
UC for Everyone 2025

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This land was and continues to be of great importance to Indigenous communities and other familial descendants, and every member of the UC community benefits from it.



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Land acknowledgement: The University of California and its campuses in the San Francisco Bay area sits on the homeland of Huichin [pronounced who-chin], the ancestral homeland of the Chochenyo [cho-chen-yo] speaking Ohlone [alone-ee] people. This land was and continues to be of great importance to indigenous communities and other familial descendants, and every member of the UC community benefits from it.

To learn more about Indigenous lands, visit <https://native-land.ca>

Program agenda

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Learn about UC and the value of a UC degree
- Hear from representatives from all nine undergraduate campuses
- Ask current UC students your questions during the live panel
- Learn about the admission process and gain tips for success

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The purpose of this program is to begin a conversation between you and UC as you begin to think about your college options in the coming years. Whether you plan to enter as a first-year or freshman, or perhaps you're considering the transfer path to UC, we hope that you will end tonight with more information about what UC has to offer you and how you can start preparing now to be a strong applicant.

This event will include:

- An overview of the UC system and the value of a UC education
- Presentations from our nine undergraduate campuses
- A live panel with current students
- A brief overview of admissions requirements and tips for the admission process for both first-year/freshman applicants and transfer students



The UC experience

We are UC

**NINE UNDERGRADUATE CAMPUSES.
ONE UC FAMILY**

We are:

- Leaders
- Innovators
- Entrepreneurs
- Researchers

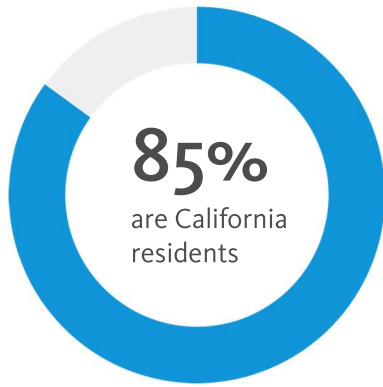


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The University of California is the world’s leading public research university system. Our students, faculty and staff are leaders across various sectors, including education, technology, fine arts, business, government and health care – just to name a few. Whether your skills and interests are in scientific, artistic, entrepreneurial, humanitarian, or social in nature, every UC campus is here to help you learn not what to think but how to think. We’re here to help you develop knowledge and skills to help you adapt to a rapidly changing world, succeed in your professional endeavors, and contribute to your community however you define it.

Regardless of where you choose to apply and ultimately attend, know that you’ll be receiving a world class education and we’ll start this evening by outlining some of the things you can look forward to across the entire system.

Meet our fall 2024 undergraduate students



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37% are the first in their families to attend a 4-year university



31% started their higher education journey at community college

Some statistics about undergraduates at UC based on our fall 2024 enrollment data.

Sources:

- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/fall-enrollment-glance>
- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/first-generation-college-students>
- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/student-success/transfer-students>
- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/student-success/alumni-outcomes>

Majors

UC offers **170** academic disciplines and more than **800** degree programs. Students can choose areas of study that align with their interests and academic goals.

Some examples of majors within the UC include:

- African American Studies
- Bioengineering
- Economics
- Computer Science
- Digital Humanities
- Film, Television and Media
- Global Studies
- Human Biology and Society
- Languages
- Public Affairs
- Sustainable Environmental Design
- **And more!**

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As you're exploring your future college options, you're probably thinking about what it is you might want to study. Are you a creative person who loves creating original work? Are you passionate about the sciences, or maybe music or theater? Do you have dreams of producing films that make the big screen, or developing sustainable technologies to fight against climate change? Or maybe you are looking to influence the world around you by studying the social sciences. These are just some examples of the kinds of things you can explore at UC.

With more than 800 degree programs to choose from, you've got plenty of options – and in fact some students pursue multiple majors and/or minors! We encourage you to start thinking about majors that interested you because that can help inform your decision on which campus is the right fit. Some majors, like History, can be found at all of our campuses whereas more specialized majors may only be found at certain UCs.

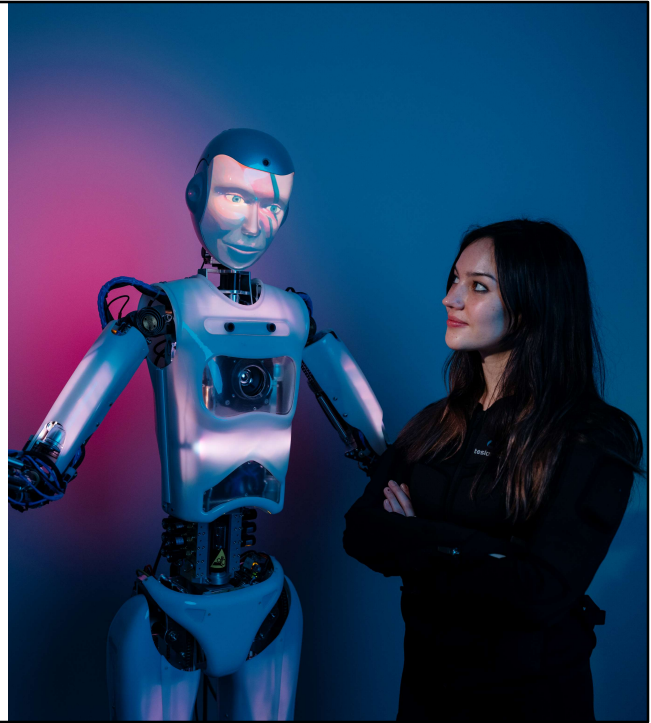
Note: Some majors like Nursing, some engineering majors, and some film and media majors will require you to check that major box when you apply. If you're interested in any of these, start a conversation with the campuses you're interested in to learn what you can do to prepare for those programs now!

Explore our campuses and majors at <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-locations/find-your-place-uc>

UC's mission

"The distinctive mission of the University is to serve society as a center of higher learning, providing long-term societal benefits through transmitting advanced knowledge, discovering new knowledge, and functioning as an active working repository of organized knowledge. That obligation, more specifically, **includes undergraduate education, graduate and professional education, research, and other kinds of public service**, which are shaped and bounded by the central pervasive mission of discovering and advancing knowledge."

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As we talk about majors within UC, we must put them in the context of our mission as a university. Our role is not only to educate our students, but to advance important research and provide public service to the state, nation and world. Our students are deeply engaged in this mission, taking the concepts and ideas learned in the classroom and applying them in the real-world.

By attending a research university, you have the opportunity to participate directly in original research or creative projects. The accessibility of research to undergraduate students is what makes the University of California stand out among institutions and provides unique opportunities for your experience.

Source: <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/student-success/undergraduate-research>

Participating in research

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Fosters critical thinking and analytical skills through hands-on learning outside of the classroom
- Defines your academic, career and personal interests — personalize your degree
- Allows you to work closely with distinguished faculty who are leaders in their respective fields
- Potential to earn a stipend or class credit

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70%

of UC students participate in original research or creative projects

600

new inventions a year are created by UC students

1 in 3

UC students directly assist faculty in their research

Participating in research as a student provides an incredible opportunity to enhance your experience while at UC and get valuable hands-on experience.

Research allows you to:

- Foster critical thinking and analytical skills which are widely transferable regardless of what you choose to do post-graduation
- Personalize your degree by providing the opportunity to either deepen your understanding of your current major, or bridge your areas of interest. You are not limited to research that falls squarely within your major program.
- Research also allows you to collaborate closely with faculty who are distinguished leaders in their fields. 70 UC faculty and staff have been awarded Nobel prizes and are faculty are considered among the world's most influential.
- And finally, students may be awarded a monetary stipend for research participation, or receive class credit to help you progress towards your degree.

Experiential learning

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- **160+** study abroad programs in over 35 countries
- Work-Learn programs and internships
- UC in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento
- Intercampus Visitor Program

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UC also prepares our students to be global citizens. With UC's Education Abroad Program (EAP), you can continue your studies internationally by attending a top-notch university or working at an internship or special-focus program in one of more than 35 countries. Not only will you make progress toward your degree, you'll experience new cultures, create new friendships, and enhance your resume.

If you're interested in learning more about the real day-to-day workings of the United States government, you can experience it up close through the UC's Washington Center. For a full semester, you'll get a taste of public policy issues through a research seminar, center-sponsored trips and activities and biweekly forums that often feature members of Congress, ambassadors and UC faculty.

Internships are the centerpiece of the program, and students from all majors are accepted.

Learn more:

- UC Education Abroad Program: <https://uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/>
- UCDC: <https://www.ucdc.edu/uc-washington-center-home>
- UC Center Sacramento: <https://uccs.ucdavis.edu/>

Student support

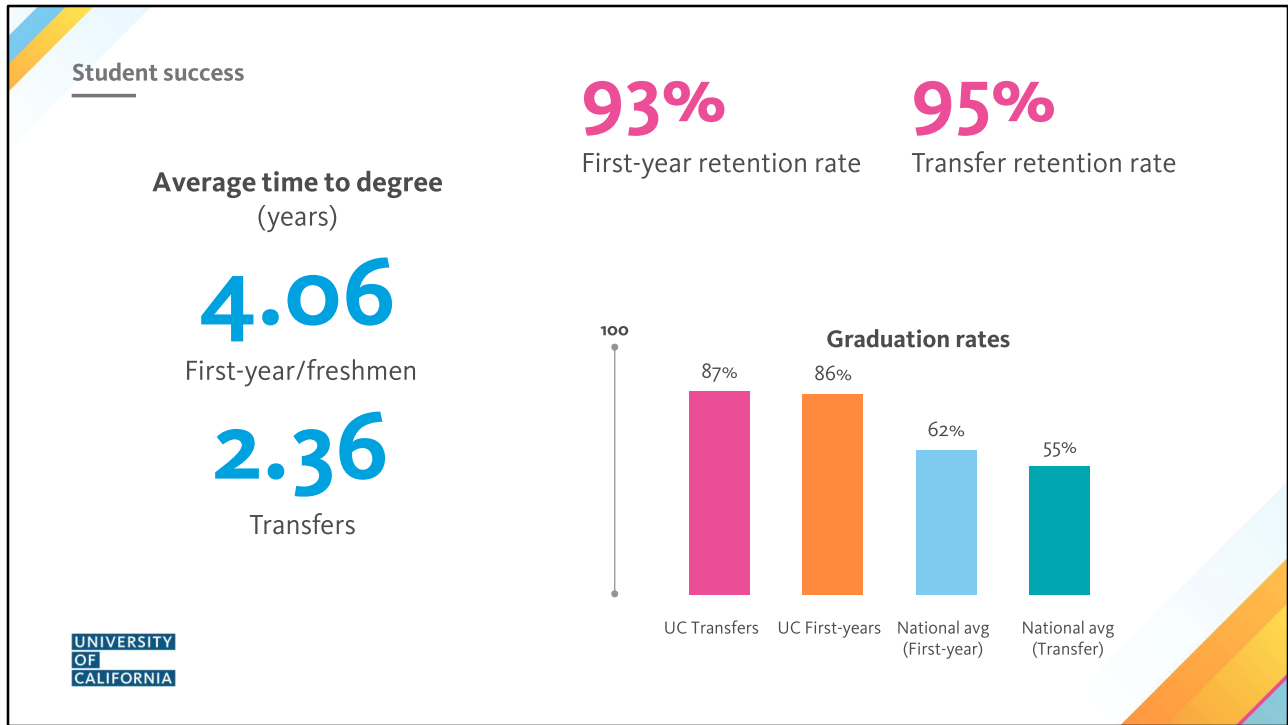
UC offers a robust array of resources designed to help every student have a fulfilling experience at UC, including programs for

