

Navigating the UC application

Tips for enhancing student outcomes

Ensuring Transfer Success Conference
University of California
California Community Colleges



Special note

- This presentation is not a step-by step walk-through of the UC application. Instead, we will focus on specific areas with tips that you can use to help your students successfully navigate the application.

Starting the application

Create an account

EMAIL

Students will use this email throughout the UC application process so they should choose an email they use frequently!

PASSWORD

Keep the application password secure. It must include:

- Uppercase and lowercase letters
- A number
- A special character

Create an account ✕

Email address *

Confirm email address *

Password * [Show password](#)

Your password must contain:

- 8 to 30 characters

And meet at least three of the following requirements:

- An English lowercase letter (a-z)
- An English uppercase letter (A-Z)
- A number between 0-9
- A special character: !@#%&*+<>?,-

The University of California uses the information requested on the application to process your application for admission, scholarships, and statistical analysis and reporting. Please see our [Privacy Policy](#) for more details.

By checking this box, you are confirming that you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) and the disclosure of applicant information as described in the Privacy Policy.

[Create account](#)

Selecting term & level

California Community College students with only CCC coursework should choose junior-level transfer even if their total units seem excessive.


There is a limit on how many units can transfer (not courses, but units).

Students with past UC units and/or other university upper-division units are the only students who can be above the junior-level.


When do you hope to start at the University of California? *

- Fall Quarter/Semester 2023
- Winter Quarter/Spring Semester 2024
- Spring Quarter 2024
- Fall Quarter/Semester 2024

Your application level: *

- Freshman
I'm currently in high school.
- OR -
I've graduated from high school, but have not enrolled in a regular session (non-summer) at a college or university. [i](#)
- Transfer 
I've graduated from high school and am enrolled in a regular session (fall, winter or spring) at a college or university. [i](#)

Please select what type of transfer applicant you are based on the number of college/university units you plan to complete before you enroll at UC:

- Junior-level transfer 
I will complete 60-89 semester units or 90-134 quarter units by the time I enter UC.
- Sophomore-level transfer
I will complete fewer than 60 semester units/90 quarter units by the time I enter UC. (There are limited campuses/programs available at this level.)
- Senior-level transfer
I will complete 90 semester units/135 quarter units or more by the time I enter UC. (There are limited campuses/programs available at this level.)

About you

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 - Your background
 - Your household
 - Parent information
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Citizenship and residency

Citizenship

- All applicants must select a country of citizenship
- U.S. citizens will have a follow-up question about tribal affiliation to help determine eligibility for the Native American Opportunity Program (NAOP)
- Non-U.S. citizens will be asked further questions regarding visa status

Undocumented & DACA participating applicants

- Applicants should select “No Selection”
- Applicants should leave SSN blank (or include SSN for work purposes or ITIN)
- This information is confidential and encrypted, regardless of citizenship status

About you

Citizenship & residency



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What is your country of citizenship? ⓘ

Country *

United States

Do you have a U.S. Social Security number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)?

If you apply for financial aid, we use the Social Security number or ITIN you provide to match your application to your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act application. See 'Help' for more information on the additional uses of the Social Security number.

No Yes

Are you an enrolled member of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe (U.S.)?

No Yes

California residency for admission purposes

It's important for us to know your residency status because UC has different admission criteria for California and non-California residents.

By the time you attend UC, will you have graduated from a California high school?* ⓘ

No Yes

Save & continue

Statement of Legal Residence

All applicants are required to indicate whether or not they would like to be evaluated for CA residency for tuition purposes.

- This section does not impact an admission decision.
- A series of questions will follow to help determine residency for tuition.

About you

Statement of Legal Residence






* required

To determine your University of California (UC) tuition, applicants must indicate if they would like to be evaluated for a Residence Classification via the Statement of Legal Residence (SLR). You must meet UC requirements to qualify for in-state tuition, regardless of your classification in another system. Parents is defined as natural or adoptive parents, not stepparent. Your answer below has no bearing on your admissions decision.

