UCI is ranked among the top universities in the world. We are renowned for our emphasis on research and believe in nurturing the innate and varied talents of students who are infinitely curious, think courageously, and see things differently. Exceptional academics and an exciting campus life make UCI a #1 choice to study and have fun.
Facts & Rankings

#7 AMONG THE NATION’S BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
U.S. News & World Report

#2 FOR IN-STATE TRANSFER APPLICATIONS AMONG ALL UC CAMPUSES
Fall 2019

#3 BEST COLLEGE
Money magazine

#1 THREE NOBEL PRIZES
TWO IN CHEMISTRY
ONE IN PHYSICS

#1 UNIVERSITY DOING THE MOST FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM
The New York Times

#1 BEST VALUE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY
Forbes

#1 CHOICE FOR ALL UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS AMONG IN-STATE FRESHMEN APPLYING TO UC
Fall 2019

#1 FOR IN-STATE FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS AMONG ALL UC CAMPUSES
Fall 2019

#1 COOL SCHOOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Sierra magazine

ENROLLMENT (FALL 2018)
UNDERGRADUATES: 29,736
GRADUATES: 7,006
TOTAL: 36,742

admissions.uci.edu/rankings
Greetings!

Your decision to learn more about UCI demonstrates you are ambitious, talented, and interested in pursuing an education that will reap a lifetime of incredible benefits!

UCI is a magnificent and unique place to nurture your dreams and aspirations. While we are a large, dynamic university, the campus culture is that of a nurturing, caring environment. This ‘small college feel’ is an aspect of our legacy in which we take great pride. UCI students are privileged with a vibrant campus life, interaction with world-class faculty, extensive resources, encouragement to study abroad and much more. Everything we do reflects our commitment to excellence and supports the achievement of students’ education and life-preparation goals.

In addition to being passionate about learning, UCI students enjoy life to the fullest. Award-winning housing communities, 600+ student organizations, club sports, and myriad activities and events make it easy for friendships to quickly form and grow. Located in Irvine, CA, one of the safest big cities in the nation, our campus is five miles from beautiful Pacific Ocean beaches, an hour’s drive from Los Angeles and San Diego, and close to mountain and desert resorts.

Know that there is a cultural richness to this campus that you need to experience. You will discover our campus fosters an environment in which your cultural identity is valued and supported. We seek to extend the legacy of diversity excellence we were blessed to be touched by as UCI students.

Come discover UCI – and you too can know the promise that a UCI education offers. We welcome you!

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Whitenhill
Associate Director, High School Outreach

Bianca R. Leon
Associate Director, Transfer Outreach
Bill, Class of 2021, Chemical Engineering

I applied to UCI without really knowing anything about the campus or university itself. When I came to visit during spring break of my senior year, I quickly discovered that UCI would be a good fit for me. The campus was beautiful, especially Aldrich Park, and the School of Engineering had many good learning spaces for me. Also, iRise, an overnight-stay program for admitted Black students, helped me become more familiar with the academic and student experience at UCI and introduced me to the large Black community on campus.

Initially, I was scared to start my freshman year because I didn’t know what I was getting myself into. However, I quickly developed my support system. I participated in OAI Scholars Network over the summer for incoming Engineering and ICS students. Through OAI, I was able to make friends with other first-year students who have interests and ambitions similar to mine. Now we often hang out and eat together or do our homework and study together as many of our classes overlap. My new friends helped me realize that I don’t have to go through college alone.

I was also able to find a support group in my hallmates in the Mesa Court Towers. We go to places like the beach or just sit down and talk for hours on end. We even go to the ARC and play basketball or work out sometimes. Living in the dorms and connecting with some of the residents really enhanced my experience as a first-year.
As I prepare to graduate in a few weeks, the more I realize attending college has been a crazy experience. I came to UCI as a transfer student, and I was nervous that I would not fit in and have the full college experience. Well, I was wrong. UCI offers so many clubs and organizations that I was able to explore all of my interests and develop relationships I will have forever. Through all of the different student activities available I learned new skills and strengthened abilities that will be helpful in my future endeavors.

