

UCLA

UCLA is known worldwide for the breadth and quality of its academic, research, health care, cultural, continuing education and athletic programs. UCLA is a shared public asset that benefits society by educating students, creating knowledge through research discoveries, powering the economy and improving quality of life.

HISTORY

UCLA was founded in 1919 as the Southern Branch of the University of California, with a campus on Vermont Avenue. The Westwood campus opened in 1929. UCLA is now one of 10 UC campuses.

ACADEMICS

UCLA offers a comprehensive curriculum ranging from the arts, social sciences and humanities to the physical sciences and life sciences.

- Undergraduate degrees are offered in 128 majors; there are 197 graduate degree programs.
- The UCLA College of Letters and Science — six divisions encompassing 34 departments, 40 specialized programs and more than 100 undergraduate majors and graduate degrees — is the most comprehensive academic organization in the UC system.
- There are 11 professional schools. Six of them ranked among the top 15 graduate schools in the most recent U.S. News & World Report annual survey: the David Geffen School of Medicine; School of Public Health; School of Law; Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science; Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, and the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

STUDENTS

UCLA is the most popular campus in the country for freshman applicants, with 47,317 applying for fall 2006 admissions.

- 38,218 students were enrolled for fall 2006
 - 25,432 undergraduates
 - 11,179 graduate students
 - 1,607 interns and residents
- For fall 2006, enrolled freshmen had an average fully weighted high school GPA of 4.14 and an average SAT reasoning test score of 1,918.
- Almost 40 percent of undergraduates receive need-based financial aid (Pell Grants), the most of any major American research university and more than all Ivy League universities combined.

FACULTY

A distinguished faculty is UCLA's cornerstone.

- There are approximately 3,800 faculty members and other teaching staff.
 - Five Nobel Prize recipients
 - Nine National Medal of Science winners
 - Hundreds of recipients of Guggenheim, MacArthur, Sloan, Fulbright-Hays and other leading academic grants, fellowships and awards

RESEARCH

UCLA research leads to real-world advances in knowledge that enhance the quality of life around the globe.

- UCLA is among the nation's leaders in competitively awarded grants and contracts to universities — \$718 million in 2006.
- Approximately 5,500 funded research projects are underway at any given time, involving some 4,000 faculty members, research staff and students.
- UCLA manages some 1,300 active inventions, including more than 480 U.S. patents. More than 330 UCLA inventions have been licensed to companies.

HEALTH CARE

UCLA's health care network is a leader in patient care, medical research and community service.

- UCLA's health care network treats approximately 450,000 patients annually.
- UCLA Medical Center has been rated among the top medical centers in the country and the best in the western United States for 17 consecutive years in the annual U.S. News & World Report survey.
- UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine ranks seventh nationally in research funding provided by the National Institutes of Health, regularly generating discoveries that lead to new medical procedures and treatments that improve quality of life.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

UCLA Extension is the largest urban-based continuing education program in the United States, serving 60,000 people a year through approximately 4,500 courses and various programs and conferences. UCLA Extension also offers California's largest Internet-based distance learning program, attracting adult learners from every part of the world and all 50 states.

CULTURAL OFFERINGS

UCLA is the leading arts and cultural center in the West, hosting more than 200 visual and performing arts events each year and attracting more than 500,000 patrons. Among the venues are the Armand Hammer Museum of Art and Cultural Center at UCLA, the Geffen Playhouse and UCLA Fowler Museum.

BUDGET AND PRIVATE GIVING

UCLA's annual operating budget is \$3.6 billion.

- State funding comprises approximately 15% of UCLA's operating budget.
- Private giving comprises about 8% of the operating budget.
- Additional sources include research grants, student fees and other revenues.
- Campaign UCLA generated more than \$3 billion over 10 years ending Dec. 31, 2005 — the most successful fund-raising campaign in the history of higher education.

ATHLETICS

UCLA Athletics teams have won 99 national championships, more than any other NCAA Division I college or university. In addition, the NCAA's list of the 100 most influential student athletes in history include eight from UCLA.

ALUMNI

UCLA has more than 359,000 living alumni, including more than 245,000 in California.

- Four alumni have been Nobel Prize recipients.
- Among many prominent alumni are:
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (NBA basketball legend)
 - Tom Bradley (former Los Angeles mayor)
 - Ralph Bunche (United Nations diplomacy)
 - Francis Ford Coppola (motion pictures)
 - Jackie Robinson (broke major league baseball's color barrier)
 - Henry Samueli (co-founder of Broadcom Corp.)
 - Antonio Villaraigosa (current Los Angeles mayor)