The following three requirements must be established more than 365 days immediately prior to the residence determination date:

- 1) Physical Presence - You and your parents must be physically present in California. If you moved to California primarily to attend the University of California or another school, you are ineligible for a Resident classification for tuition purposes.
- 2) Intent to remain in California - You and your parents must have established your intent to make California your permanent home and must have relinquished ties to any prior place of residence outside of California.
- 3) Immigration status - You and your parents must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States or be present under a valid I-94 for an eligible visa, and have held that immigration status.

Applicants who do not satisfy all three parts may qualify for a Special Circumstance, Exemption, or Waiver provision (such as an [AB 540](#)  nonresident supplemental tuition exemption) and will be asked to submit additional supplemental information at a future date. For further explanation, read the full [UC Residence Policy and Guidelines](#) .

Note: Undocumented students should use [these instructions](#)  for completing the SLR.

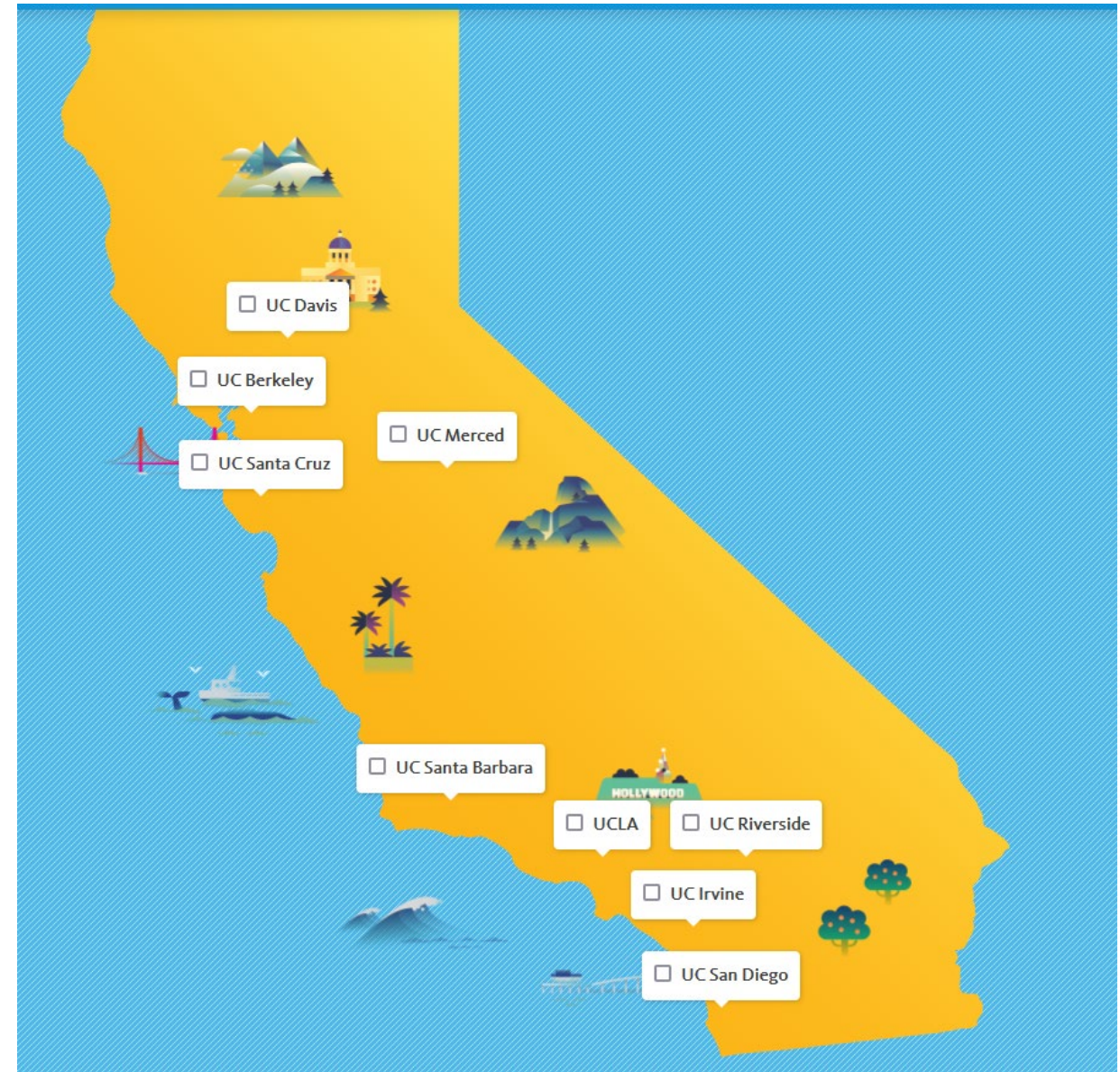
Would you like to be evaluated for California residency for tuition purposes? *

