Counselors Guide to Undergraduate Requirements for Fall 2018 Admission
UCI at a glance

Enrollment:
Total (fall 2016): 33,467
Undergraduates: 27,331
Graduate/Professional: 6,136
Students per faculty: 19 to 1

Achievements:
• Three researchers have won Nobel Prizes
• eSports Arena is first of its kind at a public university
• Athletics teams have earned 28 national titles in nine sports; 64 Anteaters have won individual national titles; 56 have competed in the Olympics
• Three Guinness world records: largest dodgeball game (2010); largest water blaster fight (2013); largest game of capture the flag (2015)

Diversity:
UCI has been named a Hispanic-serving institution for 2017-18, meaning that fully one-quarter of our undergraduate student body identifies as Latino and that half of all students receive financial aid.

This title validates our commitment to diversity and aligns with our aspiration to be a national leader and global model of inclusive excellence.

Highlights:
#9 among public universities nationwide
U.S. News & World Report

#1 doing the most for the American dream
The New York Times

#1 campus for beach lovers
Money magazine

#3 “Coolest School” for environmental sustainability
Sierra magazine

#8 Best Value College
Forbes

Facts:
• More than 80 undergraduate degree programs; over 60 master’s programs; M.D., Ed.D. and J.D. programs; and a variety of Ph.D. programs
• Over 12,000 students live on campus each year
• One of only 62 universities in the U.S. and Canada elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities
• 173,000+ graduates; among them are three Pulitzer Prize winners and the architect of the “HTTP/1.1” Internet protocol used worldwide
• Annual economic impact on Orange County of $5 billion

(July 2017)
Recognized internationally for its outstanding quality of research, scholarship, teaching and community-building, UCI’s academic programs and student leadership development make it a top choice for undergraduate education. Students from California high schools and community colleges, across the 50 states and around the world, are attracted to our campus to live, learn and have fun.

The welcoming ‘small college feel’ and diverse student population of UCI’s campus makes it easy for new students to quickly feel at home. On-campus housing is guaranteed for two years to all eligible incoming freshmen and one year for eligible incoming transfer students. Students living on-campus have convenient access to campus resources, more contact with faculty and staff, and numerous opportunities to form new friendships and a sense of community.

Individuals and communities in every corner of the globe benefit from UCI research, innovation, and cutting-edge discoveries. Through stellar faculty and world-class undergraduate, graduate and professional education, UCI is shaping the future. Academic and research options at UCI are currently offered through undergraduate, master’s, Ph.D., M.D., Ed.D. and J.D. programs.

Located in the southern California city of Irvine, it is easy for UCI students to enjoy myriad cultural and recreational activities. The campus is a lush botanical park approximately 5 miles from beautiful beaches on the Pacific Ocean, centrally located to desert and mountain resorts, famous places like Disneyland and Hollywood, and locales such as Los Angeles, San Diego and Palm Springs.

admissions.uci.edu
Applicants must satisfy the GPA, “a-g,” and exam requirements.

GPA Requirement
California residents must have a 3.0 GPA or higher in the required “a-g” subjects during grades 10 and 11. Non-California residents must have a minimum 3.4 GPA in order to be eligible for the UC System; all other requirements for admission are the same as for California residents.

A-G Requirements
The “a-g” requirements, also called Academic Subject Requirements, represent the minimum academic preparation freshman applicants must meet to be eligible for admission to the University of California. There are seven subject areas included in the “a-g” requirements, each with a minimum number of years of required study. Meeting these minimum “a-g” requirements does not guarantee admission to UCI.

