



2019 Business English and Conversation & Culture Program Report

UCI Division of
Continuing Education

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Program Overview

- Business English and Conversation & Culture 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 customized features 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
				Meet in front of Building CE5 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	5 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 <i>Please check Activity Calendar for available planned activities.</i>	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	10 Optional  West LA Tour 9:00am-10:00pm
11 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	17 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	24 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

The background image shows a man in the foreground, slightly to the right, wearing a red t-shirt under a black and white Adidas jacket. He has a mustache and is pointing his right index finger towards the left. In the background, a group of diverse students are visible, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The scene appears to be an indoor setting, possibly a classroom or a common area. There are blue and yellow geometric overlays on the left side of the image.

Coursework

Business English and
Conversation & Culture

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



In-class speaking practice

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a blue button-down shirt, is gesturing with his hands while speaking to a group of four young men. The students are looking at him attentively. They are in a hallway with blue doors in the background. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the left side of the image, and a yellow banner is at the bottom.

Customized Features For Groups

Conversation Partners, Site Visits,
Guest Lectures, and More

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 tour the UCI Arboretum with Prof. Peter Bowler

Students experience Virtual Reality at UCI Labs



A student tries on gear at the Irvine Fire Department

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. Bruce Blumberg teaches students about epigenetics



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

UCI Prof. Sergio Gago shares his research



Activities

Free and Paid Options



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: hayuri.com/Summer2019FreeActivities



STUDENT LIFE & ACTIVITIES

Example
Optional
Activity
Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July 28 Hike: El Moro 8:00am—2:00pm	29 Evening Hike 5:00pm-6:30pm	30 12:00pm-2:00pm ESL 4-Week Awards Ceremony	31 Student Life Break: Sundaes 12pm or 1pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	August 1 12:00pm-2:00pm	2 Laguna Art Pageant 5:00pm-10:00pm	3 VOLUNTEER: UCI Mobile Food Pantry 7:00am-2:00pm Evening Walk: Crystal Cove Laguna 3:00pm-7:30pm
4	ESL 4-Week Registration, Testing, & Orientation Monday RUNday 5:00pm-6:30pm	6 12:00pm-2:00pm Shuttle to Newport Beach Time varies Sign-up in Activities	7 ESL 4-Week Classes Begin 5:00pm-7:00pm	8 12:00pm-2:00pm	9 OC FAIR Orange County Fair 1:30pm-8:00pm	10 West LA Tour 9:00am-10:00pm
11 Sunset Kayaking 4:30pm-8:30pm	12 Monday RUNday 5:00pm-6:30pm	13 12:00pm-2:00pm Surfing Lessons 3:30pm-8:30pm	14 Student Life Talk: Faces of UCI 12pm or 1pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	15 12:00pm-2:00pm	16 Las Vegas w/ Optional Grand Canyon Las Vegas departs 5pm	17 Disneyland Disneyland or California Adventure 8:30am-11:45pm
18 Hike: El Moro 8:00am-2:00pm Las Vegas returns	19 Monday RUNday 5:00pm-6:30pm	20 12:00pm-2:00pm HB Night Market 5:00pm-8:45pm	21 Student Life Talk: Social Networking 12pm or 1pm 5:00pm-7:00pm	22 12:00pm-2:00pm Chill at the Anthill 4:00pm-6:00pm	23	24 Universal Studios 8:30am-10:30pm
25 Surfing Lessons 8:00am-3:00pm	26 Evening Hike 5:00pm-6:30pm	27 12:00pm-2:00pm Angels vs. Rangers Baseball Game 5:15pm-11:00pm	28 Student Life Break: Karaoke 5:00pm-7:00pm	29 12:00pm-2:00pm	30 ESL 4-Week Awards Ceremony San Francisco Departs 5:00pm	31



Faculty & Staff

Division of Continuing Education

ESL Instructors

UCI Division of Continuing Education employs nine full-time 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.



2019 Certificate Ceremonies

Business English and
Conversation & Culture





The background of the slide features a photograph of two young women with dark hair, smiling warmly. They are positioned in front of a solid blue wall. Above them, a cluster of balloons is visible, including several heart-shaped balloons in metallic gold and silver, and some round balloons with a textured, crinkled surface. The overall atmosphere is celebratory and positive.

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Student Testimonials

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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.





Thank you!