- Current and former foster youth
- First-generation college students
- Formerly incarcerated or system-impacted students
- Non-traditional and/or parenting students
- Students with disabilities
- Undocumented students
- Veterans and military-related students
- **And more!**

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We want to ensure that students are successful both in and out of the classroom. And again, these are resources you'll find at all of our undergraduate campuses. This is not an exhaustive list and we encourage you to connect with the campuses to learn more about campus-specific support services.



Our support services pay off. We see their impact in our student success data.

Sources:

- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/ug-outcomes>
- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/2024-10/uc-transfer-onesheet-2024-Oct-fin.pdf>

Alumni success

UC proudly has more than **2 million alumni**



Within 2–10 years of graduating, most UC alumni see their **earnings double**.



A majority of UC's low-income students **earn more than their parents within 5 years of graduating**.



2,500

California companies were founded or co-founded by UC alumni



With more than 2 million alumni around the world, the value of a UC degree is evident.

- Within 2-10 years of graduating, most UC alumni see their earnings double. Additionally, UC alumni earn more than other Californians with bachelor's degrees by six years after graduation.
- As an engine for social and economic mobility, we're proud that the majority of our low-income students earn more than their parents within 5 years of graduation.
- Did you know that one out of three students who started at UC in the lowest 20% of income move to the top 20% of income as adults – a rate higher than other four-year institutions not only in California, but the country.
- Many of our alumni stay in California after graduation, and in fact, 2,500 California companies were founded or co-founded by UC alumni, including some household names like Lyft, Doordash, Nextdoor and Intel. So next time you catch a ride to a concert or have food delivered to your doorstep, thank our alumni!

Sources:

- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/about-us/information-center/uc-alumni-earnings>
- <https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/student-success/alumni-outcomes>
- https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/_files/value-of-degree-full-report.pdf

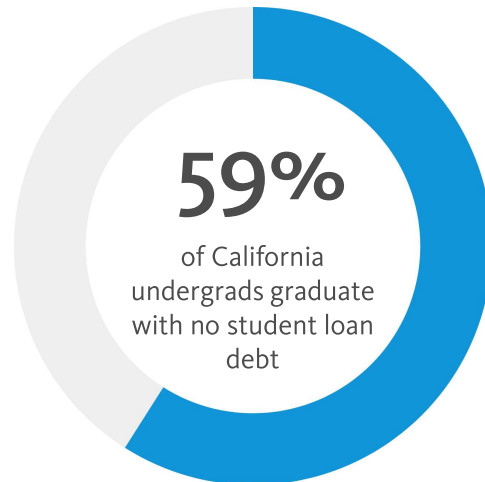


A UC degree is worth it. And we can help you pay for it. Our financial aid program is one of the best out there. It supports students in all kinds of ways —with grants, scholarships, low-interest loans, and more. So let's talk about our financial support for students.

UC financial aid programs

Most California students with families earning up to **\$100,000** pay no tuition to attend due to the financial aid they receive.

With tuition stability for six academic years upon enrollment, families can plan for estimated education costs.



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- Under our Blue and Gold opportunity Plan, most California students from families earning less than \$100,000 a year pay no tuition to attend. We are committed to providing aid for our neediest students and ensuring that cost is not a barrier for their education.
- Our tuition stability policy creates predictability for families. UC Tuition is set at during the first term of enrollment and families can plan for their tuition to remain the same for up to 6 academic years.
- These aid programs are part of the reason why nearly 60% of California undergraduates graduate with no student loan debt!

Tuition and financial aid

\$14,934

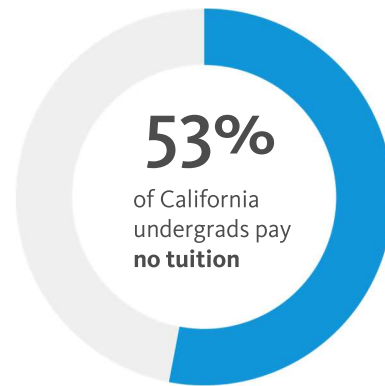
2025–2026 academic year UC tuition for California students

\$20,000

average amount of grants and scholarships awarded to eligible California students



68% of California undergrads receive grants & scholarships



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Let's talk numbers. What does our financial aid look like in action?

- Nearly 70% of California undergraduates receive grants and scholarships with an average award of \$20,000. That's money you don't have to pay back.
- More than half of California undergrads pay **no tuition** because of the grants and scholarship aid they receive.

Source: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/>

Cost of attendance

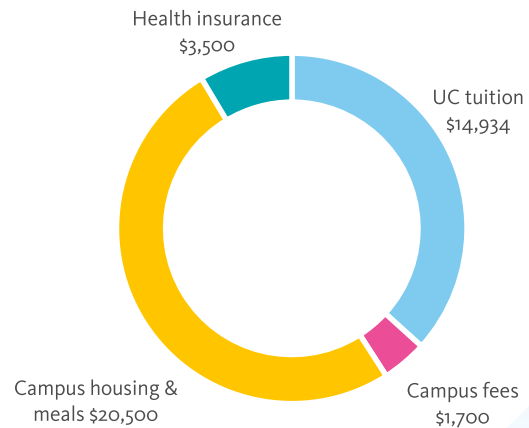
For California residents, the estimated average cost for a new student living on campus in 2025–2026 is **\$40,634**.

However, most students do not pay the full cost of attendance.

Estimate your financial aid using our UC financial aid calculator!



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Cost of attendance is UC's average estimate of costs across the system. Actual costs will vary depending on personal expenses and the campus attended. Financial aid is awarded based on total cost of attendance, not only on tuition and fees/ This helps students by raising the limit for how much financial aid could possibly be awarded.

Note:

- The type of room and board students choose will impact the cost (e.g., single rooms cost more than triples).
- If students are covered by family health insurance, these costs will be lower.

*UC Tuition remains flat for up to six years under the Tuition Stability Plan. It includes systemwide tuition (the cost of classes for California resident students), and student services fees for areas such as student government, student public transportation, and building improvements. These fees are set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the academic year

Sources:

- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/>
- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/>
- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/tuition-stability-plan.html>
- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/estimate-your-aid.html>





UC Berkeley

Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Berkeley By the Numbers

- 33,070 Undergraduate students
- 12,812 Graduate Students
- 300+ degree programs
- Established in 1868, Flagship UC campus
- 15 colleges and schools
- 35 Nobel Prizes held by facility
- 19 to 1 student-to-faculty ratio

UC Berkeley

Berkeley is located in the San Francisco Bay Area

- Just minutes from Oakland & San Francisco and surrounded by hiking trails like the Berkeley Hills, Fire Trail, Grizzly Peak, and more!
- Near great restaurants, music, and culture as well as world class museums
- 40 minutes away from the tech capital of the world, Silicon Valley
- You can take trips to Napa, Tahoe, and other fun adventures.
- AC Transit covers 364 square miles of the Bay Area and has several stops around UC Berkeley. BART offers flexibility and the opportunity to explore Bay Areas cities with ease.

Berkeley Vibes



- Campus is in a vibrant, urban setting in Berkeley, CA (14 miles east of San Francisco)
- Concerts and events on campus year-round
- 27 campus libraries
- Diverse community on campus with a plethora of food options
- Cal Performances brings the best of music, dance, and theater from around the globe
- 34-acre Botanical Garden with over 10,000 plants
- Campus boasts a diverse collection of trees, hiking trails and a creek



Student Engagement



Scan QR for more on student orgs

And here's a snapshot of our students engaging in the activities and connecting with fellow students with shared interests.

QR code to explore student orgs

- 1200+ student organizations
- 80+ student-run publications
- 60+ fraternities and sororities
- Cal Marching Band, jazz, and choral ensembles

Student Leadership



1300+

staff in the ASUC - one of the nation's largest student organizations.



- The Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) - one of the only autonomous student organizations in the country. Student leaders are elected to tackle issues that are important to Berkeley students in collaboration with campus administrators. (examples – 24 hours study spaces, gender equity, mental health services, etc.)
- Public Service – programs available on campus, including Build (where you can mentor youth in reading), Cal in the Capital (where you can intern in Washington DC), or do service learning trips through Alternative Breaks. Publicservice.berkeley.edu
- Berkeley's student engagement and activism dates back to the free speech moment from the 1960s, which sparked our students continued challenging of the status quo. Berkeley students are encouraged to take on issues important to them



- Traditions
 - Victory Cannon
 - Cal Rally Committee
- Sports & Recreation
 - 28 varsity sports
 - 34+ sport clubs
 - Fitness classes & intramural sports

This past olympic games (Paris 2024) Cal's contingent of 59 Olympians amassed 23 medals while competing in nine different sports. That tied the Cal record for most medals accrued during a single Olympics and was the second-most of any school in the country. If Cal was a country, it would have ranked 12th in the overall medal count. Golden Bears also accounted for almost one-quarter of the 98 total medals accumulated by ACC institutions.

Berkeley Recreation and Wellbeing manages 7 basketball courts, 5 tennis courts, 4 pools, and 3 fitness centers for our student body. We have 8,000 students participate in intramural sports every year.

