



Admitted Students Guide

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A **Message** from Dean L. Song Richardson



Congratulations on your acceptance to the Class of 2024! This is a tremendous accomplishment and we hope you take the time to enjoy and appreciate the moment. You worked hard to realize one of your goals. Now begins the truly difficult part of the admissions process—carefully reviewing your offers of admission and deciding which law school will provide you with the best legal education to realize your ultimate goal of becoming a lawyer. To assist in making an informed decision, we provide you with this guide. It’s our intention that you give our offer of admission strong consideration.

The University of California, Irvine School of Law (UCI Law) continues to revolutionize legal education with a groundbreaking approach to law that is premiere, practical, experiential, public-service oriented and global in perspective. Our community of faculty, students, alumni, and supporters are driven to make a difference in our local, national and global communities by leading the solutions to the most pressing questions of our time.

Our extraordinary approach has produced diverse alumni, many who are the first in their families to practice law. Our graduates are among the most in-demand legal professionals in the nation. Over the next few months, we encourage you to avail yourself of the opportunities to experience UCI Law and see for yourself what makes us an exciting, special and preeminent law school. Join us. Let’s go change the world together.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Song Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

L. Song Richardson
Dean and Chancellor’s Professor of Law

COVID-19 Response

While the entire UCI Law community looks forward to resuming course instruction in person, UCI Law's faculty and administration have worked diligently to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic in planning the best legal education possible for our students. UCI Law was founded with a vision to transform legal education. This vision distinguishes us from other top law schools and applies whether our classes are online or in person. Our goals remain to provide you with the foundation to launch successful careers as lawyers, and to be leaders for systemic improvement of our justice system.

To support the highest quality online courses, UCI Law's Teaching and Learning Committee created a robust workshop series for faculty titled, "Designing and Delivering Effective Online Courses," that is serving as a model to law schools across the nation. The series provides critical instruction and structure for the redevelopment of UCI Law faculty members' courses based on research-backed best practices for online instruction.

The series includes:

- Technology for Online Teaching
- Designing Online Courses
- Equity and Inclusion in Online Courses
- Creating Community in Online Courses
- Providing Feedback to Students
- Varieties of Formative and Summative Assessment
- Syllabi, Course Websites, and Other Nuts and Bolts for Online Courses

We also implemented a plan to rigorously support our students' learning by equipping them with strategies that are known to improve student success in online courses.

Beyond class sessions, the outside-of-class activities that are such an important part of the UCI Law experience have included faculty office hours, faculty-led discussion groups, student organization meetings, community-building activities (such as Community Fellow meetings with first-year students), and student study groups.

Already, UCI Law has demonstrated that we will not—and we have not—let the challenges of the day keep us from doing all that we do so well. Our commitment to teaching is stronger than ever. Our students continue to offer extensive pro bono legal services to those in need, and our legal clinics are as busy as ever helping their clients and giving our students the unparalleled practical training for which UCI Law is known. Through UCI Law's centers of excellence such as our Center on Law, Equality and Race and our Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, our students, faculty, and community grapple with critical topics at the intersection of law and society. Working together, our students and faculty continue to have an important impact on law and policy, despite new and challenging times.

UCI Law's spring semester follows the same basic format as its recent predecessors, with classes being taught remotely. Specific plans for resumption of fall classes, including additional safety measures and starting dates, will be announced by UCI Law and UCI's main campus leadership as they continue to coordinate closely with local public health agencies and follow all local and state health guidelines.



“UCI Law is not only a law school. It’s a family—a family that learns together, fights for justice together and improves our local communities together. This family is full of leaders and pioneers who have started their own student organizations and pro bono projects in order to bring awareness to dozens of causes. We respect each other’s differing values, cultures and opinions. I am proud to be part of this family and I hope you can be part of it too.”

Eldrin Masangkay ’20
Associate, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP



We are UCI Law

UCI Law is the culmination of several generations of revolutionary dreamers. UCI Law provides an innovative and comprehensive curriculum and prioritizes public service and a commitment to diversity within the legal profession. Forty-six percent of UCI Law's graduates are students of color. The collaborative and interdisciplinary community at UCI Law includes extraordinary students, world-renowned faculty, engaged alumni and enthusiastic supporters.

