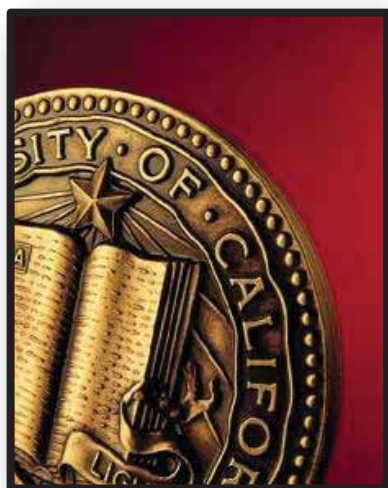


# Conversation and American Culture Program



July 11 – August 5, 2016

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# 1. Introduction of UCR

## University of California, Riverside (UCR)

➤ **Established:** 1954

➤ **Students:** 21,587  
Undergraduates : 18,782  
Postgraduates : 2,805

➤ **Professors:** 615  
**T/A:** 277



➤ The University of California, Riverside (UCR or UC Riverside), is a public research university and one of the 10 general campuses of the University of California system. The main campus sits on 1,900 acres (769 ha) in a suburban district of Riverside, California, United States, with a branch campus of 20 acres (8 ha) in Palm Desert. Founded in 1907 as the UC Citrus Experiment Station, Riverside pioneered research in biological pest control and the use of growth regulators responsible for extending the citrus growing season in California from four to nine months. Some of the world's most important research collections on citrus diversity and entomology, as well as science fiction and photography, are located at Riverside.

➤ **Departments:** College of Humanities  
Arts and Social Sciences  
College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences  
The Bourns College of Engineering  
School of Business Administration  
School of Education  
University Extension





## 1. Introduction of UCR

### University of California

B.A./B.S. – M.A./M.S. – Ph.D

60 Nobel Prize Winners

10 Campuses

Only the top 12.5% students can apply

Berkeley

Davis

Irvine

Los Angeles

Merced

**Riverside**

San Diego

San Francisco

Santa Barbara

Santa Cruz



# 1. Introduction of UCR

## UC Riverside Extension













- ❖ Established 1957
- ❖ The biggest extension center in the United States
- ❖ UCR Extension has provided English programs and professional programs to about 50,000 students from around 100 countries.
- ❖ Provided TESOL program, for the first time, among UCs.
- ❖ Around 20,000 students complete programs every year.



## 2. Program Schedule

July 11 – August 5, 2016  
CAC Sample Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10</p> <p>Arrive at UCR</p>  <p>JANUARY</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Student Registration/ Orientation 9:30AM-12PM Shopping Trip* Victoria Gardens 12:30PM-6PM</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Class 9AM-12PM Cultural Site Visit 1PM-4PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Excursion* Bowling 1PM-4PM</p>  <p>*Optional Trip Sign-up deadline 5PM Room 233</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Class 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop* UCR Campus and Downtown Riverside Tour 1PM-4PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Class 9AM-12PM Sports Workshop UCR Challenge Course (Low)* 1PM-4PM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Optional Trip* Los Angeles Tour 9AM-9PM</p> <p>Historic Olvera Street, Hollywood, Griffith Observatory &amp; The Grove &amp; Farmers Market</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>Free Day With Host Family</p>	<p>18</p> <p>CAMPUS CLOSED Martin Luther King Day National Holiday</p> <p>Optional Trip* Universal Studios 9AM-8PM \$130</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop Conversation Partner Activity 1PM-3PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Free Afternoon OR Optional Trip* Venice Beach 12:30PM-7PM \$70</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop Sports Activity 1PM-3PM IV Field</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop The American 60's &amp; Tie-Dye 1PM-3PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Optional Trip* Disneyland or Disney's California Adventure 9AM-Midnight</p> 
<p>24</p> <p>Free Day With Host Family</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop Dance: Hip Hop and Zumba 1PM-3PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Sports Workshop UCR Challenge Course (High)* 1PM-4PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Free Afternoon OR Optional Trip* Newport Beach &amp; South Coast Plaza 12:30PM-8PM \$60</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop Urban Art 1PM-3PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop UCR Scavenger Hunt 1PM-3PM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Optional Trip (IEP)* Six Flags Magic Mountain 9AM-9PM \$100</p> 
<p>31</p> <p>Free Day With Host Family</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Excursion 1PM-4PM</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop Conversation Partner Activity 1PM-3PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Excursion Mt. Rubidoux Hike 1PM-4PM</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Classes 9AM-12PM Cultural Workshop 1PM-3PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Certificate Ceremony 9AM-12PM Optional Trip* Cabazon Outlets 12:30PM-6PM \$55</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Goodbye!</p>  <p>Depart UCR</p>

### 3. Program Description

A communicative program which provides an interactive learning environment that integrates classroom instruction, sociocultural activities, and cultural excursions.

