

2019/20

Tips and tools for
international freshman
applicants

Undergraduate Admissions Application Guide

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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 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

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 (925) 298-6856 (outside the U.S.) or (800) 207-1710 (toll free in 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

Think of the personal insight questions as your chance to tell us who you are and what's important to you. What you tell us in your responses gives us the context to better understand the rest of the information you've provided in your application. Be open, be honest, be yourself.

Instructions:

- You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 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:

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. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. 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.

UC does not partner with agents to represent the university or to administer any part of the undergraduate admission application process. The use of agents or private organizations for the purpose of recruiting or enrolling international students is not endorsed by UC. Agents who may be retained by students to help with the application process are not recognized as representatives of the university and do not have a contractual agreement or partnership to represent UC.

UC expects all applicants to complete their own application materials, and ensure all information on the application is complete, accurate and truthful. The use of agent services is not aligned with UC's Statement of Integrity: <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/docs/StatementOfIntegrity.pdf>.

Application fees

UC's application fee is \$80 per campus. You may pay online by credit card or submit payment by check or money order in U.S. dollars. Application fees are non-refundable.

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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.

Academic records

You'll need to enter courses and marks/grades from all schools you have attended beginning with grade 9, including any colleges/universities where you have taken courses while enrolled in secondary school. Make sure you work from your academic records (don't enter information from memory). Misreporting your academic record can jeopardize your admission. If you took advanced math and/or a language other than your primary language of instruction in middle school, you must report how many semesters you completed.

Test scores

These include your ACT with Writing and/or SAT (with Writing or with Essay) scores, and any Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, A-Level, TOEFL or IELTS exam scores. Know the test dates for upcoming exams you plan to take. Report external examination scores received and predicted scores if provided by your school (example, O- and A-levels) in the International External Exams section.

Estimated household income (optional)

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

Citizenship status

You must provide your country of citizenship, your 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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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, or (925) 298-6856 (outside the U.S.) or (800) 207-1710 (toll free in the U.S.).

Order test score reports

Be sure to have the appropriate testing agency send your official results from the ACT, SAT, TOEFL or SAT Subject tests (optional) to UC. If you have a report sent to one UC campus, it will be shared with all the campuses to which you apply. IELTS scores must be sent to each individual campus. You can confirm receipt of your test scores by logging back in to your application.

If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have official AP and IB exam scores sent to the campus admissions office no later than July 15.

Order final academic records

In the United States, the academic record is called a "transcript." In your country it may be called something else, such as a statement of marks, statement of results, *relevé du notes*, record of learning, or record of achievement.

If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have final, official academic records 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.

Financial assistance

UC campuses have limited funds to provide scholarships for undergraduate international students, although the size of awards, if any, and the scholarship eligibility requirements vary by campus and by year.

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Making Changes to Your Application

If you want to apply to an additional UC campus

You may add a campus only if it is still accepting applications. Log in to your UC application at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply.

If you need to change your phone number, email or mailing address

See how to update this information at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply.

If your academic record changes

If you add or drop a course or earn a low mark in a course, you must notify us by email at docs@applyUCsupport.net or by mail to UC Application Center, P.O. Box 1432, Bakersfield, CA 93302, USA. Make sure to include your full name, date of birth and application ID.

If you enroll in a new school or university after applying

Notify the UC Application Center (email or address above) and provide the institution's name and the courses you are taking or plan to take.

Important dates and deadlines

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| Aug. 1: | Application opens for fall 2019 at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply |
| Nov. 1-30: | Filing period for fall 2019 Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. PST, Nov. 30 |
| March 1-31: | Notification of fall 2019 admission decisions |
| May 1: | Deadline for fall 2019 admitted freshmen 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 |