1L - Hit the Ground Running

In every year of law school, we want our students to have the opportunity to interact with real clients facing real challenges. Under close supervision, UCI Law students interact with clients right from the start, through an interviewing component of the Lawyering Skills course. The spring semester class schedule is structured so that all first-year students have time to interview clients at a legal services office or through one of the school's pro bono projects. Through this experience, students interact with real clients from the beginning of law school. When students are not conducting interviews, they often use the free block for pro bono work.

The first-year curriculum also includes Legal Profession, a course that gives students tools to resolve the legal and ethical issues that lawyers confront in a variety of practice settings. Students learn about the profession they are joining: its ethics, economics and sociology.

Sample 1L Schedule: Fall Semester

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10:25–11:55 a.m. Lawyering Skills	9:55–11:55 a.m. Procedural Analysis (Civil Procedure)	10:25–11:55 a.m. Lawyering Skills	9:55–11:55 a.m. Procedural Analysis (Civil Procedure)	8:15–10:15 a.m. Legal Research Practicum
1:10–3:10 p.m. Common Law Analysis (Contracts)	1:45–3:05 p.m. Legal Profession	1:10–3:10 p.m. Common Law Analysis (Contracts)	1:15–2:35 p.m. Legal Profession	10:30–11:50 a.m. Legal Profession

Sample 1L Schedule: Spring Semester

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:55–11:55 a.m. Constitutional Analysis	8:15–9:45 a.m. Lawyering Skills II	8:45–9:45 a.m. Legal Profession II	8:15–9:45 a.m. Lawyering Skills II	1:00–5:00 p.m. 1L Interviewing
1:15–2:45 p.m. International Legal Analysis	10:15–11:45 a.m. 1L Interviewing	9:55–11:55 a.m. Constitutional Analysis	3:00–4:20 p.m. Common Law Analysis (Torts)	
3:00–4:20 p.m. Common Law Analysis (Torts)	3:30–4:50 p.m. Common Law Analysis (Torts)	1:15–2:45 p.m. International Legal Analysis		

Academic Calendar **2021-2022**

Fall Semester 2021

Instruction Begins – Short Session	August 17 - 20, Tuesday–Friday
Instruction Begins – Standard Term	August 23, Monday
Labor Day Holiday	September 6, Monday
Mid-Semester Review Week	October 11 - October 15, Monday–Friday
Veterans Day Holiday	November 11, Thursday
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 25 - 26, Thursday–Friday
Instruction Ends	December 3, Friday
Reading Period	December 6 - 9, Monday–Thursday
Examination Period	December 10 - 22, Friday–Wednesday
Fall Semester Ends	December 22, Wednesday

Spring Semester 2022

Instruction Begins – Short Session	January 3 - 7, Monday–Friday
Instruction Begins – Standard Term	January 10, Monday
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	January 17, Monday
President’s Day Holiday	February 21, Monday
Mid-Semester Review Week	February 28 - March 4, Monday–Friday
Cesar Chavez Holiday	March 25, Friday
Instruction Ends	April 19, Tuesday
Reading Period	April 20 - 25, Wednesday–Monday
Examination Period	April 26 - May 6, Tuesday–Friday
Spring Semester Ends	May 6, Friday
Commencement	May 7, Saturday

Preparing Students for Practice at the Highest Levels of the Profession Through UCI Law's Top-Ranked Lawyering Skills Program

UCI Law's Lawyering Skills Program, currently ranked 11th in the nation among Legal Writing Programs, offers students an innovative and comprehensive introduction to the range of critical skills necessary for students to thrive in the communities in which they practice.

