
ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

2020-21

UNIVERSITY
OF
CALIFORNIA

We are California

With nine amazing campuses, you can't go wrong.

From the program, to the setting, to the vibe: each of our nine campuses has something different to offer. But no matter which campus you choose, you'll find a culture of academic excellence, and fellow students and faculty who'll inspire you every day.

UC DAVIS

UC BERKELEY

UC MERCED

UC SANTA CRUZ

UC SANTA BARBARA

UC RIVERSIDE

UCLA

UC IRVINE

UC SAN DIEGO

Applying to UC

- Application available: August 1
- Application period: November 1-30
- Application fee: \$70/\$80 International
- Fee waivers available
- UC does NOT have an Early Action or Early Decision process



Choosing a UC Campus

- What size campus appeals to me?
- What location works best for me?
- Which campuses offer majors in the areas I'm interested in?



Undergraduates at UC

82%

California Residents

40%

First Generation

28%

CA Community College
newly enrolled transfer
students

Academic Engagement

42%
community
service

53%
internship,
practicum, or
field
experience

85%
research or
creative
experience
with faculty



UC Supports All Students

- **Undocumented**
- **Underground Scholars**
- **Guardian Scholars**
- **Veterans**
- **First-Generation**
- **Underrepresented**
- **Students with Dependents**



UC Leads the Way

Realizing full potential and well-being

- **Mental**
- **Emotional**
- **Physical**



Freshman Admission



Freshman Admission Requirements



**SUBJECT
AREA**

GPA



Systemwide Guarantees for Freshman Applicants

STATEWIDE PATH

Top

9%

of California high school graduates across the state

LOCAL PATH (ELC)

Top

9%

of California high school graduates in local high school

Selection



- **Applicant Pool**
- **Academic Factors**
- **Comprehensive Review Factors**

Comprehensive Review

CRITERIA INCLUDE:

- Academic Achievement
- Personal and School Context
- PIQs
- Activities & Awards
- Special talent
- Life challenges
- Special circumstances



ON MARCH 31, THE UC REGENTS APPROVED:

- A temporary suspension of the letter grade requirement for A-G courses completed in winter, spring and summer 2020.



Freshman Admission – COVID-19 policy explained

PASS (P) or CREDIT (CR) GRADES in A-G REQUIREMENTS

- UC will accept P (CR) grades in A-G courses completed in winter, spring, and summer 2020 to meet A-G requirements.
- UC will NOT accept letter grades of D or F to meet A-G requirements.



Freshman Admission – Standardized tests

CHANGES in STANDARDIZED TEST REQUIREMENT

- Immediately: SAT Essay/ACT Writing requirement **eliminated**
- Until fall 2024: ACT/SAT requirement **suspended** for all California freshmen



Freshman Admission – Standardized test timeline

Campus consideration of test scores

- Fall 2021 and 2022:
 - Submitting scores is optional for students
 - Campuses may consider scores as part of Comprehensive Review
- Fall 2023 and 2024:
 - Campuses cannot consider scores in selection for students attending California high schools
- Fall 2025 and beyond: new test or elimination of standardized test requirement



Transfer Admission



Transferring to UC

UC'S TRANSFER COMMITMENT

- **2:1 Ratio**
- **CCC Transfers**
- **Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)**
- **Transfer Pathways**
- **Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)**



Transfer Admission Requirements

7

Course Pattern

60

Semester

90

Quarter transferable
units minimum

2.4

Minimum GPA
(CA residents)

2.8

Minimum GPA
(nonresidents)

Requirements vs. Selection

REQUIREMENTS

SELECTION

Transfer Pathways

Biology

Business Administration

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering

Mathematics

Lots of major options!



Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

- Guarantee to a *specific major* at 1 of 6 campuses offering TAG agreements
- Hundreds of major options available!



Transfer Admission – temporary modifications due to COVID-19

ON MARCH 31, THE UC REGENTS APPROVED:

- A temporary suspension of the cap on P/NP (CR/NC) units for winter, spring and summer 2020 coursework.



