



EducationUSA Canada Spotlights

University of California, Irvine

in Irvine, California



Founded in 1965, University of California Irvine has been [recognized globally](#) in a remarkably short time for its excellence in academics and research. The campus currently ranks as the [#9 public university](#) in the U.S. by *U.S. News and World Report*. From the 16 fully accredited undergraduate and graduate schools and programs, to successful Anteater athletic teams, the brightest and most passionate minds are making their distinctive mark at UCI.



UCI uniquely combines the strengths of a large, dynamic university with the friendly feel of a small college. In addition to [80 undergraduate majors and 70 minors](#), students are actively encouraged by our stellar faculty to conduct [research](#) available across every discipline. As early as freshman year, students have one-on-one interactions with [world renowned faculty](#), applying research methods to real world applications, and develop skills and knowledge that will lead to successful careers.



The campus is situated in an incomparable [coastal city](#) with many advantages for recreational and cultural activities. Students enjoy easy access to surfing and sailing, hundreds of miles of bike and hiking trails, mountain resorts for snowboarding and skiing.

Close to both Los Angeles and San Diego, the city of Irvine, consistently ranked among the safest in the nation, is a [major technology and business hub](#) with truly diverse communities.



More than 12,000 students live on campus each year. [Housing options](#) include residence halls such as the [new Mesa Court community](#), on-campus apartments and theme houses. All incoming freshmen are guaranteed two years of on-campus housing.

With more than [630 clubs and organizations](#), UCI offers students the platforms to engage with their peers across various interests whether they be academic, environmental, multicultural, political, recreational, religious, service, social, athletic, or in Greek life fraternities and sororities.



UCI's intercollegiate athletic program supports teams for [18 NCAA Division I sports](#) – winning 28 national championships in 9 different sports. 64 individual Anteaters have won national championships; 56 have competed in the Olympics, and more than 3,500 have been honored as Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes.

UCI is proud to be a supportive and nurturing environment for all students. A variety of programs and centers such as [Career Center](#), [Cross-Cultural Center](#), [LGBT Resource Center](#), [International Center](#), [UCI eSports](#), and many others are designed to help students make a successful transition