You can make the most of a wide range of available UC Berkeley Recreation & Wellbeing Fitness and Wellness opportunities to enhance your quality of life and mental health. Get guidance on [nutrition and healthy eating](#). Take a [health and safety](#) class, such as CPR. Join in [fitness and wellness workshops](#), [instructional](#), [WorkFit](#), or [group exercise](#) sessions. Kick-start or boost your well-being with [personal training](#).



Berkeley supports discovery through...

- The Discovery Initiative creates hands-on, immersive projects that are accessible to all students through the Discovery Hub.
- Several academic pathways offer discovery, community, and mentorship opportunities around academic areas of interest (i.e. [L&S Pathways](#))
- Research Opportunities are available for undergraduates
 - URAP (Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program) is a program where students work with faculty/staff mentors, and a great opportunity to learn how to conduct research
 - Haas Scholars is a program that funds capstone experiences (<https://research.berkeley.edu/haas-scholars>)
 - There are many scholarships and prizes available to support students engaging in research
 - Examples of the research that students engage in, including those in the humanities and social sciences can be found [here](#)
- There are also discovery experiences that are entirely student-led. Undergraduate students can create courses to teach, while others can receive credit for taking those classes while receiving academic credit towards degree.
 - Topics like: The Power of Networking, to Adulting, to Human-Centered Design, to even fun topics like Harry Potter and Intro to Baking.

Colleges

- Letters & Science | ls.berkeley.edu
- Chemistry | chemistry.berkeley.edu
- Engineering | engineering.berkeley.edu
- Environmental Design | ced.berkeley.edu
- Natural Resources (Rausser) | nature.berkeley.edu
- Business (Haas) | haas.berkeley.edu
- Computing, Data Science, and Society | cdss.berkeley.edu

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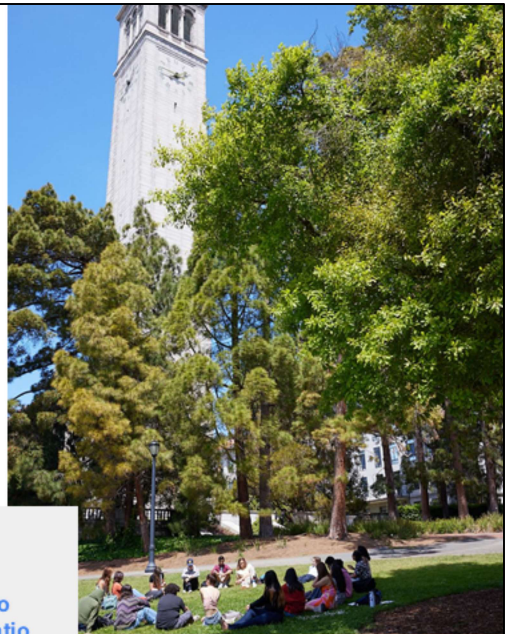
150+

undergraduate
majors &
programs

19:1

student to
faculty ratio

guide.berkeley.edu



At Berkeley, our 150+ undergraduate programs are divided into seven - six colleges and one school (publications display each major)

- L&S: largest college (around 75% of students) with majors in the arts/humanities, social sciences, physical & biological sciences, and interdisciplinary studies (fancy way of saying you can create your own major) Top English program in the country.
- COC: one of the only colleges in the country specifically dedicated to the area of chemistry, and provides the opportunity and means for student to meet major scientific and technological challenges, such as addressing climate change, increasing the world's food supply, synthesizing new materials, and discovering and delivering important drugs
- COE: one of the top engineering schools in the country that offers a dynamic, interdisciplinary, hands-on education
- CED: smaller school but great interdisciplinary approach to majors like architecture,, urban design, and sustainable environmental design
- CNR: Rausser College - focus on environmental sciences with majors in health and science fields. Strong option for students interested in pre-med because of the heavy health/science focus.
- CDSS: Is Berkeley's newest college where students explore solutions to society's greatest challenges through computing and data science. Majors include: computer science, data science, and statistics.
- Haas: Second oldest business school. One major in business administration but can have a concentration in areas such as accounting, marketing, and international business and has several special programs, including Global Management; Management, Entrepreneurship and Technology, and the new Spieker Undergraduate Business program for first-year applicants.

**Each college, except for L&S, admits students directly to the major selected on the application. Students who have selected an L&S high-demand major as the high-demand major will have a guaranteed space in the major (<https://admissions.berkeley.edu/academics/ls-high-demand-policy/>)*

**There are no undeclared options for transfer students.*

For more information on each major, visit our Berkeley Academic Guide.


Bottom Line: Student should select the major they're most interested in as their primary major. Berkeley only guarantees the review of the primary major.

Unique Majors & Programs

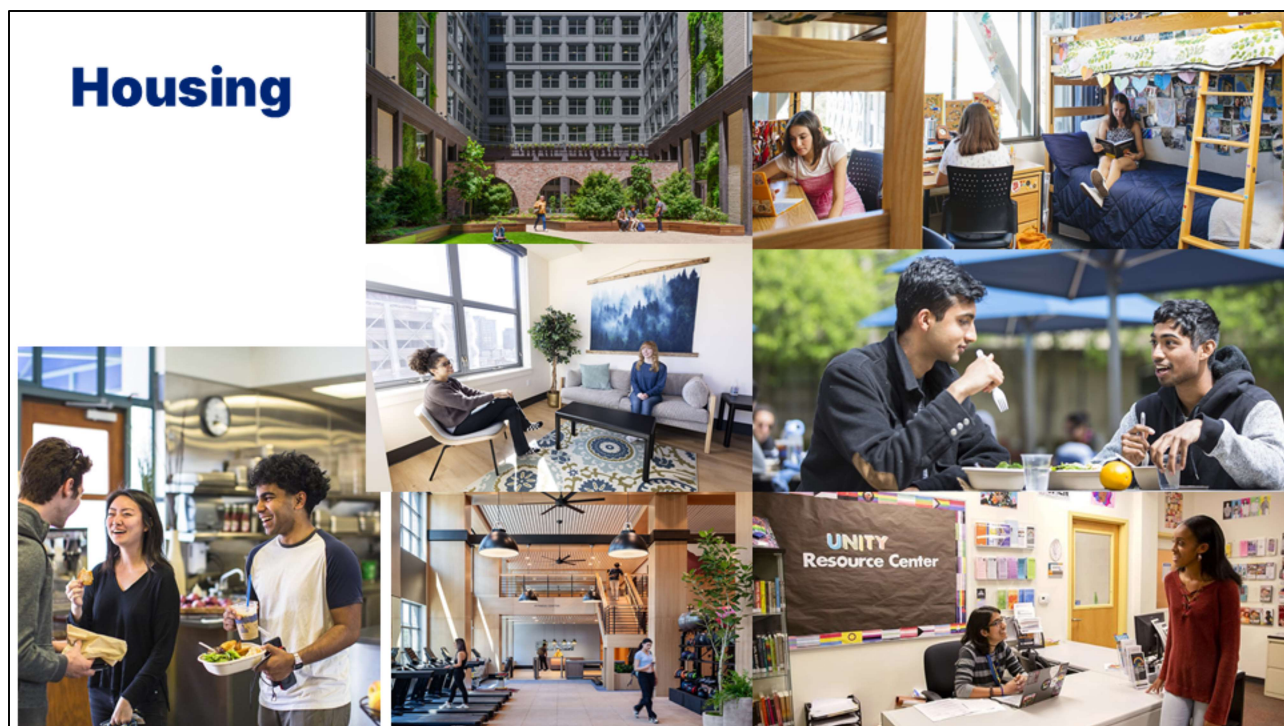
- Peace and Conflict Studies
- Celtic Studies
- Slavic Language
- Robinson Life Science, Business and Entrepreneurship Program
- Management Entrepreneurship & Technology (MET)
 - Focus in Aerospace, Bioengineering, Civil, Electrical, Industrial Engineering etc + Business Administration
- College of Chemistry
- Landscape Architecture
- Sustainable Environmental Design
- Urban Studies
- Global Management Program
 - Business + Project-based travel opportunities
- Ecosystem Management and Forestry
- Nutritional Sciences
- New College of Computing, Data Science and Society
- Interdisciplinary Studies

UC Berkeley



 **>90%** of both first-years and transfer students graduate





Living on campus

- Housing guarantee for first year for FY and TR
- Vibrant community that is conveniently located and provides live-in support with an academic focus.
- All Inclusive amenities with access to full meal plans, printing, tutoring and fitness classes.

Theme Programs bring together students with a shared identity, interest, or academic area into unique living and learning environments. Participate in a weekly for-credit seminar, semester retreats, community service, and leadership activities.

ANCHOR HOUSE

- Brand new transfer housing located right next to campus
- Amenities usable by **all** transfer students
- Offers a commuter lounge, art studio, fitness center, arcade, and various study spaces

Students make connections in a variety of ways:

- Theme programs include African American (AATP), Bloom Asian American (Bloom), Casa Magdalena Mora (Casa), Global Environment Theme House (GETH), Native American (NATP), South Asian, Southwest Asian, and North African Living Community Pilot Program (SSWANA), UNITY Theme Program (UNITY), and Empowering Womxn in STEAM (WiSE).
- Starts in the residence hall (starting with Golden Bear Orientation - GBO)
 - Transfer housing is available, and more is on the way with Anchor House, a dedicated transfer

residence hall coming soon.

- Housing and Res Life offer a variety of activities and provides themed housing programs (residential communities where students can connect with people who have similar backgrounds or interests).
- Berkeley student participate in many of Berkeley's traditions including attending athletic events, hiking to the "Big C", hanging out with Oski the Bear during rallies, among others (<https://www.berkeley.edu/about/traditions>)

A blue flag with the word 'Cal' in yellow cursive script, flying against a blue sky with white clouds. The flag is the central focus of the image.

Ready to get started?
admissions.berkeley.edu/start



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X Instagram TikTok | @CalAdmissions

Medium |

YouTube | @BerkeleyAdmissions

For our campus virtual tour:
youvisit.com/tour/berkeley

UC Berkeley

Berkeley was founded with the idea that students will make their voices heard. With a history of **activism**, **leadership** and **discoveries**, Berkeley is in a class of its own.