Yes No

Save & continue

Campuses & majors


✓ Campuses & majors	
UC values	
Term & level	
Choose campuses	←
Choose majors	←
Review	



Campuses & majors

Majors by College

Campuses & majors
Choose majors



* required

UC Irvine

Selected major
Not selected


Selected alternate major
Not selected

Browse by: [College](#) | [Category](#) show closed majors

- > Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- ▼ **Architectural and Environmental Design and Planning**
- Environmental Engineering, B.S.
The Henry Samueli School of Engineering
- Urban Studies, B.A.
School of Social Ecology
- > Art - Applied, Fine, Performing and Art History
- > Biological and Life Sciences

Majors by Category

Campuses & majors
Choose majors



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UC Irvine

Selected major
Not selected

Selected alternate major
Not selected

Browse by: [College](#) | [Category](#) show closed majors

- > Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
- > Architectural and Environmental Design and Planning
- > Art - Applied, Fine, Performing and Art History
- > Biological and Life Sciences
- > Business and Management
- > Communication
- > Engineering and Computer Science
- > Ethnic and Area Studies
- > Foreign Language and Literature
- > Health Professions
- > Humanities
- > Mathematics
- > Physical Sciences
- > Social Sciences
- > Undeclared, Special Programs, and Other

Ranking UC San Diego colleges

- Eighth College will begin accepting transfer students in 2025.
- Transfer applicants for fall 2024 should rank Eighth College last.
- This information does not influence your students' chances of admission to UC San Diego!

Campuses & majors

Rank colleges



* required

UC San Diego college ranking *

When we ask you to "rank" the colleges, we're asking you to state your preference for college assignment, should you be offered admission to San Diego. [Learn more about UC San Diego's college system.](#)

Your rankings will **not** affect the evaluation of your application or your major selection.

Instructions: To re-order the list below, select a college and drag and drop it into a new position.

You can also click on the arrows to reposition the colleges.

Rank	College		
1	Earl Warren College	▼	
2	Eighth College	▼	▲
3	Eleanor Roosevelt College	▼	▲
4	John Muir College	▼	▲
5	Revelle College	▼	▲
6	Seventh College	▼	▲
7	Sixth College	▼	▲
8	Thurgood Marshall College		▲

Campuses & majors: Supplemental applications

UC Irvine

Selected major Delete

Pharmaceutical Sciences, B.S.

Selected alternate major

Not selected

Browse by: [College](#) | [Category](#) show closed majors

> Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Studies

> Architectural and Environmental Design and Planning

▼ Art - Applied, Fine, Performing and Art History

Art, B.A. Major Alternate major

This major requires a supplemental application.

Claire Trevor School of the Arts

Academic history

- Academic history
 - Introduction
 - Transfer Admission Planner ←
 - Last high school attended
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 - College courses
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 - Additional information ←
 - Review

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)

Applicants with a UC TAP account should note the following:

- Data can be exported directly from TAP to the UC application
 - Applicants should verify all information is correct after exporting from UC TAP
 - After the initial UC TAP export, any changes to colleges, courses, grades, etc., must be made directly in the UC application

Academic history Transfer Admission Planner



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If you have entered your school and coursework information in the UC Transfer Admission Planner (TAP) and indicated you plan to apply to UC for Fall Quarter/Semester 2023, your information may be available for import into your UC application.

