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University Analysis
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University of California – Irvine

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Undergrad: 17,723
Grad: 4,162
Male: 48.0% Female: 52.0%

Instate Tuition: \$4,604
Out – of – State Tuition: \$16,983
Room and Board: \$8,601

MAJORS IN

Aerospace Aeronautical and Astronautic, Anatomy, Anthropology, Architecture and Related Programs, Art, Art History Criticism and Conservation, Asian – American Studies, Bio-engineering & Biomedical Engineering, Biological Sciences/Life Sciences, Biology, Biotechnology Research, Business Administration & Mgmt., Cell Biology, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Chinese Language and Literature, Civil Engineering, Classics & Classical Languages and Lit, Comparative Literature, Computer Engineering, Computer and Information Sciences, Dance, Drama/Theater Arts, Earth and Planetary Sciences, East Asian Studies, Economics, Education Admin. & Supervision, Electrical Electronics & Communication, Engineering, English Creative Writing, English Language and Literature, English Language and Literature/Letters, Environmental Science/Studies, Environmental/Environmental Health Engin, Film/Video and Photographic Arts, French Language and Literature, German Language and Literature, Health Professions & Rel. Sciences, Hispanic – American Studies, History, Japanese Language and Literature, Linguistics, Material Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering,

Medicine M.D., Microbiology/Bacteriology, Misc. Biological Specializations, Molecular Biology, Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Music – General Performance, Music, Neuroscience, Philosophy, Physics, Physiology Human and Animal, Political Science, Psychology, Russian Language and Literature, Social Psychology, Social Sciences, Social Sciences and History, Sociology, Spanish Language and Literature, Visual and Performing Arts, Womens Studies

STUDENT BODY:

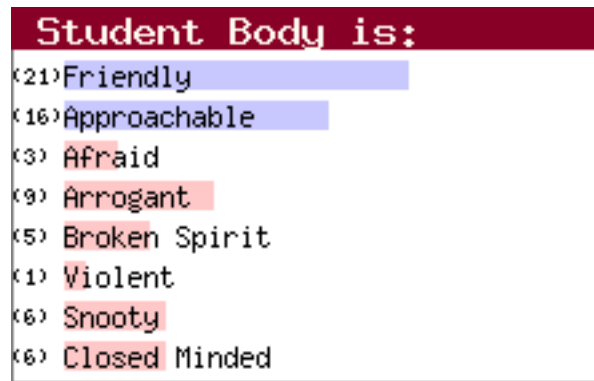
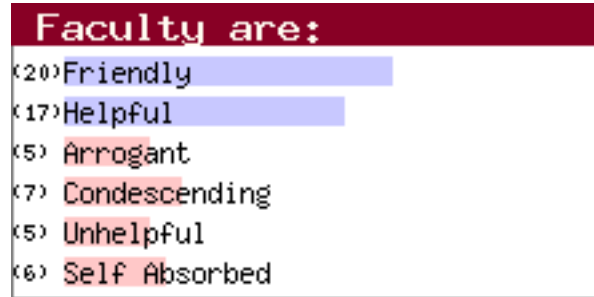
African – American: 2.2%
American Indian: 0.5%
Asian: 51.5%
Caucasian (non – hispan): 23.3%
Hispanic: 2.2%
International: 2.2%
Unknown: 8.7%

