## Click. Guide. Support.

**UC** admissions resources at your fingertips

September 2025



"At UC, we view high school and college counselors as our partners and colleagues. We are here to provide information, resources and support for you so you can help your students get to UC."



### Overview

# This session will highlight key online tools and websites counselors can use to better understand and support students through the UC admissions process.

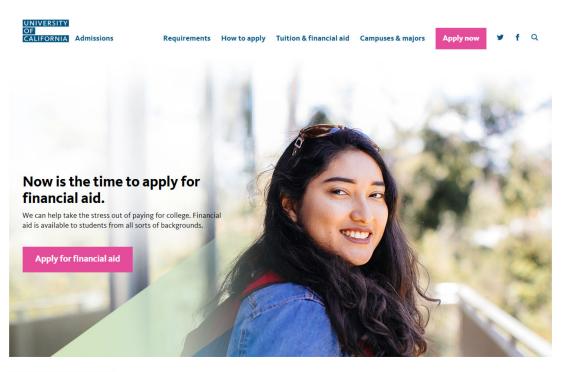
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## **UC** admissions website



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Resource for students to find useful information, including learning more about both first-year and transfer requirements, how to apply, financial aid and campuses and majors.





### UC admission resource breakdown



Requirements

How to apply

Tuition & financial aid Campuses & majors

**Apply now** 



### PIQ resources

Serves as a practical guide to equip counselors with reliable tools, tips, and references to confidently assist students in developing strong, authentic PIQ responses.

### **Estimating your aid**

Tools and resources that help counselors guide students and families through one of the most common and critical questions in the college planning process:

"How much will UC actually cost me?"

### First-year admit data

General summary of data by campus, including total applications, total admits, and admit rate which can provide a general guide to selectivity.



### How to apply: Personal insight questions



Home > How to apply > Applying as a first year > Personal insight questions

### Personal insight questions

Imagine UC was a person. If we met face-to-face, what would you want us to know about you? These personal insight questions allow you to tell us. You could write about your creative side. Your thoughts on leadership. A challenge you've faced. Whatever questions you answer, make sure you show us your personality—just as you would in real life.



### PREGUNTAS DE CONOCIMIENTO PERSONAL: GUÍA PARA ASPIRANTES A PRIMER AÑO

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#### Introducción

Esta ficha de ejercicios está diseñada para ayudar a los aspirantes de primer año de la UC [Universidad de California] a comenzar el proceso de redacción para las preguntas de conocimiento personal. Puede encontrar más sugerencias en el sitio web de admisiones de la UC.

#### ¿Qué son las preguntas de conocimiento personal?

Estas preguntas son para conocerlo: su experiencia de vida, sus intereses y sus logros. Piense sus respuestas como si se tratase de una conversación con la oficina de admisiones. Sea abierto. Sea reflexivo. Exprese sus ideas a su propio estilo.

Mientras esta sección de la solicitud es solo una parte que consideramos al tomar nuestra decisión sobre la admisión, también ayuda a brindar contexto para el resto de su solicitud.

#### Puntos básicos

- Usted puede elegir de entre 8 preguntas. Debe responder 4 de las 8 preguntas.
- Cada respuesta tiene un límite máximo de 350 palabras.
- Queda completamente a su criterio qué preguntas elige responder, pero debe seleccionar las preguntas que sean más pertinentes en cuanto a su experiencia y las que mejor reflejen sus circunstancias individuales.
- Se otorga la misma consideración a todas las preguntas, lo cual significa que no hay ventajas o desventajas por elegir una pregunta sobre otra. Las preguntas de conocimiento personal están numeradas; no están en orden de prioridad.
- Las respuestas deben explorar su vida y sus logros. Cuando comparta ejemplos, explique por qué son importante para la persona que es hoy. La mayor parte de su respuesta debe tratar sobre el presente y/o passado reciente.

#### Cómo utilizar esta ficha de ejercicios:

Lea las preguntas; luego, trabaje para escribir un borrador para cuatro preguntas de conocimiento personal. Las respuestas deben centrarse en usted.

Realice correcciones de contenido (hechos sobre usted) ya que el lector de admisiones de la UC no mirará el estilo o la estructura de su respuesta.

Recuerde: no hay un tema correcto o incorrecto que pueda compartir en las respuestas a las preguntas de conocimiento personal.

#### Las pregunta

- Describa un ejemplo de su experiencia de liderazgo en la que usted haya influído de forma positiva en otros, haya ayudado a resolver un conflicto, o haya contribuido a esfuerzos grupales a lo largo del tiempo.
- ¿Hubo algún momento en el que usted haya dado un paso adelante y haya tomado el rol de lidér en un grupo, un equipo, o en contexto famillar y/o laboral? Describa brevemente la experiencia; luego, comente que significó la experiencia para usted.
- ¿Cómo creció usted a partir de esa experiencia de liderazgo?
   ¿Qué impacto, si hubiere, tuvo eso en otros aspectos de su vida?

Consejo: No necesitamos una definición de liderazgo. No estamos preguntando si usted tiene un rol o cargo de líder.