Some key attributes of our program include:

- A team of faculty members who are dedicated teachers, mentors, scholars, and practitioners. Collectively, we have nearly 150 years of teaching experience. We also have a range of practical experience to offer our students, counting among our ranks prior solo practitioners, judicial clerks, award-winning legal journalists, large law firm partners, and those currently performing significant pro bono work for the local community.
- A comprehensive six-credit course covering a range of skills, including legal writing, research, analysis, oral advocacy, fact investigation, problem solving, client interviewing and counseling, negotiation, and contract drafting.
- A required live client interviewing experience for every 1L through established partnerships with pro bono and government organizations.
- Small class sizes allowing for focused individualized attention for every student.
- A range of upper-division skills courses to complement the introduction in the 1L year.
- Opportunities for upper-division students to participate in moot court, mock trial, or both.
- Regular communication with our clinical program (ranked 8th in the country) to provide students a seamless transition between the unique 1L Lawyering Skills class and the mandatory clinic experience at UCI Law.

A portrait of Carey Hughes '19, a young man with short brown hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a dark grey suit jacket over a light blue button-down shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

“UCI Law encourages and supports its student body’s pro bono contributions in a way that allows for students to prioritize pro bono, even when they’re feeling overwhelmed by the rigors of law school. Pro bono at UCI Law is a great tool to do good, to participate in (and be exposed to) different practices of law, and to recharge away from the textbooks while still being productive.”

Carey Hughes '19
Associate, Morrison & Foerster LLP

A Pro Bono Culture Like No Other

Whether you wish to dedicate your career to public interest, government, or private practice, you will find a place to give back through UCI Law's Pro Bono Program.

For UCI Law students, volunteering to assist underserved communities and causes with their legal needs is second nature. More than 90 percent of UCI Law students participate in the Pro Bono Program, volunteering over 110,000 hours since the Law School's inception to help underserved communities and causes.

UCI Law students' desire to fight for social justice only increased in 2020. When a global pandemic hit, and the world froze, UCI Law students jumped into action.

- **Border X Project**—Students helped with Humanitarian Parole requests for individuals in detention, who are most vulnerable to COVID-19 and awaiting immigration proceedings.
- **City Council Comments**—Students tracked city and county activity as it relates to COVID-19, and submitted public comments on behalf of the interests of the homeless or housing insecure.
- **Document Delivery**—Students supported vulnerable clients by delivering documents to seniors and the medically compromised, who were unable to go out to get their documents signed or to pick up important legal papers.
- **Inmate Release and Prison Conditions**—Students assisted attorneys with research and drafting emergency motions to get inmates at risk of COVID-19 exposure released. Additionally, a UCI Law student coordinated a letter writing campaign to inmates to inquire about conditions, which could be used in litigation.
- **Research**—Students conducted research for many legal service organizations, including research related to distance learning for special needs children; housing protection; probation and delinquency rights in the midst of the pandemic; immigration; and mental health.
- **Remote Clinics**—UCI Law students were some of the first to help launch remote legal clinics, beginning with the Transgender Legal Assistance Clinic in April. Students also helped clients remotely through the Tijuana Border Rights project, Worker's Rights Clinic, Domestic Violence Declarations clinic, SSI clinic and remote immigration clinics.

After the murder of George Floyd and the ensuing protests around the country, UCI Law students engaged in pro bono efforts to help protect those protesting for social justice, serving as legal observers at protests throughout the summer and fall, and assisting with research for mass protest defense.

As 2020 came to a close, UCI Law students engaged in election protection work, conducting research for election litigation; volunteering on voter hotlines; and serving as social media monitors, poll observers and poll workers.

Experiential Learning through Clinics & Externships

Because of the global pandemic, we have struggled with and continue to face unprecedented challenges in our work and personal lives. The move to an online learning environment, however, has intensified many of our students' dedication to and passion for clinical work. They have discovered new ways to communicate with and advocate for their clients. They, along with their professors, have acquired new competencies in the practice of law in a mostly remote world. The line between legal services and other kinds of service have sometimes blurred, such as when students worked with their clients, mobile home park residents, to create a food bank and then volunteered there on weekends last spring.

Practicing law under close supervision and with time for reflection is a fundamental goal of the UCI Law curriculum, and the clinical program, ranked No. 8 in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, is the cornerstone of this goal.