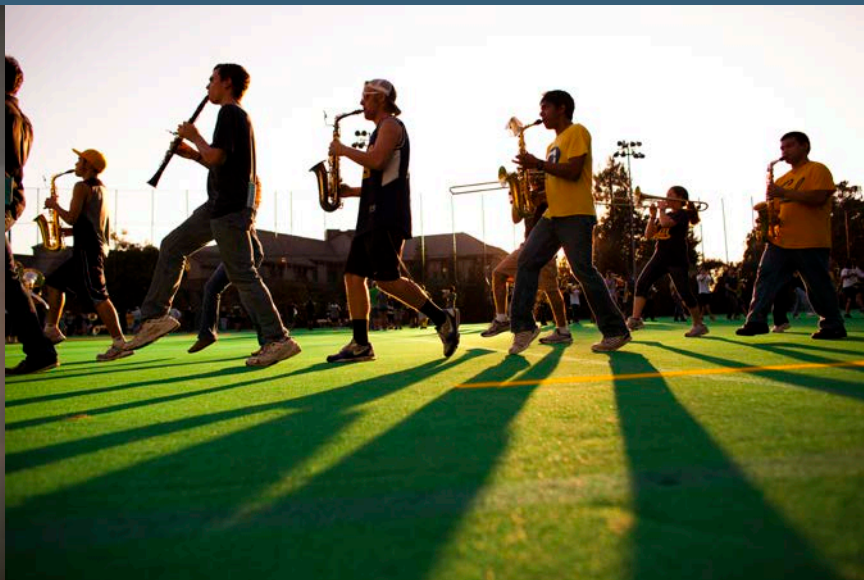
Transfer Admission – temporary modifications due to COVID-19

P/NP (CR/NC) GRADES IN MAJOR PREP

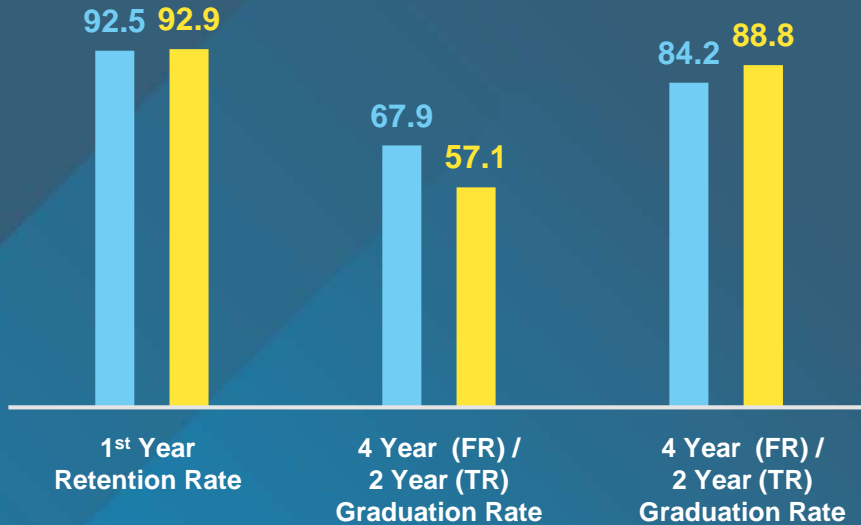
- All campuses will accept P (CR) grades for admission purposes in major prep courses completed in spring 2020 for all majors.
- Exception: Psychology and Cognitive Science majors at UC Santa Cruz require letter grades in major preparatory coursework.



Cost of Attendance and Financial Aid



Staying to Graduate



■ Freshman ■ Transfer

AVERAGE TIME TO DEGREE

4.1

Freshman (4 years)

2.3

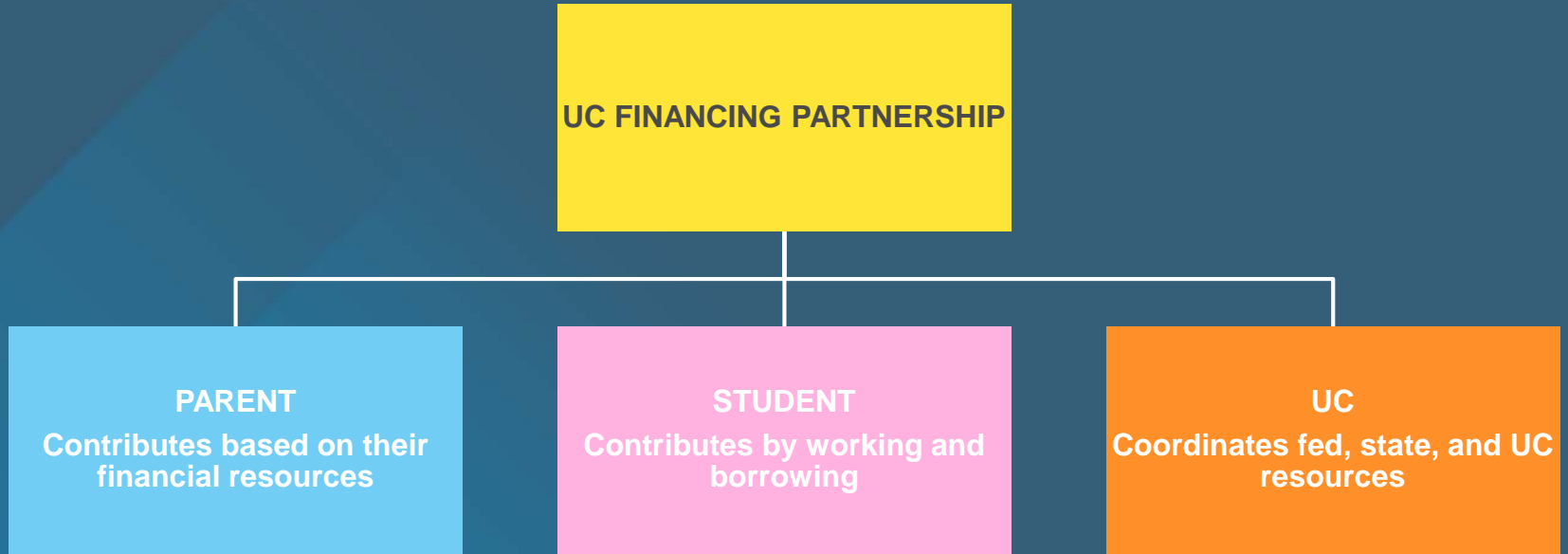
Transfer (2 years)

