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Tips and tools for transfer applicants

Undergraduate Admissions
Application Guide

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1 Before You Begin

Research your options

There may be different degree programs at several UC campuses that can help you achieve your career goals; knowing what they are will give you more options when you apply. Check which majors are open for the current term at *http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/check-majors*

Campus Majors

UCB   http://guide.berkeley.edu/undergraduate/degree-programs/

UCD   http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/majors

UCI   www.admissions.uci.edu/about/majors_and_minors.html

UCLA   www.admissions.ucla.edu/majors

UCM   www.ucmerced.edu/academics-undergraduate-majors-minors

UCR   www.ucr.edu/academics/undergradmajors.html

UCSD   https://students.ucsd.edu/academics/advising/majors-minors/undergraduate-majors.html

UCSB   www.admissions.ucsb.edu/allmajors.asp

UCSC   http://admissions.ucsc.edu/majors

Apply broadly

Applying to more than one UC can significantly increase your chances of being admitted to a campus that will enable you to fulfill your educational goals. We recommend applying to campuses that vary in their admit rates (visit *http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses* for the most recent California admit rates).

Pick an email address and stick with it

Campuses may email applicants to request or clarify information; they often need a quick response. Provide an email address that you will check regularly. Update your spam filters to ensure that you receive all UC communications.

Apply at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Be a strong applicant. Review our tips for presenting yourself on the UC application at *https://ucal.us/dSuKnx*.

Follow directions. Answers to common questions appear on every page and under the "help" tab. If you can't find an answer, contact the UC Application Center at ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net, or call (800) 207-1710 (toll free in the U.S.) or (310) 513-2715 (outside the U.S.).

Save your work. If you take a break from your application, sign out or click "Next" on any page to make sure your work is saved.

Review your summary. Look for any instance where the summary page says "not started" or "in progress." If you didn't intend to leave a question blank, click "Edit" to go back and answer it.

Don't forget to click "Submit your application for UC admission." Your application won't be sent to UC until you do. After submission, you will be taken to the receipt page, which shows your application ID. It's a good idea to print this page.

Write your responses to the personal insight questions in advance

This is your chance to tell us who are you are and what's important to you.

Instructions:

→ You must answer one required question plus 3 out of 7 additional questions.

→ Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

→ Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. All questions are given equal consideration in the application review process.

Questions:

Required question: Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university.

Choose to answer any three of the following seven questions:

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

6. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

7. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

Visit *ucal.us/personalquestions* for more information and to download our student worksheets.

Pursue all potential scholarships

UC campuses and alumni associations award a variety of scholarships based on a student's academic merit, financial need or both. Visit ***http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc*** to research deadlines and additional requirements.

There are also "restricted" scholarships available to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career goals. You can apply for these scholarships in the admission application by matching your own background characteristics and interests to the lists provided. Most students are notified of scholarship awards between March and August.

Application fees

Paying your application fees. UC's application fee is $70 per campus ($80 if you're an international student). You may pay online by credit card or submit payment by check or money order. Application fees are non-refundable.

Fee waiver. UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students. If you're a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or meet basic criteria for AB 540, you can find out if you qualify for a fee waiver immediately in the application. Fee waivers can't be applied to more than four campuses, regardless of their source (e.g. UC, CCC EOPS).

2 Checklist

Gather your information

Having everything you'll need in hand before you start your application means you won't be searching for important information at the last minute. Make sure the information you provide is accurate because you may be asked to verify it at a later time.

Transcripts

You'll need to enter courses and grades from **all** colleges/universities you have attended. Make sure you refer to your transcripts/academic records (don't enter information from your memory). Misreporting your academic record can jeopardize your admission.
If you complete university courses outside of the U.S., you must enter the marks/grades and credits/unit values exactly as they appear on your official academic record.

Test scores

Report any Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, A-Level, TOEFL or IELTS exam scores. If you're a sophomore transfer applicant, include your ACT with Writing, and/or SAT (with Writing or with Essay) and SAT Subject test (optional) scores.

Annual income (optional)

If your parents claim you as a dependent on their tax return, ask them for their annual pre-tax income for 2017. Refer to tax records or pay stubs.

For international students: If you receive financial support from parents or legal guardians, ask them for their estimated total household income in U.S. dollars.

Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number
(if you have one)

We use your Social Security number or ITIN to verify your identity and match your application to your transcripts, test score reports and, if you apply for financial aid, your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act application. It will be kept confidential.

Citizenship status

You must provide your country of citizenship (or "No Selection" — this is recommended for undocumented applicants). If you select a country other than the United States, you'll need to provide your legal immigration status and the type of visa (e.g., F-1, H4, etc.) you hold or plan to hold.

Credit card

You'll need the account number, expiration date, cardholder's name and billing address. (If you'd prefer to pay by check or money order, you can send your payment by mail. Do not send cash.)