The heart of the UCI Law experiential learning program is the required 6-unit core clinic taught by one or more members of our full-time faculty, all of whom have come to UCI Law after teaching in top-tier clinical programs around the country. The clinical faculty collaborate to ensure that the program offers a vibrant and diverse set of learning opportunities that will train our students to practice law in a wide array of subject matter and work environments. In addition to guaranteed placement in one of UCI Law's 10 core clinics, second- and third-year students have the opportunity to enroll in their core clinic for additional semesters or to enroll in an elective clinic.



“It is amazing to work for a client that is passionate about environmental justice. The assignments are enjoyable because I know my work will help achieve the client’s goals. I appreciate working closely with my clinical professor because he has helped me learn how to provide effective counsel to my client.”

Katie Raitz
UCI Law 3L

Core Clinics

- Appellate Litigation
- Civil Rights Litigation
- Community and Economic Development
- Consumer Law
- Criminal Justice
- Domestic Violence
- Environmental Law
- Immigrant Rights
- Intellectual Property, Arts, and Technology
- International Justice

Elective Clinics

- Appellate Litigation Clinic for Veterans
- Appellate Tax
- California Sales Tax
- Department of Fair Employment and Housing Civil Rights
- International Human Rights
- Reproductive Justice
- Startup and Small Business

“The clinical experience at UCI Law is top-notch. As a student in the UCI Domestic Violence Clinic, I represented domestic violence survivors in Orange County. I say *I represented* because I did not assist my supervising attorney in representing our clients. I represented my clients with the aid of my supervising attorney. UCI empowered me to take control of my education while learning the skills I will need in my future practice. I’m leaving UCI Law prepared to practice.”

Chris Lawrence
UCI Law 3L



Launching Your **Legal Career**

UCI Law's Career Development Office (CDO) hosts a modern, individualized approach to career coaching. Mirroring UCI Law's commitment to experiential learning, the CDO's mission is to support and empower our students as they learn to navigate the legal market for the first time.

- Every student at UCI Law works individually with a career counselor to develop a career plan, create milestones, craft application materials and master legal interviews.
- Counselors are available to critically discuss decision points with students, highlight crucial factors, and instill in students the knowledge and ability to pilot their own unique career trajectories.

On-Campus Interviewing

The CDO hosts a robust Early Interview Week (EIW) in late July/early August each year geared toward the nation's largest law firms looking to interview rising second-year students for summer positions and rising third-year students for full-time positions. Prior to EIW, students have ample opportunity to meet recruiting firms through on-campus Employer Spotlights, local receptions, and our annual start of summer "Meet the Firms" event.

In addition to EIW, we sponsor Fall and Spring On-Campus Interview Programs for a wide variety of employers, including government agencies, public interest organizations, corporations and law firms.

The CDO supports student participation in off-campus interview programs such as the Bay Area Diversity Fair, the Loyola Chicago Patent Law Interview Program, and the Equal Justice Works Conference and Career Fair in Washington, D.C. We are proud to co-sponsor the Southern California Public Interest/Public Service Career Day consortium in Los Angeles every February.

Diversity Initiatives

UCI Law students have the opportunity to participate in two unique programs.

The Law in Technology Diversity Collaborative accepts applications from 1L students from only 10 law schools in the country. Successful candidates are provided a 10-week internship during the summer, split between a high-profile tech company and a top-tier law firm.

UCI Law is one of the few members of The ABA Judicial Clerkship Program, which introduces law students from diverse backgrounds to judges and law clerks to encourage students to pursue clerkship opportunities. Over the course of three days, participating students work together with judges in small group settings, attend panel presentations, and participate in numerous networking opportunities.