Tuition and Financial Aid

- ROI COMPARISON: A new car vs. a UC education

ROI	CAR	UC EDUCATION
Amount Borrowed	\$21,870	\$21,018
Cost to own over 5 years <u>vs.</u> Student loan payments & Interest	\$26,863	\$13,080
Total Cost at 5 years	\$48,733	\$13,080
Value After 5 Years <u>vs.</u> Avg. earnings over 5 years	\$12,815	\$202,580
ROI (Value/Earnings after 5 years – Total Cost at 5 years)	\$(35,918)	\$189,500

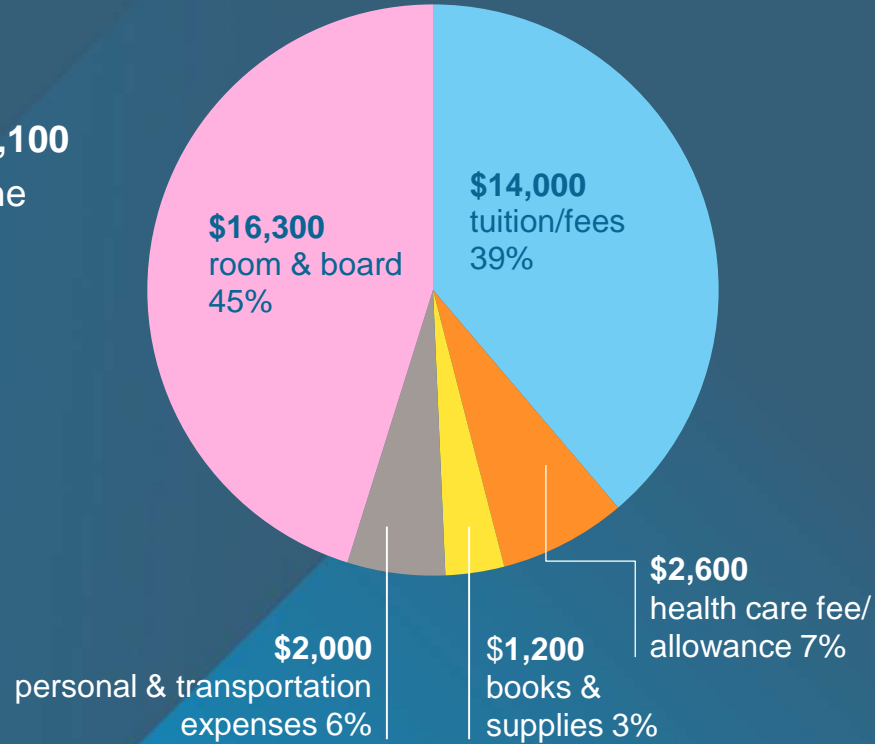
Tuition and Financial Aid



Case Studies

LIVING ON CAMPUS: \$36,100

Most students do not pay the full cost of attendance.



Tuition and Financial Aid

42%

Have no debt

57%

Pay \$0 tuition

72%

Get grants and scholarships

Tuition and Financial Aid

\$30,100

National Average

\$21,018

UC Average

Cost of Attendance and Financial Aid

APPLY EARLY

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1!

BE IN CHARGE OF YOUR OWN PROCESS

Know financial aid timelines, deadlines, lingo and communication practices

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Spend time each week submitting scholarship applications

Useful Resources

GENERAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

UC ADMISSION SELECTION PROCESS FOR FRESHMAN

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/how-applications-reviewed/index.html>

UC ADMISSION SELECTION PROCESS FOR TRANSFERS

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/reviewed/index.html>

Useful Resources

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/index.html>

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/index.html

UC TRANSFER PATHWAYS

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths/index.html>

ASSIST

www.assist.org

THANK YOU