- 2. Todas las personas tienen un lado creativo, y se puede expresar de muchas formas: resolución de problemas, pensamiento original e innovador, y artisticamente, por nombrar unas pocas. Describa cómo expresa usted su lado creativo.
- Dé un ejemplo de su creatividad (no se limite por definiciones convencionales).
- ¿Hubo alguna vez un problema en el cual su imaginación e intuición lo guiaron a la solución? ¿Cuál fue el problema, cómo llegó a la solución, cuál fue el resultado?
- ¿Tiene usted una pasión creativa? ¿Qué ganó a partir de esta pasión que haya afectado otros aspectos de su vida o la vida de quienes lo rodean?

Consejo: No tenemos una definición de creatividad, ni tampoco necesítamos que usted limíte su propia idea de creatividad.

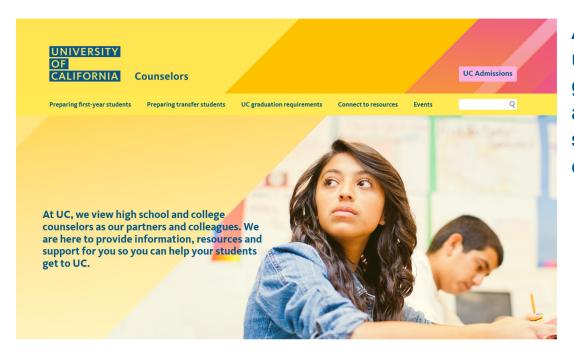
Para más información sobre las preguntas de conocimiento personal, visit el sitio web de admisiones de la UC.



## **UC** counselor website



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A centralized hub that provides up-to-date admissions guidance, application tools, and advising resources specifically for high school and community college counselors.





**Preparing first-year students** 

**Preparing transfer students** 

**UC graduation requirements** 

Connect to resources

Events

# **Counselors and Advisers Bulletin (CAB)**

CAB provides counselors with timely updates, policy changes, application information and resources to support students through the University of California admissions process.

### **Resource library**

Systemwide resources specifically for counselors, including:

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions
- Dual enrollment guidance
- UC-CSU comparison of minimum first-year requirements
- First-year and transfer admit data

### **Events**

Throughout the academic year, UC offers a series of webinars on relevant admission topics geared specifically for the high school and community college counseling community.



## **UC Info Center**



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Explore the UC story through accessible data, available both by campus and systemwide. You can filter for undergraduate admission reports and even create customized reports to fit your needs.





# First-year fall admissions summary

Presents data and trends on first-year admissions for the fall term, helping counselors understand acceptance rates, applicant pools, and enrollment patterns across UC campuses.

# Admission by source school (CA)

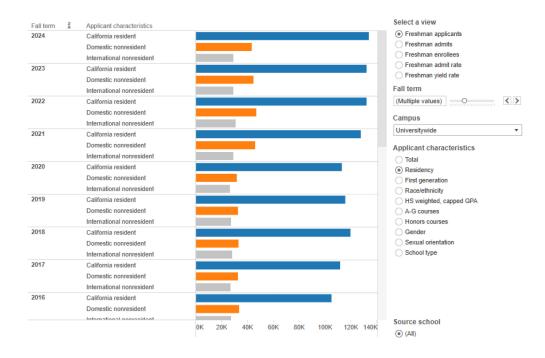
Counselors can filter the data specifically for undergraduate admissions, allowing them to focus on the applicant pool most relevant to their high school students. The ability to create custom reports empowers counselors to tailor information to their school's unique needs.

### **Admission by discipline**

Provides admission data broken down by academic fields, helping counselors see how acceptance rates vary across different disciplines and areas of study within the UC system.



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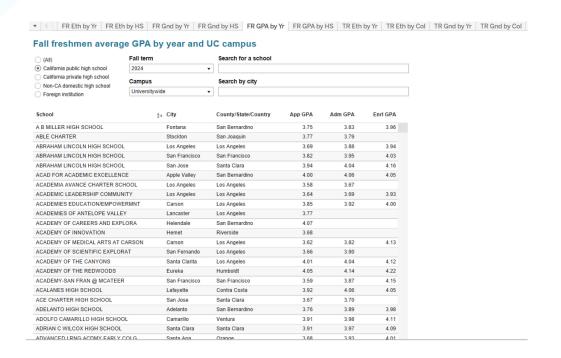


- Filter by applicant, admit, or enrollee data for first-year students.
- Explore trends by campus and student characteristics like residency, first-gen status, race/ethnicity, GPA, A–G completion and more.





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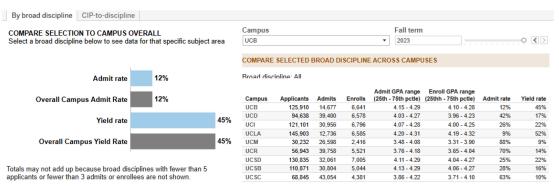
- Gauge how your students compare in application, acceptance and enrollment rates.
- Track trends over time.
- Access downloadable data and GPA insights specific to your school.







