



Global Connect's High School Symposium annually draws more than 350 students. Above, student designed three-dimensional globes represent pros and cons of globalization for different nations, a lesson they covered during the year.

GLOBAL CONNECT

INVESTIGATE

Global Connect is a university led curriculum program through which UCI Social Sciences faculty, undergraduate and graduate students bring their knowledge of international issues into middle and high school classrooms in order to better prepare students to become informed global citizens.

UCI faculty and students develop global issue-focused lesson plans on topics such as UN millennium developmental goals, mass media and technology, and the purpose of NGOs – areas of study in which UCI experts are known internationally, but subjects which are not part of the current California state education standards.

INNOVATE

Lessons are team-taught by UCI students and faculty alongside high school educators in Newport Mesa and Saddleback School Districts. The curriculum is updated annually to account for the continually changing global landscape – a challenge that traditional textbook publishing schedules are unable to keep up with.

IMPACT

In nine years of existence, Global Connect has reached more than 8,000 OC middle and high school students.

It has also had a significant impact on the more than 400 UCI undergrad and graduate interns who have helped develop and teach program materials; six have received Fulbright scholarships and more than two-thirds have gone on to graduate school or careers in teaching, and several are currently participating in the Teach for America program. At the national level, Global Connect was used by California Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez as a program model for the U.S. and World Education Act.

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