Welcome to UC Davis

UCDAVIS

By the numbers

40,850

Enrolled students



25 varsity
intercollegiate
sports teams



5,300
acre campus



108

Majors



100+
Graduate
programs



6 Professional
schools



\$1 billion
for research
funding in 2021-22

20,000
bicycles on
campus daily



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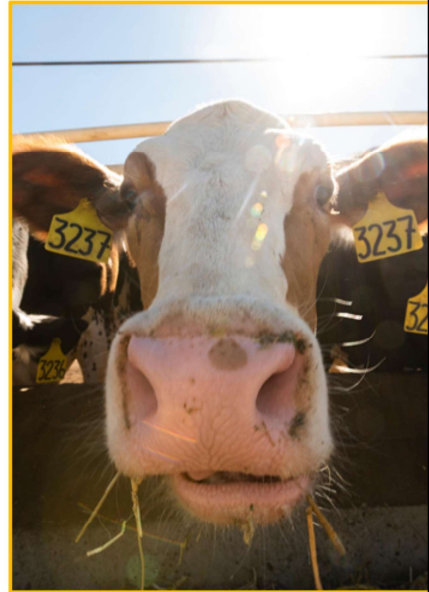
Four academic colleges and one school



- Our university offers more than 100 majors, summer programs, undergraduate research and academic support systems. Together, we'll go beyond what's expected.
- Our four academic colleges invest in educating the next generation of leaders as much as they invest in cutting-edge research.
- The colleges of Letters and Science, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Engineering and the Graduate School of Management collaborate to make real-world impacts that span disciplines.

Unique Majors

Business
Animal Science/Animal Biology
Managerial Economics
Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior
Viticulture and Enology
Biotechnology
Landscape Architecture
Marine and Coastal Science
Evolution, Ecology, Biodiversity
Molecular and Medical Microbiology
Biological Systems Engineering
Pharmaceutical Chemistry





A vibrant campus

- Exceptionally friendly and welcoming
- Dynamic leaders and world-class faculty
- Everyday adventures from class in the Death Star to selfies with cows

UCDAVIS

- You'll be living the Aggie life!
- Davis has everything you would expect from a large university and a lot of experiences that will surprise you. Your new home is going to be fun.
- UC Davis provides a great education to our students, but we also provide an amazing home! Our campus is alive with activity and offers many ways to socialize, exercise, grab a bite or just relax.

California's College Town

- A student-friendly town focused on your success (population is 53% students)
- Walk or bike to cafes, markets, restaurants and more
- Natural retreats like campus Arboretum and Davis greenbelt
- Student-led community traditions like 100+ year old Picnic Day



UC DAVIS

- This place was designed for you.
- Davis is the ultimate college town. It's green, laid back and friendly. You can walk or bike from the main campus to the main street in a few blocks. College students fill up the tables at nearby restaurants and coffee shops with their laptops, homework and friends. The town of Davis helps our students thrive.
- What is so special about Davis? Our community is inclusive and fun. We have a charming farmer's market that tops many national lists. We have 60 miles of greenbelt — a continuous stretch of protected bike trails through shaded parks. And we have funky art galleries, shops, live music and bookstores.

Your home away from home

- Guaranteed first-year and transfer housing
- Gender-inclusive accommodations
- Farm-to-fork meals prepared by renowned chefs and student assistants

UC DAVIS

- Live well at our residence halls which offer academic advising, event spaces, and markets with international snacks and local treats.
- [UC Davis Dining Services](#) provides some of the finest collegiate dining offerings in the country, with delicious, nutritious meals made from sustainable sources. While Dining Services makes sure campus restaurants, residential dining halls, coffee shops, markets, and food truck rodeos are available at UC Davis to everyone, it is not alone in that pursuit.





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IRVINE



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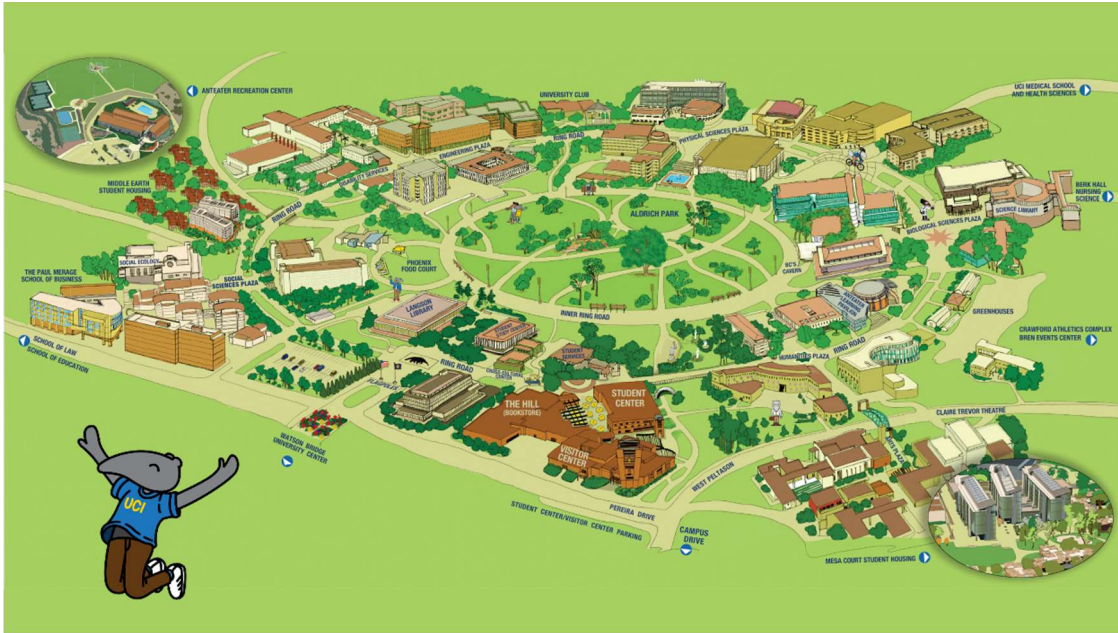
BEAUTIFUL ORANGE COUNTY

- **281** sunny days per year
- **15 years** ranked the “Safest City” of its size
- **63 miles** of hiking and biking trails
- **5 miles** from the beach
- **15 miles** from Disneyland



admissions.uci.edu/location


- One of the most popular questions from prospective students is, “Where is Irvine?” Talk about location between LA and San Diego, close to the beach, ideal weather
 - UCI is located in the heart of Orange County, which makes it an ideal location for enjoying the beach, shopping, making connections in a valuable internship and visiting Disneyland!
 - Not only is the weather on campus 75 degrees and sunny most of the year, but for 15 years, Irvine has been ranked by the FBI as one of the safest large cities in the United States (large cities are ones over 100,000 people; Irvine has around 280,000 people).
 - Campus is located about a 10 minute drive from Newport Beach, and many of our student organizations host bonfires or other activities at the beach



- One aspect of UCI that makes it unique in the UC system is the physical layout of campus, in concentric circles. Irvine and UCI were both strategically designed, when we were built 50 years ago, to make it easy to get around campus and also to collaborate between different schools and departments. This is one of the differences that truly makes a difference for our faculty and students – you will find many professors on our campus who may specialize in one area but are doing collaborative research or teaching in a different area.
- In the center of campus is Aldrich Park, then moving out to Ring Road, you will find all of your classroom buildings situated around this perfect one-mile circle. Freshman housing at Mesa Court and Middle Earth are also located near the heart of campus.
- While the campus may seem large, it only takes about 10 minutes to walk across the park and about 20 minutes to walk around the circle, and you will find smiling faces as you walk around!

UC Irvine

Our uniqueness



TOP 10 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY
— *U.S. News & World Report*


#3 FOR DIVERSITY
— *The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education*

150+ MAJORS & MINORS


600+ STUDENT ORGS & CLUBS

18:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO


San Francisco
Los Angeles
UCI
San Diego




IN THE TOP 5 MOST APPLIED TO UNIVERSITIES



29,503 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



200,000+ ANTEATER ALUMNI NETWORK



ONE-THIRD OF ALL FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES LOCATED IN IRVINE

TOP 10 APPLIED-TO MAJORS

| 55% of first-year applicants applied to 10 majors: | 57% of transfer applicants applied to 10 majors: |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Biological Sciences ● Business Administration ● Computer Science ● Nursing Science ● Psychology, B.S. ● Undergraduate/Undeclared ● Mechanical Engineering ● Criminology, Law & Society ● Political Science ● Computer Science and Engineering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business administration ● Biological Sciences ● Computer Sciences ● Psychological Sciences, B.A* ● Business economics ● Economics ● Sociology ● Political science ● Mechanical engineering ● Film & Media Studies |





UCI **ACADEMIC LIFE**

UCI

An aerial photograph of a UCI student housing complex, showing several multi-story apartment buildings with brown roofs and light-colored walls. A central courtyard area features a large 'AXΩ' logo on a building facade. A blue button with the text 'Start Here' and a white downward-pointing arrow is positioned over the courtyard. Below the photograph is a navigation bar with four blue buttons: 'First-Year Student', 'Continuing Student', 'Transfer Student', and 'Grad Student'. Underneath these buttons are two smaller links: 'For Parents/Families' and 'Additional Housing Options'. At the bottom of the image is a yellow-to-orange gradient banner with the text 'UCI housing.uci.edu'.

[Start Here](#)

[First-Year Student](#) [Continuing Student](#) [Transfer Student](#) [Grad Student](#)

[For Parents/Families](#) [Additional Housing Options](#)

UCI **housing.uci.edu**

Housing options include on- campus apartments, theme houses and family housing.

SPORTS & RECREATION

- **Athletics:**

- NCAA Division I
- 18 sports, 9 men's and 9 women's
- 28 national titles
- 64 individual titles

- **Campus Recreation:**

- 110,000-square-foot Anteater Recreation Center (ARC)
- 39 Club Sports
- Outdoor trips

- **Top Esports Program:**

- 4 collegiate teams
- UCI Esports Arena open to all Anteaters



- 18 NCAA Division 1 sports- 9 men 9 women
- **39+ club and intramural sports**
- **28 National Titles, 64 Anteaters** have won individual national titles; **56** have competed in the **Olympics**
- Esports Arena:
 - UCI is the first public university to create an official esports program and is regarded as one of the best and most comprehensive in the world.
 - Pillars: Competition, Academics & Research, Community, Entertainment, and Careers
 - Teams: Overwatch, Super Smash Bros & League of Legends
 - Scholarships of up to \$6,000 offered for varsity teams and up to \$3,000 for junior varsity teams
- Anteater Recreation Center (ARC):
 - Recreation Activity classes include Martial Arts, Dance, Cooking, Safety, Sports, Group Fitness, Aquatics, Rock Wall, and Private Lessons
 - Fitness & Wellness includes Group Fitness, Personal Training, HIIT Fit, Yoga, Massage, Weightlifting
 - Outdoor & Boating includes Kayaking, Stand Up Paddle, Rockwall, Outdoor Trips

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander (AANAPISI) Serving Institution
- Black Thriving Initiative
- First Gen Forward Institution
- Gender Inclusive Campus
- Hispanic Serving Institution

Student Resources:

- Transfer Student Center
- Center for Black Cultures, Resources & Research
- Cross Cultural Center
- Disability Services Center
- DREAM Center
- Gateway Initiative
- International Center
- Latinx Resource Center
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- Veteran Services

UCI

Be yourself!