A. 2 years of History/Social Science
   • 1 year of world or European history, cultures and geography
   • 1 year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and a one-half year of American government or civics

B. 4 years of English

C. 3 years of Mathematics (4 years recommended)
   • Must include algebra, geometry, and advanced algebra

D. 2 years of Laboratory Science (3 years recommended)
   • Must include two of these three subjects: biology, chemistry, and physics

E. 2 years of a Language other than English (3 years recommended)
   • The second year or higher of the same language must be completed to fulfill this requirement

F. 1 year of Visual and Performing Arts
   • A yearlong course chosen from the following disciplines: dance, drama/theatre, music, visual art or interdisciplinary arts

G. 1 year of College Preparatory Electives
Exam Requirements

Students must take the ACT with Writing, old SAT or new SAT with Essay by December of the final year of secondary/high school. (We will accept scores from both the old and new SAT from students graduating from high school before 2020.) We use only the highest scores from a single sitting for admission consideration.

SAT Subject Test scores are not required. However, submission of SAT Subject Test scores may add positively to the review of a student’s application. For more information, see the UCI general catalogue at catalogue.uci.edu.

International Applicants

The minimum high school GPA must be 3.4 for international freshmen applicants. Additionally, international applicants must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement; see page 7 of this booklet.

Applying to UCI

The UC application filing period is November 1-30. Students apply online at ucal.us/apply.
Freshman Selection Policy and Comprehensive Review Process

Admissions consideration and selection is based on the Comprehensive Review process and the evaluation of all applications submitted. The strongest applicants are offered admission based on the number of spaces available within each school, program or academic department.

Freshman applicants are selected after extensive review of each applicant’s academic achievement, personal accomplishments and academic promise. As set forth by the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools and campus faculty on the UCI Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools, UCI uses a Comprehensive Review process. Freshman applications are reviewed for completion of required college-preparatory coursework (“a-g”), required tests, demonstrated academic achievements, activities, talents and skills, all in the context of a student’s circumstances and experiences. All information provided in the application is considered, including the personal insight questions.

The following faculty-approved selection criteria are taken into consideration:

- High school grade point average (GPA) in UC required courses
- Standardized test scores
- Number of, content of and performance in academic courses completed beyond the university’s minimum eligibility requirements
- Number of, and performance in honors and AP courses
- Being identified as “eligible in the local context” by ranking in the top nine percent of the high school class, as determined by the university’s academic criteria
• Quality of the senior year program, as measured by the type and number of academic courses in progress or planned
• Quality of academic performance relative to educational opportunities available at the applicant’s school
• Outstanding performance in one or more academic subject areas
• Outstanding work on one or more special projects in any academic field
• Recent marked improvement in academic performance
• Special talents, achievements, and awards in a particular field, or experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership or ability to contribute to the intellectual vitality of the campus
• Completion of special projects that offer significant evidence of an applicant’s special effort and determination or that may indicate special suitability to an academic program
• Academic accomplishments in light of an applicant’s experiences and circumstances, such as disabilities, low family income, first generation to attend college, need to work, disadvantaged social or educational environment, difficult personal and family situations or circumstances, refugee status or veteran status
• Location of the applicant’s secondary school and residence, to provide for geographic diversity in the student population and to account for the wide variety of educational environments existing in California
UCI gives priority to junior-level students transferring from California Community Colleges.

**Basic UC Transfer Requirements**
- 60 semester or 90 quarter UC transferable units with a minimum 2.4 GPA; non-California residents must have a minimum 2.8 GPA to be eligible for the UC System. A competitive UCI transfer applicant should have a UC transferable GPA of 3.0 or above.
- All 60 semester or 90 quarter UC transferable units must be completed by the end of the spring 2018 term for fall 2018 admission.
- Complete the following seven transferable college courses (with a grade of a C or better in each course):
  - Two UC transferable courses in English composition
  - One UC transferable course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
  - Four UC transferable courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, or physical and biological sciences

See details at admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/index.html.