- 15 hours of conversation and oral skills development each week
- All class materials included
- Participation in American cultural activities
- Opportunity to meet other international students
- California sightseeing



### Classes

Each week the CAC classroom curriculum focuses on distinct but integrated cultural themes:

Week 1- Multiculturalism and Team Work (Communities working together)

Week 2- Cultural Values: Regional and Global

Week 3- Comparative Cultural Learning and Reflection



### 3. Program Description

- ☐ NYC Pizza Workshop:** One of the best ways to learn about a culture is through its food! The modern American diet is a rich reflection of the many diverse immigrant cultures which form our contemporary multicultural society. NYC-style pizza is world famous as a hallmark of American comfort food and people travel from around the globe to NYC taste and debate the best “NYC-style pizza or slice”! During this workshop, students learn about the history of the Italian community’s mass immigration to New York City in the early 1900s and the establishment of NYC’s world-renowned “Little Italy” community in Manhattan. The first pizzeria in America was founded in 1905 by [Gennaro Lombardi](#) in [Little Italy, Manhattan](#), and the distinct NYC-style pizza became a culinary legacy of this community and culture which spread around the world with such famous NYC pizzeria’s as Ray’s Pizza, Grimaldis, Lombardi’s, etc. After the presentation and discussion, students go to a local NYC-style pizzeria and are taught by the pizzeria owners how to create and bake their own NYC pizza to take away and share with friends to discuss the workshop and other cultural dishes they have enjoyed while in America!
- ☐ The American 60s & Tie Dye Workshop:** The 1960s was a monumental decade for change and culture in the United States. The decade was an important milestone for civil and social rights that are still evolving and permeate contemporary American culture. Californians are known as relaxed and easy-going, characteristics that originated in the 1960’s during the American counter-culture movement. This era was a modern renaissance of creative artistic pop-culture and American civil rights movements. During the movement, tie-dye, an art form that encourages freedom of expression became popular and distinctive of the era. Students will learn about the counter-culture movement and get to make their own tie-dye articles.



### 3. Program Description

#### ☐ **Native American Cultures & Dream Catchers Workshop:**

Native Americans are the indigenous people of North America whose history and culture is enrooted in modern America. Students will learn about Native American tribal, artwork, food, and traditions. Through the art of creating dream catchers, meant to capture bad dreams and only let the good dreams remain, students will understand the cultural values and significance of Native American peoples.

- ☐ **Urban Art Workshop:** Urban art is and art form that accentuates city life and demonstrates the realities of an urban setting. It is an art currently rising in popularity and that is being more readily recognized as a legitimate art form full of artistic processes and technique. Urban art can range from sculpting to street art like graffiti. Although normally thought of as controversial, graffiti, is an important element of American pop-culture and the contemporary art world. In this workshop students will learn graffiti techniques as a valid art form and work together in groups to create their own piece and appreciate the influence urban art has on culture.

- ☐ **Dance:** Dance is an important part of national identity and it provides an opportunity to learn about a culture while having fun. Students will learn about African-American culture and the impact it has on American culture and the world. The dance instruction will include Hip-Hop dance and Zumba, a Latin- inspired, fun, and exciting dance, popular in contemporary America.

### 3. Program Description

- ❑ **Sports:** Team work and collaboration are elemental values found in sports that help develop character. Sports are a significant part of Americans throughout their student years and American universities highly encourage students to participate in a sport of their choosing in the spirit of building good sportsmanship. Sports offer students the opportunity to be part of a team and engage in healthy and friendly competition that drives students to perform their best. Sports that can be offered are basketball, soccer, dodgeball, baseball, and flag football.
- ❑ **Bowling:** Bowling had its beginning in ancient Egypt and became widely popular with the Romans and has now developed into modern day bowling, which began in New York City in 1895. Modern day bowling is now played worldwide with over 95 million people partaking in the fun and has become a popular American pass time. This entertaining and relaxing sport allows students to interact and strengthen friendships as well as create new ones.
- ❑ **UCR Scavenger Hunt:** The UCR Scavenger Hunt and tour Participants explore the UCR campus and interact with UCR students while accomplishing entertaining tasks. Students are split into teams and each team competes against the others to complete the tasks first. Team work and intercultural communication are encouraged and are the key to accomplishing the activity as students explore and learn about the UCR campus.

