academics, community service, the arts, hobbies, multicultural peer support, religious, spiritual, and so much more
- Fraternities and sororities are popular with UCI students

- Nearly 50 Greek life organizations
- UCI does not have a designated street for Greek life group houses
- Most students focused on academics and are pretty studious
- Ranked #365 for diversity

Opportunities

- Double major requires approval from both schools
- Easy to double major if most prerequisites are the same/similar
- Classes could conflict with a double major
- Be prepared for a lot of work as a double major
- Different honors programs depending on school/major
 - School of the Arts Honors Programs
 - Honors in design, directing, dramatic literature, history, & theory, music & culture, music theater, stage management, art
 - School of Biological Sciences Honors Program
 - Opportunity to pursue advanced research in a specific field
 - School of Humanities Honors Program
 - Opportunity for independent research
 - School of Information and Computer Science Honors Program
 - Paired with an ICS faculty advisor who will oversee conducted research
 - School of Physical Sciences Honors Programs
 - Research-based program that revolves a lot around chemistry
 - School of Social Ecology Honors Programs
 - Opportunity for research
 - School of Social Sciences Honors Programs
 - Honors in anthropology, Chicano/Latino Studies, economics, international studies, political science, psychology, social science, sociology
- Internships available on campus and off-campus via the UCI Internship Program
- <https://career.uci.edu/undergraduate/find-a-job/uci-internship-programs/>
- Technology-based city provides a rich opportunity for internships and possible jobs

Core Curriculum

- General Education Requirement
 - Writing (3 courses)
 - Science & Technology (3 courses)
 - Arts and Humanities (3 courses)
 - Quantitative, Symbolic, and Computational Reasoning (3 courses)
 - Language (1 course)
 - Multicultural studies (1 course)
 - Global Issues (1 course)
- In addition to this, each student must fulfill degree requirements for their specific major
- Students must choose a major by junior year

UCI Map

- <https://parking.uci.edu/maps/documents/2021-UCI-MainCampusMap.pdf>