### Admission by discipline



Broad discipline	Applicants	Admits	Enrolls	Admit GPA range (25th - 75th pctle)	Enroll GPA range (25thh - 75th pctle)	Admit rate	Yield rate
Architecture	2,846	238	124	4.16 - 4.29	4.12 - 4.29	8%	52%
Arts & Humanities	9,523	2,140	916	4.06 - 4.27	4.00 - 4.25	22%	43%
Computer Science	9,018	375	228	4.20 - 4.30	4.17 - 4.29	4%	61%
Engineering	26,470	1,893	942	4.20 - 4.30	4.18 - 4.30	7%	50%
Life Sciences	20,179	3,302	1,332	4.17 - 4.30	4.13 - 4.28	16%	40%
Other/Interdisciplinary	6,674	881	400	4.14 - 4.29	4.09 - 4.27	13%	45%
Physical Sciences/Math	9,882	1,976	943	4.17 - 4.30	4.13 - 4.29	20%	48%
Public Admin	342	57	27	4.17 - 4.29	4.13 - 4.28	17%	47%
Public Health	2,615	122	39	4.16 - 4.28	4.13 - 4.28	5%	32%
Social Sciences	20,493	1,746	722	4.14 - 4.29	4.08 - 4.27	9%	41%
Undeclared	17,867	1,947	968	4.12 - 4.29	4.04 - 4.28	11%	50%

 Visualize first-year admission data (applicants, admits, enrollees, admit rate and GPA ranges) across UC campuses and academic disciplines.





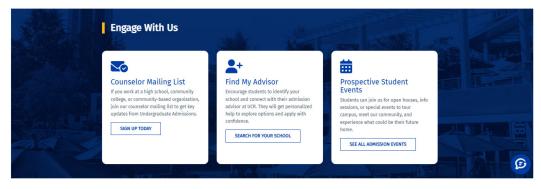
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#### Counselor Populations





 UC campus-specific resources provide tailored information, contacts, and tools unique to each UC campus



### Resource breakdown

### **Campus newsletters**

Receive regular updates on admissions, campus events, deadlines and resources, keeping counselors informed about the latest news and opportunities specific to each UC campus.

### Virtual resources & events

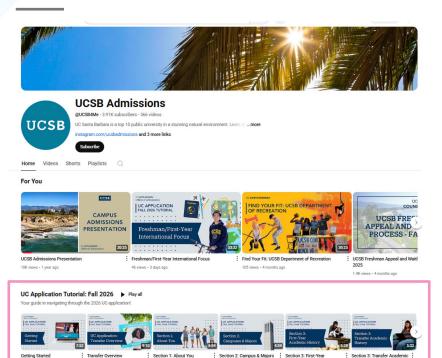
Campuses offer interactive virtual tours, live webinars and self-guided online resources to help prospective students explore campuses remotely and learn about academic programs and student life.

### Admissions YouTube channels

Campus YouTube channels provide virtual tours and insights into campus life and academics, helping students and counselors explore and learn about each UC campus remotely.



### Admissions YouTube channels



Academic History

History





### Life at UC Merced

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admissions.ucmerced.edu and 4 more links

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You have submitted your SIR, what's next?

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This webinar will provide students with an overview of next steps. Participants will gain valuable resources and knowledge about upcoming dates, deadlines and activities that are designed to prepare students to successfully begin attending UC Merced in fall 2025.

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## **Additional resources**



### **UC** admissions resources

### **General admission information**

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

### Counselor website

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors

### Counselors and advisers bulletin

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/connect-to-resources/counselors-and-advisers-bulletin.html

### **Personal Insight Questions**

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-first-year/personal-insight-questions.html

### **Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions**

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/\_files/documents/quick-reference-guide-to-uc-admissions.pdf



### **UC Info Center reports**

### **UC Info Center**

universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center

### First-year admission summary

universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/freshman-admissions-summary

### Admission by source school

universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/admissions-source-school

### Admission by discipline

universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/freshman-admission-discipline

### **Admit Data and majors**

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/first-year-admit-data.html



### Campus admissions websites

UC Berkeley | admissions.berkeley.edu

**UC Davis** | ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate

UC Irvine | admissions.uci.edu

UCLA | admission.ucla.edu

UC Merced | admissions.ucmerced.edu

UC Riverside | admissions.ucr.edu

UC San Diego | admissions.ucsd.edu

UC Santa Barbara | admissions.ucsb.edu

UC Santa Cruz | admissions.ucsc.edu



### Campus admission counselor pages

UC Berkeley | admissions.berkeley.edu/apply-to-berkeley/counselors-colleagues/

UC Davis | ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/counselors

**UC Irvine** | admissions.uci.edu/counselors

**UCLA** | admission.ucla.edu/contact/admission-counselors

**UC Merced** | admissions.ucmerced.edu/information/counselors-educators

**UC Riverside** | admissions.ucr.edu/counselors

UC San Diego | admissions.ucsd.edu/counselors/index.html

UC Santa Barbara | admissions.sa.ucsb.edu/counselor-resources

UC Santa Cruz | admissions.ucsc.edu/counselors



# Thank you

