



Office of the President

THE DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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Strategic Plan

MISSION

The Division of Academic Affairs creates and delivers excellent academic programs. It actively supports instructional, scholarly and creative activities, engages and mentors students, and fosters intellectual, ethical and creative development.

GOALS

- Create the infrastructure for integrative and interdisciplinary teaching and learning.
- Design and implement programs and curricula that promote integrative and interdisciplinary understanding for students in all fields of study.
- Assist faculty in developing the integrative and interdisciplinary dimensions of their teaching, scholarship, and service activities.
- Facilitate and develop academic and scholarly exchanges and partnerships for students and faculty.
- Coordinate activities that enhance campus awareness of interdisciplinary and integrative studies and their importance to the life of the campus and local community.

The Organization of the Division of Academic Affairs

The **Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs** is charged with the overall administration of all academic units in the context of the University as a whole.

The **Office of the Dean of the Faculty** provides academic direction and support for the University faculty. The Dean's Office meets regularly with the program chairs and faculty to discuss program implementation and planning, student enrollment, and academic support.

The **Office of Academic Programs and Planning** is responsible for developing and updating the campus academic master plan and facilitating proposals for new degrees and programs.

The **Office of Extended Education** is designed to respond to important needs in the community for continuing access to higher education, and to provide overall support of the University's commitment to lifelong learning.

The **Office of Faculty Affairs and Academic Resources** advises on faculty personnel and human resources matters. Faculty Affairs works with the Office of Academic Resources in the purchase of equipment and supplies, space utilization, and facilities.

The **Office of Research and Sponsored Programs** is responsible for the preparation and submission of University grants and contracts and supports the Institutional Review Board. It also oversees a number of special projects including the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement.

The **Office of Institutional Research** is responsible for official University reporting to the CSU Chancellor's Office and other external entities and supports University decision-making by collecting, compiling, and analyzing institutional data.

The **University Library** provides an atmosphere and space conducive to study and inquiry for both individuals and small groups. Its print collection includes 75,000 volumes and is augmented with numerous databases, electronic journals and digital images.

The **Mission-Based Centers**—CSUCI provides support for the primary elements of the mission through the creation of three mission-based centers. These are: the Center for International Affairs, the Center for Integrative Studies, and the Center for Multicultural Learning and Engagement. A fourth center, the Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning is in the final states of approval.

Degrees Offered at CSUCI

- Art, BA
- Biology, BA/BS, MS
- Business, BS, MBA
- Chemistry, BA/BS
- Computer Science, BS, MS
- Economics, BA
- Education, MA
- English, BA
- Environmental Science & Resource Management, BS
- History, BA
- Information Technology, BS
- Liberal Studies, BA
- Mathematics, BS, MS
- Performing Arts, BA
- Political Science, BA
- Psychology, BA
- Sociology, BA
- Spanish, BA



Professors Amy Denton and Scott Frisch team teach "Science and Public Policy."

Channel Islands Interdisciplinary Research



Following the 2006 spring semester, the Center for Integrated Studies supported seventeen faculty members to travel to Santa Cruz Island with three representatives of the National Park Service for discussions of how CSUCI can make a unique, interdisciplinary contribution to research on the Channel Islands and in our larger region. Faculty members crafted research proposals in a variety of disciplines: botany, resource management, biochemistry, education, visual arts, anthropology, political science, public policy, English, education, and biology.

As the projects develop—often involving students in faculty research—CIIRG is looking forward to playing an important role in helping our surrounding communities understand our region.

Our Faculty

CSUCI's outstanding faculty are the heart of Division of Academic Affairs. The campus has developed a unique faculty recruitment process to identify and recruit faculty with a high level of disciplinary expertise who embrace the CSUCI culture and values. At present, there are 70 tenure-track and 189 adjunct faculty at CSUCI.



Assessment Leading to Continuous Improvement

The Division of Academic Affairs is committed to the continuous improvement of its many activities. With regard to the curriculum, student learning outcomes have been prepared for every CSUCI course, general education, and every major program. Each academic program has designated one of its members as the assessment officer for the program. These assessment officers, along the Chief Assessment Officer for Academic Affairs, the Associate Vice President for Academic Programs and Planning, and the Director of Institutional Research serve on the Program Assessment and Review Committee (PARC). PARC meets on a regular basis to address assessment issues and to oversee the program review process.

At present, all academic programs (including general education) have prepared assessment plans and have implemented the assessment of at least one least one student learning outcome. These assessments have been used to inform program changes as appropriate.

In addition to assessing student learning outcomes, assessment plans have been prepared and implemented in other areas of Academic Affairs including the University Library, Academic Advising, Faculty Recruitment and Extended Education.



English professor Joan Peters and history professor Nian-Sheng Huang team teach an interdisciplinary course.