Please enter the login ID and email address used for your TAP account and click on "Import data from TAP" to copy your information. This will delete all previously entered academic history information.

Click "Save & continue" if you do not have a TAP account.

TAP login ID


TAP email address

My UC TAP email address is the same as my UC application email address

Entering colleges

Academic history

College information



* required

EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE, 004273-3
ALL LOCATIONS, CA

When did you attend this college? *

Start date: Month * Year *
End date: Month * Year *

Is this your current or most recent college? *
 No Yes

What is this college's grading system?
All CA Community Colleges use A B C D F grading system which include all letter grades, credit/no credit, pass/no pass, incomplete, withdraw, academic renewal, in progress and planned grades.
 A B C D F

During your attendance, did the college's term system (quarter or semester) change? *
 No Yes


What level of degree, diploma, or certification did you receive or will be receiving?
No degree

Save & continue Cancel



Academic history

Colleges



* required

Enter all colleges you have attended, regardless of how long you attended, whether courses were completed or whether you believe your record will affect your chances for admission.

Providing incomplete or incorrect information may jeopardize your UC admission or enrollment.

EVERGREEN VALLEGE COLLEGE
ALL LOCATIONS, CA

Delete Edit

College code: 004273 (id:52702; ATP:CC)

Grading system: A B C D F

Attended: August 2021 - May 2023

Current or most recent college: Yes

Term system changed: No

Term system: Semester

Enrolled terms: Fall 2021
Spring 2022
Summer 2022
Fall 2022
Spring 2023

Degree, diploma or certificate: Associate for Transfer (AA-T, AS-T)

Degree Major: Social Justice: Gender Studies

Date received or to be received: May 2023

Add college I've finished adding colleges

UC-E & UC-M

If 7-course pattern is met with CCC coursework, students will not see these questions.

This page will display if student is using non-CCC courses or AP scores to meet UC-E or UC-M.

College / University English composition



Prior to transfer, will you complete two transferable college courses in English composition (not including English as a second language courses)?

What is the status of the first course? *

- In progress
- Planned
- None planned / not completed
- Completed with a grade of C or better

What is the status of the second course? *

- In progress
- Planned
- None planned / not completed
- Completed with a grade of C or better

College / University mathematics



Prior to transfer, will you complete one transferable college course in mathematical concepts and qualitative reasoning? *

- In progress
- Planned
- None planned / not completed
- Completed with a grade of C or better

Meeting UC-E with AP

College / University English composition

The following CA Community College course you reported in Academic History section meets 1 of the English composition requirement, if completed with grade C or better.

Dept	Course No.	Course Title	Grade
ENGL	122	First-Year College Composition and Reading	B-

What is the status of the second course? *

- In progress
- Planned
- None planned / not completed
- Completed with a grade of C or better

The AP English Language & Composition exam or AP English Literature & Composition exam with a score of 3, 4 or 5 can be used to fulfill 1 of the 2 English composition requirements. You can enter your AP exam scores in the "Test scores" section.

College / University English composition

The following CA Community College course you reported in Academic History section meets 1 of the English composition requirement, if completed with grade C or better.

Dept	Course No.	Course Title	Grade
ENGL	122	First-Year College Composition and Reading	B-

What is the status of the second course? *

- In progress
- Planned
- None planned / not completed
- Completed with a grade of C or better

The AP English Language & Composition exam with score of 3 will be used to fulfill one of the English composition requirements.

Enrollment gap & additional information

Academic history

College courses & grades



* required

Enrollment gap

Please tell us why you were not enrolled during the term.

Term: Fall 2021

Reason *

150 characters remaining

Save & continue

Cancel

Explanation must include:

- Activities during the gap
- Confirm that they were not enrolled at any college or university during the gap

Enrollment gap & additional information

Academic history
Additional information

Have you ever been on academic probation? *

No Yes

Additional comments

If there's anything else you want us to know about your academic history, you can do so in the space below. But remember, you should use this space only if you want to describe anything that you have not had the opportunity to include elsewhere in this section (for example: a break in attendance, poor grades in a particular course or year, specific information about your school environment or policies that affect your academic record or choices for classes).

