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Statement of Accreditation Status
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Current Accreditation Status: Accredited
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First Accredited: 1956

Undergraduate FTE: 23,682
Graduate FTE: 3,436
Financial Structure Type: Public
Sponsorship: Multi-institution System
Academic Calendar: Quarter
Distributes Federal Finanicial Aid: Yes

Commission Actions

*Commission Action Letter, Special Visit, June 2022 action
*Commission action letter, reaffirmation, February 2019 action
*Team Report, Special Visit, June 2022 action
*Team report, reaffirmation, February 2019 action

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Locations

OPEID	Location Name	City	Location Type	Status
	Norco California Rehabilitation Center	Norco	Additional	active
	UCR LIFTED Prison Education Program at Ironwood State Prison	Blythe	Additional	active
00131601	UCR Palm Desert	Palm Desert	Additional	active
00131600	University of California Riverside	Riverside	Main Campus	active

Degrees

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Accounting	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Accounting	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Accounting Auditing and Assurance	Masters	2012	On-Site
Accounting for Governmental and Nonprofit Organizations	Non-degree	1983	On-Site
Accounting for Governmental and Nonprofit Organizations	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Actuarial Science	Bachelors	2022	On-Site
Advanced Certificate in Chemistry	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
Advanced Certificate in Engineering	Non-degree	2012	On-Site
Advanced Certificate in Management	Non-degree	2008	On-Site
Advanced Certificate in Physics	Non-degree	2011	On-Site
Advanced Certificate in Public Policy	Non-degree	2015	On-Site
African American Studies	Bachelors	1999	On-Site
Anthropology	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Anthropology	Masters	1981	On-Site
Anthropology	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Anthropology/Law and Society	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Applied Cybersecurity	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Applied Cybersecurity Fundamentals	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education

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Art (Studio)	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Art (Studio)	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Art History	Masters	1981	On-Site
Art History	Research Doctorate	2014	On-Site
Art History	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Art History/Administrative Studies	Bachelors	1999	On-Site
Art History/Religious Studies	Bachelors	2000	On-Site
Asian American Studies	Bachelors	1999	On-Site
Asian Studies	Bachelors	1982	On-Site
Astronomy	Research Doctorate	2023	On-Site
Astronomy	Masters	2023	On-Site
Bilingual Authorization (BILA)	Non-degree	2015	Distance Education
Biochemistry	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Masters	2000	On-Site
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Research Doctorate	2000	On-Site
Bioengineering	Research Doctorate	2007	On-Site
Bioengineering	Bachelors	2005	On-Site
Bioengineering	Masters	2008	On-Site
Biology	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Biomedical Sciences	Research Doctorate	1988	On-Site
Biomedical Sciences	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Biomedical Sciences	Masters	1993	On-Site
Biophysics	Research Doctorate	2020	On-Site
Biophysics	Masters	2020	On-Site
Black Study	Bachelors	2025	On-Site
Business Administration	Bachelors	1986	On-Site
Business Administration	Research Doctorate	2011	On-Site
Business Administration	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Business Analytics	Masters	2021	On-Site

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Business Economics	Bachelors	1982	On-Site
Business Economics	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Business Gateway Program	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
Business Management	Non-degree	2016	On-Site
CLAD Through CTEL	Non-degree	2008	Distance Education
Cannabis Agriculture and Horticulture	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Cannabis Compliance and Risk Management	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Cannabis Healthcare and Medicine	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Cannabis Product Development & Design	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Cell Molecular and Developmental Biology	Masters	2000	On-Site
Cell Molecular and Developmental Biology	Research Doctorate	1999	On-Site
Cell Molecular and Developmental Biology	Bachelors	2012	On-Site
Certificate in Leadership and Organizational Excellence	Non-degree	2018	On-Site
Certificate in Leadership and Organizational Excellence	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Certificate in STEAM Education	Non-degree	2015	On-Site
Chemical Engineering	Bachelors	1991	On-Site
Chemical and Environmental Engineering	Research Doctorate	1999	On-Site
Chemical and Environmental Engineering	Masters	2010	On-Site
Chemistry	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Chemistry	Masters	1981	On-Site
Chemistry	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Chicano Studies	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Classics	Masters	1999	On-Site
Classics	Research Doctorate	1999	On-Site
College Admissions Counseling	Non-degree	2009	Distance Education
Comparative Literature	Masters	1981	On-Site
Comparative Literature	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Computational Data Science	Masters	2025	On-Site
Computer Engineering	Masters	2013	On-Site

Degree	Degree Level	Year Implemented	Modality
Computer Engineering	Bachelors	1999	On-Site
Computer Engineering	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Computer Science	Research Doctorate	1994	On-Site
Computer Science	Masters	1981	On-Site
Computer Science	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Computer Science with Business Applications	Bachelors	2014	On-Site
Cosmetic Chemistry	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Creative Writing	Bachelors	1990	On-Site
Creative Writing and Writing for the Performing Arts	Masters	2002	On-Site
Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)	Non-degree	2001	On-Site
Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Critical Dance Studies	Masters	2011	On-Site
Critical Dance Studies	Research Doctorate	2009	On-Site
DS Career Technical Education (CTE) and Special Subjects	Non-degree	2011	On-Site
DS Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Special Subjects	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Dance	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Data Science	Bachelors	2020	On-Site
Desert Ecology	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Bachelors	2018	On-Site
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Masters	1981	On-Site
Earth and Planetary Sciences	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Economics	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Economics	Masters	1981	On-Site
Economics	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Economics/Administrative Studies	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Economics/Law and Society	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Education	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Education	Masters	1981	On-Site

