

UCLA Division of Life Sciences
Summary of Diversity-related Activities
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Degree or Certificate Programs

Undergraduate

None

Graduate

None

Courses*

Undergraduate

Tier 1: 21 courses in 3 departments

Tier 2: 16 courses in 3 departments

Graduate

Tier 1: 7 courses in 1 department

Tier 2: 3 courses in 1 department

Faculty and Researchers

40 faculty members and researchers across 16 departments

28 are involved in interdisciplinary sustainability-related research centers

Faculty expertise across the Division of Life Sciences that is diversity-related includes aging and human development, community development, gender issues, cross-cultural education, equity - class, race, ethnicity, gender, and socioeconomic issues.

Examples of Service

The UCLA Division of Life Sciences is involved in numerous diversity-related projects, particularly around the recruitment, retention, and advancement of women and underrepresented minorities in STEM fields. The Division houses a number of peer societies and mentoring programs for current students. It also runs the Dean's Scholar Program, providing outstanding undergraduate students, from underserved or underrepresented groups in science, with the opportunity to participate in lower division and upper division mentorship and summer research programs. The Division also includes the UC-HBCU (Historically Black College and Universities) intensive summer program to increase the number of African Americans in doctoral programs, participation in the UCLA Center for Policing Equity, and the Mentor Professor Initiative

to hire excellent research scientists with a history and commitment to the mentorship of students from underrepresented and underserved populations.

UCLA Division of Life Sciences: Diversity-related Programs:

None

* Tier 1 refers to courses directly addressing diversity. Specific topics include age, gender, disability, sexuality, religion, race, ethnicity, nationality, and socioeconomic inequality as they affect current issues in US populations as they affect current issues in US populations.

Tier 2 refers to courses addressing topics that contain diverse perspectives and populations at various points in history, including courses such as area studies and languages. This category also looks at age, gender, disability, sexuality, religion, race, ethnicity, nationality, and socioeconomic inequality, but does so more broadly than Tier 1.