Similar Schools

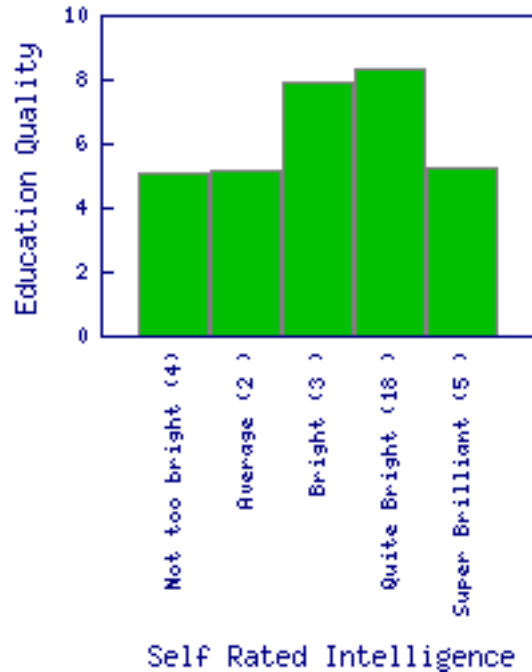
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4. University of California – Davis, CA
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7. California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo – San Luis Obispo, CA
8. San Diego State University – San Diego, CA
9. University of Southern California – Los Angeles, CA
10. California State Polytechnic University – Pomona, CA
11. University of California – Riverside, CA
12. Santa Clara University – Santa Clara, CA
13. Stanford University – Stanford, CA
14. University of San Diego – San Diego, CA
15. Harvard University – Cambridge, MA
16. University of Southern Colorado – Pueblo, CO
17. California State University – San Bernardino, CA
18. Arizona State University – Tempe, AZ
19. University of Chicago – Chicago, IL
20. New York University – New York, NY

Student Survey Results

Out of 32 Students, 17 (53.12%) would not choose to return to UCIR, while 15 (46.88%) would return.



Education Quality	7.2, B
Individual Value	5.5, C+
Collaboration/Competitive	6.2, B-
Innovation	5.8, B-
Schoolwork Useful	6.4, B-
Friendliness	6.9, B
Faculty Accessibility	6.7, B
Social Life	5.1, C+
Scholastic Success	6.6, B
Extracurricular Activities	6.5, B-
UniversityResourceUse	7.1, B
Perceived Campus Safety	9.3, A
Surrounding City	5.6, C+
Campus Aesthetics	8.4, A-
Campus Maintenance	8.1, A-
% of teachers who do not speak satisfactory English	10-20%



Student Comments

☹ *Biology - Female*

I would never choose to go to UCI again. There are plenty of other schools that treat undergraduates better and prepare undergraduates for the real world. When I left UCI, I found out that UCI teach me any job skills. Like many of my Anteaters, I found out I was qualified for only the very same jobs I worked while I was in school. And like many Anteaters, I had to go back to community college to gain real job skills.

☺ *Biology - Male*

UCI isn't a bad school. And despite what everyone thinks, it most definitely is not a school of UCB and UCLA rejects. Many of the students that go to this school regard it as a place offering excellent programs that are easily accesible, such as research, teacher contact, etc,as opposed to such crowded and compepitive places such as Cal. I am only one of the many people I personally know who TURNED DOWN Cal and LA for UCI. Yes the social life is only so – so. And Irvine is the cleanest, most non – exciting place

ever. But it could be worse. I could be going to UCSD :).

☺ *Biology - Male*

I think the most important thing to keep in mind is, you should ignore the comments that are too radical too one side – they are rarely true. For example, I've read a lot of comments like "UCI sucks THERE IS NO social life". This is just absurd (think about it), how can a campus have no social life. The truth of the matter is that while UCI is not known as a party school, you can get involved in almost anything you want (as you can at any school). When I was choosing schools I was deciding between Berkeley and UCI, and ultimately chose UCI because I believed it would be a better fit for my particular goals. I have only been here 1 quarter so far, but I think I made the right decision. Be careful when people give their perspective on colleges, because just as the old cliché says "beauty is in the eye of the beholder", so too is college different for each person. That being said, I think UCI has great faculty and the resources available to students is excellent. If you are thinking about majoring in either science or humanities I think UCI would be a good choice because the faculty members are top notch, and the overall atmosphere (in my opinion) is very conducive to learning. True the city of Irvine is not the most exciting of all cities, but I think it's a good location because it's close to everywhere (i.e. you can go to LA, San Diego, skiing, the beach, ect.. all within 2 hours). The SoCal weather is of course great and while Orange County tends to be superficial and materialistic, the people are friendly.

• *Biology - Female*

Join a fraternity or sorority... trust me on this, you need it for entertainment, it's a necessity at Irvine and you'll love it

☺ *Biology - Female*

The main thing I liked about UCI was that

it was manageable in all facets. The campus isn't monstrous in size but it isn't small either. It is really easy to navigate because of its circular design. I know this seems like a small point but learning to adjust to a campus during your freshman year is very important and being in a place that isn't too intimidating is vital

These opinions are coming from a biology major who is going to medical school now. My experiences are biased toward the sciences.

