

Dear Humanities Major,

We already know we will have a large group of new first year Humanities majors arriving in Fall 2023 needing to transition from high schoolers to successful UCI students. To help in their successful transition, we will need successful upper-division mentors and that is where you come in!

- Would you like the chance to vicariously "do your freshman year over" and show the new freshmen how to take full advantage of all the opportunities you only discovered later?
- For those of you who were mentees in 2020-21 or in 2021-22 and participated in a fully or partially remote version of the program, wouldn't you love to see how much better the program works in person?
- Have you had a mentor (or mentors) who helped and inspired you in the past? Do you have one now? Wouldn't you like to "pay that experience forward" and mentor a small group of new Humanities freshmen?
- Do you just want to share everything you enjoy and appreciate about UCI with new students?

You definitely have the expertise to get a group of new first-year students off to a successful start at UCI.

The School of Humanities is looking for 5-7 mentors to meet weekly with small groups of new freshmen to help them discover the opportunities and face the challenges UCI presents to incoming students. These mentors must:

- Be successful (we are looking for applicants who have a 2.7/B- average or better).
- Be Humanities majors who have been Humanities majors for at least three quarters by 9/1/23.
- Be true juniors or seniors (that means you must have completed at least two years of college by the beginning of Fall 2023).

Your commitments are:

- The program runs in Fall 2023 and Winter 2024, so we need you to take part in both quarters.
- You must keep Wednesdays from 2-3:20 open during the Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 quarters for a mandatory class on mentoring in higher education in which you will read books and articles about the college experience and which will provide you with tips for leading small groups, introduce you to how first year students typically develop, introduce you to services and campus resources, and give you the chance to brainstorm with the other mentors.
- You will meet with your mentees for one hour each week, and you will design and take part in one late afternoon/early evening workshop in each quarter.

You will earn/gain/get:

- Four units of P/NP only credit in the Fall and in the Winter for participating in the program.
- Learn much about the University and the mindset of typical first year students you probably did not know before.
- Lots of valuable, transferrable programing experience.
- Someone to write you recommendation after the program ends.
- A sense of accomplishment! Taking part in the program is fun and rewarding!

Applications are available online here: <https://forms.gle/kb5LdZDxpCDhwxJL9>

Please be sure to read the attached program flyer which is also available on the Humanities Undergraduate website: www.humanities.uci.edu/undergrad. Follow the links Opportunities then Humanities Mentor Program.

If you have questions, please email Lisa Payne-Miller at lpaynemi@uci.edu.

Preference will be given to applicants who came to UCI as freshmen or who transferred from 4-year universities.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, 2023. (Late applications may or may not be accepted depending on the on-time applicant pool.)

We very much look forward to receiving your application soon!

Best,
Lisa

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PEER MENTOR
PROGRAM**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Must be a current Humanities major

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- Attend UCI as a Humanities major for 3 or more quarters by 9/1/23
- Be a true junior or senior with at least 2 years of college completed by 9/1/23
- Have an overall GPA of a B- average (2.7) or better
- Must be able to participate in both Fall 2023 and Winter 2024
- Must be available on Wednesdays from 2pm-3:20pm in both Fall 2023 and Winter 2024
- Have an interest in sharing what you know about UCI and the surrounding area with a small group of new first-year students!

APPLY NOW AT
[HUMANITIES.UCI.EDU/UNDERGRAD](https://humanities.uci.edu/undergrad)



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