International applicants: If you selected Other as your school's grading system, please explain the grading system here.

550 characters remaining

- Must disclose any academic probation
- Will not disqualify student from being admitted

- Poor grades/dip in grades
- Break in attendance
- School environment/policies affecting academics
- Classroom availability
- Grading scales or credit/unit

Test scores

Applicants should enter any AP or IB scores they may have.

Students whose language of instruction in 9th grade or higher was not English and who are not native speakers are required to self-report scores from an acceptable English language proficiency test (TOEFL, IELTS, or DET)

Exam scores can only help students in the application to meet eligibility and/or unit requirements.

▼ Test scores
AP exams
IB exams
English language proficiency tests
International exams
Review

Activities & awards

There is nothing in this section that can directly harm a student's chances of admission.

Applicants should describe the focus of the program, their experiences, accomplishments and what they learned throughout.

Applicants should focus on post-high school activities.

Context is considered when reviewing this section.

Quality vs quantity.

Activity/Award [1]

Category*

Educational preparation program

What was the program name? *

-- select --

Briefly describe the program. *

Think about the program's main focus, your experience, and what you accomplished and learned while participating in the program.

350 characters remaining

When did you participate in the program? *

If you participated in the program during the summer, select the grade you were in before that summer.

9th grade

10th grade

11th grade

12th grade

After 12th grade

How much time did you spend in the program? *

Hours spent per week:

Weeks spent per year:

Save & continue Cancel

Activities & awards continued...

Sections	Examples	Creative Tips
Award or Honor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic excellence awards • Outstanding service awards • Research or capstone project • Scholarships 	<p>Have your student think about awards or honors in the context of their whole lives. For example, if a student doesn't have an outstanding service award, they should consider other honors they have received for service, like employee of the month.</p>
Educational Preparation Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer preparation programs • MESA, Puente, Umoja, EOPs, 1st Year Learning Communities, etc. 	<p>If your student hasn't participated, what opportunities have they utilized? Have they developed a working relationship with a counselor?</p>
Extracurricular Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student government • Clubs and organizations • Performing arts • Childcare and/or family care 	<p>These could include hobbies, clubs, sports or anything else. If a student claims they do not do anything, have them consider what they use their free time for.</p>

Activities & awards continued...

Sections	Examples	Creative Tips
Volunteering/Community Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community service organizations• Tutoring and mentoring programs• Family responsibilities / Childcare	Have your student think about things they have done that they were not paid for. Do they help their parents on weekends with childcare? Do they assist elderly family or community members?
Work Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research assistantships• Part-time or full-time jobs (employee of the month, etc.)• Internships	This section helps us understand students' responsibilities professionally through work or academically through internships.

Scholarships

Applicants should select all categories that apply to them.

This section does not affect an applicant's chances of admission.

Not all scholarships listed are offered at every campus.

Scholarships & programs

Apply for scholarships



* required

You can apply to a number of UC scholarships (that means free money) right here in the application. The scholarships listed below are awarded to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career objectives. If you don't see any categories that are relevant to you, don't worry. In addition to these scholarships, each campus and many alumni associations award a variety of scholarships that recognize students' achievement and potential.

You'll also need to file a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or a [California Dream Act Application](#) (if you're an undocumented student) to be considered for every type of financial aid possible, including the scholarships listed below. International students should not file these.

Click on a category to view the list of scholarships and check the boxes for the scholarships that you'd like to apply to.

[Expand All](#)

- > Academic major or interest
- > Affiliation with group, program or organization
- > Ancestry and descendants
- > Career plans
- > Ethnicity, national origin or religion
- > Extracurricular activities & work experience
- > Family circumstances and relationships
- > Health / disabilities
- > School or geographic affiliation
- > Transfer students

Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)

PIQ responses provide the opportunity for students to advocate for themselves in the UC application. Each question is relevant to the selection criteria of each UC campus.