**Transfer Credit Limitation**
Students will be granted up to 70 semester/105 quarter units of credit for lower division coursework completed at any institution or any combination of institutions. For units beyond the maximum, subject credit may be granted and used to satisfy requirements. Units earned through AP, IB, and/or A-Level examinations are not included in the limitation and do not put applicants at risk of being denied admission. Units earned at any UC campus (Extension, summer, cross/concurrent and regular academic year enrollment) are not included in the limitation but are added to the maximum transfer credit allowed and may put applicants at risk of being denied admission due to excessive units. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be taken for Pass/No Pass credit (not major prerequisites). Grades earned in all UC transferable coursework are used in calculating the UC transferable GPA.
**Requirements for Specific UCI Majors**

In addition to meeting UC transfer eligibility requirements, students applying to UCI must also meet the requirements for their specific major. See admissions.uci.edu/transferbyschool.

**Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)**

UCI’s Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program guarantees admission to highly-qualified students from all California Community Colleges. Admission to most majors at UCI can be guaranteed through TAG for transfer students who meet the eligibility requirements and complete the online TAG application.

Students must do both of the following during the stated filing periods:

a) submit the TAG application online September 1-30 at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu, and

b) submit the UC Application to UCI online November 1-30 at ucal.us/apply.

UCI TAG eligibility and course requirements are available at admissions.uci.edu/tag.

**International Applicants**

International applicants must provide evidence of English proficiency to be successful in university studies at UCI.

If your secondary/high school was completed in a country where English was not the language of instruction, or if you have less than three years of instruction in English in the U.S., you are required to demonstrate English proficiency. Various examinations and scores may be used to demonstrate proficiency in English:

- Score 80 or higher on the Internet-based version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or score 550 or higher on its paper-based version
- Score 3, 4 or 5 on the AP Examination in English Language and Composition, or English Literature and Composition
- Score 5, 6 or 7 on the IB Higher Level Examination in English (Literature, or Language and Literature)
- Score 6 or 7 on the IB Standard Level Examination in English (Literature, or Language and Literature)
- Score 6.5 or higher on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
- Score 24 or higher on the ACT combined English/Writing or English Language Arts (ELA)
- Score 560 or higher on the old SAT, Writing section OR Score 31 or higher on the SAT Writing and Language Test of the new SAT with Essay

Applicants may also:

- Complete one UC transferable English Composition course (not ESL) taken at a regionally accredited U.S. college/university with a grade of C or better

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Transfer Selection Policy and Comprehensive Review Process

Transfer applications are specifically reviewed for academic performance in UC transferable coursework, college grade point average, number of UC transferable units completed, and depth of preparation for the applicant’s intended major.

Highest priority for admission is given to California resident junior-level applicants from California Community Colleges. Preference also will be given to community college students who have participated in academically selective honors courses or programs. Junior transfer students from four-year colleges, including other UC campuses and lower division transfer students (who are eligible for UC from high school) may be considered as space permits.
UCI considers the following as part of the Comprehensive Review process for transfer applicants:

- Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that meet breadth or general education requirements
- Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that provide continuity with upper division courses in the student's major
- The student’s grade point average in all UC transferable courses
- Participation in academically selective honors courses or programs
- Special talents, achievements and awards in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate the student’s promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of the campus
- Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of the student’s college curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs
- Academic accomplishments in light of the student’s life experiences and special circumstances
- Location of the student’s college and residence
- Completion of an associate of arts or science degree for transfer (AA-T/AS-T) offered by a California Community College
Academic Units and Majors

Claire Trevor School of the Arts  
www.arts.uci.edu  
Art  
Dance  
Drama  
Music

Francisco J. Ayala School of Biological Sciences  
bio.uci.edu  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Biological Sciences  
Biology/Education  
Developmental and Cell Biology  
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Exercise Sciences  
Genetics  
Human Biology  
Microbiology and Immunology  
Neurobiology

The Paul Merage School of Business  
merage.uci.edu  
Business Administration  
Business Information Management  
(offered jointly with Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences)

The Henry Samueli School of Engineering  
engineering.uci.edu  
Aerospace Engineering  
Biomedical Engineering  
Biomedical Engineering: Premedical  
Chemical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Computer Science and Engineering  
(offered jointly with Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences)  
Electrical Engineering  
Engineering  
Environmental Engineering  
Materials Science Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering

Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing  
nursing.uci.edu  
Nursing Science

Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
pharmsci.uci.edu  
Pharmaceutical Sciences

Academic Structure  
At UCI, majors are housed within academic units. Instruction and research programs within the units focus on fundamental areas of knowledge, while at the same time provide for interdisciplinary and professional study.