After graduation, I will be moving back home for a period of time to start building a network in theatre as a working actress. I look forward to auditioning in the Bay Area and Los Angeles for roles on stage and in film/TV. I am so grateful for my experiences at UCI as they will be a major influence on my life and career.
UCI Undergraduate Majors

**Arts**
- Art
- Dance
- Drama
- Music

**Medicine/Healthcare/Biology**
- 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
- Nursing Science
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Public Health Policy
- Public Health Sciences

**Business**
- Business Administration
- Business Economics
- Business Information Management
- Economics
- Quantitative Economics

**Education**
- Biology/Education
- Education Sciences

**Engineering**
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering: Premedical
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

**Information & Computer Sciences**
- Business Information Management
- Computer Game Science
- Computer Science
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Data Science
- Informatics
- Software Engineering

**Math & Physical Sciences**
- Applied Physics
- Chemistry
- Earth System Science
- Environmental Science and Policy
- Mathematics
- Physics

**Language/Culture**
- African American Studies
- Asian American Studies
- Chinese Studies
- Classics
- East Asian Cultures
- English
- European Studies
- French
- German Studies
- Global Cultures
- Global Middle East Studies
- Japanese Language and Literature
- Korean Literature and Culture
- Spanish

**Social Ecology/Social Sciences**
- Anthropology
- Chicano/Latino Studies
- Cognitive Sciences
- Criminology, Law and Society
- Environmental Science and Policy
- International Studies
- Language Science
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Psychological Science
- Social Ecology
- Social Policy and Public Service
- Sociology
- Urban Studies

**Aerospace Engineering**

**Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

**Biomedical Engineering**

**Biomedical Engineering: Premedical**

**Chemical Engineering**

**Civil Engineering**

**Computer Engineering**

**Computer Science and Engineering**

**Electrical Engineering**

**Engineering**

**Environmental Engineering**

**Materials Science and Engineering**

**Mechanical Engineering**

**Business Information Management**

**Computer Game Science**

**Computer Science**

**Computer Science and Engineering**

**Data Science**

**Informatics**

**Software Engineering**

**Applied Physics**

**Chemistry**

**Earth System Science**

**Environmental Science and Policy**

**Mathematics**

**Physics**

**African American Studies**

**Asian American Studies**

**Chinese Studies**

**Classics**

**East Asian Cultures**

**English**

**European Studies**

**French**

**German Studies**

**Global Cultures**

**Global Middle East Studies**

**Japanese Language and Literature**

**Korean Literature and Culture**

**Spanish**

**Anthropology**

**Chicano/Latino Studies**

**Cognitive Sciences**

**Criminology, Law and Society**

**Environmental Science and Policy**

**International Studies**

**Language Science**

**Political Science**

**Psychology**

**Psychological Science**

**Social Ecology**

**Social Policy and Public Service**

**Sociology**

**Urban Studies**
African American Studies examines the history, culture and politics of African-derived peoples worldwide, engaging broadly across the arts, humanities and social sciences.

The program lays particular emphasis upon African Americans in the United States, but situates this emphasis within a global perspective and supplements this emphasis with sustained consideration of black peoples throughout the Americas, the Caribbean, the African continent, and in various regions of Europe and Asia.

Our courses ask three broad sets of questions: political questions about the operative arrangements of power, historical questions about how such arrangements form and develop over time and space, and ethical questions about whether such arrangements are right and just.

Both an African American Studies major and minor are offered.

[humanities.uci.edu/afam](http://humanities.uci.edu/afam)
The mission of the Center for Black Cultures, Resources and Research is to provide a just, safe, vibrant, inclusive, culturally supportive and socio-ecologically sustainable space – a home away from home – where Black students can thrive, reach for their highest potential, and discover their genius. Our emphasis is on academic success, health, wellness, and vitality.

blackcultures.uci.edu

PILLARS OF SUCCESS

**LIFE & VITALITY** (Ankh)
To work individually and collectively as a people to improve the overall quality of life for ourselves, for our families, for our communities and for Black folks everywhere.

**HEALTH** (Seneb)
To work towards increasing the quality of our health and healing, the quality of health and healing of Black people, the quality of health and healing of Black communities and the overall health, healing and sustainability of the ecology.

**PROSPERITY** (Uja)
To help to enrich the quality of Black community life all over and everywhere.

**BALANCE** (Maat)
To work individually and collectively towards what is true, just and right; to instill harmony, reciprocity and balance in all our relationships — with ourselves, our people, our communities, and communities that share those values.
UCI takes pride in the wide variety of excellent programs, activities, and centers available to assist students with just about any academic, personal, social, or career interest. The Cross-Cultural Center, Career Center, Student Center, Student Outreach and Retention Center, LGBT Resource Center, Disability Services Center, Veteran Services Center and many others, help students succeed at the university and provide a home away from home. 

admissions.uci.edu/studentservices
Student Life
Black Family Celebration
Athletics

An NCAA Division I school, UCI’s athletic program features 18 sports: men’s baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and water polo; and women’s basketball, cross country, golf, indoor track & field, soccer, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and water polo. UCI has won 28 team national championships and 64 individual national championships. admissions.uci.edu/athletics

Campus Recreation

Stay active, join a team, try something new, and have fun meeting other students on campus. UCI students can take advantage of dozens of club and intramural sports and the countless programs and activities that are available in the Anteater Recreation Center (ARC), a 110,000 square foot indoor facility with a 25-acre outdoor complex. From rock climbing to dance to sailing, UCI offers something for everyone. admissions.uci.edu/campusrec
Housing

More than 14,000 students live on campus each year to take advantage of award-winning facilities, convenience, and lots of Anteater spirit. Housing options include residence halls, on-campus apartments, theme houses and family housing. Eligible freshman and transfer students are guaranteed two years of on-campus housing.