The Good:

1. I was a biology major, as were a lot of other people my freshman year. Because it is a research university there are a lot of research opportunities on campus or the medical center which is 10 miles away in the city of Orange.
2. There are a lot of pretty good professors because they are attracted to UCI for various reasons. All of your professors will be accomplished researchers. Most like to teach but there are a few who really don't like it, but that's the case at any university.
3. The students are generally friendly and there are a lot of clubs, IM sports, and other activities to get involved with fairly easily.
4. The tuition is really cheap if you are in-state. I think it's less than 7,000 a year for a school ranked in the top 50 schools nationwide. UCI is a really young school (40 years old) and is slowly making a better name for itself as time passes. In such a short time it has made considerable gains in terms of prestige.
5. Irvine is a really safe place. I would be out at like 3am at times, and never felt in danger at all. Just a calm safe city which can be important for many people.
6. The school is only 5 minutes from the beach. Also, the weather is fantastic all year around.
7. The ARC. It is the school gym and is really really nice. One of the best gyms I've seen ever, and this includes those fancy fitness clubs.

The bad:

1. If you are pre – med, expect some major competition especially if you are a biology major. The first year biology courses are essentially weed out courses. My first biology class ever at UCI, had 4 different lectures, each filled to the max with almost 400 students. By the time senior year rolled around the number of biology majors was considerably less.

2. If you want to get around you need a car. Grocery stores and stuff like that are within walking distance though.

3. If you are pre – med, the schools biology counseling office isn't the greatest in terms of helping you out or providing guidance. You'll have to scramble on your own.

4. A lot of your classes during the first 3 years will be in auditoriums with 300 students. I tend to like bigger classes but it can be tough to get to know your professors. But if you go to office hours and make yourself known, it shouldn't be a problem.

5. School spirit is lacking. I'm guilty of this. No football team since we have too small of a student population. Our basketball team is below average. I think we are good in volleyball and water polo but who really cares about those sports. Also, the school is a bit of a commuter school, so the campus is pretty quiet on the weekends.

6. I felt our biology curriculum was a bit too intense. I have heard first hand that the biology major in UCI is much more intense then the one at UCLA or UCSD. I haven't been to those schools but this is jsut what I have heard.

Overall: A solid school in which you will get a good education. UCI is up and coming in terms of reputation and is a good choice for any student.



Chemical Engineering - Male

I am an engineering student here at UCI... its a good school... really safe... really pretty... fun and entertaining... and you get the material through ... unlike other

universities... its here to educate u... not to make u drop out of college...



Chemistry - Male

College is what you make it to be. This is a University and not vocational school. Its purpose is not to prepare you for a job. It is to stimulate your mind. Take advantage of the opportunity and engage in research. The negative image of UCI mainly came from people that want to be spoon fed. If you are destine to be a rocket scientist, you will as long as you put an effort into it. You will not succeed if you don't try.

- *Computer Engineering - Male*

I dislike UCI because it's a big commuter school, and the lack of passion that people have in Computer Engineering.

Curriculum – wise (for Engineering), I can't see that big a discrepancy between UCI, UCD, and UCSD. I've looked at course syllabi and talked to friends. I believe that you can get the same quality education in these three schools. The tests may be harder, or the courses setup differently, but the subject matter is similar enough that you just need the desire to learn.

I would actually recommend Math or ICS, because I know some good faculty (teaching – wise) in those departments. Electrical and/or Computer Engineering seems more into research. On that same note, it doesn't seem overly difficult to get into research here.

UCI is not the most prestigious of schools, but you can relax a little (as far as classes go) and get some extracurriculars and research done. You just have to take the initiative.

