



## **Riverside/Inland Empire 101**

(as told by current Res Life professional staff)

### **Top places to eat around UCR (Inland Empire)**

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1. [Pho Ha #7 \(8 votes\)](#)
2. [Curry and Kabob \(3 votes\)](#)
3. [Riverside Food Lab \(3 votes\)](#)
4. [Wang Cho Korean BBQ \(3 votes\)](#)
5. [Best Thai Cuisine \(2 votes\)](#)
6. [Olive Garden \(2 votes\)](#)
7. [Ramen Okawari \(2 votes\)](#)
8. [Sushi Okoku \(2 votes\)](#)
9. Taco Truck - by Stater Brothers on Iowa (2 votes)
10. [Taqueria 2 Potrillos \(2 votes\)](#)
11. [Tios Tacos \(2 votes\)](#)

### **Honorable Food Mentions (alphabetical Order)**

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- A la minute (Ice Cream)
- Angelo's Burgers (Moreno Valley)
- Armando's (Moreno Valley)
- Ay Mi Pa
- Eastvale for Asian food
- El DFectuoso (breakfast burrito)
- El Fogon
- Georgie's Mediterranean Cuisine
- La Bufadora
- Lee's Sandwiches
- Heroes Restaurant & Brewery
- In-n-Out off Pigeon Pass/ Frederick
- Johnny's burgers
- Kalaveras
- Manna Grill
- Mario's Place
- Matsuri Japanese Restaurant
- Michie's De La Baja
- Mokoji
- Mr. You Chinese Food
- Ohana Cravings
- Palenque
- Shabu House
- Sushi Asahi
- Sushi Times
- The Salted Pig
- The State
- Union on Yale
- Urbane Cafe
- Vanilla Fish

### **Top things to do around UCR (Inland Empire, Alphabetical Order)**

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- Bars (Downtown Riverside)
- Botanical Gardens
- Cheech Museum
- Coffee shops
  - Mundial
  - Arcade (multiple locations)
  - Molinos
  - Lift Coffee
  - Back to the Grind
  - Condron
- Dog parks
- Explore Big Bear/Lake Arrowhead
- Explore Redlands
- Explore Downtown Riverside
- Fitness Courses (Life First Gym)
- Game lab
- Golf
  - Glo Mini Golf
  - Van Buren (Big Golf)
- Haven City Market
- Hiking
  - Mount Rubidoux
  - Local parks
  - Sycamore Canyon Trails
- Movies
  - Harkins

- Towngate Cinemas (\$6 Tuesdays)
- Drive-In (Rubidoux & Van Buren)
- AMC
- Oak Glen
- Round 1 (Pool, Bowling, & Karaoke)
- Shop
  - Tyler Mall
  - Moreno Valley Mall
  - Riverside Plaza
  - Victoria Gardens
  - Thrift shopping
  - Outlet Malls (Ontario & Cabazon)
  - Farmer's Market
- The Mission Inn
- Tula Yoga
- Visit plant nurseries
  - Meraki
  - Parkview
- Visiting San Diego (90 Miles from Riverside)
- Visiting Go to Los Angeles (70 Miles from Riverside)
- Visiting Beaches
  - Laguna Beach (50 Miles from Riverside)
  - Oceanside (65 Miles from Riverside)
  - Hermosa Beach (75 Miles from Riverside)
  - Santa Monica (80 Miles from Riverside)
- Visiting Parks
  - Joshua Tree National Park (75 miles from Riverside)
  - Palm Springs (50 miles from Riverside)
  - Los Angeles National Forest (35 miles from Riverside)

### **Tips & Tricks from Current Staff**

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- Provided yourself grace.
- Getting to know folks 1:1.
- Ask ALL the questions, get all the context.
- Be yourself.
- Be patient with yourself.
- Giving yourself time to acclimate to the position.
- Take your work seriously but yourself lightly.
- Advocate for yourself (it's okay to speak up).
- Practice makes progression, not perfection.
- Take initiative if you need something

### **Miscellaneous Useful Information**

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- Get Involved
  - [UCR Staff Assembly](#)
  - Student Affairs Monitor (ask your supervisor about this)
  - [Affinity Groups](#)
  - [Ethnic & Gender Centers](#)
- If you're a Disney fan, there are folks with a Disney pass that you can join!
- [Parking Information](#)
- [UCR Recreation](#)
- [Campus Maps & Directions](#)