

*Historical Timeline and Overview of Department of Cultural  
and Recreational Affairs*

1919	- Southern Branch of University of California (UCLA) founded .
1920's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many student sports and clubs began to organize .</li> <li>- Academic Physical Education Department established with Formal Intramural program.</li> <li>- Ice Hockey established as a club team.</li> <li>- Move to Westwood as location of UCLA.</li> <li>- Men's Gym and Women's Gym construction begins as 2 of the first 8 buildings on campus. These buildings were designed by the original campus architect under the design concept that the top of the hill was for the mind, and the bottom of the hill was for the body.</li> </ul>
1930's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Men's Gym and Women's Gym open.</li> <li>- Tenth (X) Olympics held in Los Angeles.</li> <li>- Rowing and Rugby established as club teams.</li> </ul>
1940's- 50's	- Under the Physical Education Department, intramurals, clubs, as well as physical activity classes thrive.
1950's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University Recreation Association established to oversee sport and special interest student clubs.</li> <li>- Evaluation Report issued on Campus Recreation at UCLA and Recommendations for it's Effectiveness Coordination, Expansion, and Development.</li> </ul>
1960's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Administrative Committee on Recreation Planning issues Final Report.</li> <li>- Boathouse in Marina Del Rey is constructed.</li> <li>- Office of Cultural and Recreational Affairs is established centralizing intramurals, clubs, aquatics, cltural and student programs under one office. The Office of CRA reports through the Division of Student Affairs.</li> <li>- Norman Miller named first Dean of the Office of CRA.</li> </ul>

- Pauley Pavilion is opened.
- Recreation card memberships are established for non-students at a cost of \$8.00/year.
- Sunset Canyon Center is opened.
- Men's and Women's Gymnasium, Athletic Fields, Memorial Activities Center including Pauley Pavilion and all campus Tennis Courts are placed under the survey of the Office of Cultural and Recreational Affairs.
- Recreation Services and Facilities unit is established as part of the Office of CRA.
- The scope and purvey of Office Cultural and Recreational Affairs is the first such effort in the country to centralize a large University's recreation and physical sports activities under one management, with control of facilities, a unified philosophy, and professional leadership operation.
- Due to cutbacks, some Activity classes are absorbed by CRA from reduced Physical Education credit courses.
- Drake Stadium is opened.

- Peter Dalis named Dean of CRA.
- Office of CRA realigned to report through Division of Institutional Relations.
- Programmatic expansion and participation growth increases by almost 100%.
- University Athletic and Recreation Policy Commission recommends the Women's intercollegiate athletic program be separated from the jurisdiction of Intramural Sports and be given equal status as a program unit within the Office of CRA.
- Physical Education activity classes eliminated from the academic curriculum, with the charge that a non-credit class program be developed under the Office of CRA.
- Separate Department of Women's Intercollegiate Athletics (DWIS) is established in response to Title IX efforts.
- Initial student referendum for financial funding of a recreation facility fails.
- Revised referendum including a condition which requires the establishment of a student majority oversight committee, and a fundraising campaign including the name of John Wooden results in a 75% approval for the John R. Wooden Recreation and Sports Center. Coach Wooden agrees to have his name on a building on the condition that it is available to all students not just Athletics.
- First student funded recreation facility referendum passed in the country.

1960's

1970's

## 1980's

- John Wooden Recreation and Sport Center opens.
- Bruins Kids summer camp program established.
- Los Angeles Tennis Center opens.
- Jan Gong named Director of CRA.
- As part of campus re-structuring, Departmental status is applied to Cultural and Recreational Affairs.
- Twenty-third (XXIII) Olympics held in Los Angeles with Athlete Village and many sporting venues on campus.
- UCLA Recreational Space Master Plan, Phase I is completed as a final project of the Chancellor's Task Force on Recreation Planning.

## 1990's

- Combined Intramural and Club Sports Unit established.
- Men's and Women's Intercollegiate Crew and Men's Gymnastics eliminated from the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and absorbed by CRA with transitional funding from the Chancellor's Office.
- SCRC Tennis Courts and RC Parking Lot renovation and construction completed.
- With an increased emphasis on revenue generation, Marketing is established as a Department unit with full-time professional staffing.
- With increased university protocols, and an increased student employment volume, Payroll is added as a Department administrative function.
- UCLA Sports Medicine and CRA partnership begins for South campus facility in Rehab West Building.
- With increased scope and function to now include rowing and the Boathouse, the sailing class program and operation of the UCLA Aquatic Center are moved from the Recreation Instruction Program into a new standing unit of the Department.
- With an ever expanding University technological environment including communication, and transactions, Technology/Information Systems is added as a Department unit.
- Ray Zak named Director.
- Bruin Kids summer camp becomes part of new Youth and Family Programs unit.
- Position of Outdoor Coordinator established under Recreation Class program to expand Outdoor Leadership Training program and activity offerings.

1990's

- With increased revenue generation, and fee for service programs, CRA is designated as a Central Cashier unit for accounting and fund management.
- With transfer of membership and facility space from the UCLA Medical Center, Fit South Center established under CRA.
- Rock wall conversion made on original challenge racquetball court in John Wooden Center.
- North Athletic Field with 450 car underground parking structure opens.
- To establish an on-going Department focus and emphasis on safety training and risk assessment, a full-time position of Risk Manager is established, and an all department Safety Team is constituted.

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- Through a partnership and funding grant from the Anderson School, the Challenge Ropes Course is designed and installed at Sunset Canyon Recreation Center.
- Student Programs, Activities, and Resource Complex Referendum is passed by students providing funding for the renovation of the Men's Gym, and construction of the West of addition to the John Wooden Center
- With the anticipated addition of an Outdoor Recreation Resource Center, and new department direction, Outdoor Programs are moved from the Recreation Class Program and merged with the Marina Aquatic Center into a combined Outdoor Adventures free standing unit.
- Wooden North addition opens.
- Mick Deluca named Director.
- With the expanded scope of Strength Training and Cardio Exercise, the unit name of the Recreation Class program is changed to Fitness, Instruction, and Training (F.I.T.).
- The UCLA Community's Demand for Recreational Space, 15 year Summary Update to the UCLA Recreational Space Master Plan is issued.
- 20th Anniversary of the opening of the John Wooden Center and 25th Anniversary of the first student referendum are celebrated.
- Fully renovated IM Field with 1500 car underground parking structure re-opens.
- Student Activities Center (former Men's Gym) re-opens as full renovated student services building with gymnasium and swimming pool.
- Adaptive Recreation initiatives developed.
- Wooden West addition opens tripling the amount of space dedicated to strength training and cardio exercise, and adding an on-campus Outdoor Adventures Resource Center.
- Renovated North Pool at Kaufman Hall reopens after three years of construction.