

## Undocumented Student Programs Syllabus Language Recommendations

### **Statement #1: Undocumented Students**

As an educator, I am committed to creating an inclusive and accessible learning environment for all students, regardless of immigration status. If your status presents challenges in completing assignments, attending class, or discussion and meeting course requirements, you are welcome to request confidential accommodations. You may also consult with the Undocumented Student Programs ([usp.ucr.edu](http://usp.ucr.edu)) for examples of support options. These arrangements will not affect your student standing, financial aid, or residency.

If you wish to discuss accommodations, please feel free to reach out at any point during the quarter, whenever you feel comfortable, so I can make the necessary adjustments to support your learning.

**Note:** If you are discussing undocumented immigration as a topic in class, please avoid using the term “illegal(s).” This term has historically contributed to a climate of hostility and violence against foreign nationals and undocumented individuals. Instead, use the term “undocumented immigrant(s),” which is both more accurate and respectful. Using inclusive language helps foster a classroom culture grounded in our campus’s central values: respect and integrity.

### **Undocumented Student Programs, Costo Hall 224, [usp.ucr.edu](http://usp.ucr.edu)**

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### **UC Immigrant Legal Services Center: [usp.ucr.edu/UCILSC](http://usp.ucr.edu/UCILSC)**

- Serves the immigration-related legal needs of undocumented and immigrant students in the University of California system
- Serves UCR students and their immediate family members (parents, siblings, spouse) and UCR staff → can book an appointment via the link above