

Intercollegiate Athletics

UCI Intercollegiate Athletics Program

UCI's Intercollegiate Athletics Program features 18 sports, with nine men's teams and nine women's teams. Men's sports include baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, outdoor track and field, volleyball, and water polo. UCI's men's teams compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I, and the University is a member of the Big West Conference. UCI also competes in the Golden Coast Conference in men's water polo. The UCI women's teams also are members of NCAA Division I and the Big West Conference, competing in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, outdoor track and field, volleyball, and water polo. Women's indoor track and field competes in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation.

UCI, since opening in 1965, has captured 28 national team championships in nine different sports, including men's volleyball in 2012 and 2013, with 64 individuals winning national titles. The Anteaters have claimed 94 conference championships and have amassed 562 All-Americans across 20 different sports, including six in 2020-21. The baseball team won the 2021 Big West title and advanced to the NCAA Championships, while track and field athlete Josh Farmer also advanced to the NCAA Championships in the decathlon. Three teams ended the year nationally ranked in 2021.

Since 1981, UCI has garnered 117 conference Players of the Year, 101 Coaches of the Year as well as over 4,300 scholar-athletes.

The Anteaters' success has also been evident on the international level with at least four UCI athletes selected to various national teams for each of the last 11 Summer Olympic Games. Women's water polo head coach Dan Klatt, an Olympian himself, is an assistant coach for the U.S. women's water polo team helping the squad to back-to-back gold medals.

The mission of UCI Intercollegiate Athletics is to facilitate and enrich the education and personal growth of its students through their participation in competitive NCAA Division I athletics. Intercollegiate Athletics is committed to the welfare of student-athletes and staff, and advocates an environment that promotes excellence in athletic and academic performance, sportsmanship, diversity, and gender equity. Intercollegiate Athletics also supports the University of California's mission of public service and serves to generate a unifying spirit among students, faculty, staff, and alumni that transcends communities, cultures, and generations.

The Intercollegiate Athletic offices are located in the Intercollegiate Athletics Building (IAB); UC Irvine Sports website (<https://ucirvinesports.com/>); telephone 949-824-6931.

Athletic Facilities

On-campus facilities include the Bren Events Center, which seats 5,000 for intercollegiate basketball and volleyball. The Crawford Hall complex also includes the Santora Elite Training Center, Al Irwin Academic Center, and sports medicine. Crawford Court gymnasium serves as a training facility for the Anteater teams. Outdoor facilities include Anteater Stadium, a 2,500-seat facility for soccer and track; the 500-seat Anteater Tennis Stadium; Cicerone Field at Anteater Ballpark, home to the baseball program; and a five-acre multipurpose field complex.

UCI's Anteater Aquatics Complex houses the intercollegiate water polo teams. This 64-meter aquatics facility is designed with a movable bulkhead and is large enough to accommodate multiple activities simultaneously.