

School of Public Policy (SPP)

Housed in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences (CHASS)

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Impact the region. Transform the world.

Study the development of a new law (Policy Analyst). Communicate key messaging for a private-sector firm (Public Relations Officer). Serve as a liaison between elected officials and community members (City Manager). The **Undergraduate Public Policy Program** – taught by world-renowned faculty – will help you solve real-world issues in the Inland Empire and around the world!

View all majors: admissions.ucr.edu/academics



UCR is the only UC to offer an undergraduate degree in Public Policy.

Earning Potential with a Public Policy Degree

Lobbyist	\$70,958
Budget Analyst	\$58,247
Project Analyst	\$56,728
Public Policy Analyst	\$55,551
Campaign Manager	\$54,355
Marketing/Communications Specialist	\$50,136
Nonprofit Manager	\$50,062
Public Health Specialist	\$49,389
Grant Writer	\$46,461
Paralegal	\$46,395
Academic Advisor	\$40,831
Legislative Assistant	\$40,494

Based on national averages.
Higher earning potential with advanced degrees.
(PayScale National College Salary Report, 2017)

Innovative Research

Get the Competitive Edge with Undergraduate Research

UCR is one of a few universities to offer research opportunities to all undergrads! This advantage catapults you to the “top of the list” for jobs and/or graduate school. Current SPP research includes:

- Bridging the gap between abstract political theory and “nitty gritty” policy work
- Discovering how residential conservation during droughts affect wastewater reuse
- Exploring immigration’s impact on voting patterns

High-Profile Companies Hire SPP Graduates

SPP graduates go on to work as analysts, attorneys, campaign managers, health educators, grant writers, politicians, marketing/communications specialists and more!



School of Public Policy at a major research university in the Inland Southern California region.



6 Policy Tracks

Choose 2 of 6 specializations:

- Economic
- Health/population
- International/foreign
- Policy institutions and processes
- Social/cultural/family
- Urban/environmental

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in student community service participation and hours served. (Washington Monthly, 2016)

4th

most diverse university in the nation. (Forbes, 2016)

Top 4%

of best colleges for educational quality, affordability and alumni success. (Money Magazine, 2017)

SPP Faculty

You Have Big Dreams. We'll Help Them Come True!



CASSANDRA GUARINO

Professor of Education and Public Policy

- Studies teacher quality, value-added, labor markets, school choice, health and education
- Led a study that shows women faculty take on more internal service work than their male colleagues



KARTHICK RAMAKRISHNAN

Associate Dean, School of Public Policy
Professor of Public Policy and Political Science

- Focuses on the ways in which immigrants are involved in American democracy
- Serves as Director of UCR's Immigration Research Group and the National Asian American Survey

Success Programs

Every program is designed to help you succeed – from the moment you first step on campus to the day you graduate.

FY First-Year Students **TR** Transfer Students

Domestic or International Policy Practicum **TR**

(For third- and fourth-year students)

Participate in paid or voluntary internships with a government agency, nonprofit/for-profit organization, trade association, labor/trade union or public affairs firm.

Interdisciplinary Coursework **FY TR**

Public Policy coursework is interdisciplinary.

Select courses from 12 departments:

Anthropology, Economics, Environmental Sciences, Ethnic Studies, Film and Visual Culture, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology and Women's Studies.

Public Policy Seminar/Colloquia **TR**

(For third- and fourth-year students)

Attend public lectures by policy makers and non-UCR administrators and researchers from organizations, such as the Center for Sustainable Suburban Development (CSSD), the Presley Center for Crime & Justice Studies, One Health Center and Policy Matters. Topics include current issues facing the Inland Empire and our global community.

SPP Student Ambassador Program **FY TR**

Become a peer mentor and represent SPP at various events. Take part in self-development and networking opportunities. Applications accepted during winter quarter.



SPP Scholarships **FY TR**

SPP offers the Public Policy Scholarship (for Public Policy Majors) and the Western Municipal Water District Scholarship (for third- or fourth-year students from western Riverside County). spp.ucr.edu/scholarships.html

Fellowship Programs **FY TR**

Develop professional skills, boost your resume and get paid with a SPP fellowship. spp.ucr.edu/fellowship_programs.html

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UCR has everything I look for in a research institute, and I love the campus, the energy, the diversity, the vibe. The feeling here at UCR is, ‘You can make it. You can do it. You just have to believe in yourself!’

Melissa Fernandez

Transfer Student from East Los Angeles Community College & Norco Community College
Fourth-Year, UCR Student

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Undergraduate Research

Putting Research in Your Hands



Explore an extraordinary range of research opportunities at the SPP's partner agencies. We'll help you find the right fit for your academic and professional goals!

“I came to UCR's School of Public Policy because students actively engage in hands-on experiences on and off campus.”