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Activities and Awards Worksheet

In addition to your courses and grades, we want to know about any honors you've received and how you spend your time outside of school. Use this worksheet to prepare concise descriptions of your most significant awards and activities. You may list up to five entries in each category, so think carefully about what you want to highlight. Also make sure to fully describe each item (up to 160 characters) for admissions offices to best understand your involvement.

Additional HS coursework (sophomore transfers only) List additional courses or training taken during high school that do not fit into the academic subject categories of the academic record that demonstrate a particular focus or interest (e.g., language immersion courses or nontransferable college courses).

Course name	Description of course	Year(s) of involvement — 9th	10th	11th	12th	After 12th	Hours per week	Weeks per year
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Educational Preparation Programs List your participation in educational or academic preparation programs that are designed to help students prepare for university study. These programs may include academic enrichment programs sponsored by colleges/universities, research programs and study-abroad programs.

Program name	Description of program	Year(s) of involvement — 9th	10th	11th	12th	After 12th	Hours per week	Weeks per year
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Volunteer and Community Service List unpaid work only.

Organization	Description of organization and your responsibilities	Year(s) of involvement — 9th	10th	11th	12th	After 12th	Hours per week	Weeks per year
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Work Experience List paid work only.

Job title	Responsibilities	Year(s) of involvement — 9th	10th	11th	12th	After 12th	Begin mo/yr	End mo/yr	Hours per week (summer)	Hours per week (school yr)
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To what use have you or will you put your earnings?

Awards and Honors List and briefly describe the most significant awards you have received.

Award or honor	Description of award or honor	Award or honor type — Academic	Other	Date received
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Extracurricular Activities List and briefly describe the activities you have been involved in.

Activity	Description of activity Note any leadership positions.	Year(s) of involvement — 9th	10th	11th	12th	After 12th	Hours per week	Weeks per year
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3 After You Submit

Print your receipt

You'll want to keep a record of your application ID number and a summary of your application for reference.

Watch for your application submission confirmation

As soon as you submit your application, you'll receive an email confirming it has been successfully filed. If you do not receive this email, check your spam filter or contact the UC Application Center at ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net, (800) 207-1710 (toll free in the U.S.) or (310) 513-2715 (outside the U.S.).

Update your application

About five weeks after the application filing period ends, you must log in to your application at *www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply* to complete your Transfer Academic Update by providing your grades for the last completed term and update your in-progress and planned coursework.

Order test score reports

If you're a sophomore applicant, be sure to have the relevant testing agency send your official ACT and/or SAT results to UC. If you have a report sent to one UC campus, it will be shared with all campuses to which you apply.

Order final transcripts

If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have final, official transcripts sent to the campus admissions office no later than July 1.

Note: Before admittance, you do not need to send preliminary transcripts unless requested by a campus.

Applying for Financial Aid

Here's a fact that may surprise you about UC: Financial aid fully covers systemwide tuition and fees for more than half of California undergrads. That's because UC has one of the strongest financial aid programs in the country that can help you pay for tuition, housing, food, books, and even transportation. You should apply for financial aid, even if you don't think you'll qualify. It's the only way to guarantee you'll be considered for every type of aid possible, regardless of your income level.

Apply for aid between October 1, 2018 and March 2, 2019. Here's how:

Submit a FAFSA or California Dream Act Application. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available at www.fafsa.gov. For undocumented students, the California Dream Act Application is available at www.csac.ca.gov. You automatically will be considered for the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan if you submit the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application, and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form.

Submit your GPA for a Cal Grant. If you're progressing toward your first bachelor's degree, make sure your school-certified GPA is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission. California community colleges automatically submit their students' GPAs. If this isn't the case with your school, use the GPA Verification Form, which is available at www.csac.ca.gov (click on "Cal Grant GPA Forms" under "Students & Parents").

Find out more about UC's financial aid programs: http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc.

4 Making Changes to Your Application

Notify us if any of your information changes

Log in to **www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply** to update your application:

→ If you want to apply to an additional UC campus (providing the campus is still accepting applications)

→ If you change your phone number, email or mailing address

→ If you add or drop a course or fail to earn a C or better in a course (update your information on the Transfer Academic Update form in the application)

→ If you enroll at a different college after applying (update your information on the Transfer Academic Update form in the application)

Important dates and deadlines

Aug. 1:	Application opens for fall 2019 at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Oct. 1:	Filing period opens for GPA Verification Form (required for Cal Grant consideration), Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.gov) and California Dream Act Application
Nov. 1-30:	Filing period for fall 2019 Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. PST, Nov. 30
March 2:	Deadline for applicants to submit FAFSA, California Dream Act Application and GPA Verification Form
April 1-30:	Notification of fall 2019 admission decisions
June 1:	Deadline for fall 2019 admitted transfer students to submit the Statement of Intent to Register to their chosen campus.
July 1:	Final official transcripts must be postmarked or electronically submitted to campus admissions offices for students admitted for fall 2019
July 1-31:	Filing period for winter quarter/spring semester 2020 See http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/check-majors for current openings