Graduation Requirements

In addition to completing all of the courses required for your degree, you must meet the following requirements:

**Unit requirement:**
You must have credit for a minimum of 180 quarter units.

**GPA requirements:**
You must have a 2.0 overall GPA, a 2.0 major GPA and a 2.0 upper-division major GPA.

**Senior Residency:**
At least 36 of the final 45 units completed by a student for the bachelor’s degree must be earned in residence at the UCI campus.

**Time to Degree Policy**

Students who enter UCI directly from high school are expected to complete all degree requirements within 5 years (15 full-time quarters, not including summers). This includes completion of any minors or additional (double) majors. For students who enter UCI in the fall of 2011 or later, a maximum of 216 units is permitted after their 12th quarter of study at UCI. (http://www.senate.uci.edu/manual/Regulation_386.asp)

Students who enter UCI as junior transfer students from other institutions are expected to complete all degree requirements within 3 years (9 full-time quarters, not including summers). This includes completion of any minors or additional (double) majors.

**Application for Graduation**

To be certified for your degree, you need to apply for graduation. Graduation is NOT automatic. You must file an Application for Graduation online in Student Access by the deadline stated for the quarter in which you expect to graduate. Submit an application when you have at least 120 units of cumulative credit.

Students are certified once all coursework and grades have been posted to your UCI transcript. If you plan to finish your degree requirements in spring you would apply for spring graduation. If you plan to complete your degree requirements at the end of summer, you would apply for summer graduation. Students graduating in fall, winter, spring or summer may participate in the Commencement Ceremonies during the spring of the academic year in which they graduate. Students finishing in fall are required to attend the Commencement Ceremony following degree completion. The deadlines to apply for graduation are as follows:

**Deadline:**

Fall 2011: Friday, September 2, 2011
Winter 2012: Friday, November 18, 2011
We encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Once you apply, an Academic Counselor will review your Degree Audit to make sure everything is updated and then "Receive" your application. Please note that in order to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, you need to submit your graduation application by the deadlines above. To ensure that you are on track for the quarter of your expected graduation, you are encouraged to schedule an appointment with a full-time Advisor by contacting our office at (949) 824-2358.

For more information on Commencement and tickets, check the commencement website located at: http://www.commencement.uci.edu/index.php. The site is continually updated, so check it frequently for new information.

**If you are a double major:**
Double majors must finish both sets of degree requirements within the same quarter. If you need extra time to finish one of your majors, you must move both graduation applications to the quarter you will finish.

**Reminders:**
- If you are pursuing a minor, be sure to notify a Public Health Academic Advisor to add the minor to your online degree audit in Student Access prior to submitting your Application for Graduation.
- If you have completed course work at a community college that is needed for your degree, please be sure you have requested the official transcript(s) be submitted directly to:
  
  UC, Irvine  
  Office of Admissions and Relations with Schools.  
  260 Aldrich Hall  
  Irvine, CA 92697-1075

**Commencement Ceremonies**

To be eligible to participate in the Commencement Ceremony, you must submit an Application for Graduation by the stated deadlines. If you miss this deadline, you may not be able to order Commencement tickets for your guests and your name will not appear in the Commencement Program.

**Tickets:**
Tickets are required to attend Commencement. Ticket information is available on the Commencement website at http://www.commencement.uci.edu/index.php.

**Academic Regalia:**
Latin Honors at Graduation

The campus policy specifies that no more than 12 percent of graduating seniors will receive academic honors: approximately 1 percent summa cum laude, 3 percent magna cum laude, and 8 percent cum laude. Students must have completed at least 72 quarter units in residence at a University of California campus. Students who have on file recorded incidents of academic dishonesty are not eligible for Honors at Graduation.

In addition to this campus criteria, the Public Health Program uses cumulative GPA as the criterion for the awarding of Honors at Graduation. The Commencement program will list candidates for Honors at Graduation who qualify based on cumulative grade point average through the spring quarter and who have applied for graduation by the March deadline. The official designation of Honors on the diploma and transcript will be based upon the candidate's cumulative GPA and total units completed at the end of the final quarter. The re-calculation may result in your Latin Honors distinction being moved or eliminated.

Transcript and Diploma Information

Transcripts:
Degrees are noted on official transcripts approximately six to seven weeks after the end of the quarter in which they are awarded. Academic transcripts may be ordered from the Registrar's Office in advance, indicating that they be held until the degree is noted on the transcript. For more information, please refer to http://www.reg.uci.edu/services/transcripts/.

Diplomas:
Diplomas will be available approximately two to four months after the quarter in which the degree was awarded. The Registrar’s Office will notify you by mail when your diploma is available. More information about this process is available at http://www.reg.uci.edu/services/diplomas.html.

Upon graduation, academic records are final (may not be changed). It is your responsibility to check the accuracy of your academic record before you graduate. (Note that an NR becomes an F or NP after one quarter of subsequent enrollment or at the end of the quarter immediately preceding award of the degree, whichever comes first (Academic Senate Regulation 345). Contact the instructor of the class about the possibility of removing the NR or replacing it with a grade.)