Campus designations & initiatives:

- UCI is federally designated as an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving and a Hispanic Serving Institution
- In 2020, UCI became a First-Gen Forward Institution as part of the Center for First-generation Student Success. 48% of current UCI undergraduates self-identify as first-generation
- UCI Black Thriving Initiative recognizes and responds to anti-Blackness as an existential threat to our mission as public research university. The initiative is a whole-university approach to creating a culture where Black people thrive through a combination of research and teaching initiatives, special programming, institutional accountability, and outreach and engagement with local organizations and industry leaders.
- gender inclusive campus: UCI seeks to build and sustain a more inclusive campus to support UCI's transgender, nonbinary and intersex communities.

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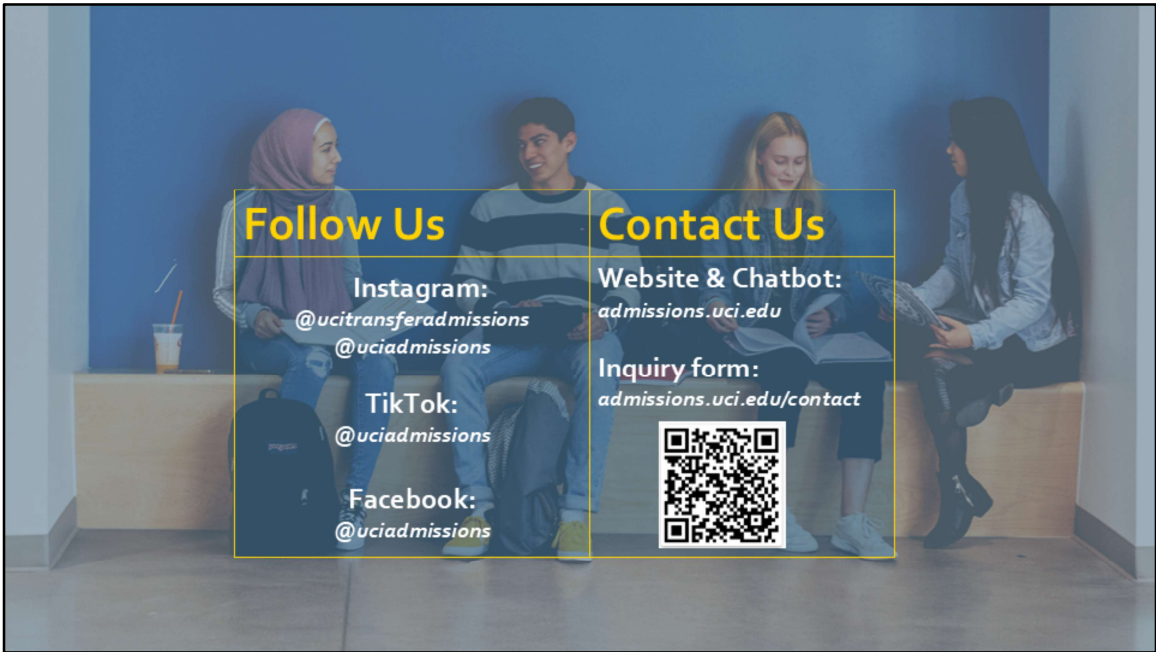
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- Viewbook
- Black & African American Resource Guide
- Latinx Resource Guide
- Native American Resource Guide
- AAPI Resource Guide
- Quick Facts Flyers

By scanning the QR code or
visiting admissions.uci.edu/publications



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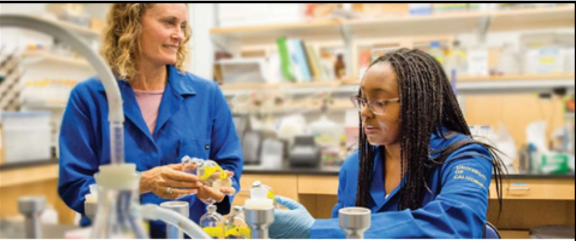
**WELCOME
TO YOUR FUTURE**

No. **1**
PUBLIC UNIVERSITY
U.S. News & World Report

140+ MAJORS **100+** MINORS **19:1** STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

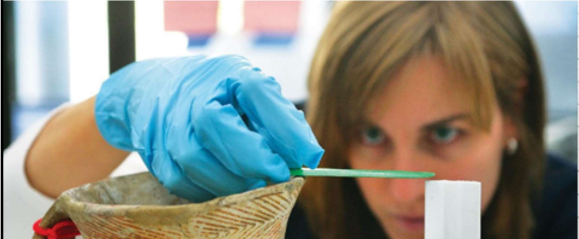
29% FIRST GEN STUDENTS **72%** GRADUATE WITH NO LOAN DEBT **93%** GRADUATION RATE

\$1 BILLION
ANNUAL RESEARCH FUNDING



UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- Majority of our students graduate with research experience
- Over \$1 billion in research funding in 2023–24



DIVERSITY: A CORE VALUE

- Home to a vibrant and diverse community of people from every walk of life
- Campus is alive with groups and activities that represent a broad array of backgrounds and cultures





MORE THAN 1,000 CLUBS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS





BRUIN ATHLETICS – FIRST TO 123 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS









9,110

CAMPUS ENROLLMENT

65%

OF UNDERGRADUATES ARE
FIRST-GENERATION



240+

clubs and
organizations



STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



OF UNDERGRAD CLASSES HAVE
FEWER THAN 30 STUDENTS



21

fraternities
and sororities



#26 AMONG U.S. PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
U.S. News & World Report, 2024



#5 AMONG ALL U.S. PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS
Wall Street Journal, 2024



#1 IN THE NATION FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY
Wall Street Journal 2024



#58 AMONG ALL U.S. UNIVERSITIES
U.S. News & World Report, 2024



first. further. forward.



New Majors for Fall 2025

- Aerospace Engineering, B.S.
- Communication and Media, B.A.
- Science, Technology and Ethics, B.S.
- Cognitive Science, B.A./B.S.
- Management and Business Economics, B.S.
- Earth Systems Science, B.S.
- Public Health, B.A./B.S.



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Undergraduate Admissions

A Top-Ranking University

Top 2

Public University
in the Nation for
Social Mobility
(U.S. News & World Report)

Top 1.3%

of Universities
Worldwide
(Center for World University
Rankings)

Best Value

Among the Top 50
Best Value
Public Colleges
(The Princeton Review)

Top 2

One of the UC's Most
Diverse Group of
Admitted Students
(Fall Cohort, 2024)

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UCR: Thrive in SoCal



UC Riverside Today



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Still Making History

1907

UC Berkeley Citrus Experiment Station Established

1998

UCR Athletics Accepted into Big West Conference Division 1

2013

UCR School of Medicine Welcomes Inaugural Class

1954

UCR Becomes an Official Campus of the UC System

2012

School of Public Policy Announced as New Academic Unit

2025

What Amazing Things Will You Do?



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UC RIVERSIDE
Undergraduate Admissions

Outstanding Academics



Explore UCR's 150+
Majors and Minors

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Work Hard. Play Harder.

- State-Of-The-Art Weight and Cardio Equipment
- 32' Rock Wall and 12.5' Bouldering Area
- Recreational/Lap Swimming Pool, and Spa
- Multi-Activity Court (MAC) Gym
- Outdoor Excursions
- Tennis, Racquetball and Squash Courts
- Indoor Track and Training Rooms
- Cooking & Nutrition Classes
- Sports Fields and Challenge Courses

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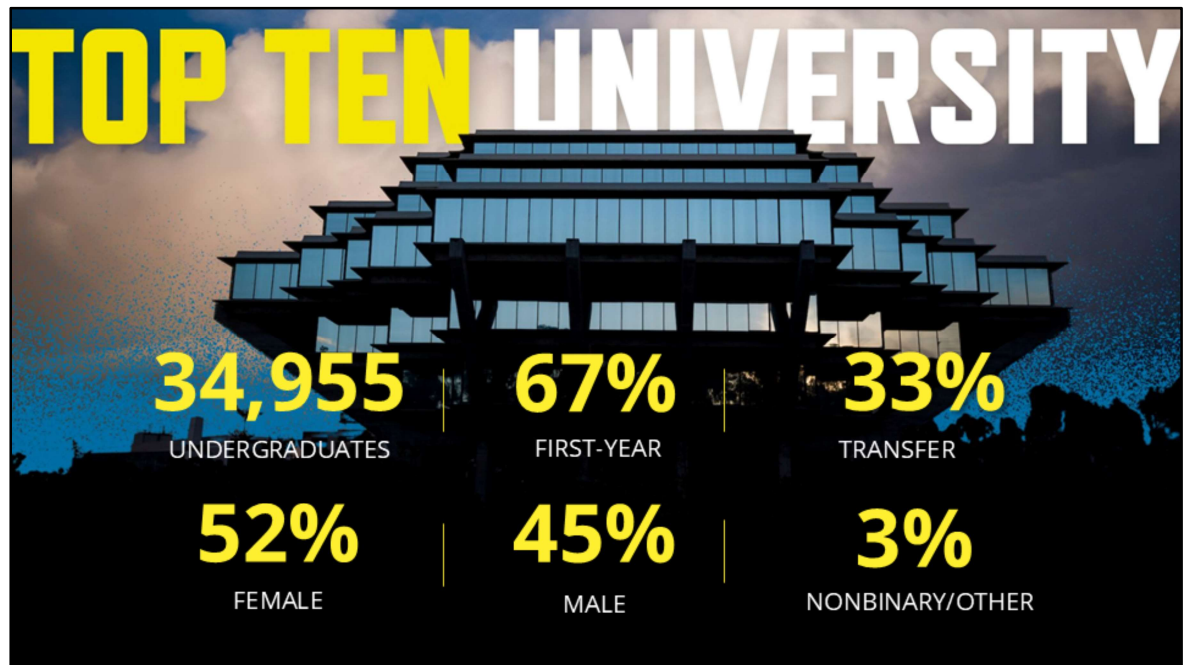
Thank you



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160+ MAJORS
HUNDREDS OF MINORS

8 ACADEMIC SCHOOLS

- School of Arts & Humanities
- School of Biological Sciences
- Halicioglu Data Science Institute
- Jacobs School of Engineering
- Herbert Wertheim School of Public Health & Human Longevity Science
- School of Physical Sciences
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography
- School of Social Sciences

SELECTIVE MAJORS

- Biological Sciences
- Data Science
- Engineering
- Public Health

admissions.ucsd.edu/majors

Majors & Disciplines

- UC San Diego offers 160 plus majors across 8 academic schools.
- The list of majors can be found on the requirements and majors insert inside the Triton Admissions Guide: https://issuu.com/ucsandiego/docs/triton_brochure?fr=sNDVhODUyNTUzNjY
- We offer wonderful opportunities in all areas including the Arts and Humanities
 - Top 10 College Drama Programs in the World, according to The Hollywood Reporter.
 - Home to the La Jolla Playhouse, a Tony Award-winning professional non-profit theatre.
 - Applicants to majors in the Arts at UC San Diego are invited to submit an optional portfolio.

