



School of Social Sciences

Undergraduate Areas of Study

Majors

Anthropology, B.A.

Business Economics, B.A.

Specialization:

International Issues and Economics

Chicano/Latino Studies, B.A.

Economics, B.A.

Specialization:

International Issues and Economics

International Studies, B.A.

Political Science, B.A.

Psychology, B.A.

Quantitative Economics, B.A.

Specialization:

International Issues and Economics

Social Science, B.A.

Specializations:

Multicultural Studies

Public and Community Service

Research and Social Policy

Social Sciences for Secondary

School Education

Sociology, B.A.

Minors

Anthropology

Chicano/Latino Studies

Conflict Resolution

Economics

Linguistics

Medical Anthropology

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

Note: Major advising provided by the School of Social Sciences Undergraduate Counseling Office.

School Overview

Investigate. Innovate. Impact. At UC Irvine's School of Social Sciences, what we do makes a difference. As a social sciences student, you will have the opportunity to investigate issues that matter. These issues include everything from an exploration of how changes in the brain's neurons can lead to Alzheimer's to an analysis of how broad government policies and decisions impact our day to day quality of life. The interdisciplinary nature of our programs helps spark innovative solutions to real-world problems, from an anthropological discovery of a link between poverty and diabetes to sociological research on how aging and migrating populations affect our economy. Our research, teaching and outreach programs impact the world around us. From research on violent conflict prevention, programs that address early childhood development issues and value-added experiences that shape the next generation of leaders, what we do makes a difference.

Quick facts about Social Sciences:

- Largest academic unit at UC Irvine, encompassing five of the 10 largest majors on campus and nearly 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students
- Confers more degrees than any other unit on campus, nearly 2,800 in June 2009
- Faculty membership totals 140, with 10 recognized as fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and 5 as members of the National Academy of Sciences

Academic Offerings

Anthropology

When most people hear the word "anthropology," they think Indiana Jones, or "primitive" people in face paint. Anthropology is more than just bones and stones. It is as broad as the world around us, and as diverse as the communities and cultures occupying

the globe. Anthropologists today can be found studying every corner of the globe, every culture, and every time period, from ancient kingdoms to contemporary small-scale societies to the shopping malls of Orange County.

The anthropology faculty emphasize contemporary theory, field research, and a variety of methods for analyzing anthropological data. The department has a strong interdisciplinary bent, with research and teaching interests in economic anthropology, ecological anthropology, political economy, social history and social change, medical anthropology, identity and ethnicity, gender and feminist studies, cognitive anthropology, social networks, modernity and development, religion, science studies, and the arts and expressive culture. It also has a strong emphasis on the study of contemporary issues and modern problems, such as international flows of goods, people, images, and ideas; the relationship between global processes and local practices; immigration, citizenship, and refugees; population politics; violence and political conflict; ethnicity and nationalism; gender and family; medicine; law; development and economic transformation; urban studies; and environmental issues. While the program gives students a breadth of knowledge in traditional anthropology, the faculty also bring anthropological analysis to bear on pressing contemporary social issues. Geographic regions of expertise include Latin America, North and East Africa, the Caribbean, Europe, Iran, China, Indonesia, and South Asia, as well as extending diasporic and transnational communities in the United States and abroad.

Chicano/Latino Studies

Chicanos, Central Americans, South Americans, and Caribbean peoples in the United States form the nation's largest minority, and comprise over a third of the population in California. The Department of Chicano/Latino Studies provides a scholarly approach

to studying their important history, culture, politics, social structures, and policy needs. The department's curriculum is organized around the themes of "migration, memory, and access." Migration seeks to understand the causes and consequences of migration to the United States, not just for immigrants, but also for the children and grandchildren of immigrants, and for the communities where they reside. The experiences and cultural representation of these communities build cultural memory. Finally, the program seeks to understand access of these communities to civic and private institutions, and their opportunities in U.S. society in such areas as education, the economy, civic life, and health care.

