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A top 10-ranked program with research strengths in population, family, immigration, and inequality

UCI sociology is internationally recognized for research and training that supports studies across the spectrum of quantitative, qualitative, and multi-method approaches to social issues. Research specialties within the department include:

- Education
- Family, life course & sexualities
- Global inequality & change
- Labor, organizations & occupations
- Social inequality
- Population
- Race/ethnicity, gender & class
- Social movements
- Political sociology
- Social networks
- Democracy
- Immigration

Sociology faculty contribute not only to the department and the wider field but also to the campus’s interdisciplinary units, providing leadership and core faculty to the institutes and centers. Students have an opportunity to earn a master’s degree while in pursuit of their Ph.D., and are encouraged to enroll in interdisciplinary coursework. In short, graduate students in sociology at UCI join a vibrant, collegial, rigorous academic program, with instruction from leading experts in the field, and a collaborative atmosphere that fosters success.

This past year, UCI sociologists brought in more than $1 million in external grant funding.

Faculty in the department publish regularly in the field’s top academic journals, and graduate students have incredible opportunities to publish alongside them.

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Alumni have entered tenure-track positions at top research universities, highly competitive post-doctoral positions, and research-oriented jobs in both the public and private sectors. A sampling of recent placements:

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- Princeton University
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- UCLA
- University of Chicago
- USC
- University of Tokyo
- University of Washington
- U.S. Census Bureau

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