Selective Majors

- UC San Diego's selective majors are listed here.
 - Admission to some of these more popular majors at UC San Diego can be limited
- Admission may be selective based on capacity.
- Students interested in any these programs should select their intended major as their first choice on the UC Application as admission is the best time to enter these majors
- For students who apply to a selective major, it is strongly recommended to also select an alternate major that is not selective.
 - For first-year applicants: If we are unable to admit the student to their first choice major but they meet admission selection requirements they **may** be admitted to the alternate major or undecided if an alternate major was not selected.
 - For Transfer applicants: If we are unable to admit the student to their first choice major but they meet selection requirements they may be admitted to their alternate major. UC San Diego does not admit transfer applicants as undecided so please make sure to select an alternate major that is not selective.

COLLEGE SYSTEM

EIGHT COLLEGES. ONE GREAT UNIVERSITY.

THE COLLEGES

- Revelle
- Muir
- Marshall
- Warren
- Roosevelt
- Sixth
- Seventh
- Eighth

- Any college, any major
- Academic advising
- General education
- Student support
- Honors program
- Residential housing
- Student life activities

Logos for Revelle, Muir, Marshall, Warren, Roosevelt, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth colleges are shown at the bottom.

- A unique feature at UC San Diego is our college system
<https://admissions.ucsd.edu/why/colleges>
- The colleges help students thrive as they create an opportunity to make the university experience more personal and approachable
- The college system allows students to experience the best of both worlds
 - The advantages that come with being at a top ranked research institution that has both
 - State of the art facilities; and
 - World renown faculty members
 - While being part of a smaller community through their college affiliation
 - New First-Year students are housed by college
 - Academic advising, dean’s office services are provided at the college level
- Students can study any UC San Diego major at any college. The major is exactly the same regardless of their college. Classes are taught throughout the campus and include students from all of the colleges
- Each college has
 - Student government
 - Organizations
 - Traditions
 - Special events
 - these are also options on a campus-wide level
- The difference among the colleges:
 - Each has their own philosophy and from that have developed general education requirements
- Students rank the colleges on the UC application for admission; if offered admission to UC San Diego, a college is assigned based on how they were ranked on the application.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

DOZENS OF RESTAURANTS
Plus Markets and food trucks, vegan, kosher and halal options.

RESIDENCE HALLS
First-years typically live in their college neighborhood.
Transfer options include transfer-centered living-learning communities.

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITIES
Providing suite-style and apartment-style living.
• African Black Diaspora • Gender Inclusive
• Raza • And more!
• LGBTQIA+

LEARN MORE [HDH.UCSD.EDU](https://hdh.ucsd.edu)

LEARN MORE admissions.ucsd.edu/housing-LLC

- We offer on campus housing for first year and transfer students. Students who apply by the deadline will have a 2-year housing guarantee. For detailed information regarding housing and availability, please visit <https://hdh.ucsd.edu/housing/incoming/pages/ImportantDeadlines.html>
- Campus Housing, Dining, and Hospitality offers dozens of restaurants, markets, and food trucks with vegan, kosher, and halal offerings.
- The campus features vibrant mix-used communities providing housing and dining options, as well as service and convenience retail space that enhance the student experience. One of our newest examples of that is the North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood, the home to Sixth College.
- First-Year Housing:
 - New first-years are housed by college
 - Housing is suite-style and apartment-style living
- Transfer Housing:
 - There are living-learning communities designed to foster the Transfer experience across campus, including The Village at Torrey Pines and the Transfer Living learning community in Warren College.
- *Nothing beats On Campus Living — you're next door to everything & everyone!*



- UC San Diego is well-connected to activities in the surrounding areas
- Students can take the trolley to most of the locations you see here, including Balboa Park and Downtown San Diego.
- Thanks to our location right near the coast in La Jolla, activities like seal watching, Torrey Pines State Park, surfing, hiking, and more are just a walk away.

STUDENT LIFE

GET INVOLVED

- 650+ student organizations
- 23 Division I teams - Big West Conference
- Student government
- 40+ Sororities and Fraternities
- Student newspaper, TV, and radio stations

CAMPUS EVENTS

- Meet The Beach
- National Transfer Student Week
- Spirit Night
- Sun God Music Festival
- UnOlympics
- Powwow

- There are 650+ student organizations on campus.
- Organizations vary by interest including, academic related, extracurricular, sororities and fraternities, as well as intramural sports teams!
- 23 Division I teams compete as part of the Bid West Conference
- Some of the events include Meet the Beach, Sun God Festival, restaurant crawls, dinner and a movie, laser tag, trivia, and more.
- There are also student organizations in every college.
- The Student Veterans Organization, which is the largest group on campus for military-connected students and their allies.
- Being engaged in student life activities supports students with timely degree completion, learning experiences, professional development, and community engagement.
- There are some specific organizations and resources related to the Transfer student experiences such as ACTA (All-Campus transfer association), Triton Transfer Hub and the University also offers commuter lounges throughout campus for those who live off site.

UC SANTA BARBARA



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Office of Admissions

UCSB

WE ARE UCSB

Unique
Location

Collaborative
Community

Renowned
Research

#8 Public
University
-Forbes, 2024

Mid-
Sized
University

23,000
Undergraduates

3,000
Graduates

17:1
Student-
to- faculty
ratio

7
Nobel
Prizes
Awarded

\$200K
in research grants are awarded
to undergraduates annually

UCSB



ACADEMICS

Pre-professional opportunities in health, law, business, and education

100 Academic Majors

50 Academic Minors

13 Combined Degrees

UCSB

THREE COLLEGES

#8 Interdisciplinary Science
-Times Higher Education, 2025

Letters & Science

- 90+ Majors
- Major is not a factor (excl. dance and music)
- Undeclared an option

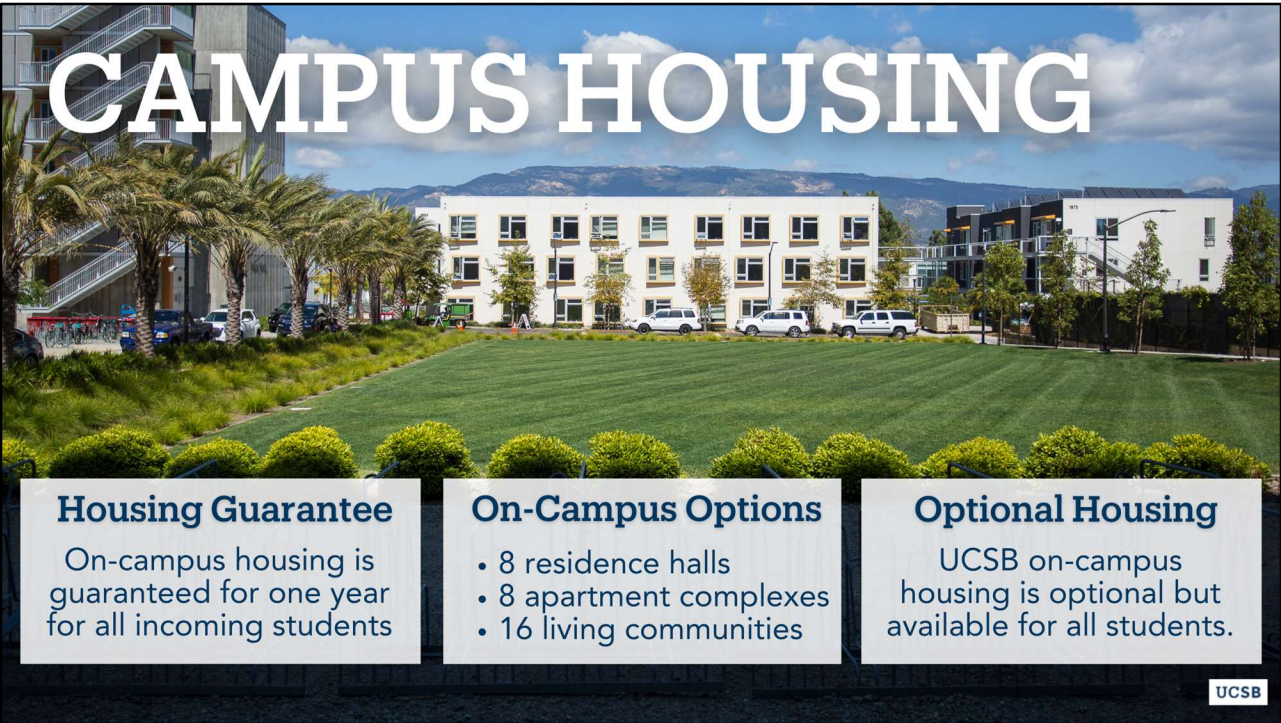
Engineering

- 5 undergraduate majors
- ~1,900 students
- 5 year B.S./M.S.
- Math pre-screened

Creative Studies

- 9 majors
- 400 students
- Student-driven research
- Supplemental materials

UCSB



CAMPUS HOUSING

Housing Guarantee

On-campus housing is guaranteed for one year for all incoming students

On-Campus Options

- 8 residence halls
- 8 apartment complexes
- 16 living communities

Optional Housing

UCSB on-campus housing is optional but available for all students.