The department offers both a major and a minor in Chicano/Latino Studies as well as an honors program, and sponsors the Casa César Chávez theme house in Arroyo Vista. The department works collaboratively with the Center for Research on Latinos in a Global Society to sponsor an annual best research paper competition on a Chicano/Latino topic.

Economics

Economics is about making decisions. It is the study of how individuals, businesses, and governments choose to allocate scarce resources to satisfy alternative goals. As a social science, it also analyzes the interactions among these decision-makers through various institutions such as markets or corporations. Economists consider how the outcomes of these interactions meet people's desires, and they ask how public policy might improve upon these outcomes.

The economics major is a highly structured, rigorous program emphasizing quantitative methods. The program covers traditional topics related to market interactions, such as monopolies and anti-trust, labor markets, economic growth, and the business cycle. It also covers non-market interactions, such as those involved in politics, crime, families, and cultural traditions. In learning to think in terms of incentives and tradeoffs, economics majors develop analytical skills, quantitative tools, and clarity of thought that are useful for just about any occupation. The UCI economics degree also provides excellent preparation for graduate study in law, business administration, public policy, and social sciences. Students can pursue one of three majors:

The **economics** major is designed for students seeking a broad education applicable to occupations in business, law, and government.

The **business economics** major is for students seeking a business orientation in their study of economics. Guided by the rigorous logic and integrative perspective of economics, the curriculum provides excellent training for students who intend to pursue a career in business.

The **quantitative economics** major takes the study of economics to a higher level, emphasizing quantitative methods to gain a deeper understanding of the basic ideas. This major prepares students for quantitative careers in finance, business, and law, and for graduate studies in the social sciences.

International Studies

"The world is flat," wrote internationally acclaimed author Thomas Friedman, referring to just how small our global economy has become. UCI's international studies major provides students with an interdisciplinary perspective on global issues, societies, and cultures that will enable them to understand and contribute to the rapidly evolving global community. Four focal areas — global issues and institutions, global conflict and negotiation, the global role of California and the U.S., and global society and culture — allow students to develop expertise in specific aspects of international life.

A degree in international studies prepares students for careers in a variety of fields, including international affairs and public policy, international business and finance, international organizations, and academic research and teaching.

Political Science

How do citizens relate to government? How do individuals and organizations participate in the political process and implement decisions? How are public policies developed and implemented? How do nations deal with each other in the international environment? Political science majors explore these issues and more under the direction of the department's faculty who specialize in the politics of advanced and democratizing societies and their interactions, political economy, international relations, legal systems, political institutions, political philosophy, political ideology, political behavior, and radical and ethnic politics.

Widely recognized on campus for excellence in undergraduate teaching, the department annually offers nearly 100 courses across all major political science subfields, and annually directs more than 100 independent study and research courses with individual students on a wide variety of topics. Students are introduced to the methods for gathering and systematically analyzing information about political behavior, institutions, and processes.

Political science majors go on to receive advanced degrees in many fields — notably law, academics, and public policy — and they pursue careers in business, international relations, law, politics, consultancy, journalism, and public service.

Psychology

Have you ever wondered how we perceive, learn, and solve problems? What causes one individual to adapt to stress in our society and another to develop deviant, antisocial behavior? How does neurobiology relate to cognition? How do people change from infancy to adulthood based on biological,

family, cultural, and social influences? Psychologists address these sorts of questions with a scientific rigor that requires a thorough knowledge of sensory, perceptual, cognitive, developmental, and social processes, as well as familiarity with the basic functioning of the nervous system. The psychology major gives students a strong foundation in general psychology, and provides a suitable background for postgraduate training and careers in all branches of psychology.

Psychology majors in the Department of Cognitive Sciences may become involved in research by enrolling in courses associated with the Child Development Center, HABLA (a broad-spectrum Latino-focused educational outreach program), or by working with faculty members in research areas such as visual and auditory perception, memory and attention, thinking and decision-making, language acquisition, and neuroscience.