- *Computer Science - Male*

First of all UCI is not a bad school, however, for the money you pay you expect something much better. I was accepted to a few other UC's and other colleges and regret going here for a few reasons. The teachers here don't care the slightest about the

students, they are centered around their research. The food at the dorms is the same over and over again. . . but you soon learn to accept it even though you have paid good money for it. DONT LOOSE YOUR ID CARD because even if you have paid and the personel knows you they are not going to let you in...they like being the BOSS. The social life is not at all what everyone else says. There are parties every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday... and at times on other days as well. The problem, however, is that many people think they are too cool to talk to other people so they end up staying home. UCI should be called UCNB (UC Newport Beach) since parties there are non – stopping. You can always go to NB and have a good time, as long as you want to do it. Frats throw a lot of parties as well, you just have to go. Unfortunately, its surprising how a UC can have this many retards attending the school. Just as someone else said, high school all over again. Drugs and Alcohol is praised here and dressing cute for class is taken to the next level. I wouldn't go to this school if i have the chance once again.



Computer Science - Male

Do your research to see what types of companies hire from you major. Many companies in Irvine can probably afford to hire more grads from UCI.

Do not count on the reputation of the school to help you out in a job interview. . . better get some experience and start looking your first year on campus because it gets harder as time goes by.



Electrical Engineering (Alumni) - Male

I was an electrical engineering student at UC Irvine, and if you have any thoughts about going there for the ECE department (now known as the CS department), you're better off going to a school like Cal Poly. UC Irvine prides itself on the teaching philosophy of "teaching students how to

think." That may be fine for the sociology department in which the education is mostly analytical, but it simply doesn't work for technical majors. The courses focus way too much on theoretical concepts and the professors do a lousy job "teaching."

Since UCI is a research institution, a good number of the professors do research and as a result, they can be half – assed about actually teaching.

The teaching assistants are nearly all foreign and their communications skills are inadequate.

The academic counselors are useless. They're all arrogant women, none of whom have engineering degrees, and one of whom is verbally abusive (yes Robin Alward, I'm talking about you).

The worst part of UCI engineering department, like I said before, is the focus on theory. When I graduated from college and interviewed for jobs, interviewers only cared about what projects I had worked on, aka hands – on stuff. Unless you actually had time to squeeze in extra design courses into your already hectic engineering courseload, then you probably won't have had done projects at all.

The worst part of UCI is that it doesn't help students in job placement, WHATSOEVER. UCI pretty much leaves its students to educate themselves and to fend for themselves after graduation.

To put it simply, I felt like I was part of business as opposed to an institution of higher learning at this school.

Don't waste your time here. Go somewhere else.



Electrical Engineering - Male

Similar to the previous post about the school's EE program, I agree with the student's comments.

In the EE/CE (now EECS) dept, almost all faculty and TAs are foreigners. I had 2 teachers that spoke understandable english.

Some of the labs and projects you will be ill – prepared for. Many of the students do not pay attention or strive to work hard. There is constant cheating and study groups are more like midterm question anticipation sessions.

The EE curriculum (that I went through) had only 1 programming class. The school did not teach us VHDL/Verilog, nor did we extensively use Matlab or Cadence. What really helped me was doing extra projects on my own (all classes have online websites, so if you browse through the previous year’s courses you can get a feel of projects you should be able to do).

My sociology and urban planning professors were 10x more friendly and approachable than the EE professors.

Career placement is extremely difficult, and the companies attracted to the school were minimal since it isn’t a very reputable school in the tech industry. Sad how even Broadcom doesn’t have a booth and their HQ is in Irvine. Of course I was attending during the tech recession, but to have a ”career fair” where almost no companies are accepting resumes and merely have booths just to tell you to apply online is not very encouraging.



English - Male

UCI is a good school. Their School of Humanities offers great classes and helpful, accessible faculty. I can’t speak for the other departments, but I have heard some horror stories from Biology majors. The social scene is hit and miss. You have to find your niche on campus, whether it be clubs or greek life. The school, however isn’t totally lacking in social interaction.