Employment

J.D. Class of 2019		1L Summer 2020	
Employment percentages based on the total number of graduates employed (124 out of 141)		Public Interest/Government	60%
Law Firm	65.32%	Judicial Externships	19%
Public Interest/Government	21.77%	Law Firm	12%
Judicial Clerkships	8.06%	Academic	5%
Business/Industry	4.03%	Business/Industry	4%

The following are just a few examples of the many employers who have hired UCI Law students:

LAW FIRMS

Cooley LLP	Latham & Watkins LLP	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP	Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP	White & Case LLP
Irell & Manella LLP	O'Melveny & Myers LLP	
Kirkland & Ellis LLP	Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP	

PUBLIC INTEREST AND NON-PROFITS

American Civil Liberties Union	Federal Public Defender's Office	National Center for Youth Law
Bet Tzedek Legal Services	Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law	Public Counsel Law Center
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.	Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund	The Legal Aid Society (NYC)
Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project		

GOVERNMENT

California Attorney General's Office	National Labor Relations Board	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
California Department of Fair Employment and Housing	Office of Governor Gavin Newsom	U.S. Internal Revenue Service
District Attorney's Offices	U.S. Department of Justice	U.S. Judge Advocate General Corps
	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	

“Not only was providing life-changing pro bono services extremely rewarding, but the experience gained by doing so was also monumental in the employment interviewing process. Prospective employers, whether private or public, look for so much more than just grades, and being able to speak about my passion for providing direct pro bono legal services made a great impression with my top choice for my summer clerkship. (And I am still with that firm three years later!)”

Star Leal '18

Associate, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost LLP



Investing in Ourselves and in Each Other

Over 35 student organizations are formally recognized at the Law School, with new ones forming annually. Every organization is a vital part of student life as they celebrate and explore the rich diversity and wide interest of our students. Almost daily you will find one of our organizations hosting educational or social programming designed to strengthen and enrich our UCI Law family.

Involvement opportunities include:

- Admissions Ambassadors
- American Constitution Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Black Law Student Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Society
- Entertainment and Sports Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- The Federalist Society
- First Generation Professionals Program
- If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice
- In Vino Veritas
- Intellectual Property Law Society
- International Law Society
- International Refugee Assistance Project
- It Takes a Village
- Jewish Law Association
- Labor & Employment Law Society
- Latinx Law Students Association
- Law Students for Immigrant Justice
- Mental Health in Law Society
- Middle Eastern & South Asian Law Student Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- OutLaw
- Public Interest Law Fund
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Tax Law Society
- Women's Law Society
- Women in Tech Law



“It’s easy to get caught up in the things you *have* to do in law school, but it’s just as important to be involved in the things you *want* to do. UCI Law’s student organizations have given me many great opportunities. I’ve worked and befriended some amazing people, heard from the attorney who overturned Fred Korematsu’s conviction, and gave back by raising funds for stipends to help fellow students. From groups centered around parts of your identity to clubs focused on professional interest or activism, student orgs provide some of the most fulfilling and interesting opportunities in law school.”

Chris Su
UCI Law 2L



“Being a first-generation college student, I value the Law School’s dedication to serving low-income communities like my own. My various experiences with pro bono, campus organizations, and clinic have improved my research and writing skills immensely and have allowed me to gain amazing summer employment across California. Everyday, UCI never fails to remind me why I came to law school: to collaborate and learn from my diverse peers and professors, to give back to my community, and to increase access to justice for anyone who needs it.”

Sydney Martin
UCI Law 2L



Investing in Your Future: **Financial Aid** Information

As a new member of the UCI Law community, you may have many questions about paying for law school. We understand and we are here to provide the assistance that will permit you to fund your legal education and to ensure that law school remains financially accessible.

UCI Law Scholarships

Every J.D. student admitted to UCI Law is considered for a UCI Law Scholarship—no additional applications or forms are required. Over 90 percent of the Fall 2020 entering class received some scholarship assistance.

UCI Law Need-Based Grants

To be considered for a need-based grant, all newly admitted J.D. students must submit the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the February 2 application deadline. Admitted Students under the age of 30 must include parental income and asset data. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.gov. The school code for UCI Law is 001314. Students who are not eligible to file a FAFSA and qualify for the AB540 fee exemption can submit the California Dream Application. The application is available at www.caldreamact.org. Each student's eligibility for a need-based grant is determined by utilizing the information submitted on the FAFSA or the California Dream Application.

