

## UCLA Anderson 2013 Exchange summary

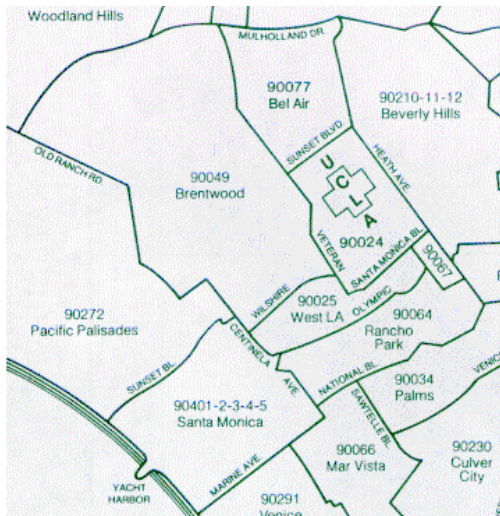
If you want to live in a city with a lot of activities, concerts, stores, beaches and great weather, meet people from all over the world, study with the best professors and find job opportunities in USA- the exchange student program at UCLA is exactly for you!

The great thing about the program in UCLA is that you will be exactly like the full time students at UCLA. You are allowed to enroll to all the classes and participate in all the events and clubs. Finally you will become also a part of their alumni.

Here are recommendations and tips from my experience:

### Housing

1. **Neighborhood-** the neighborhoods around the university are Westwood, Brentwood, West LA and Beverly Hills.



I strongly recommend living in Westwood if you do not plan to rent a car. Westwood is the neighborhood of the UCLA and most of the students live there. There is all you need in the neighborhood: supermarket, stores, restaurants, bars and nice Thursday farmers market.

2. **UCLA Housing-** There is an option to rent an apartment from UCLA- the apartments are well maintained and very commutable. There are 2 options for your convenience:
  - a. 2 bedroom apartment with a roommate for 1250\$ per person per month. The advantage of this apartment is a big living room and big kitchen.

- b. Studio apartment for 1,350\$ per month. The advantage of this apartment is that you live alone of course. I lived in the studio apartment and I was very happy with my choice.

The cost includes everything: gas, water, electricity and Internet. In addition the apartments are fully furnished. (There is an option for an additional cost to rent Kitchen utensils, towels, blankets and sheets).

3. **Sublet** – there are students from UCLA that are doing exchange and therefore looking for sublet for their room/ apartment. I recommend being in contact with the Israelis at UCLA in order to hear first about the opportunities. In addition, AirBNB is a good website to find sublet in the area.
4. **Finding a roommate**- Usually there is a Facebook group for all the exchange students. The UCLA exchange students group is a great place to find your future roommate.

### **Living Expenses**

Living expenses in LA are about 2,000\$ per month. In addition, the school ask me to pay 900\$ for mandatory health insurance.

### **Academics and university**

#### **1. How many classes to enroll?**

I highly recommend taking 4 classes. It is not too intensive and therefore will allow you to travel around LA on the weekends. Each course is 1.5 Yas, which means that you will do 6 Yas in total.

#### **2. How long is the semester?**

The semester in UCLA is 11 weeks- from mid of September to mid of December.

#### **3. Classes**

There is a huge variety of courses in many different fields. In the first week I attend most of the classes and finally I took the following courses:

- a. Business Plan Development- professor: Jeff Scheinrock- very interesting course thanks for the professor. All the cases in this class are thought from personal experience of professor Scheinrock. I recommend taking any class of the professor. Google his name to understand...
- b. Cases in Real Estate Investment and Finance- professor: Eric Sussman- one of the best professors in this field. Don't miss this class if you are interested in real estate.
- c. International Business Economics- professor: Kati Suominen
- d. Business Analytics with Spreadsheets - professor: Ariella Herman

Be prepared for high level of the studies and a lot of work and cases reading at home.

#### **4. Anderson and UCLA activities**

- a. **UCLA amenities**- you can enjoy from all the amenities for free: Study Lounge, computer lab, pool and gym.

- b. **Clubs**- There are many clubs in Anderson that organize activities during the semester. There are ethnic clubs, professional interest clubs and fun clubs. The Jewish club for example organizes a lot of activities: Shabat dinner, meeting with professionals from different industries, trips and more.
- c. **Events**- there are many recruitment events for those who are looking for job in the United State. For more information: <http://www.anderson.ucla.edu/recruit/recruit-mbas>
- d. **Anderson afternoon**- every Thursday between 16:30 to 19:00 there is a social meeting only for Anderson students with Beer, wine and food.
- e. **Concerts and shows**- you can buy discounted tickets for football games, Universal Studios, Dance shows and more in UCLA tickets office: <http://www.tickets.ucla.edu/>

### **Living in LA and California**

LA provides a wide range of activities, museums and concerts. Start looking for concert now- the tickets for the attractive concerts are selling out fast: <http://www.ticketmaster.com/>.

#### Recommended places LA:

- Santa Monica 3<sup>rd</sup> street
- Venice beach
- The Groove shopping center
- Hollywood Walk of Fame
- LA Down Town
- Rodeo Drive

#### Recommended places in the area:

- National parks: Yosemite Park, Sequoia Park, etc- 5-6 hours from LA
- Santa Barbara- 2 hours from LA
- San Diego- 2-3 hours from LA
- La Jolla- 1.5 hours from LA (on the way to San Diego)
- San Francisco- 6-7 hours from LA
- Las Vegas- 5 hours from LA

### **Transportation**

The public transportation in LA is very slow and complex. I personally recommend to rent a car with other exchange students in the weekends in order to explore the city and the area. In addition, you can find very cheap flights to Vegas and San Francisco (I found a ticket to San Francisco for 115\$).

I hope that you will have an amazing experience!

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