[Links to housing information]

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE BLACK SCHOLARS HOUSE
The Academic Excellence Black Scholars House is a first-year experience, living learning community. Students residing in the House will learn to successfully navigate the university environment while embracing scholastic achievement and individual identity.

ELE SI ROSA PARKS THEME HOUSE
The Ele Si Rosa Parks Theme House, sponsored by the African American Studies Department, brings together undergraduates who share an interest in the study of African American history and culture. A home away from home for many residents, the House creates an environment that is conducive to learning and supportive of Black students at UCI.
Infectious school spirit. A visually breathtaking campus. Originality and opportunity. These are some of the things students say they saw and felt during their first campus visit.

Come see UCI for yourself by attending a campus tour, held Monday through Friday at noon. Can’t make it in-person? Take an interactive virtual tour online with 360° views throughout campus. admissions.uci.edu/tour
SoCal Location

Nestled in the rolling coastal foothills of Orange County and five miles from pristine Pacific Ocean beaches, UCI’s campus benefits from a perfect Mediterranean climate. The incomparable location offers easy access to surfing and sailing, hundreds of miles of bike and hiking trails, desert camping, and mountain resorts. Close to both Los Angeles and consistently ranked among the major technology and business and diverse residents.

admissions.uci.edu/socal

• 90 minute drive to San Diego
• 45 minute drive to Los Angeles
• 6 1/2 hour drive to San Francisco
• 25 minutes to Disneyland
• 5 minutes to the beach

San Francisco
Los Angeles
San Diego
Cost & Financial Aid

Students demonstrating the need for financial assistance may be eligible for scholarships, grants, loans, and/or work-study. Scholarships can also be awarded on the basis of academic excellence. Please visit UCI’s Financial Aid and Scholarships website for detailed information about meeting the cost of your education. [www.ofas.uci.edu](http://www.ofas.uci.edu)

Applying for Scholarships
When you apply for admission to UCI, you are also applying for scholarships. You can be eligible automatically for certain scholarships because decisions are based on information provided in your UC Application. However, other scholarship opportunities may require you submit additional documentation. [admissions.uci.edu/scholarships](http://admissions.uci.edu/scholarships)

Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan
UC’s Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will ensure that you will not have to pay UC’s systemwide tuition and fees out of your own pocket if you are a California resident whose total family income is less than $80,000 a year and you qualify for financial aid – and that’s just for starters. Blue and Gold students with sufficient financial need can qualify for even more grant aid to help reduce the cost of attending. [universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold)

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
To obtain financial aid you must file a FAFSA application. FAFSA is a free application to determine new and continuing students’ eligibility for financial assistance.

Visit the FAFSA website for the application deadlines and details. The UCI School Code is 001314 – you will need this code for the FAFSA application. [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)

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**Estimated Budget for Undergraduate Students 2019-2020** *(As of June 2019)*

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* Living expenses includes books and supplies, room and board, personal, and transportation; may vary per individual student.
** Vista del Campo, Vista del Campo Norte, Camino del Sol and Puerta del Sol housing are treated as on campus.

Estimated costs and fees are subject to change. For the most current information, visit [www.ofas.uci.edu](http://www.ofas.uci.edu) and [reg.uci.edu/fees](http://reg.uci.edu/fees).
UC Eligibility Requirements

FRESHMAN BASICS
A-G Course Requirements
• History (2 years required)
• English (4 years required)
• Mathematics (3 years required, 4 years recommended)
• Laboratory Science (2 years required, 3 years recommended)
• Language Other Than English (2 years required, 3 years recommended)
• Visual and Performing Arts (1 year required)
• College Preparatory Elective (1 year required)

The A-G Policy Resource Guide provides additional information regarding “a-g” requirements and UC eligibility. California high school students can view their school’s UC certified course list, which includes courses that will be considered for honors. Visit hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide.

Transfer Basics
Unit and Course Requirements
• All 60 semester or 90 quarter UC transferable units must be completed by the end of the spring term for fall admission
• Complete the following seven transferable college courses (with a grade of 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

GPA Requirement
A minimum 2.4 GPA is required for California residents and a minimum 2.8 GPA is required for nonresidents. All majors at UCI are selective and applicants are encouraged to earn the highest possible GPA.