Federal Loans

Many of our students use Federal or Private Educational loans to finance the remainder of their tuition, fees and living expenses. Students interested in borrowing federal loans also must submit the 2021-2022 FAFSA. The eligibility for these loans will be sent to you after the cost of attendance has been set. You need to be realistic about how much you will be earning after graduation so that you can estimate what you can afford to borrow and repay. We encourage you to visit the National Association of Law Placement (NALP) website at www.nalp.org and Bureau of Labor Statistics website at www.bls.gov/ooh/ to find the median starting salaries for law school graduates.

Veteran Students

To determine whether you are entitled to any veterans benefits please contact the UCI Veteran Services Center, a center dedicated to providing a welcoming environment for veterans. The center provides assistance in obtaining the educational benefits to which you are entitled. The center is also responsible for submitting entitlement requests for all VA students, answering any questions you may have concerning your educational benefits and will provide resources and programs to assist you in navigating your transition to UCI Law.

Veteran Services Center

949-824-3500

veteran@uci.edu

<https://www.veteran.uci.edu>

J.D. Student Budget 2021-2022

Fees consist of Tuition; Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition; Student Services Fee; and mandatory campus-based fees (recreation center, graduate student health insurance, etc.). The Regents of University of California will set the 2021-2022 academic year tuition and fees in Spring 2021. For information about the 2020-2021 academic year, please visit <http://www.reg.uci.edu/fees/2020-2021/law.html>.

UCI Law estimates cost-of-living and book expenses based on a modest but adequate standard of living. These costs are updated annually. Cost of living depends upon a student's personal situation and choices. Students have the choice to live on campus in apartment-style housing, or off campus. Each of the living arrangements has a different cost.

The budget allowance for the 2021-2022 academic year will also be determined in Spring 2021. Below is the estimated budget based on 2020-2021 academic year figures.

Expense	Living On Campus	Living Off Campus
Housing/Living	\$14,281	\$26,645
Travel	\$3,138	\$3,138
Personal	\$2,989	\$2,989
Law Books	\$1,800	\$1,800
Total	\$22,208	\$34,572

International Students

In order to receive a visa document packet (1-20/Ds-2020) from UC Irvine, the following steps must be completed:

- After submitting the Positive Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and required seat deposit, you need to complete the visa document.
- Complete packet along with financial information must be sent to UCI Law Student Financial Services.
- Once the forms are reviewed and approved, the packet will be sent to the UCI International Center for their review. Processing time of completed packets may take up to 15 business days.
- The International Center will mail the documents to the student by the method requested, along with materials to help the student sign up for an International Center Check-In Session.

For more information regarding the visa process or international student support, please visit the UCI International Center.

UCI International Center

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<https://ic.uci.edu/students/newStudents.php>

Demonstrating Our Financial Commitment to **Public Service**

Instilling the value of public service is at the very core of our mission and existence.



UCI Law Public Service Scholarship

As a testament to the Law School's commitment to supporting students interested in the public sector, admitted J.D. students may be considered for a Public Service Scholarship by submitting a separate application demonstrating their history of public service and dedication to entering a career in public interest law after graduation.

Public Interest Law Fund (PILF)

The first student organization founded at UCI Law in 2010, PILF raises funds for summer stipends to enable all interested UCI Law students to take unpaid positions at non-profit organizations and agencies, helping real clients with real problems.

Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP)

UCI Law supports and encourages our public interest-minded students and graduates who are dedicated to a career in public service law, by offering the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP). LRAP reduces the burden of law school debt with the goal of securing a career in public interest. Graduates may choose to participate in the UCI Law LRAP program.

UCI Law LRAP Features:

- LRAP assistance includes undergraduate loans.
- Graduates seeking to participate in LRAP must begin participating in the program within 3 1/2 years (42 months) of their graduation date.
- Graduates that enter the public service field would qualify for LRAP assistance if calculated income is less than \$80,000.
- Graduates may participate in the program for up to 10 years after graduating.