UCSB



INVOLVEMENT

Active Lifestyles

- 20 Division I sports
- Intramural and sport clubs
- Adventure programs

Community

- 500+ clubs & orgs
- 10 culture & identity centers

Experiences

- 160+ study abroad options
- 50 Greek organizations
- Internships & research

UCSB

STAY CONNECTED!

Email or Call

admissions@ucsb.edu or (805) 893-2881

Meet Your Counselor

admissions.ucsb.edu/meet-your-counselor

Campus Overview Videos & Tutorials

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UC SANTA CRUZ

Your Journey Awaits!





Top 50 Public University

#15 Public University for Making an Impact
#12 school for high-paying tech salaries
Ranked 11th in Space Sciences globally
5th Best Game/Simulation Development in the U.S.

Fast Facts

75% of undergraduates participates in research before graduation.
22:1 Student to Faculty ratio

Closest UC to Silicon Valley

90 minutes from San Francisco
300 days of sunshine
75% of undergraduates conduct research

Undergraduate Dean's Award for International Students

Up to \$54,000 over 4 years

17,940 undergraduate students



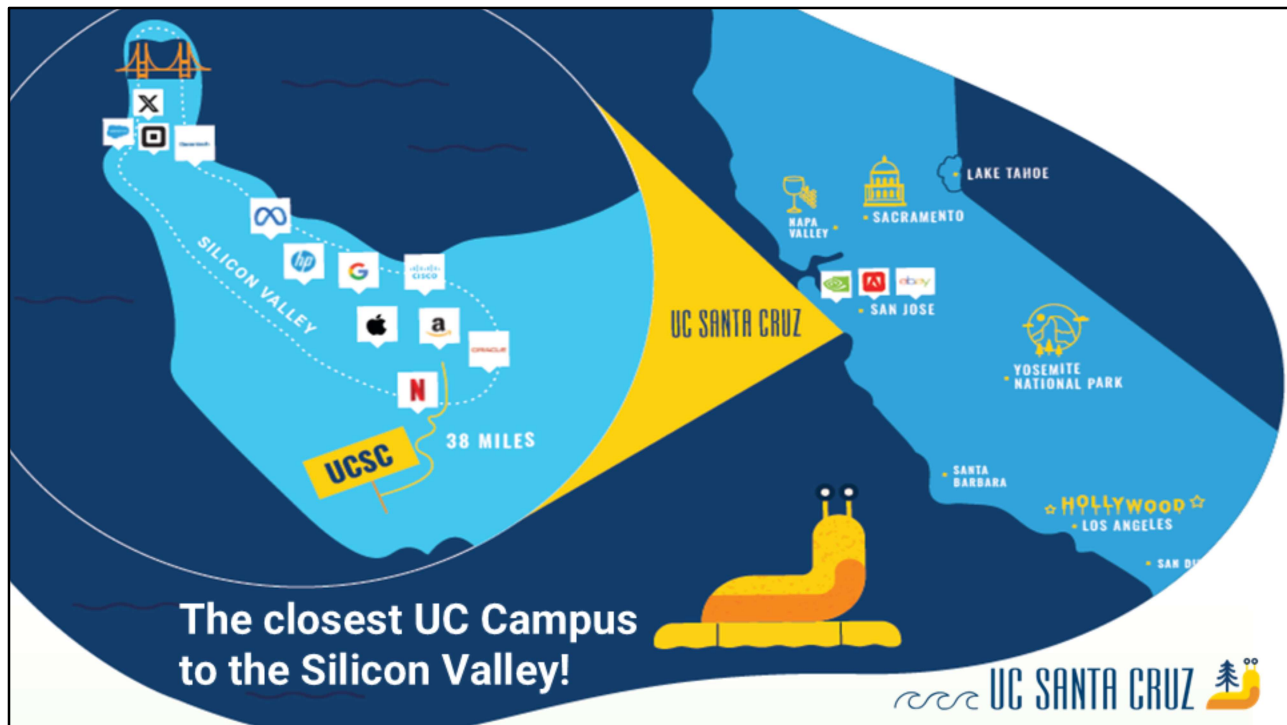
Explore research opportunities:
ugr.ue.ucsc.edu



New rankings from the Wall Street Journal and the Burning Glass Institute place UC Santa Cruz as the number 12 school for high-paying tech salaries. UC Santa Cruz alumni in tech jobs earn an average yearly salary of \$136,978, according to the report.

Ranked 11th in Space Sciences globally (US News)

5th Best Game/Simulation Development in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report, 2024)



Santa Cruz is a beautiful place to live and study.

- 1.5 hrs from San Francisco & 6 hrs from Los Angeles
- 20,000 students from across 50 states and more than 50 countries
- 300 days of sunshine, campus is located on 2,000 acres of redwood forest, meadows, and has panoramic views of Monterey Bay.

Our beautiful environment isn't our only advantage, we are also the **closest UC campus to Silicon Valley. Many students from all academic fields and backgrounds get internships there during their studies as well as jobs after graduation.**

Do you see the yellow squiggle in the lower right corner of the slide? That is a Banana Slug. It was voted by students to be our campus mascot. It is a yellow snail that lives in the Redwood Forest and does not have any natural predators. It helps keep the forest healthy and is an important member of our campus community.

Academics

Most Unique Majors:

- Agroecology
- Biotechnology
- Education, Democracy & Justice
- Global & Community Health
- Mathematics Theory & Computation
- Astrophysics
- Robotics Engineering
- Art & Design: Games + Playable Media

Most Popular Majors:

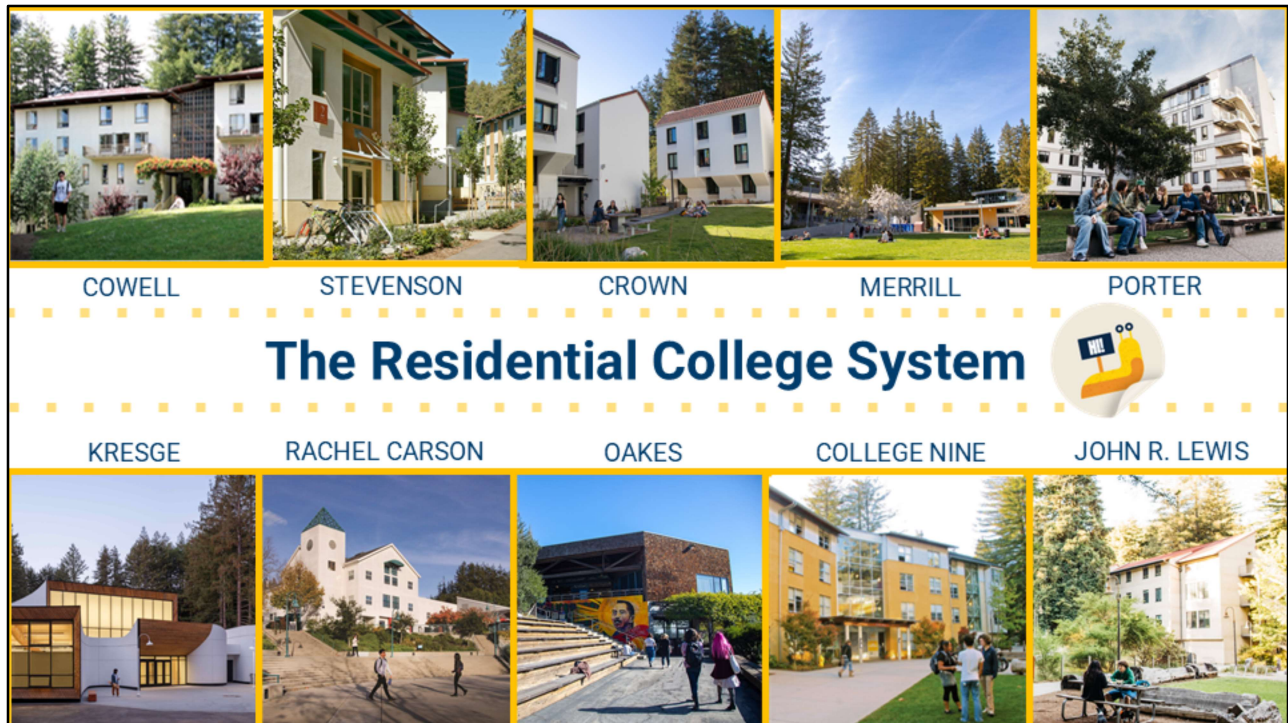
- Computer Science
- Psychology
- Business Management Economics
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science: Game Design
- Film & Digital Media
- Sociology
- Cognitive Science
- MCD Biology



We encourage academic and self-exploration through our 72 majors and 41 minors. Some of our most popular majors are **Computer Science, Psychology, Business Management Economics and Human Biology (our pre-med program), which has been re-imagined as Global & Community Health**

Computer Science is a selective major, you do have to list it on your application in order to be admitted directly to it.

You can be undeclared in for all other majors, and will declare your major in your second year typically.



The 10 Residential Colleges are where you:

Live

- Dorms and apartments
- Socialize during with shared activities and programming right outside your door
- Eat and commune at a dining hall or café right in your neighborhood

Learn

- First year core course
- Classrooms

Receive Support

- Advisors to help select your classes and stay on-track to graduate on-time
- Staff

UCSC is a place where you can find community, right where you live and learn. Rather than a traditional university experience, where residential spaces are **separate** from academic spaces at UC Santa Cruz these are **shared** spaces. Residential buildings **sit next to** academic classrooms and academic advisors work within the **10** residential colleges. The best way to learn more about each college is to visit **housing.ucsc.edu** and view videos of the colleges made by current students on our Undergraduate Admissions YouTube channel.

The most important point to know about the colleges is they are not based on major. Whether you are a first year or transfer student, live on-campus or off-campus, you are affiliated with a college.

Let me share an example: College Nine is focused on “international and global perspectives” and open in 2000. It has college nights monthly which focus around exploring international cultures and cultural issues. It is also where the International Living Center is located. Or you may want to look at Stevenson College. Stevenson is focused on ‘self and society’ and emphasis self-understanding and your role in the larger community. It is unique because it offers a 2 quarter Core Course focused on the themes of ‘self and society’. All the residential colleges have a required core course first year students take, and which is

centered on the theme of the college.



