

Business English and Conversation & Culture Program Report



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Program Overview

- <u>Business English</u> and <u>Conversation & Culture</u> are offered in 2- and 4-week sections each January, February, March, July, August, and September.
- In 2019, over 500 students from over 10 countries, including China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, France, Taiwan, Brazil, and South Korea, attended these programs.
- Students in both programs took 2-3 English language classes that focus on a variety of core skills.
- Conversation & Culture classes are offered at seven different proficiency levels while Business English is offered at one level.
- Many university groups added <u>customized features</u> to these programs, such as conversation partners, site visits, and specialized curriculum.





2020 Program Dates

4-Week

Jan 6 – Jan 31

Feb 3 – Feb 28

July 6 – July 30

Aug 3 – Aug 28

Sept 2 – Sept 29

2-Week

Jan 6 – Jan 17

Jan 17 – Jan 31

Feb 3 – Feb 14

Feb 14 – Feb 28

Mar 2 – Mar 13

July 6 – July 17

July 17 – July 30

Aug 3 – Aug 17

Aug 17 – Aug 28

Sept 2 – Sept 16

Sept 16 – Sept 29





Sample 4-Week Calendar with Customized Features

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
UCIrvine				Meet in front of <u>Building CE5</u> for: Conversation Partner Meetings Activities Site Visits		SAMPLE Free Activities Mondays RUNday 5:00-6:30pm Wednesdays IP Sports 5:00-7:00pm
August 4 WELCOME TO UCII Arrival at LAX HOMESTAY ORIENTATION	Registration & Placement Testing 8:30am-11:00am Welcome Lunch & Campus Tour 11:00am-1:00pm Program Orientation 1:00pm-3:00pm	6 Administrative Day No Classes Please check Activity Calendar for available planned activities.	7 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	8 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am MIXER: w/ UCI Tech Students 2:00pm-4:00pm	9 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	Optional West LA Tour 9:00am-10:00pm
Optional Sunset Kayaking 4:30pm-8:30pm	12 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	13 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am SITE VISIT: UCI Nuclear Reactor 2:00pm-4:00pm	14 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	15 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am SITE VISIT: UCI 3D Printing Lab 1:30pm-3:30pm	16 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	Optional Disneyland or California Adventure 8:30am-11:45pm
18 Optional El Moro Hike 9:00am-2:00pm	19 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	20 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am SITE VISIT: O.C. Water District 1:00pm-5:00pm	21 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	22 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am	23 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	Optional Universal Studios 8:30am-10:30pm
25 Optional Surfing Lessons 8:00am-3:00pm	26 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	27 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am	28 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am CP MEETING 2:00pm-5:00pm	29 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am	30 English for Science & Tech 9:00am-10:20am Speaking & Listening 10:30am-11:50am Graduation Luncheon 1:00pm-3:00pm	31 DEPARTURE





Business English Courses

English for Business Topics

7.5 hours/week

English for Business Communication

7.5 hours/week

Business Writing

5 hours/week





Conversation & Culture Courses

Specialized ESL Course

(American Culture, Academic English, or English for Science & Technology)

7.5 hours/week

Speaking & Listening

7.5 hours/week

Pronunciation & Vocabulary

5 hours/week







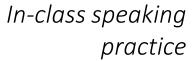
Group work in Speaking & Listening class

Conversation & Culture students attending a poster session





A guest speaker gives a presentation to Conversation & Culture students









Conversation Partners

- Conversation Partners are UCI undergraduate students that meet with international students in groups of 3 or 4.
- Conversation Partner meetings can be held 2 or 3 times per week.
- Conversation Partners help students
 - Practice English
 - Learn American Culture
 - Explore the UCI Campus







Students visit a local farm with their CP

Students go bowling with their CP





Students try famous In-n-Out Hamburgers with their CP

Students baking cookies at their CP's apartment



Site Visits

Customized Site Visits can be included to enhance students' educational and cultural experience.

In 2019, students toured a wide variety of research laboratories, businesses, medical facilities, and more.