Social Science

Social science majors select one of four specializations which guide their upper-division coursework and experiences. Those selecting **multicultural studies**, for example, examine how California's ethnic and cultural diversity affects the economic, political, and cultural make-up of the state. The specialization in **public and community service** gives students internship experiences in social, political, and educational institutions. Students choosing **research and social policy** learn more about the research and methodologies in at least two social science disciplines. The specialization in **social sciences for secondary school education** helps to prepare students for teaching at the elementary or high school level, and includes a state-certified subject-matter program in social sciences for teaching in California secondary schools.

Sociology

Sociology is the study of the products of human interaction — groups, institutions, and societies. Whether the topic is Chinese society or American families, youth gangs or multinational businesses, sociology majors learn to look beyond conventional explanations to understand how conflict, cooperation, inequality, and diversity shape our social world. Students decode messages hidden in advertisements, observe the activities at a Buddhist temple, interview workers about their jobs, analyze surveys on sexual attitudes, and count grave markers to learn about mortality trends.

An innovator in undergraduate education, the department encourages hands-on research. Working closely with faculty, students carry out their own studies and build analytic, research, and communication skills. The department offers its majors special opportunities to bridge their educational experience to careers with internships in their chosen field and with departmental certificates in specific areas.

Minors and Certificates

Minors in Social Sciences

The School of Social Sciences offers academic minors for students interested in pursuing study in the following subject areas: anthropology, Chicano/Latino studies, conflict resolution, linguistics, medical anthropology, political science, psychology, and sociology.

Certificate Programs and Specializations

Four of the school's programs — anthropology, political science, sociology, and social science — offer departmental certificates or specializations in topics within the major field. In anthropology, departmental certificates are offered in gender studies, ethnomusicology, citizenship and democratization, and culture and the economy. In Chicano/Latino Studies, departmental certificates are offered in history and culture, social policy and issues, and the Chicano/Latino community in a global context. In political science, departmental certificates are offered in legal studies, political practice, politics of diversity, democracy and democratization, international politics and economy, and political behavior. In sociology, departmental certificates are offered in diversity, international sociology, planning and human services, and business, economy, and society. Social science majors earn specializations in multicultural studies, public and community service, research and social policy, and social sciences for secondary school education.

Special Programs and Opportunities

Students in the School of Social Sciences can choose from a wide range of special activities offered by each of the school's major programs. Opportunities for involvement range from working with faculty, to interning off-campus, to pursuing specialized study. A complete college education includes the life skills one learns outside of the classroom, and students are encouraged to get involved with at least one of these special programs each year at UCI.

Honors Programs

Are you interested in pursuing research with a faculty mentor? Upper-division students who have demonstrated academic excellence can take part in one- to two-year honors programs that provide the opportunity to delve more deeply into specific issues of interest. Each major within the school offers an honors program, which often includes smaller classes and the chance to work more closely with faculty members.

Awards and Honors

The school's top students can receive recognition through acceptance to national honors societies. These organizations include Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology), Lambda Alpha (anthropology), Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics), Pi Gamma Mu

(social science), Pi Sigma Alpha (political science), Psi Chi (psychology), Sigma Iota Rho (international studies), and Phi Beta Kappa. For those with excellent writing and analytical skills, awards are given each year for outstanding undergraduate papers — the Alice B. Macy Award for the Outstanding School of Social Sciences Undergraduate Paper, the Robin Williams Award in Sociology, the Jeff Garcilazo Prize in Chicano/Latino Studies, and the Harry Eckstein Award in Political Science. The Order of Merit is awarded each year to outstanding seniors who demonstrate excellence in academics and community services, and graduation with departmental honors is possible for students who successfully complete the honors program in their major.