- *Fine Arts* -
- Painting/Sculpture/Photography/etc* -
- Female*

College is what you make of it. UCI, although it is not a great school, it is not a horrible school. The social aspect is so – so, as you have to look for something to

do for fun, since south orange county is a boring place. It’s a decent school though, depending on your major. I have many friends in the sciences and humanities, and I hear that those are UCI’s strengths. However, I cannot say the same for the Studio Art department. Although there are very few instructors who are helpful or approachable, I would have to say that for the most part, a majority of the faculty are self – absorbed, cocky, arrogant, and only into their own work. The students in my department also lack the drive and creativity, thus resulting in low competition. I think the faculty and the environment has something to do with this because they’re not very encouraging and this can be seen during critiques. The instructors do not push the students by being too nice and not encouraging the students to speak, resulting in SILENT critiques. Seriously, nobody speaks and i have a feeling that many students wait last minute to finish a project because so many things look so half – assed. In fact, I find myself to be the only one taking advantage of using the art studios for my homework. I’ll be in there from 4pm – 11pm daily and i’m the ONLY ONE in there working. What i found very disappointing is the fact that i would be in my intermediate drawing class, look at the person next to me to see that this idiot can’t even draw a box in correct 2 point perspective. How the heck did he/she pass basic drawing? This is what i’m talking about. Also with the digital arts minor, the program is also very weak. It takes like 3 weeks to teach very basic skills in photoshop or illustrator and the instructors are self absorbed and unapproachable as well. I became a studio art major because I am pursuing an art/design career and i was hoping that taking studio art courses would help me build a foundation, but unfortunately that’s not the case. Although I did learn how to read art conceptually and I did find my upper division drawing

and painting classes enjoyable and helpful, i cannot say the same for everything else. Most of the classes i took in my major are just BS filler classes that have no importance to life whatsoever. I had to take classes at community colleges to take relevant courses. If you are pursuing an art or design career, my advice to you is not to go to UCI. Go to a real art school, like Cal Arts, ARt Center, San Francisco ARt Institute, Rhode Island School of Design, California College of the Arts, Otis, or any other properly accredited art college.

Your college experience is what you make of it. In the end, it's your decisions that matter, not your teachers'. Nobody is going to hold your hand. As a college student, you're on your way to being a responsible adult, so it's time to make your own decisions. If you plan to succeed in life, it's your work ethic and decision making that matters most, not the school that you go to. UC Irvine is an excellent school if you are pursuing a degree in the sciences or liberal arts. However, for fine arts, look elsewhere. The Studio ART department is a joke and the faculty don't care about you.



Journalism - Male

I would have to admit that UCI wasn't exactly my first choice for a college. It had come down to four schools – UCI, UCSD, and Pepperdine. Even though they're all by the beach, UCSB had an ugly campus with some buildings in or near the English department that looked like they were about to fall apart. I actually ended up choosing between Irvine and Pepperdine because UCSD isn't really known for its English program. But the other two seemed to be on the same academic level, except one's a lot less expensive and with a lot less snooty rich kids. Nevertheless, I was skeptical about coming here. It's a misconception that UCI's a bunch of rejects from the "higher" UCs, but I've met a lot of people this year who actually chose Irvine over UCLA and

even Berkeley. One of the good things about it is that there's LAND here. I got to live in a dorm room bigger than the room for three people at UCLA. Even though there aren't really any pretty old brick buildings here, they're have a nice modern design to it. Coming from the Los Angeles area, it was also nice to not have to worry about breathing polluted air all the time. The beach is only five minutes away from campus, so the weather is perfect year – round. As for the nightlife – or apparent lack of it – there are people who go to college to learn something useful, and not having raging parties every night keeps you from being distracted and being put on academic probation. Seriously, it's not hard to find something to do, or a party to go to. It's lame for you to think there's nothing going on only because you rely on flyer parties for your "social life." Dude, all you gotta do is go out and meet people around campus. Be involved in organizations, or even go Greek if that's your taste, or just have enough social skills to make friends, then you won't be complaining about having nothing to do at night.

More importantly, the academics aren't as bad as people say. I can't really speak for the Sciences and Math and Engineering schools, because I haven't taken classes in that area, but the School of Humanities is excellent. They put you through a rigorous year – long Humanities Core Course, which you'll hate as you're doing the many required readings, but at the end of the year you'll be thankful because the smaller discussion sections have awesome teachers (yes, even the TAs) who are always willing to help. The Literary Journalism is a new major at UCI, and the cool thing about it is that the director of the major went to Columbia, won the Pulitzer Prize, AND actually left his editorial position at the L.A. Times to get the program going. Although the LJ department is growing, it's far from being impersonal – it's not impossible to get

to know the director. Plus they have teachers who actually know what they're talking about. The Humanities school is understandably underrated, given that UCI is known for the sciences, but if you're one of those people looking only at small – liberal arts colleges, you should definitely consider UCI because the Humanities program is ranked as one of the best in the nation.