Pictured on the right, students from Shibaura Institute of Technology tour the Groundwater Replenishment System, the world's largest water purification system, as part of their Conversation & Culture program.







Students experience Virtual Reality at UCI Labs

Students tour the UCI Arboretum with Prof. Peter Bowler



Students visit NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)







Guest Lectures

In 2019, many UCI professors and distinguished professionals gave special lectures to groups of Business English and Conversation & Culture students.

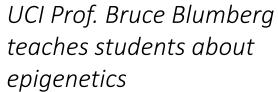
Pictured on the right, UCI Law Professor David Kaye addresses students.







Will Pomerantz, VP of Virgin Orbit, speaks to students







UCI Prof. Shin Lin lectures about the benefits of Tai Chi



UCI Prof. Sergio Gago shares his research





Optional Activities

This year, students attended a wide variety of optional cultural activities on and off campus. All activities are lead by UCI student staff and are available to international students from several UCI programs. Attending cultural activities is a great opportunity to make new friends and practice English outside of class.

Pictured on the right, students at Universal Studios Hollywood.





















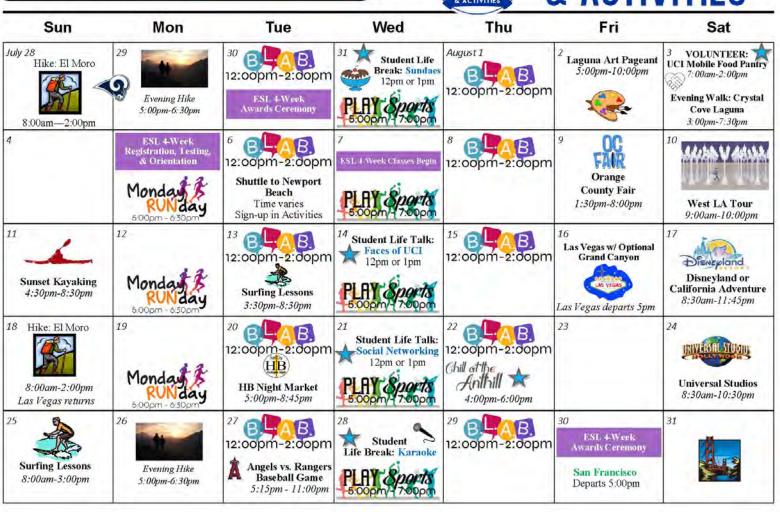
August 2019

Free Activity Signups here: tinyari.com/Summer2019FreeActivities

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Example
Optional
Activity
Calendar







ESL Instructors

UCI Division of Continuing Education employs nine fulltime and over 15 part-time highly qualified ESL instructors. All instructors hold Master's degrees and have ten years of teaching experience on average.

Pictured on the right, full-time instructors Karen Vallejo and Marla Yoshida pose with their students.



Student Support Staff

From academic advisors to immigration officials to student wellness officers, UCI has a large and dedicated permanent staff to support international students. Their goal is to help make students' lives in Irvine comfortable, convenient, and productive. The Student Life & Activities department also employs over 40 undergraduate student workers to support international students, chaperone activities, and provide airport pickup/drop off service.

Pictured on the right, Student Life & Activities student staff pose doing the UCI "Zot" cheer.





CDP Staff

In 2019, our Custom Designed Program (CDP) Staff worked with over 20 university and high school groups to provide customization to the Business English and Conversation & Culture programs.

Pictured on the right, ESL/TEFL CDP manager, Karl Kottman, teaches the UCI cheer to new students.





















Senta Goto, Japan

CONVERSATION & CULTURE

This is beneficial... this thinking broadened my horizon. After I had a little trouble, I have confidence... I improved English skill very well.

Genki Osawa, Japan

CONVERSATION & CULTURE

Thanks to this program, I don't hesitate to make a mistake about speaking English.

Cristiano Oliveira, Brazil (pictured)

CONVERSATION & CULTURE

I would recommend and endorse this course for all my friends, all my colleagues... It's very nice quality.