Lizzette Capul

Transferred from Riverside City College
Third-Year, SPP Dean's Student Ambassador

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public research university in the nation to produce important research while extending social opportunity to students from underprivileged backgrounds. (Brookings Institute, 2017)

Top 10

in the nation for first-generation performance. (Washington Monthly, 2016)

Top 12%

best public universities by salary potential. (PayScale, 2017)

SPP Student Ambassadors



Dean's Student Ambassadors

An elite group of undergraduate and graduate Public Policy students serve as peer mentors. They also represent SPP at on- and off-campus events.

spp.ucr.edu/ambassadors

Student Spotlight



DAVID ANGEL, (Second-Year, Public Policy)

- Peer Mentorship Chair for the SPP Dean's Student Ambassadors
- Intern, California State Senator Ed Hernandez and Congresswoman Norma Torres
- Assembly District Delegate representing CA Assembly District 52 at the 2017 and 2018 CA Democratic Conventions



IMAN USMAN, (Third-Year, Public Policy)

- SPP Dean's Student Ambassador
- Transfer student from Palomar College
- Member of the Community OUTReach Program through UCR's LGBT Resource Center
- Participant, LGBTQ+ student organizations and panels

Public Policy Alumni

Join Us in Making Global Impacts



CASSIE NGUYEN '15 AND '17
(BA and Master of Public Policy)

- Executive Director, Spotlight On Hope Film Camp (SOH) at Think Ten Media Group
- SPP Dean's Student Ambassador
- Fellow, Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship
- Ambassador, the American Cancer Society and the National Brain Tumor Society
- Recipient, the Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship (\$10,000)



DANIEL AND DARRELL PEEDEN '15 AND '17
(BA and Master of Public Policy)

- Co-Founders, Sigma Beta Xi, Inc., a developmental organization for young men, as well as Trigeia, Inc. and Chips N' Dip
- SPP Dean's Student Ambassadors
- Recipients, Abraham Rice Scholarships, Social Innovation Change Makers and Nonprofit Excellence Awards



GAIN EXPERIENCE. EARN CREDIT.

Our SPP Internship Program offers a first-rate internship experience in local/regional public agencies. spp.ucr.edu/internship-program

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In a matter of a year I gained two amazing internships, established relationships with lifetime mentors, landed an on-campus job, and got accepted for study abroad in two countries with a global internship!

Jessica Troupe

Transferred from Moreno Valley Community College
Third-Year, UCR Student

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Career Resources

SPP's Career Counselor and Internship Coordinator offers career success advising to all Public Policy undergraduates.

Also UCR's Career Center – and Virtual Career Center – offers full-service counseling and resources, regardless of major or class level. Includes:

- Career and graduate/professional school planning
- Job/internship search strategies and database
- Skill-building workshops, employer information sessions and panel discussions
- 11 fairs, including the Internship and Nonprofit Job Fair and the Spring Job Fair: Career Night



Learn more: careers.ucr.edu



Engage with Influential Policy Makers

The SPP invites policy makers, such as Gavin Newsom (Lieutenant Governor), to connect with and inspire SPP students.

You can afford a UC degree,
regardless of income and without going into debt.

86%

of UCR undergrads
receive financial aid.

70%

have tuition and fees covered –
thanks to grants and scholarships!

#1

in the nation for Pell Grant performance.
(Recipients typically earn more than their
families within 5 years of graduation.)

Let us show you how: financialaid.ucr.edu

Next Steps

Get ready to take your place in the UCR family. And when you need help, we'll be here – every step of the way!

Help to Apply

Undergraduate Admissions

admissions.ucr.edu | admissions@ucr.edu
(951) 827-3411

Our admissions counselors will answer questions and help you to apply!

Help Once Admitted

Professional Advising for SPP Students

chasstudentaffairs.ucr.edu/dept
(951) 827-3683

The Undergraduate Public Policy Program is housed under the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS). CHASS academic and faculty advisors will help you with undergraduate information.

Undergraduate Admissions Open Houses

Join us for these power-packed Saturdays of discovery and connection. You'll engage with faculty and admissions counselors, tour the campus, find out how financial aid can work for you, and so much more. Family members – and questions – are always welcome!



For prospective/admitted students. Held throughout the academic year.
discover.ucr.edu



For prospective transfer students. Held every October. transfer.ucr.edu



For admitted students. Held every spring. highlanderday.ucr.edu

Important Dates & Deadlines

Aug. 1	Access UC Application for fall quarter admission.
Oct. 1	Access FAFSA (or CA Dream Act application) and Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form. (Deadline Mar. 2)
Nov. 1–30	Submit your UC Application. (Deadline Nov. 30)
May 1	First-Year Students: Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).
June 1	Transfer Students: Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).
July 1–30	Transfer Students: Submit your UC Application for winter quarter admission. (Deadline July 30)



TAKE A TOUR

Schedule a student-guided walking tour, or get a 360° view of labs, studios and popular hangouts.
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UCR ON YouTube

Catch highlights and see what campus life is like from a student's point of view.
youtube.com/UCRiverside



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