Please note the following:

**There is one
required
question all
transfer
students must
answer**

**Transfer
students will
then choose 3
more questions
to answer from
the remaining 7**

**All questions
have equal
value**

**There is no
wrong way to
answer a PIQ**

Additional comments

- Changes in family circumstances
- How the student plans to engage with the UC community if admitted
- Add context to something that briefly appears earlier on the application
- This section may be left blank

Personal insight Additional comments



* required

If there's anything else you want us to know about you, now's your chance. But remember, you should use this space only if you want to describe anything that you have not had the opportunity to include elsewhere in the application. This shouldn't be an essay, but rather a place to explain unusual personal or family circumstances, or anything that may be unclear in other parts of the application.

550 words remaining

Save & continue

Friendly reminders

- Validate your students' experiences.
- There is no perfect formula for a “strong” PIQ response.
- Encourage students to make use of all narrative components of the UC application.
- There is a misconception that students are not allowed to write about their identities, ideals, values, or beliefs.
 - While not true, it *is* more important to focus on how these have impacted, or why they are important to, the student.

Review & submit

Submit between October 1 and November 30

Fee waiver is calculated automatically

Applicants will know they submitted successfully when they:

- Pay \$80 per campus (\$95 for international students) unless they qualify for fee waiver (4 free applications)
- Receive a UC application ID number and email confirmation

Review & submit

Here's your chance to review all of the information you've entered in the application. If you've skipped or missed any required questions, you'll see a "To do" button next to the page below.

Before you submit your application, you should review all the pages and sections below, even if they are marked as complete (indicated with a checkmark). Remember, we want to learn as much about you as possible — so it's a good idea to fill out as much as you can and review all the information you'll be sharing with us.

Fall quarter/semester 2024

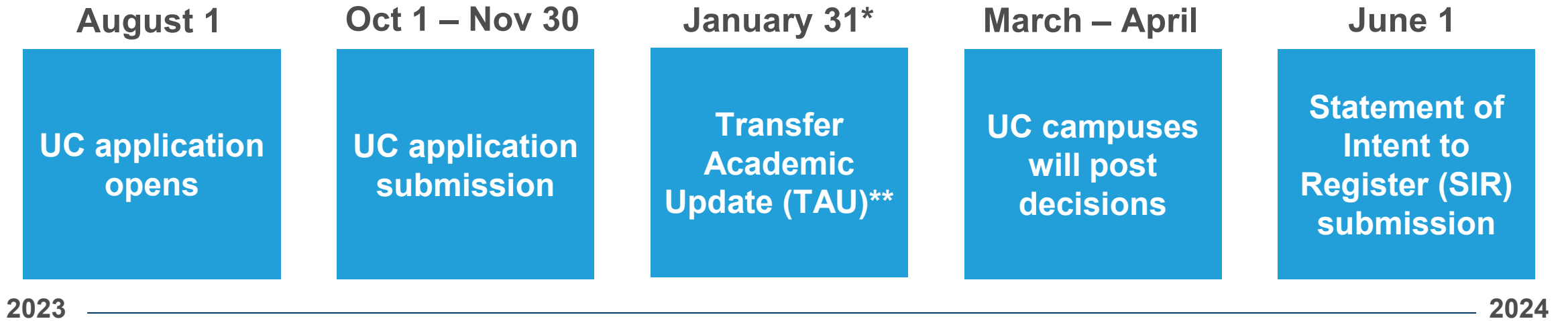
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Print version

> About you	✓
> Campuses & majors	✓
> Academic history	✓
> Test scores	✓
> Activities & awards	✓
> Scholarships & programs	✓
> Personal insight	✓

Start submission

Application timeline



September 1-30

**TAG
application
submission**

Waitlist activity typically happens between June and July

* Priority Deadline

** Opens December 15, 2023

Need additional support?

If students have questions, they can contact the application help desk:

Email

ucinfo@applyucsupport.net

Phone within the U.S.

(800) 207-1710

Phone outside the U.S.

(925) 298-6856

Counselor resources

- **Counselor resource library**
 - Personal Insight Questions guides (*English & Spanish versions available*)
 - Presenting yourself on the UC application guide
- **UCOP community college webinar series**
 - PIQ workshop: Wednesday, October 11 at noon



Thank you