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Education for the Gifted and Talented	Non-degree	2009	Distance Education
Education, Society and Human Development	Bachelors	2018	On-Site
Education, Society and Human Development	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Educational Therapy	Non-degree	2014	Distance Education
Electrical Engineering	Bachelors	1991	On-Site
Electrical Engineering	Masters	1998	On-Site
Electrical Engineering	Research Doctorate	1998	On-Site
Engineering	Masters	2013	Distance Education
Engineering Gateway Program	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
English	Masters	1981	On-Site
English	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
English	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
English -Supplementary Authorization	Non-degree	2010	Distance Education
English-Spanish Interpretation	Non-degree	2013	On-Site
English-Spanish Interpretation	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Entomology	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Entomology	Masters	1981	On-Site
Entomology	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Entrepreneurship	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Environmental Engineering	Bachelors	1991	On-Site
Environmental Sciences	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Environmental Sciences	Masters	2000	On-Site
Environmental Sciences	Research Doctorate	2000	On-Site
Environmental Studies	Bachelors	2024	On-Site
Environmental Toxicology	Masters	1989	On-Site
Environmental Toxicology	Research Doctorate	1988	On-Site
Ethnic Studies	Research Doctorate	2009	On-Site
Ethnic Studies	Masters	2011	On-Site
Ethnic Studies	Bachelors	1988	On-Site

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Evolution Ecology and Organismal Biology	Research Doctorate	2004	On-Site
Evolution Ecology and Organismal Biology	Masters	2004	On-Site
Experimental Choreography	Masters	2009	On-Site
Finance	Masters	2013	On-Site
Forensic Nursing	Non-degree	2003	Distance Education
Gender and Sexuality Studies	Bachelors	2015	On-Site
Genetics Genomics and Bioinformatics	Masters	2008	On-Site
Genetics Genomics and Bioinformatics	Research Doctorate	2004	On-Site
Geology	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Geophysics	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Global Studies	Bachelors	2006	On-Site
Global and Community Health	Bachelors	2024	On-Site
History	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
History	Masters	1981	On-Site
History	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
History/Administrative Studies	Bachelors	1999	On-Site
History/Law and Society	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Human Resources Management	Non-degree	2006	On-Site
Human Resources Management	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Humanities Arts and Social Sciences Interdisciplinary	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Implementing the Practice-Based Coaching Model through Distance Learning	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Intensive English Plus Program	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
Introductory Supplementary Authorization in Computer Science Education	Non-degree	2016	Distance Education
Languages and Literatures Chinese	Bachelors	2012	On-Site
Languages and Literatures Classical Studies	Bachelors	2012	On-Site
Languages and Literatures Comparative Ancient Civilizations	Bachelors	2016	On-Site
Languages and Literatures Comparative Literature	Bachelors	2011	On-Site

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Languages and Literatures French	Bachelors	2012	On-Site
Languages and Literatures Germanic Studies	Bachelors	2011	On-Site
Languages and Literatures Japanese	Bachelors	2012	On-Site
Languages and Literatures Languages	Bachelors	2011	On-Site
Languages and Literatures Russian	Bachelors	2012	On-Site
Latin American Studies	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Lean Six Sigma	Non-degree	2011	On-Site
Liberal Studies	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Liberal Studies	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Linguistics	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Low Residency University Credit Program	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
Management	Masters	1983	On-Site
Management-Post Graduate Certificate	Non-degree	2008	On-Site
Marketing	Non-degree	2007	On-Site
Masters of Business Administration	Masters	2025	Distance Education
Materials Science and Engineering	Bachelors	2008	On-Site
Materials Science and Engineering	Research Doctorate	2010	On-Site
Materials Science and Engineering	Masters	2009	On-Site
Mathematics	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Mathematics	Masters	1981	On-Site
Mathematics	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Mathematics Applied	Masters	1981	On-Site
Mathematics for Secondary School	Bachelors	2008	On-Site
Mathematics- Supplementary Authorization	Non-degree	2011	Distance Education
Mechanical Engineering	Research Doctorate	2001	On-Site
Mechanical Engineering	Masters	2001	On-Site
Mechanical Engineering	Bachelors	1994	On-Site
Media and Cultural Studies	Bachelors	2008	On-Site
Medical Educator Certificate	Non-degree	2018	Distance Education

