

# New Faculty Orientation Fall 2013

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# Topics

- > Undergraduate Enrollment Overview
- > Who Are Our Students? Socio-Demographic Background
- > Who Are Our Students? Academic Profile
- > Effective Undergraduate Teaching
- > Teaching and Learning Resources



#### **Undergraduate Enrollment by College**



CHASS: College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

3-year average, fall 2009-2011



#### **Most Popular Majors**





#### **Gender Distribution**



3-year average fall 2009-2011



#### **Student Racial-Ethnic Distribution**



3-year average, fall 2009-2011



52%

# **Socio-Demographic Profile**

- First-Generation College Students
- Low-Income Status 45%
- Awarded Any Type of Financial Aid 83% >
- Awarded Need-based Financial Aid 63%
- 31% Living On Campus > 58%
- Freshman in 2011 Living on Campus

First Generation: Neither parent attended college. (3-year average 2009-2011) Low Income: Self-reported parental income is less than or equal to \$30,000 (3-year average 2009-2011) Awarded Aid: for 2011-2012 Living on campus: 3-year average 2009-2011



### **Retention and Completion**

- First-Year Retention Rate (2010 Cohort) 87%
- > 4-Year Graduation Rate (2005 Cohort) 49%
- 6-Year Graduation Rate (2005 Cohort)
  68%
- Voluntary Withdrawal (2005 Cohort)
  24%



# **Teaching Challenges**

- > 2010 Freshmen: Did not place into Calculus 73%
- > 2010 Freshmen: Did not place into English 1A 66%
- > 2010 Freshmen: On academic probation 21%
- > 2010 Freshmen: Dismissed by end of year 3%
- > UCUES: Completed half or less of assigned reading 19%
- > UCUES: Attended or studied for class<20 hours/week 18%</p>

# **Content and Skills**

- > You are the content experts.
- General skills we hope to foster:
  - Critical reading and interpretation skills
  - Written expression skills
  - Oral presentation skills
  - Information evaluation skills
  - Quantitative analysis skills



# **Undergraduate Teaching at UCR**

- Classroom participation is important, because it is strongly related to academic engagement.
- Sufficiently demanding learning environments are important, because students should be prepared to succeed in the world.
- Beware of an over-reliance on student evaluations as a guide to your teaching effectiveness.



# **Effectiveness in the Classroom**

- Setting and Teaching to Learning Objectives
- > Clicker Technology
  - More Information: Leo Schoeust (Computing&Communications)
- Interactive Engagement & Problem-based Learning as Alternatives to Lecturing
  - More Information: Ward Beyermann (Physics) & Jack Eichler (Chemistry)
- Study I-Learn Capabilities



### Teaching and Learning Resources



### **Academic Resource Center**

**Programs that Help Students in Classes** 

Drop In-Tutoring Early Warning Program Supplemental Instruction

**Programs that Help Students to Build Skills** 

Study Skills Workshops GRE, MCAT, and LSAT Prep Courses Summer Bridge Pre-calculus and Writing Program

**Programs that Help Students in Difficulty** 

Peer Counseling Drop-in Academic Counselors

**Placement Exams in Math and Chemistry** 

http://www.arc.ucr.edu/



# **University Honors Program**

#### In fall 2011, 519 students participated in the Honors Program

#### Honors Redesign

- 1st year: Critical Thinking (and Ignition Seminars)
- > 2nd year: Civic Engagement
- > 3rd year: Research Methods
- > 4th year: Senior Thesis

#### **Types of Faculty Involvement**

- > Teaching an honors seminar or course
- Mentoring an upper-division honors student
- > Becoming a faculty-member-in-residence
- > Serving as a member of the Honors Executive Committee

#### Contact: Tom Perring: thomas.perring@ucr.edu

http://www.honors.ucr.edu/



# Experiential Learning

#### > UCDC

- > About 65-70 students from UCR participate annually
- http://ucdc.ucr.edu

#### > Education Abroad

- > 324 students participated in Education Abroad Programs
  - > 222 through the Education Abroad Program office at UCR
  - > 102 through Opportunities Abroad Programs
  - Summer Study Abroad Faculty-led Programs beginning again in 2014
- http://ocae.ucr.edu

#### > Undergraduate Research

- 141 students presented in symposium; 15 published in journal;
  12 Chancellor's Research Fellows
- http://ugr.ue.ucr.edu



### **Instructional Development**

- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Colloquia
- > Master Teacher Program: Sept. 23
- Academy of Distinguished Teachers
- Instructional Development Small Grants
- Student Technology Fee Major Grants
- > UC Online Initiative

http://instruction.ucr.edu/



#### Master Teacher Program: Sept. 23

Save the Date!

(ALI)

September 23, 2013

A New (Academic) Year's Celebration of Teaching Excellence!

Dr. Harvey J. Brightman who will help you to develop the skills of a Master Teacher

Faculty and TAs may sign up for as few as one or as many as six sessions during the day; Sessions include:

- Effective Teacher Attributes 1)
- 21
- Creating Meaningful Learning Objectives Hooks that Stimulate Students' Interest 31
- 43
- Using Frameworks and Diagrams to Convey Key Ideas 51
- How to Make Your Presentations Stick in Students' Minds Incorporating Active Learning Practices in Your Teaching 61

To sign up, [click here] or go to http://uc.ucr.edu/uc/signup\_form.html