☹️ *Mechanical Engineering - Male*

Perhaps you read my last review of fullerton yes UCD students still bietch CSU "BUT CHEEKS". Any ways UCI is sad before any class begins they hit an gong and play azn music. Also before you ask a question to the professor you must bow in honor. IT'Z all about UCD BITCHES

😊 *PreLaw and Legal - Male*

i love it here; environment is great, beautiful campus, wonderful weather. if you want to have fun, you have to look for it

😊 *PreLaw and Legal - Male*

uci is a great school that is a lot of fun if you go out and look for it

😊 *PreMed and Medical - Male*

What can I say? I just got in and am starting tomorrow. I went to the summer session here and the people there seem rather friendly and very approachable contrary to a belief that this school harbors many students who merely stay with their high school friends. As for education, not much I can say of it as of yet but I do think that it will be a decent one to say the least. The academic counseling staff is good in that they do not simply view you as a mere number but actually care about your goals and academic success. As for the extracurricular aspect of it, it's what one makes it. The effort to become engaged in those activities is important not just in this school but rather any university that one chooses to go to.

😊 *Psychology - Female*

I am a psychology & social behavior major

in the School of Social Ecology. My ratings are based upon that major/school only. There is a second psychology major at UCI within the School of Social Sciences.

😊 *History/Histories (art history/etc.) - Male*

Great school if you want more individualized attention, rather than the more cut-throat environment of UCLA or Cal. I think I have prospered here; my professors are great people, and they really do care about my future.

★ *Sociology - Male*

I love the Cognitive Sciences/Psychology department. What makes UCI bad is that you're just a number. Make sure that your main reason for coming here isn't because the student body is 51% Asian.

● *Sociology (Alumni) - Male*

I was deciding between the university of california irvine and biola university. If I could do it over, I would choose biola university. Go with your heart... don't let anyone else make the final decision for you. UC Irvine hurt me by allowing me to slack off and by impersonally making me a mere number.

★ *Sociology (Alumni) - Male*

It's been almost eight years since I graduated from UC Irvine with a B.A. in Sociology. I must say that my four years at UC Irvine were filled with fond and not so fond memories.

For those of you who are seriously thinking about going to Irvine for your higher education. Let me give you both the Pros and Cons of going there.

PROS:

– For those of you who prefer going to small school, Irvine is definitely for you. Compared to my graduate studies at U of Washington (Seattle), with over 35,000 students, Irvine was relatively small. You won't feel like a small fish in a big pond.

– If you are an Asian American and you want to be in tune with your Asian/Asian

American culture/identity, this is the place for you. From what I heard, Irvine is one of the few schools where Asian American student population is the majority (52%). Situated in Orange County (not too far from Los Angeles), Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Vietnamese, Filipino are not the minority here. It is pretty diverse here, and you won't feel out of place whether you are a liberal, conservative, Christian, gay/lesbian, White, Asian, Hispanic, African American, etc.

– The dorms, from what I remember, were fairly nice, compared to my graduate school (U of Washington). The food is edible, but if you get sick of dorm food (like most students do), then there are restaurants (especially Asian) nearby.

– The best majors seem to be: Biology, Psychology (sort of), East Asian Languages & Literature (Chinese & Japanese), Computer Sciences, and Humanities (My regret is not taking more courses in Humanities which would have improved my writing style.).

– The campus is easy to get around, and the study rooms are open all night.

CONS:

– If you don't have a car (like I did during my college years), you are pretty much stuck in the campus area. If you don't plan to bring a car, then be sure to make friends who have cars.

– Academically, it was not all that challenging, with the exception of Biology or other sciences. Social Science seems like a cake walk, compared to Biology.

– If you are a Biology major planning to go to med school, then you are not alone. You will definitely be challenged, and many of my friends who were science majors switched to "easier" majors (ex. Economics, Social Sciences, etc.).