TRANSFER RESOURCES
• admissions.uci.edu/transfer
• admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer
• assist.org
• admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/whats-available/ca-dream-act
• uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

TRANSFER ADMISSION GUARANTEE (TAG)
UCI’s 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 both the online TAG application and UC Application. See details and deadlines at admissions.uci.edu/transfer.
Apply to UCI

Submit your completed application online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu during the November 1-30 filing period along with the application fee of $70 ($80 if you are an international applicant). To see if you are eligible to waive the application fee, apply for a fee waiver online through the UC Application.

Students who want to get a head start on preparing their application prior to the November filing period can access the application as early as August 1 at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu. You will need to designate a major on your application. If you have not decided on a major, freshman applicants can apply as an undeclared major. Transfer applicants are required to declare a major.

Personal Insight Questions
Your personal insight questions should be exactly that – personal. This is your opportunity to tell us about yourself, what matters to you, your hopes, ambitions, life experiences, and inspirations.

Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

FRESHMAN
Freshman applicants will choose four out of the following eight questions to answer:

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

6. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

TRANSFER
Transfer applicants must answer one required question and also three out of seven additional questions:

Required Question
Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university.

Choose to answer any three of the following seven questions:

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
7. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

**FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER APPLICANTS**

To obtain writing tips and techniques, and utilize the Personal Insight Questions Guide, review the ‘How to Apply’ section at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu.

**Key Dates & Deadlines**

**FRESHMAN APPLICANTS**

**August 1**
- UC Application opens at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu for fall admission and scholarships

**November 1-30**
- UC Application filing period for fall admission and scholarships
- Application must be filed no later than November 30.
  Apply online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

**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 apply.universityofcalifornia.edu for fall admission and scholarships

**September 1-30**
- TAG application submission period for fall admission
  Apply online at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

**November 1-30**
- UC Application filing period for fall admission and scholarships
- Application must be filed no later than November 30.
  Apply online at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

**April 1-30**
- UCI notifies transfer applicants of their admission status
The California Dream Act

The California Dream Act – AB 130 and AB 131 – extends eligibility for certain types of institutional and state aid to students who are undocumented, hold U visas, are TPS recipients, and who qualify for benefits under another California law – AB 540 – which exempts students from paying nonresident supplemental tuition*. Students in the U.S. on a nonimmigrant visa (e.g., F, J, etc.) are not eligible to apply.

Are you an AB 540 student?
- You must have attended high school in California for three years or more.
- You must have graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent prior to the start of the term (for example, passing the GED or California High School Proficiency exam) or, if you have less than 3 years of CA high school attendance but you attended a combination of CA schooling (K-12, Adult School, and/or Community College) that meets SB68 requirements.
- If you are without lawful immigration status, you must file an affidavit stating that you have filed an application to legalize your immigration status, or will file an application, as soon as you are eligible to do so.

* Certain students with U visas do not have to file the Affidavit but must submit a CA Dream Act application to receive aid. For details contact regres@uci.edu.

What do eligible students need to do?
- Fill out and submit the California Dream Act Application through the California Student Aid Commission. Go to dream.csac.ca.gov.
- After you are admitted to a UC campus where you intend to enroll, submit your Statement of Legal Residence (SLR). Based on your SLR, if you are classified as a nonresident, you need to submit a California Nonresident Tuition Exemption Request form OR a UC AB540 Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Exemption Application and Affidavit available through your campus registrar’s office. You may be asked to provide official high school transcripts and proof of high school graduation.

Additional Information
- California students who have applied for or received approval for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) should complete the CA Dream Act, NOT FAFSA.
- Students with DACA need to submit a Non-SSN GPA.
- Males 18 to 25 must register with the Selective Service in order to receive the Cal Grant and other state aid.

New Financial Aid Options
- SB 1210 is a California law known as the DREAM Loan Program, and is administered by UC and CSU campuses.

Resources
- UCI DREAMers dreamers.uci.edu
- UCI DREAM Center, Oscar Teran, Director terano@uci.edu, 949-824-8225
- UC AB540 Nonresident Supplemental Tuition Exemption Application and Affidavit reg.uci.edu/residency/downloads/tuitionexemptionapplic.pdf
- Declaring Residency UCI Residence Officer regres@uci.edu
- California Dream Act admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/whats-available/ca-dream-act/
- Questions About Financial Aid Jasmin Garcia, Financial Aid Counselor jasmig3@uci.edu
Become an Anteater

Have questions about the admissions process, your personal insight questions, how to apply for financial aid, or what life on campus is like? Please get in touch with us!

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Send us your information at admissions.uci.edu/info

Contact us by email or phone.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
University of California, Irvine
Irvine, CA 92697

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST
Phone: 949-824-6703
Email: admissions@uci.edu

The “Sankofa” is a metaphorical symbol used by the Akan people of Ghana, generally depicted as a bird with its head turned backward taking an egg from its back. It expresses the importance of reaching back to knowledge gained in the past and bringing it into the present in order to make positive progress.