

# School of Public Policy (SPP)



## 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!



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

View all majors: [admissions.ucr.edu/academics](https://admissions.ucr.edu/academics)

### Earning Potential with a Public Policy Degree

Lobbyist	\$70,798
Budget Analyst	\$58,669
Project Analyst	\$56,552
Campaign Manager	\$54,015
Public Policy Analyst	\$53,823
Nonprofit Director	\$52,996
Marketing Communications Specialist	\$50,444
Public Health Specialist	\$48,554
Paralegal	\$46,467
Grant Writer	\$45,733
Academic Advisor	\$41,006
Legislative Assistant	\$40,543

Based on national averages.  
Higher earning potential with advanced degrees.  
(PayScale, 2017–2018 College Salary Report)

### 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

# 28<sup>th</sup>

in the United States based on social mobility, research and service.

(Washington Monthly 2018 College Guide and Rankings)

# Value

One of America's Best Value Colleges. (Forbes, 2018)

# 35<sup>th</sup>

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

## 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 female faculty take on more internal service work than their male colleagues



### 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 first step on campus to the day you graduate. [spp.ucr.edu](http://spp.ucr.edu)

**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 Dean's Student Ambassador Program **FY 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 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).



## Fellowship Programs **FY TR**

Develop professional skills, boost your resume and get paid with a SPP fellowship.



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



## Undergraduate Research

### Putting Research in Your Hands

Explore an extraordinary range of research opportunities at the SPP's partner agencies. The SPP will 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)

Transfer Student from Riverside City College  
Former SPP Dean's Student Ambassador

# 43<sup>rd</sup>

best college for undergraduate teaching.  
(U.S. News & World Report 2019  
Best College Rankings)

# 85<sup>th</sup>

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

Among the Top 100 safest colleges in the United States.  
(Alarms.org, 2017)

## 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



**DAVID ANGEL**, Class of '19

- SPP Dean's Student Ambassador
- Former 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



**NELOWFAR AHMADI**, Class of '19

- SPP Dean's Ambassador
- Former intern, Congressman Mark Takano's District and Washington, D.C. offices
- Participant, UCDC Academic Internship Program
- Member, College Democrats at UC Riverside
- Volunteer, UCR's R'Garden and local campaigns
- Undergraduate Education Student Ambassador

## 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](http://spp.ucr.edu)

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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 '18**

Transfer Student from Moreno Valley Community College

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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](http://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.

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

91%

of UCR **undergraduate students** received some form of financial aid.

89%

of UCR **transfer students** received some form of financial aid.

73%

of those who received financial aid have their full fees covered by grants and/or scholarships.

Let us show you how: [financialaid.ucr.edu](https://financialaid.ucr.edu)

(Financial Aid Office, 2017–18)

## 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](https://admissions.ucr.edu) | [admissions@ucr.edu](mailto: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](https://spp.ucr.edu)  
(951) 827-5663  
The SPP Undergraduate Academic Advisor will help you with undergraduate information.

## Undergraduate Admissions Open Houses

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!



For prospective and admitted students. Held throughout the academic year.  
[discover.ucr.edu](https://discover.ucr.edu)



For prospective transfer students. Held every October. [go.ucr.edu/transferday](https://go.ucr.edu/transferday)



For admitted and prospective students. Held every spring. [highlanderday.ucr.edu](https://highlanderday.ucr.edu)

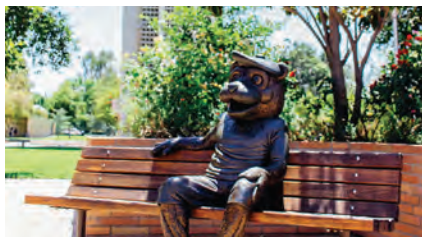
## Important Dates & Deadlines

### Fall Admission: First-Year and Transfer Students

Aug. 1	Access the UC application. <a href="https://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply">universityofcalifornia.edu/apply</a>
Nov. 1–30	Application filing period opens. <a href="https://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply">universityofcalifornia.edu/apply</a>
March	Fall admission notifications begin. <a href="https://my.ucr.edu">my.ucr.edu</a>
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).

### Winter Admission: Transfer Students

July 1–31	Access and submit the UC application. <a href="https://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply">universityofcalifornia.edu/apply</a>
Sept.	Winter admission notifications begin. <a href="https://my.ucr.edu">my.ucr.edu</a>
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](https://visit.ucr.edu)



## UCR ON YouTube

Catch highlights and see what campus life is like from a student's point of view.  
[youtube.com/lifeatucr](https://youtube.com/lifeatucr)



## FOLLOW US ON Instagram

Check out campus highlights, student spotlights and our favorite things to do in Riverside.  
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