

When the University of California, Irvine (UCI) admitted its first class in 1965, 119 faculty members and 1,589 students began their work on a university still very much under construction. Since then, UCI has secured a place among the best public research universities in the United States as measured by the size, quality, and influence of its research and educational programs, performing arts, and professional schools. UCI's commitment to the discovery and transmission of knowledge is reflected in its Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) which identifies the physical infrastructure to support constantly evolving needs in research and teaching.

The 2007 LRDP identifies general types of campus development and land uses to support projected expansion of existing academic programs and to enable new academic program initiatives at UCI through the plan horizon year of 2025-26. In addition, it provides a foundation for post-2025 development at UCI. Preparation of the 2007 LRDP and the planning vision that it promotes involved consultation with members of the campus community, local authorities and community leaders, and the general public.

WHAT THE 2007 LRDP IS

- The 2007 LRDP is a comprehensive land use plan that guides physical development on the UCI campus through 2025-26.
- The 2007 LRDP is the fourth comprehensive LRDP for the UCI campus; previous plans were adopted in 1963, 1970, and 1989.
- Like its predecessors, the 2007 LRDP is consistent with the original community master plan prepared by William L. Pereira in the early 1960s and does not dramatically depart from previous plans.
- The 2007 LRDP is an update to the 1989 plan which planned to accommodate an enrollment of 26,050 students by the 2005-06 academic year. It identifies refinements to ensure that campus plans are aligned with strategic academic goals.
- As a general land use plan, the LRDP is neither an enrollment plan nor an implementation plan. It makes no assumptions or commitments regarding the phasing of enrollment levels or physical



The 2007 LRDP reflects the vision for UCI identified in its Strategic Plan for Academic Development.

development, nor does it require that all elements of the LRDP be implemented.

- The 2007 LRDP is accompanied by an Environmental Impact Report that identifies potential environmental effects of the plan and prescribes mitigation measures for reducing significant environmental impacts from campus physical development.

WHAT THE 2007 LRDP DOES

- The 2007 LRDP continues the planning framework established in the founding 1963 LRDP, while being responsive to changing needs and opportunities.
- The 2007 LRDP accommodates the physical resources needed to support UCI's strategic academic goals, including plans associated with the enhancement of its standing among the best comprehensive research universities in the country.
- The 2007 LRDP accommodates increases in UCI enrollment as projected by the UC Office of the President and UCI's strategic plan for academic development. In addition, the 2007 LRDP provides flexibility should the campus need to respond to future growth demands that exceed the current projections.
- The 2007 LRDP accommodates additional moderately priced, on-campus housing to support the recruitment and retention of faculty, students,

and staff, and to limit impacts to the off-campus housing market and the regional circulation network.

- The 2007 LRDP refines campus land use, circulation, and open space plans to promote the development of a cohesive community and maintain the quality of the campus environment.
- The plan balances program needs and environmental conditions, and acknowledges the importance of implementing campus development in concert with the surrounding community.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE 2007 LRDP

- As a long-range planning document, the 2007 LRDP identifies a horizon year of 2025-26. This planning horizon extends the plan's usefulness to the University, the State, and the local community in the event that public policy or other factors dictate increased student access to the University of California or additional capacity to conduct research beyond the horizon year of 2015-16 established in current enrollment plans.
- The UCI campus has the physical capacity to exceed the number of students identified in current enrollment plans. Accordingly, UCI has planned deliberately to fully utilize the physical resources entrusted to it, given the projected regional deficit in physical capacity to meet expected demand for admission to UC. UCI has determined that it could physically accommodate a three-term average headcount enrollment of 37,000 students, should the State and the University decide to increase enrollment at specific campuses. The 2007 LRDP is a land use plan and does not commit either the campus or the University of California to a specific enrollment target.
- With UCI's land area, the 2007 LRDP could accommodate this level of enrollment by 2025-26 with only a modest change in the current standards of density and land use. While current University and State demographic projections suggest that UCI may not reach 37,000 students by 2025-26, the 2007 LRDP identifies the physical development needed if UCI eventually grows to this extent.

- The 2007 LRDP accommodates a 103 percent increase in academic and support space at UCI, compared to existing development, to support projected program expansion and new academic programs. In addition, the plan accommodates expanded opportunities for public-private collaboration within the campus Inclusion Areas.
- The 2007 LRDP enables a significant expansion of on-campus student housing to accommodate 50 percent of enrollment.
- The plan provides flexibility to expand on-campus faculty and staff housing from an existing program of 1,100 dwelling units to 1,700 units. In addition, UCI will continue to pursue additional faculty and staff housing opportunities off campus.
- The 2007 LRDP land use plan balances program needs and environmental and site conditions, provides compatibility between campus land use zones and off-campus land uses, and establishes open space buffers where appropriate.
- The 2007 LRDP includes an expanded UCI transportation demand management program consistent with UC policies for sustainable transportation practices. The plan also describes on-campus roadway improvements needed to meet long-term needs, including new roadway links, widening of existing campus roadways, and intersection modifications to improve service levels.
- During the development of the 2007 LRDP, UCI consulted regularly with local elected officials and planning staff. Two public workshops on the 2007 LRDP and public hearings on its accompanying Environmental Impact Report were moderated by UCI in the fall of 2007.