

School of Social Sciences

UCI social scientists investigate real-world issues that impact society. Topics pursued include studies of international economies, markets, cultures and public policy; functioning of the human brain; local and international political systems; human relationships; immigration and aging populations; and social change. The school's interdisciplinary focus and innovative mix of both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies help UCI social scientists explain how government policies and decisions impact our day to day quality of life, how aging and migrating populations impact our economy and how changes in the brain's neurons can lead to Alzheimer's. In addition to publishing these findings in major academic journals, UCI social scientists use their research expertise to impact public policy on issues of great relevance to California and the nation by serving as expert witnesses at U.S. Congressional hearings, directors on global research institutions, and frequent experts to local and national media. The school is the largest academic unit on the UCI campus and as such, is committed to providing the highest quality research and educational experience to its nearly 7,000 undergraduate and graduate student

population. Degree programs include anthropology, Chicano/Latino studies, cognitive sciences, economics, international studies, logic and philosophy of science, political science and sociology; five of which are among the top eight most popular majors on campus; several of which are nationally ranked; and all of which are real-world, applied areas of study that prepare students with a thorough understanding of the human world. The school's outreach and value-added programs impact tomorrow's leaders by providing students hands-on opportunities to investigate global issues while teaching effective communication, organization, leadership, and negotiation skills. Armed with the leadership tools and character-building experiences gleaned from their years spent at UCI, social sciences graduates - which number more than 33,000 strong - go on to be innovators as top corporate, political and community leaders as well as internationally recognized Olympic athletes. Together, UCI social sciences students, faculty, staff, alumni and community friends can be found making a difference everyday in boardrooms, classrooms, law offices and non-profit organizations across the globe.



OLIVE TREE INITIATIVE: OTI is a diverse group of students who travel to the Middle East to hear perspectives from Israeli and Palestinian academics, community leaders, and other figures with first-hand knowledge of the region's conflict. Through their journey, the students seek to gain an understanding of the issues beyond the stories found in media and to share their findings with the community upon their return.

HABLA: Short for Home-based Activities Building Language Acquisition, HABLA is an outreach program that trains home visitors to help Orange County's Spanish-speaking parents prepare their toddlers for kindergarten. The program has grown to serve more than 1,500 families in Anaheim, Garden Grove and Tustin in its 10 years of existence.



SAEP: The Summer Academic Enrichment Program is an intensive, five-week on-campus residential program designed to enhance the academic experience of first generation university students.





Dean Barbara Doshier

Dean's goals for this year:

Fostering and promoting the outstanding research, teaching and service activities of UCI Social Sciences.



GLOBAL CONNECT: Through Global Connect's high school curriculum program, roughly 350 UCI students have helped more than 7,500 OC middle and high school students become more informed global citizens on issues such as terrorism, gross domestic product, and AIDS in Africa.



JUMPSTART: Jumpstart is a national outreach program with a site location at UC Irvine through the School of Social Sciences that trains and pairs undergraduate mentors with pre-school students to enhance development of language, literacy and social skills. In eight years of operation, UCI's site station has provided mentors to nearly 600 pre-school students in the local Orange County area.

FUN FACTS

Unique to the School of Social Sciences:

ONE

Five of the school's 10 undergraduate majors are among the eight most popular on campus.

TWO

The school's distinguished faculty includes 10 fellows of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 5 members of the National Academy of Sciences, 7 UCI Distinguished Professors, 4 UCI Chancellor's Professors, 1 UCI Endowed Chair, and 1 UCI Chancellor's Fellow

THREE

The school's value-added and community outreach programs include Global Connect, HABLA, Jumpstart, Law Forum, Middle East Studies Student Initiative, Mock Trial, Model United Nations, Olive Tree Initiative, and the Summer Academic Enrichment Program.