

UC Irvine | School of Social Sciences

The School of Social Sciences at UC Irvine has achieved national prominence and top rankings for its outside-the-box methodological and theoretical advances. The school maintains a tradition of excellence in building robust measures, innovative models, and powerful methodologies for understanding the human condition in a diverse and digital age.

Almost 50 years ago, the school's founders had a vision to bring together scholars whose different approaches—from quantitative to qualitative, formal to interpretative—tackled fundamental research questions and pressing social problems.

Today, UC Irvine social sciences is forging connections to computer science, engineering, the arts and the humanities. Interdisciplinary connections to law, medicine and environmental science help researchers and policy makers understand the social, cultural and psychological factors impacting regulation and policy adoption, health and human behavior. Social scientists at UC Irvine explore how human and environmental interaction impact climate, energy and ecology.

The School of Social Sciences is big—the largest academic unit on campus, it has over 5,000 students and awards 40% of all UCI degrees each year. It houses some of the most popular majors on campus, including psychology, business economics and international studies.

-Bill Maurer, Dean

It enhances undergraduate education with hands-on experience in labs, seminars and award-winning programs like Mock Trial, Global Connect and the Summer Academic Enrichment Program.

The school is intellectually diverse, with six doctoral programs ranging from logic and philosophy of science, ranked number one in the field, to economics, recognized for its impactful scholarship. These departments, like the others, boast members of prestigious national academies on the faculty.

Multidisciplinary in scope and open to unexpected explorations—from cognitive robotics to social computing and behavioral economics—research in social sciences at UCI encompasses all of humanity's increasing diversity and makes a difference in our everyday lives.

by the numbers:

The school's 6 core doctoral programs are ranked in the top 50 of their respective fields.

Times Higher Education ranks the school among the world's top 50 programs for social science research.

With over 5,000 students, social sciences is the largest academic unit on campus.

40% of all UCI graduates each year are social sciences students.

25% of all classroom seats on campus are taught by social scientists.

The school has an unusually high number (per capita) of faculty who are members or fellows of national societies and/or have received campus-wide notation:

9 American Academy of Arts and Sciences fellows
5 National Academy of Sciences members
1 National Academy of Education member
8 UCI Distinguished Professors
5 UCI Chancellor's Professors
3 UCI Endowed Chairs

Social sciences alumni number more than 39,000 strong.

interested?

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Academic Degree Programs

- Anthropology (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)
- Business Economics (B.A.)
- Chicano/Latino Studies (B.A.)
- Cognitive Sciences (B.S.)
- Demographic & Social Analysis (M.A.)
- Economics (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)
- International Studies (B.A.)
- Mathematical Behavioral Sciences (M.A., Ph.D.)
- Medicine, Science & Technology Studies (M.A.)
- Philosophy (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)
- Political Science (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)
- Psychology (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)
- Public Policy (M.A.)
- Quantitative Economics (B.A.)
- Social Sciences (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)
- Sociology (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.)

Research Centers of Excellence

- · California Census Research Data Center
- Center for the Advancement of Logic, its Philosophy, History & Applications
- Center for Asian Studies
- · Center for Citizen Peacebuilding
- Center for Cognitive Neuroscience & Engineering
- Center for Demographic & Social Analysis
- Center for Economics & Public Policy
- Center for Ethnography
- Center for Global Peace & Conflict Studies
- Center for Language Science
- Center for Research on Immigration, Population & Public Policy
- Center for the Study of Democracy
- Experimental Social Sciences Laboratory
- Institute for International, Global & Regional Studies
- Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences
- Institute for Money, Technology & Financial Inclusion
- UCI Interdisciplinary Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics & Morality

Outreach and Value-Added Programs

- · Dean's Ambassadors Council
- Global Connect
- HABLA
- Jumpstart
- Law Forum
- Middle East Studies Student Initiative
- Mock Trial Program
- Model United Nations
- Olive Tree Initiative
- Social Sciences Academic Resource Center
- Summer Academic Enrichment Program