Internship Programs

Would you like to apply your academic skills outside the university community? The Social Sciences Academic Resource Center has internship information on more than 200 Orange and Los Angeles County placements, all open to majors within the School of Social Sciences. The Public Affairs Internship Program in Political Science offers well-qualified students the opportunity to spend a quarter studying in our nation's capital. Majors in social science can enroll in a year-long field studies course as part of their public and community service specialization.

Student Organizations and Outreach Programs

Participation in student organizations and programs is an excellent way to take full advantage of campus life. There are a variety of organizations available; some are academic in focus, while others have a cultural emphasis. School-sponsored organizations include the Anthropology Club, Chicano/Latino Academic Association in the Social Sciences, Latino Business Student Association (LBSA), Latino Student Psychological Association (LSPA) Law Forum, Middle East Studies Student Initiative (MESSI), Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Irvine Linguistics Student Association, Pilipino-Americans in Social Sciences (PASS), Political Science Student Association, Psychology Student Association, Undergraduate Sociology Association, and additional organizations focusing on politics, law, and other student interests.

The School of Social Sciences' community outreach programs take a global approach to solving global community issues from violent conflict prevention research and education to focusing on international education and early childhood development issues. Our school-sponsored programs include: *Dean's Ambassadors Council*, *Global Connect*, *HABLA*, and *Jumpstart*.

Theme Houses

If living on campus in a small community of students who share your interests sounds exciting, an academic theme house may be in your future. Small communities of 16-32 students design their

own extracurricular programs based on academic disciplines and shared intellectual interests. Current social sciences theme houses include psychology and global peace and conflict studies. Other houses of interest to students in social sciences are the Rosa Parks House (sponsored by the African American Studies Program), the Asian American Studies House, Casa Cesar Chavez (sponsored by the Chicano/Latino Studies Program), and the Campuswide Honors Program Theme House.

Additional Opportunities

There are many more opportunities to explore in UCI's School of Social Sciences:

- Numerous research projects are open to student participation, including work in infant cognition, congressional redistricting, virtual reality, and health issues among Chicanos.
- Programs such as the Summer Academic Enrichment Program and the Education Abroad Program provide students an opportunity to expand research skills both in the classroom and at sites around the world.
- The Mexico-U.S. Comparative Perspectives Program in Mexico City offers Chicano/Latino Studies students the opportunity to study and to experience the roots of the migration experience.
- Open-access computer laboratories with 120 terminals provide students with access to the Internet, and state-of-the-art software can be used for student projects in statistics, mapping, word processing, and other necessary twenty-first century skills.

Career Opportunities

A degree in a social science discipline will equip students with the knowledge and ability to assist both the private and public sectors in many decisions. Graduates are well-positioned for research and analysis careers at all levels of government and in private firms, or for further training in graduate and professional programs.

Business and industry often look to social sciences graduates to fill positions in:

- Administration
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing and Advertising
- Personnel
- Policy Analysis

In the public sector, a wide variety of opportunities are available in city, county, state, and federal governments. Teaching at all levels, from elementary school to college, is a frequently chosen career. In addition, many graduates enter professional practice to become lawyers, psychologists, researchers, and consultants in various fields.

Additional Information

Academic Resource Center

The Social Sciences Academic Resource Center provides the most extensive resources of its kind on campus. Staffed with knowledgeable resource advisors, the center offers information on graduate and professional programs, research opportunities on-campus and nationwide, internship opportunities in the Los Angeles and Orange County areas, and advising on career opportunities in the social sciences.

Undergraduate Counseling Office

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Counseling Office provides numerous services and special programs for current undergraduate students, including course planning, change-of-major requests, financial-aid appeals, course substitutions, and information concerning honors, graduate and professional schools, and careers and internships.

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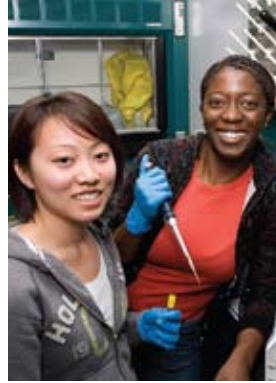
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