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**Fall 2013 application news**

Undergraduate applications to the university rose for the ninth straight year. We received 174,767 submissions from prospective students, an increase of 8.6 percent over last year, with all campuses seeing gains. For the full report, see [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/28952](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/article/28952).

**Grade updates: Freshman**

As a reminder, freshman applicants are not required to self-report their first semester grades from senior year, unless:

1. A UC campus admissions office specifically requests the student to do so (in which case, the student should follow the campus’ instructions), or
2. If the applicant receives a grade of D or F in a course that falls into the “a-g” course pattern (even if the course is not needed to meet the minimum number of years of the subject area requirement). If this occurs, the student must notify – by mail – the UC Application Center. We encourage students to explain the reason(s) for the academic record updates in the letter. The letter must also include the student’s name, UC Application ID number and signature, and will be shared with all the campuses the student applied to. Mail to:

   UC Application Center
   P.O. Box 1432
   Bakersfield, CA 93302

**Course/Grade Updates: Transfers**

Although the Jan. 31 deadline to submit the Transfer Academic Update (TAU) form has now passed, additional updates of fall 2013 grade changes or winter/spring 2014 courses changes still can be submitted on the TAU website.

**FAFSA & Cal Grant filing period open until March 2**

Applicants should file the FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form to be considered for financial aid such as grants, work-study jobs and student loans. Please encourage your students to fill out the FAFSA (or the California Dream Act Application, if applicable), even if they think they may not qualify for

Helpful tip: Under the “school selection” section, your students must list each UC campus to which they have applied.

**2013-14 A-G Course List Update Cycle – Opening March 1, 2013**

Due to technical difficulties, the Online Update website will open on March 1, 2013 for the 2013-14 course list update cycle. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. The Online Update website will close on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013 at midnight PDT for all new course submissions, resubmissions and other course list updates for the 2013-14 academic year.

More information on submitting new courses for “a-g” review, including tips and resources for writing “a-g” courses, can be found on the “a-g” guide at [www.ucop.edu/agguide/updating-your-course-list/submitting-courses/index.html](http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/updating-your-course-list/submitting-courses/index.html).

**ETS dates announced**

Planning for the 2013 Ensuring Transfer Success institutes, a collaborative project of the University of California and the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, is under way. The institutes, which provide updates and training for California community college counselors and advisers, will take place:

- May 13: Crowne Plaza Anaheim, Garden Grove
- May 20: Crowne Plaza, Foster City

Registration will open no later than March 1 and information can be found at [http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/news-events/ets/](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/news-events/ets/).

**The California State Summer School for Mathematics & Science (COSMOS): Now accepting applications for 2013**

COSMOS is a four-week residential program for talented and motivated students who are completing grades 8-12. Students who love math and science have a chance to spend four weeks at UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz or UC San Diego this summer, learning about astronomy, biomedical sciences, computer games, engineering, robotics and more. Students will work side-by-side with outstanding UC researchers and faculty, exploring advanced topics that extend beyond the typical high school curriculum. COSMOS courses are hands-on and lab-intensive, emphasizing current research underway at the University of California campuses.

**Information Webinars**

Interested students can participate in upcoming informational events. Topics include COSMOS eligibility, tips for a successful application, a tour of the application system and financial assistance:

- Webinar: Feb. 7, 6:30 p.m. hosted by COSMOS UCSD
  [www.jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/cosmos/prospective_students/docs/Virtual_Info_Session_Flyer_Final.pdf](http://www.jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/cosmos/prospective_students/docs/Virtual_Info_Session_Flyer_Final.pdf)
- Webinar: Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. hosted by COSMOS-UCSC
  [http://cosmos.ucsc.edu/resources/events/Virtual%20Session.html](http://cosmos.ucsc.edu/resources/events/Virtual%20Session.html)
Applications must be in by Feb. 22. For more information, please visit www.ucop.edu/cosmos.

**UCCI Institutes: Application open**
The application for the Spring 2013 UC Curriculum Integration (UCCI) Institutes in Millbrae, Calif., is open until Feb. 25. Two institutes are offered April 11-14, focusing on the creation of new high school courses that integrate the following academic and career technical education areas:


California high school and college educators are welcome to apply. For more information, please email ucci@ucop.edu.