

major in
SOCIAL POLICY & PUBLIC SERVICE
University of California, Irvine

THE DEGREE

The major in social policy and public service (SPPS) is designed for students interested in social issues, social justice, equality and social policy. With three unique areas of focus—education, governance, and health—the curriculum creates a path for students to effect social change through fair political representation, quality education, and health equality. Students in this major will take courses with faculty composed of respected UCI researchers and experts in fields ranging from education and psychology to public policy and sociology.

CAREERS

Offering a comprehensive curriculum, SPPS is one of the few majors that requires students to complete a full year of field study and a one-quarter community internship—equipping them with technical and analytical skills to become leaders and service providers at the local and national levels. SPPS majors may go on to careers in government, public policy, education, public health, social work, mental health, non-profit organizations, teaching, law, medicine, and community leadership.



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U.S. under 50**
**Times Higher Education*



**9th best public
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**US News & World Report*



**"Coolest School"
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**Sierra Magazine*

SPPS RESEARCHERS ASK QUESTIONS LIKE ...

- What are the challenges faced in our education system related to access, retention and quality?
- How do Obamacare and other health policies affect medical care for vulnerable populations?
- What is the mental health status of underrepresented communities and what policies are required to improve their current well-being?



SPPS majors dedicate themselves to effecting social change through public service.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Freshman¹ (12 to 16 units per quarter)

- Social Science 1A
- Social Science 2A
- Social Science 3A
- Social Science 40
- Lower Division Writing (two courses)
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- General Education VI²

Sophomore³ (16 units per quarter)

- Social Science 70C or SOC 63 (one course)
- Social Science 102A
- Social Science 170A
- Social Science 10A-B-C
- General Education II or IV (three courses)
- General Education VIII (one course)
- Elective (about two courses)

Junior (16 units per quarter)

- Social Science 193A-B-C
- Social Science 181A
- SPPS functional focus course (total of three courses)
- Upper-Division Writing (one course)
- Electives

Senior (16 units per quarter)

- Social Science 194A
- SPPS functional focus course (total of three courses)
- Electives



OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the regular curriculum, sociology students have their choice of programs, clubs, and organizations to further their education, both within the department and outside of it. These opportunities include:

- HONORS PROGRAM
- CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
-Cultural Competency
- COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
- SOCIAL POLICY AND PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVISTS
- GLOBAL CONNECT*
- DEAN'S AMBASSADORS COUNCIL*

*Open to all majors

UNDERGRAD STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Social Sciences Undergraduate Student Affairs Office provides numerous services and special programs for undergraduate students including:

- Course planning
- Change of major requests
- Financial aid appeals
- Graduate and professional school information
- Information concerning honors
- Course substitutions
- Career and internship guidance

To set up an appointment, call 949.824.6803, or visit their website at www.undergrad.socsci.uci.edu/offices/studentaffairs.

ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER

The School of Social Sciences Academic Resource Center (SSARC) is a great starting point for information regarding internships, graduate school, and prospective careers.

Visit SSARC online at www.ssarc.socsci.uci.edu or call 949.824.8322 today to set up an appointment.

¹Students should move from a 12 to 16 unit work load in the second quarter of their first year.

²Language may be satisfied in high school prior to matriculation.