SOMeCA is home to about 200 registered student organizations!

- **Academic** - Develop ties with your academic goals and career interests
- **Cultural & Identity** - Find a sense of community through shared cultural upbringing and beliefs
- **Environmental & Sustainability** - Create and motivate environmental awareness
- **General Interest** - Engage with various students through a common interest
- **Greek Letter** - Discover sororities and fraternities for a broad range of opportunities.
Around 9% of students are a part of Greek Life.
- **Media - Broadcast** - Learn production level skills
- **Media - Print** - Create printed publications to distribute campus-wide
- **Performing & Visual Arts** - Convey artistic expression through voice and body
- **Political & Advocacy** - Education, advocate, and discuss political consciousness
- **Professional** - Guide, support, and grow in your career goals
- **Religious & Spiritual** - Strengthen or learn faith and beliefs in a shared community
- **Service** - Volunteer within the community at home or abroad to give service



This is a view from the Cowell courtyard with the dining hall on the left. With redwood forests and ocean-views, UCSC is truly a unique and special place.



Student panel

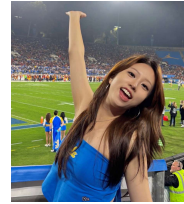
Meet the panel



Cameron, she/her
UC Davis, Senior
Animal Science major



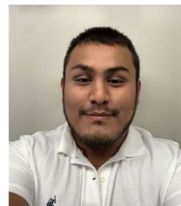
Dere, she/her
UC Santa Barbara, Senior
Psychological & Brain Sciences major



Hyein
UCLA, Junior
(transfer)
Education and Social Transformation major



Mya Starr, they/them
UC Merced, Junior
Writing Studies major



Rafael, he/him
UC Riverside, Senior
(transfer)
Chicano Studies, Liberal Studies and Spanish major

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UC admission and resources

Minimum admission requirements

FIRST-YEAR/FRESHMAN

Subject requirements (A-G)

- History/social science (2 years)
- English (4 years)
- Math (3 years)
- Science (2 years)
- Language other than English (2 years)
- Visual & performing arts (1 year)
- College-prep elective (1 year)

UC GPA requirement

- 3.0 for California residents
- 3.4 for nonresidents

TRANSFER

7-course pattern (UC-transferable courses)

- English (2)
- Math (1)
- Four courses from 2 of the following areas:
 - Arts & humanities
 - Social & behavioral sciences
 - Life & physical sciences

GPA requirement

- 2.4 for California residents
- 2.8 for nonresidents

60 semester/90 quarter unit requirement

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If you're interested in applying to UC, it's important to be aware of our minimum admission requirements regardless if you intend to start as a first-year student – meaning you plan to enroll at UC after high school – or as a transfer student – meaning you plan to enroll at UC after taking some college coursework first.

Learn more about first-year/freshman admission requirements at:
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/freshman-requirements/>

Learn more about transfer admission requirements at:
<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/>

Additional resources:

- <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu>
- UC A-G Course Lists: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist> (Note: UC does **not** review/approve courses from **outside of California**; nonresidents can however select any CA list to gain a sense of the types of courses acceptable to UC.)

Selection

All campuses receive more applications than they can accept. **Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission!**

UC utilizes a **comprehensive review** process, which means everything in the application is taken into consideration. There is no magic formula for admission.

Context is an important consideration within this review process. What opportunities were available to you, and how did you take advantage of them?

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While each campus has different enrollment goals and application numbers, all campuses receive more applications from qualified students than they can admit. Therefore, in the selection process, meeting the minimum requirements alone does not guarantee admission.

UC uses a comprehensive review process, which means we look at everything you've accomplished in the context of the opportunities available to you. This means there is no magic formula for admission or cookie-cutter student we're looking for because that school, family and community context looks different for every student. But it does mean that we're looking beyond your coursework and grades. Comprehensive review includes 13 factors that our faculty have identified and they include both academic and non-academic factors. You can learn more about these factors on our admissions website. No one factor will determine your admission decision.

Learn more about how applications are reviewed:

- First-year/freshman: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/how-applications-are-reviewed.html>
- Transfer: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-transfer/how-applications-are-reviewed.html>

Tips for high school students

A-G REQUIREMENTS

Aim to exceed the minimum requirements wherever possible.

Electives can highlight academic interests and strengths.

Take advantage of any AP/IB/Honors courses that your school offers. Challenge yourself where possible.

College courses can be a viable option if your AP/IB/Honors options are limited.

GPA

Academic excellence matters. Strong students will have more campus options and it may even mean more scholarship opportunities!

Remember, the UC GPA is calculated using your A-G coursework completed in 10th and 11th grades.

AP, IB, UC-approved honors and college-level courses calculated in the UC GPA receive extra weight.

EXTRACURRICULARS

UC emphasizes quality over quantity.

When reviewing activities and involvements, we look for:

- Commitment over time
- Leadership (skills, not just a title)
- Progression (where applicable)

UC does not value certain activities over others.

Nontraditional activities and commitments are also considered! Context is key.

Tips for transfer students

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Complete the UC-E and UC-M requirements as soon as possible.

In addition to the minimum requirements, prioritize any required or recommended major preparation.

IGETC is not a requirement for admission. Campuses will look for major preparation before general education.

Explore the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program to see if your intended campus and major are available!

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PLANNING TOOLS

Create a UC TAP account to keep track of your UC-transferable coursework, GPA and academic progress.

If attending a California community college, use Assist.org to review any major preparation requirements and plan your coursework.

Stay in contact with admission representatives along the way! We are here to help you.

EXTRACURRICULARS

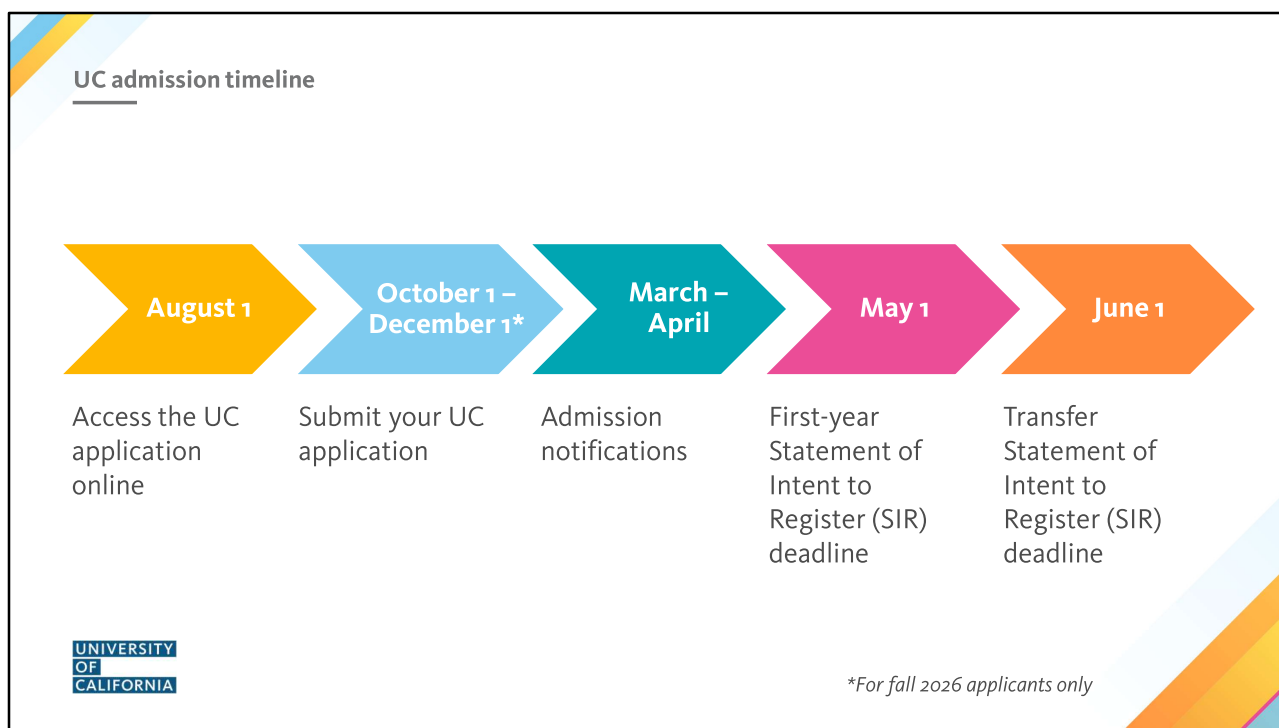
Look for opportunities for engagement outside of the classroom, including:

- Volunteer/community service
- Work opportunities
- Research
- Educational prep programs (e.g., EOPS, Puente or Umoja)

Consider how you are preparing for your major beyond coursework.

Resources

- UC TAP: <https://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students/>
- UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html>



Applying to UC is a yearlong process.

The UC Application opens August 1 every year, but submission is not available until October 1. It is *not* on a first-come, first-serve basis, so take your time with your UC Application. For fall 2026 applicants only, the filing deadline has been extended until December 1 (typically November 30). All applications must be submitted by midnight on **Monday, December 1**.

Campuses then review every application and release decisions in the spring, with first-year decisions being released primarily in March and transfer decisions released in April.

From there, admitted applicants will need to decide which campus is the right fit for them and submit a Statement of Intent to register by the deadline.

Some campuses may offer Winter/Spring admission, particularly for transfers. The timeline differs, with the Winter application filed in July, admission decisions beginning in September, and the SIR deadline of October 15.

Final tips to prepare for UC

FIND YOUR FIT

Follow the UC campuses on social media.

Attend campus events and programs to better understand which campuses align with your academic, personal and extracurricular interests.

When deciding which campuses are best for you, consider:

- Campus size
- Major choice
- Location/environment



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PREPARE

It's never too early to start exploring UC.

Whether you intend to apply as a first-year or transfer applicant, be sure you understand the admission requirements so that you can ensure you will meet them.

Keep track of your accomplishments! The more organized you stay now, the easier the application process will be.



ASK FOR HELP

Connect with admission reps. All of the UC campuses are here to help support you and answer your questions!

Be sure you're checking in with your school counselors regularly. This will help ensure you are staying on track.



UC and campus resources



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View the PDF at

https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/_files/documents/uc-for-everyone-resources-2025.pdf.

Thank you for joining UC for Everyone!

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