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Medicine	Professional Doctorate	2013	On-Site
Microbiology	Bachelors	2011	On-Site
Microbiology	Research Doctorate	1995	On-Site
Microbiology	Masters	1995	On-Site
Middle East and Islamic Studies	Bachelors	2013	On-Site
Multiple Subject Credential	Non-degree	1998	On-Site
Music	Research Doctorate	2007	On-Site
Music	Masters	1981	On-Site
Music	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Music and Culture	Bachelors	2002	On-Site
Native American Studies	Bachelors	2002	On-Site
Neuroscience	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Neuroscience	Masters	2012	On-Site
Neuroscience	Research Doctorate	1999	On-Site
Neuroscience	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Nonprofit Management	Non-degree	2013	On-Site
Nonprofit Management	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Paralegal Studies	Non-degree	2000	On-Site
Philosophy	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Philosophy	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Philosophy	Masters	1981	On-Site
Philosophy/Law and Society	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Physics	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Physics	Masters	1981	On-Site
Physics	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Plant Biology	Masters	2004	On-Site
Plant Biology	Research Doctorate	2001	On-Site
Plant Biology	Bachelors	2008	On-Site
Plant Biology (Plant Genetics)	Research Doctorate	2002	On-Site

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Plant Pathology	Masters	1981	On-Site
Plant Pathology	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Political Science	Masters	1981	On-Site
Political Science	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Political Science	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Political Science	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Political Science/Administrative Studies	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Political Science/International Affairs	Bachelors	2000	On-Site
Political Science/Law and Society	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Political Science/Public Service	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Studies	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Artificial Intelligence	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Postgraduate Diploma in Big Data Technologies	Non-degree	2017	Distance Education
Postgraduate Diploma in Bioengineering	Non-degree	2015	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma in Construction Management	Non-degree	2026	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma in Engineering	Non-degree	2012	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma in Specialized Studies	Non-degree	2026	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma in Tourism, Hospitality, and Event Management	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma with Internship in Digital Marketing	Non-degree	2015	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma with Internship in Management	Non-degree	2013	On-Site
Postgraduate Diploma with Internship in Project Management	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
Premedical Postbaccalaureate	Non-degree	2008	On-Site
Prof. Cert. in Advanced Teaching and Administration in Early Child Care Settings	Non-degree	2014	On-Site
Prof. Cert. in Advanced Teaching and Administration in Early Child Care Settings	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in Applied Artificial Intelligence	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in Biosecurity	Non-degree	2026	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in Construction Management	Non-degree	2009	On-Site

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Professional Certificate in Desert Ecology and Conservation	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in Digital Marketing	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in Infant and Toddler Care for Educators	Non-degree	2026	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in Lean Six Sigma	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in STEM	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Professional Certificate in Strategic Supervision and Leadership	Non-degree	2026	Distance Education
Professional Fiduciary Management	Non-degree	2010	Distance Education
Psychology	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Psychology	Masters	1981	On-Site
Psychology	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Psychology	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education
Psychology/Law and Society	Bachelors	2001	On-Site
Public Health	Masters	2024	On-Site
Public Policy	Masters	2015	On-Site
Public Policy	Bachelors	2006	On-Site
Religious Studies	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Religious Studies	Research Doctorate	2006	On-Site
Religious Studies	Masters	2006	On-Site
Robotics	Masters	2021	On-Site
Robotics	Bachelors	2023	On-Site
SDAIE (SB 1292, Staff Development EL Authorization)	Non-degree	2010	Distance Education
School Leadership and Administration	Non-degree	2017	On-Site
Single-Subject Teaching Credential	Non-degree	1998	On-Site
Sociology	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Sociology	Masters	1981	On-Site
Sociology	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Sociology	Bachelors	2025	Distance Education

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Sociology/Administrative Studies	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Sociology/Law and Society	Bachelors	1998	On-Site
Southeast Asian Studies	Masters	2007	On-Site
Spanish	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Spanish	Masters	1981	On-Site
Spanish	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Specialized Professional Program in Project Management	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Specialized Professional Program in Project Management Fundamentals	Non-degree	2016	On-Site
Specialized Professional Program in Supervision and Leadership	Non-degree	2016	On-Site
Specialized Professional Program in Supervision and Leadership	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Specialized Study Program in AI in K12 Education	Non-degree	2026	Distance Education
Specialized Study Program in Civic Education for the Digital Age	Non-degree	2014	Distance Education
Specialized Study in Digital Marketing	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Specific Supplementary Authorization in Computer Science Education	Non-degree	2016	Distance Education
Sports Management	Non-degree	2013	On-Site
Statistics	Bachelors	1981	On-Site
Statistics	Masters	1981	On-Site
Statistics Applied	Research Doctorate	1981	On-Site
Sustainability Studies	Bachelors	2015	On-Site
Teaching Transitional Kindergarten	Non-degree	2015	On-Site
Teaching Transitional Kindergarten	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
The Business of Cannabis	Non-degree	2025	Distance Education
Theater, Film and Digital Production	Bachelors	2015	On-Site
Turf Grass Management	Non-degree	2006	Distance Education
University Credit Program	Non-degree	2025	On-Site
University Foundation Program	Non-degree	2025	On-Site

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Visual Art	Masters	2004	On-Site

Upcoming Reviews

Season	Year Level	Review Type
Fall	2026	Accreditation Visit