

School of Public Policy (SPP)



Impact the Region and Transform the World

Study the development of a new law as a policy analyst. Communicate key messaging as a public relations officer for a private-sector firm. Serve as a liaison between elected officials and community members as a city manager. And so much more. 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!



UCR is the only University of California campus to offer an undergraduate degree in Public Policy.

View all majors: admissions.ucr.edu/majors

Earning Potential with a Public Policy Degree

Lobbyist	\$73,531
Legislative Director	\$71,912
Nonprofit Executive Director	\$65,500
Economic Analyst	\$61,157
Legislative Advocate	\$58,258
Project Analyst	\$58,132
Policy Analyst	\$56,956
Campaign Manager	\$56,924
Marketing Communications Specialist	\$51,203
Public Health Specialist	\$50,584
Grant Writer	\$48,046

Based on national averages.
Higher earning potential with advanced degrees.
PayScale.com, Salary Data & Career Research Center
(United States), 2019

Innovative Research

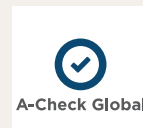
Get the Competitive Edge with Undergraduate Research

UCR offers research opportunities to all undergraduate students! 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 two of six specializations:

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

1st

America's fastest-rising ranked university.
(U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

Value

One of America's Best Value Colleges.
(Forbes, 2019)

12th

in public universities that provide students the highest average salaries for their tuition dollars.
(CNBC Make It, 2019)

SPP Faculty We'll Help Your Dreams Come True



CECILIA AYÓN

Associate Professor of Public Policy

- Studies the well-being of Latino immigrant families
- Focuses on state differences in immigration policies and impacts on health outcomes



KARTHICK RAMAKRISHNAN

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 Center for Social Innovation, Immigration Research Group, and the National Asian American Survey

Success Programs

Every program is designed to help you succeed from the moment you step on campus, to the day you graduate. spp.ucr.edu

FR Freshman 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 **FR 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 Series **TR**

(For third- and fourth-year students)

Attend public lectures by policy practitioners and researchers from affiliates such as the Center for Social Innovation, Blum Initiative on Global & Regional Poverty, Robert Presley Center of Crime and Justice Studies, and Inland Center for Sustainable Development.

SPP Dean's Student Ambassador Program **FR TR**

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

spp.ucr.edu/ambassadors



SPP Scholarships **FR 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).



Internship and Fellowship Programs **FR TR**

Develop professional skills and boost your resume by applying to the SPP Internship Program or Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) Fellowship Program.

spp.ucr.edu/student-success/internship-program



UCR is such an enriching environment, everyone, and I mean EVERYONE, is willing to help. As a whole, UCR is so community-based. Nearly every student on campus is volunteering or working in our community to help the greater good. I personally have been a part of so many organizations where we have gone out into our community to help others. UCR has taught me to reach past myself and into my community.

Shaniah Pereida, Class of '19
Transferred from Crafton Hills College



Undergraduate Research

Putting Research in Your Hands

Explore an extraordinary range of research opportunities at the SPP's partner agencies. The SPP will help 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 '18 (Public Policy)
Transferred from Riverside City College
Former SPP Dean's Student Ambassador

35th

best public school in the United States.
(U.S. News & World Report 2019
Best College Rankings)

85th

best national university.
(U.S. News & World Report
2019 Best College Rankings)

UCR made larger gains than any university in the United States, jumping from No. 124 in 2018, to No. 85 in 2019.

Safety

Riverside is the 14th safest metro city in America.
(safewise.com, 2018)

Student Ambassadors



SPP Dean's Student Ambassadors

Take part in this group of high-achieving undergraduate and graduate public policy students. Serve as a role model and represent SPP at on- and off-campus events.

Student Spotlight



MAYA PRASAD, Class of '21

- SPP Dean's Chief Student Ambassador
- Former Intern, Congresswoman Katie Porter



ERIC CALDERON, Class of '20

- SPP Dean's Student Ambassador
- Student Assistant, UCR Center for Social Innovation
- Transfer & Non-Traditional Students Director, Associated Students of UCR

Public Policy Alumni

Join Us in Making Global Impacts



CASSIE NGUYEN '15 AND '17
(B.A. and Master of Public Policy)

- Executive Director, Spotlight On Hope Film Camp (SOH) at Think Ten Media Group
- Former 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
(B.A. and Master of Public Policy)

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



GAIN EXPERIENCE. EARN CREDIT.

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

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What excites me most about interning at the Riverside Free Clinic is that I get to put my passion of working with the underserved community into action. I help non-English speakers as a Medical Spanish Translator, giving them a voice and bridging the gap of health disparity. Plus, I get service credit!

Paola Gonzalez, Class of '20
First-Generation 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
- 15 fairs and special events, 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 (then-lieutenant governor), to connect with and inspire SPP students.

A UC Degree Is More Affordable Than You Might Think

92%

of UCR undergraduates receive some form of financial aid.

72%

of UCR transfer students receive some form of financial aid.

76%

of students' financial aid need was met with need-based aid.

Learn more: financialaid.ucr.edu

(Financial Aid Office, 2018–19)

Next Steps

Get ready to take your place in the UCR family. We'll be here to help 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

Advising for SPP Students

spp.ucr.edu

(951) 827-5663

The SPP Undergraduate Academic Advisor will help you with undergraduate information.

Undergraduate Admissions Events

Come tour our beautiful campus, meet with faculty and students, learn about financial aid, and so much more. Family members — and questions — are always welcome!



Fall Preview Day for prospective freshman and transfer students.

discover.ucr.edu



Two open houses for admitted and prospective students: one for freshmen and one for transfers. Both held in the spring. highlanderday.ucr.edu

Important Dates & Deadlines

Fall Admission: Freshman and Transfer Students

Aug. 1	Access the UC application. apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
Nov. 1–30	Application filing period opens. apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
March	Fall admission notifications begin. my.ucr.edu
May 1	Freshman 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).

Winter Admission: Transfer Students

July 1–31	Access and submit the UC application. apply.universityofcalifornia.edu
Sept.	Winter admission notifications begin. my.ucr.edu
Oct. 15	Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).



TAKE A TOUR

Schedule a student-guided walking tour, or get a virtual 360-degree view of labs, studios and popular hangouts. visit.ucr.edu



RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

Explore the welcoming and multicultural city of Riverside, located in the heart of Southern California. admissions.ucr.edu/Riverside



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WeChat ([ucr_uga](https://wechat.ucr.edu))