For more information: <https://www.law.uci.edu/admission/tuition-aid/lrap.html>



“I’m most grateful for the opportunities UCI Law afforded me, from counseling asylum seekers in Tijuana to working with inmates on death row in Texas. I chose UCI Law for its public interest programs and left with practical, real-world experience that prepared me for a career in criminal defense. One of my favorite parts about UCI Law is the faculty. Whether they’re inviting students to their home for a semester-end dinner or hosting an extra final exam review session on a Saturday, it’s clear they are all deeply invested in our success. I know there are several professors I’ll be in touch with long after graduation and that’s what I love about this community.”

Olivia Meme '20
California Appellate Project of Los Angeles



Living and Studying in the **O.C.**

UCI Law is located in the heart of Orange County, California—one hour from Los Angeles, one hour from San Diego, one hour from the snow and 10 minutes from the breathtakingly beautiful beaches of Orange County that stretch along the 28-mile coastline.



“UCI Law’s three year, guaranteed on campus housing allows me more time to focus on the important aspects of law school. The only bad part about living five minutes away from school is that I have no excuse to be late! Living in America’s safest city, in the same neighborhood as the Law School, and only 10 minutes to the beach all make on campus living at UCI a blast!”

Jamison Whiting
UCI Law 3L
SBA Vice Chair

“Must see” places in the O.C. include:

- Angel Stadium of Anaheim
- Balboa Island
- Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve
- Bowers Museum
- Corona del Mar State Beach
- Crystal Cove
- Dana Point Harbor
- Disneyland
- Fullerton Arboretum
- Hiking and bike trails galore
- Honda Center: home to the Anaheim Ducks
- Huntington Beach Pier
- Knott’s Berry Farm
- Newport Beach Back Bay
- Orange County Great Park
- Pageant of the Masters in Laguna Beach
- Segerstrom Center for the Arts
- South Coast Repertory



Experience **UCI Law** (Virtually)

While we are currently unable to physically welcome you to UCI Law's campus, this will not prevent you from learning more about UCI Law. The UCI Law community transcends walls, we exist throughout California, the United States, and the world.

In keeping with the guidelines from the Office of the Chancellor, campus tours remain suspended.

UCI Aerial Campus Tour: bitly/UCLaerial

UCI Law Day in the Life: bit.ly/Lawtour

Save the Date: Admitted Students Week(end): April 5-10, 2021

Alongside ASW, we are planning ways for you to interact with our current students, our community partners and, of course, our Admissions & Aid Team! Our goal is to introduce you to our wonderful community as an admitted student of the Class of 2024. Last spring and summer, while we pivoted quickly to provide admits with opportunities to experience UCI Law, our creativity led to either reinventing or innovating our admitted student programming:

- Administrators, alumni, current students, and professors frequently interacted with our incoming 1Ls in “Coffee with the Community” or happy hours
- Dean Richardson and/or Vice Dean Whytock hosted monthly “Dean’s Town Hall: Answers from the Top”
- Dean Gapasin Tortal or Director Eraca provided weekly check-ins and regular town halls
- Faculty members emailed “Faculty Friday” messages
- Current students volunteered and provided “Summer Sibling Mentoring”



“When choosing a law school, many I talked to said when they arrived on campus, they just knew. Without that opportunity, I was wary of virtual open houses. Out of the dozen I attended, UCI Law’s virtual programming stood out in its demonstration of the genuine warmth, kindness, and support that have since been an undercurrent in all my interactions with students, professors, and administration. I chose UCI for its public service focus, dedication to pedagogy, and subversive spirit. I tapped into those elements by attending virtual events, as well as having Zoom and phone chats with professors and current students.”

Caitlin Stern
UCI Law 1L



Please note that federal regulations require higher education programs that are intended to meet professional licensure and certification requirements to disclose to students whether the program meets licensure and certification requirements in other states. The regulations, which were enacted on November 1, 2019, can be found at 34 CFR §668.43(a)(5)(v) (<https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2019-23129.pdf>).

The License and Certification Disclosures for the University of California can be found here: <https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/content-analysis/academic-planning/licensure-and-certification-disclosures.html>.

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