Academic Advising  
Each academic unit provides advising to ensure students are guided by an expert for their major and field of study. Academic counselors assist entering freshmen with a plan to graduate within four years; entering transfer students two to three years. Academic counselors also help with course selection to complete UCI’s general education and major requirements.
School of Education
education.uci.edu
Education Sciences

School of Humanities
humanities.uci.edu/SOH
African American Studies
Art History
Asian American Studies
Chinese Studies
Classics
Comparative Literature
East Asian Cultures
English
European Studies
Film and Media Studies
French
Gender and Sexuality Studies
German Studies
Global Cultures
Global Middle East Studies
History
Japanese Language and Literature
Korean Literature and Culture
Literary Journalism
Philosophy
Religious Studies
Spanish

Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences
ics.uci.edu
Business Information Management
(offered jointly with The Paul Merage School of Business)
Computer Game Science
Computer Science
Computer Science and Engineering
(offered jointly with The Henry Samueli School of Engineering)
Data Science
Informatics
Software Engineering

School of Physical Sciences
ps.uci.edu
Applied Physics
Chemistry
Earth System Science
Environmental Science
Mathematics
Physics

Program in Public Health
publichealth.uci.edu
Public Health Policy
Public Health Sciences

School of Social Ecology
socialecology.uci.edu
Criminology, Law and Society
Psychology and Social Behavior
Social Ecology
Urban Studies

School of Social Sciences
socsci.uci.edu
Anthropology
Business Economics
Chicano/Latino Studies
Cognitive Sciences
Economics
International Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Quantitative Economics
Social Policy and Public Service
Sociology

Division of Undergraduate Education
due.uci.edu/uu
Undergraduate/Undeclared
The University of California, Irvine is located in coastal southern California, approximately 40 miles south of Los Angeles and 80 miles north of San Diego. Situated in dynamic Orange County, the main campus in Irvine and UC Irvine Medical Center in the nearby city of Orange are reachable from several major airports, the closest being Orange County/John Wayne Airport (SNA), and by major freeways.
Key Dates

Freshman Applicants
August 1
• UC Application opens at ucal.us/apply for fall 2018 admission and scholarships
November 1-30
• UC Application filing period for fall 2018 admission and scholarships. Application must be filed no later than November 30. Apply online at ucal.us/apply.

December
• Last opportunity for applicants to take the SAT with Essay or ACT with Writing

March 1-31
• UCI notifies freshman applicants of their admission status

Transfer Applicants
August 1
• UC Application opens at ucal.us/apply for fall 2018 admission and scholarships
September 1-30
• TAG application submission period for fall 2018 admission. Apply online at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu.
November 1-30
• UC Application filing period for fall 2018 admission and scholarships. Application must be filed no later than November 30. Apply online at ucal.us/apply.
April 1-30
• UCI notifies transfer applicants of their admission status

Resources

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
admissions.uci.edu

ASSIST (for transfer students)
assist.org

Campus Maps and Directions
uci.edu/visit

Campus Tours
admissions.uci.edu/tour (in person)
admissions.uci.edu/virtualtour (online)

Disability Services Center
disability.uci.edu

A-G Course Management Portal (for freshmen)
ucop.edu/agguide

Financial Aid and Scholarships
www.ofas.uci.edu

Housing
housing.uci.edu

International Center
ic.uci.edu

Transfer Student Hub
transferhub.uci.edu

UCI General Catalogue
catalogue.uci.edu

Veteran Services
veteran.uci.edu

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