### 3. Program Pictures





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## 4. Optional Trip

### ❑ Universal Studios

Universal Studios Hollywood is a film studio and theme park in the unincorporated Universal City community of the San Fernando Valley region of the city of Los Angeles, California, United States. It is one of the oldest and most famous Hollywood film studios still in use. Its official marketing headline is "The Entertainment Capital of LA". It was initially created to offer tours of the real Universal Studios sets and is the first of many full-fledged Universal Studios Theme Parks located across the world.



### ❑ Disneyland Park

Disneyland Park, originally Disneyland, is the first of two theme parks built at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California, opened on July 17, 1955. It is the only theme park designed and built under the direct supervision of Walt Disney. Disneyland has a larger cumulative attendance than any other theme park in the world, with over 650 million guests since it opened. In 2013, the park hosted approximately 16.2 million guests, making it the third most visited park in the world that calendar year.



### 3. Optional Trip

#### ❑ SeaWorld (San Diego)

SeaWorld is a United States chain of marine mammal parks, aquariums, and animal theme parks owned by SeaWorld Entertainment. The parks feature killer whale, sea lion, and dolphin shows and zoological displays featuring various other marine animals.



#### ❑ Hollywood (LA Tour)

Hollywood is a neighborhood in the central region of Los Angeles, California. It is notable for its place as the home of the entertainment industry, including several of its historic studios. Its name has come to be a metonym for the motion picture industry of the United States. Hollywood is also a highly ethnically diverse, densely populated, economically diverse neighborhood and retail business district.



### 3. Optional Trip

#### ☐ Others

- **Newport Beach**
- **Venice Beach**
- **Cabazon Outlets**



## 5. Homestay Information

### ❑ Homestay

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ You will have the opportunity to learn about and experience American culture first-hand, learn and practice your English outside the classroom and develop long-lasting friendships. Homestay is available year-round with short-term and long-term options. See costs below.</li> </ul>
<b>Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Live a 10-15 minute drive from UCR</li> <li>➤ Every homestay family is carefully selected through a rigorous screening process</li> <li>➤ Must follow house guidelines.</li> </ul>
<b>Advantages</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Most inexpensive housing option.</li> <li>➤ Improve your English more quickly.</li> <li>➤ Family provides transportation to and from school.</li> <li>➤ Available year-round.</li> <li>➤ Experience American family life.</li> <li>➤ All meals provided.</li> </ul>



## 5. Homestay Information

*“Everyone welcomed me so I adapted easily, and I had a lot of fun. My family cares about me a lot, and I feel like I am part of the family.”*



More Information → [http://www.iep.ucr.edu/pdf/homestay\\_student\\_handbook.pdf](http://www.iep.ucr.edu/pdf/homestay_student_handbook.pdf)





## 6. Student Services



- Socio-Cultural Activities
- College Counseling
- Sports Facilities
- TOEFL and TOEIC Exams



- Transportation  
:airport pick-up & drop-off  
weekly trips, shopping, drivers  
license, social security office



## 7. Riverside, CA

### •Overview

- **County:** Riverside
- **State:** California
- **Population:** 321,786 (2015)
- **Adjacent :** Los Angeles 70km, San Diego 160 Km
- **Landmarks :** Riverside downtown, Mission Inn



Riverside is a city in Riverside County, California, United States, located in the Inland Empire metropolitan area. Riverside is the county seat of the eponymous county and named for its location beside the Santa Ana River. It is the most populous city in the Inland Empire as well as Riverside County, and is located approximately 60 miles (97 km) east of Los Angeles. It is also part of the Greater Los Angeles area. Riverside is the 59th most populous city in the United States and 12th most populous city in California. As of the 2010 Census, Riverside had a population of 303,871.



<u>Location</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Disneyland	55 minutes
Universal Studios	65 minutes
Ski Resorts	45 minutes
Beaches	50 minutes
Los Angeles	60 minutes
San Diego	90 minutes
Palm Springs	45 minutes
Las Vegas	3 hours
San Francisco	7 hours

## 7. Riverside, CA



Riverside was founded in the early 1870s and is the birthplace of the California citrus industry as well as home of the Mission Inn, the largest Mission Revival Style building in the United States. It is also home to the Riverside National Cemetery.



The University of California, Riverside, is located in the northeastern part of the city. The university also hosts the Riverside Sports Complex. Other attractions in Riverside include the Fox Performing Arts Center, Riverside Metropolitan Museum, which houses exhibits and artifacts of local history, the California Museum of Photography, the California Citrus State Historic Park, and the Parent Washington Navel Orange Tree, the last of the two original navel orange trees in California.