Overview of the SUA

General Education and the Core Curriculum

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Overview

- Established in 2001 in Aliso Viejo, CA (near Laguna Beach)
- Founded with Buddhist principles and mission "to foster a steady stream of global citizens committed to living a contributive life"
- 70 faculty and 450 students, 40% international from over 40 nations
- Cultural Diversity strengthened with campus-wide events linking cultures, peacemaking and study abroad
- Currently Ranked #39 in USNews for Liberal Arts Colleges
### SUA General Education Courses Summary (14 credit-bearing courses)

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Core I

3.5 weeks "Enduring Questions of Humanity"

Plato/Aristotle  LaoTzu/Confucius  Bhagavadgita
Learning Clusters
Travel Grants
Recent Locations for International Learning Clusters
2018 Learning Clusters

Local Learning Clusters:

2018 Travel Grants:
- Spices: From Kitchen Shelf to Drug Designing Lab
- Southeast Asia America
- Disasters and Emergency Management

Representing the Slave Trade: Ghana's World
- Fashion-Activism and Embodied Resistance or “Performing Social Action”
- Language and Identity

Heritage Sites and US Historical Tourism (Ghana)
- Understand Economic Behaviour Through Experiment
- Human Impacts on Coastal Marine Life in Southern CA

The Past, Memory and the Question of "Abandoned People" in East Asia (Japan and S. Korea)
- Green SUA: Toward a More Sustainable Campus
- Languages of the World

Political Socialization and Disneyland (Japan)
- The Psychology of Groups: Group Dynamics and Contemporary Society
- Global Health and Local Practice

Entrepreneurship (Silicon Valley)
- Social Enterprises and Business Economics: Theory and Evidence
- The Critical Urban Wanderer: flânerie in the OC
- Second Language Acquisition (SLA) and Pedagogy

Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities
- Archaeoastronomy and World Cosmology

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- Completing the California Coastal Trail: An Update

Chican@/Latin@ Identity: The Formation of a Community
- Yoga for Individual Psychological Transformation

Experiences of Immigrant Detainees and Their Families
- The Culture of Peace - with Ambassador Chowdhury
Modes of Inquiry

An examination of methods of inquiry and knowing in sciences, social sciences and humanities

Thomas Kuhn  Carl Sagan  William James
Core II

Semester Course on "Enduring Questions in a Social Context"

Mohandas Gandhi
Hannah Arendt
Martin Luther King

Enduring Questions about Society and Citizenship
American Experience

Biographical Case Studies highlight emergence of themes in American culture that include:

- Power
- Citizenship
- Democracy and Freedom
- Inclusion and Exclusion

Historical Examples Connected to Diverse Student Experiences

Cesar Chavez  Robert Moses
Pacific Basin

Discussion of the entire region with deep faculty expertise - with experts on:

Oceania (Micronesia)
Southeast Asia (Indonesia)
China, Japan, Korea
North America
Latin America (Guatemala, Brazil, Honduras)

The interrelationships between Pacific Rim cultures, economies and peoples - explored in depth
Biology and Life Science

The Human Body
Nature and Humanity
Animal Diversity

and New Life Science Concentration - coming 2020!
Physical Science

Heaven, Space and Earth - A first Synthesis
Space, Time and Reality
General Chemistry
Earth's Cosmic Context
Motion on Earth
All students study abroad with all courses taught in Chinese, Japanese, Spanish or French.

34 Programs in Argentina, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Equador, Franch, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Senegal, Spain, Taiwan.
Examples - French and Japanese

French Programs 2017 -2018
1. ISA – Paris, France
2. CIEE – Rennes, France
3. CEA - Aix-en-Provence, France
4. CIEE – Dakar, Senegal
5. CEA – Grenoble
6. Accés – Strasbourg

Japanese Programs Fall 2017 & Spring 2018

- SUA Program SUJ, Hachioji Tokyo
- SUA Program Kansai Gaidai / Eurocentres Kanazawa, Osaka and Kanazawa
- SUA Program Meijo University Shinjuku Tokyo
- SUA Program Nanzan University, Nagoya
- CET Program Osaka