– Most of the lower division courses are taught by TAs, some of them (especially in the Math and Science department) are taught by grad students from foreign countries with limited English ability (I guess this applies to many schools.).

ADVICE:

– Don't expect to get high marks during your first year. It takes a while to get adjusted to new environment. If you don't start off well, then don't let that discourage you. Once you get used to the system, you should improve in no time.

– If you are a "slacker" or "unmotivated," then Biology (or other sciences) may not be the best major for you. My roommate during his freshman year started off with a D – average, and he dropped out during the second year.

– Take as many courses that involve a lot of writing (from the Humanities department), even if you hate writing. Whether you are a Bio major, computer sciences, fine arts, OR English literature, writing classes will DEFINITELY come in handy, especially if you plan to pursue a graduate/professional degree.

Best wishes in your future endeavor. Which ever school you decide on, always remember to make the most of your experience(s) by balancing your time between studying, making friends, and participating in all the activities your school has to offer. I'll leave my e – mail address for those who want to know more about UC Irvine.

- *Sociology (Alumni) - Male*

I was skeptical to go to this school at first because of its "commuter" reputation, but after graduating, I see that I couldn't have had a better 4 years of my life anywhere else.

- *Other - Male*

The university, itself, is excellent with very friendly and brilliant professors. However, the mentality of many of the students here is revolting. Basically, the people here (in general, there are exceptions) are immature, superficial, and pretty much retarded. This is probably one of the only schools, where every school day is like a fashion show. It's pretty similar to the high school environment, where these dressed up dorks brag about being invited to "flier" parties as if

it is an accomplishment. A lot of the people here talk about drinking and doing drugs like its some kind of monumental achievement also (once again the high school mentality). One good thing about having such people here is that the grade curve is pretty low (this is especially beneficial in the general education classes). There is also no real school unity or spirit here. It's pretty much like a JC, where people come to class and go home.

- *Economics - Male*

It's pleasant and sunny and the faculty are great – but it's very dull in the evenings and weekends. Everyone drives their car home leaving the campus deserted. If you're thinking of attending, take a good book to read.

- ☹ *Political Science - Male*

Only reason I went to this school was because my father passed away and i had to attend close to home. I imaged college to be an exciting time where I met new people, experienced new things, and was able to broaden my views on the world. UCI is not the place to go for these experiences. Although the faculty and students are Left of the political scale, you would expect that from any college, the faculty is decent. I've met a few intelligent professors but the students are pretty much rejects of UCLA or UC Berkley. Basically, it can be summed up in this way, the Asian students in high school that did just enough to keep their parents at bay so they wouldn't hound them everynight, ALL attend this school. So for white folk, the students are actually diverse and interesting, but the Asian students are practically carbon copies of each other and they make up to about 60% of the population. In the words of my cousin, "I feel like I'm in Hong Kong and all the White people here are just visiting because the Asians outnumber them so damn much." DO NOT GO TO THIS SCHOOL UNLESS UNAVOIDABLE.

- ☺ *Engineering Department - Female*

UCI is a great school I actually decided to go here "by accident" (it's a long story), turning down many "better" schools... at first my opinions of Irvine were not very high, but honestly, I don't think UCI gets the recognition it deserves. If you are considering UCI, I hope you visit the campus, see the environment, and meet the people. It is really a wonderful place to be. :)

How to 'get in'

- *Biology*

Super Brilliant - Female (SAT: 1420)

Don't come to UCI. If you're determined to still come to UCI, then do yourself a favor, go to the community college, get a great GPA, then move onto UCI. Graduation honors are determined by your UC course work GPA, your community college GPA is not included. Also, upper division courses tend to be graded easier than lower division courses, so it'll be easier to get a good GPA. UCI is so arrogant about itself, it rates its prestige by how many undergraduates it can force to drop out of school. Today, I'm a hiring manager, and whenever I interview a UCI grad, he'll already be behind the eight – ball because he went to UCI. The same feeling is held by many companies here in the Irvine area. We are more impressed by Concordia graduates, the Lutheran university down the street, than UCI graduates.

- *Biology*

Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1360)

My HS stats:

SAT:1360

Rank: 16/900

Did the AP stuff and passed with 4s and did the club stuff in high school.

UCI threw a decent amount of cash my way to attend.

Just get good grades, decent SAT, and some extra – curriculars and you should be fine. The school is looking to increase enrollment drastically in order to become on par with UCLA and Cal so that will help. It is become a more competitive school as time passes.

- *Chemical Engineering*

- *Male*

Just do your best... be an all rounder and do the best u can at school... get a good GPA and stuff..

- *Computer Science*

Quite Bright - Male (SAT: 1400)

It was easier my days to get in, but nowa-days it is probably a little bit harder. It is like that in every school. But a 3.5 GPA and a 1300 on you SATs should do it.

Come here only if you want to do computer science or biology, nothing else is really worth it. CS is a little bit better and it is a decent program.

- *Fine Arts*

Painting/Sculpture/Photography/etc

Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1140)

Get decent grades, like a 3.5 gpa and decent test scores and you're in. Extracerricular activities help as well, like sports, clubs, community service, etc. However, the studio art department does not require a portfolio which is sad. Anyone can get in. There have been some clowns who switched majors from biology or engineering so they can have the easy way out. This is a reason why the department is so overcrowded and the reason why nobody takes studio art seriously. They asked me to show them some sample work, but when i asked some friends, all they had to do was write a statement of intent. LAME. Don't apply if you're going for studio art.

- *Journalism*

Quite Bright - Female (SAT: 1320)

I went to a magnet school where they informed us from the very beginning about what we needed to do to get into a UC. So I took seven AP classes total from 10th – 12th grade, and I got 4's and 5's on the AP exams except for one, which was AP Chem. I also had a lot of extracurricular activities – I played sports and was part of the honors society and community service club. In addition, I volunteered at a clinic every summer, and it fulfilled my magnet school's requirement of 160+ hours of community service while in high school. I took the SAT I once and got a 1320 without taking any classes before, and I scored 700's and

above on all three required SAT II tests. My gpa was a meager 3.65 compared to the 27 other students who ranked ahead of me in my class, but I guess that was enough to get me into UCI and even UCSD. If you want to go here, just make sure to take as many challenging classes as you can, and take the AP exams because UCs look down upon people who took AP classes just to increase their gpa. Also, just being members of a club isn't enough – try to be more involved and have some kind of higher position. In addition, for the essay part of the application, remember to let your personality shine through. The essay is the only way that the person reviewing your application will get to see who you are.

- *Mechanical Engineering*

Super Brilliant - Male (SAT: 1200)

I got in w/ a 4.5 GPA 1200 ON MI SATS
STILL DON'T GO HERE CAUSE THIS
UNIVERSITY IS THE University of Chi-
nese Immigrants

- *Political Science*

Bright - Male (SAT: 1460)

Don't be a dumbass, get a decent GPA
(3.0+), get okay SAT (1250+). Nothing too
hard.

Sports

Baseball	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Men’s Basketball	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Men’s Cross Country	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Men’s Soccer	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Men’s Swimming	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Men’s Tennis	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Men’s Track, Outdoor	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Men’s Volleyball	NCAA Division I – Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
Men’s Water Polo	NCAA Division I – Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
Women’s Basketball	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Women’s Cross Country	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Women’s Golf	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Women’s Rowing	NCAA Division I – Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
Women’s Soccer	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Women’s Swimming	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Women’s Tennis	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference
Women’s Track, Indoor	NCAA Division I – Big West Conference

Student Groups

- *California – Irvine Bowl Club* -
- *Delta delta delta* - they're the best...no doubt. and they're hot
- *IVCF – California Irvine, Graduate Christian Fellowship* - Prayer monthly social Bible study and service opportunities
- *New* - Weekly newspaper of the University of California at Irvine
- *Students for Science Skepticism* - University of California Irvine Contacts discussion email lists and links
- *UC Irvine* - LGB Resource Center Provides published resources services and programs and meeting space for students faculty staff and the greater LGB community
- *UC Irvine Intercollegiate Sailing Team* - Six Intercollegiate National Championships countless Pacific Coast Championships and 43 All Americans Co ed Varsity Athletics sport established at UCI in 1965
- *UCI Campus Crusade for Christ* - To help students grow in their relationships with God through evangelism and discipleship