
ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

2022-23

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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.

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Academic Engagement

85%
research or
creative
experience
with faculty

53%
internship,
practicum, or
field
experience

42%
community
service



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?

UC Berkeley



31,814 Undergraduate Students

Urban Campus

Near San Francisco & Silicon Valley

Unique majors: Celtic Studies;
Data Science; Nuclear Engineering;
Social Welfare; Geophysics

31,657 Undergraduate Students

Suburban/College town

Near Sacramento & Napa Valley

Unique majors: Animal Science; Hydrology;
Viticulture & Enology; Wildlife, Fish &
Conservation Biology; Global Disease Biology

UC Davis

29,449 Undergraduate Students

Suburban Campus

Near Disneyland

Unique majors: Nursing Science; Informatics;
Criminology; Law & Society; Urban Studies

UC Irvine

A photograph of the UCLA campus featuring the iconic Royce Hall, a large brick building with two tall towers and arched windows. The building is surrounded by lush green trees and a well-maintained lawn under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

31,600 Undergraduate Students

Urban Campus

Near Hollywood

Unique majors: Climate Science;
Architectural Studies; Public Affairs;
Ethnomusicology;
Design Media Arts

UCLA

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UC Merced



7,881 Undergraduate Students

Rural Campus

Near Yosemite National Park

Unique majors: Earth Systems
Science; Critical Race & Ethnic
Studies; Global Arts Studies;
Public Health

UC Riverside

22,687 Undergraduate Students
Suburban Campus

Near Big Bear & Palm Springs

Unique majors: Creative Writing;
Learning and Behavioral Studies;
Business Administration; Public Policy



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31,842 Undergraduate Students

Urban/Suburban Campus

Near La Jolla Cove & SeaWorld

Unique majors: Pharmacological
Chemistry; Cognitive Science;
NanoEngineering; Marine Biology;
Speculative Design

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UC San Diego

23,196 Undergraduate Students

Suburban Campus

Near Pismo Beach & San Luis Obispo

Unique majors: Actuarial Science; Classics;
Aquatic Biology; Biopsychology; Zoology;
Language, Culture & Society

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UC Santa Barbara



UC Santa Cruz

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17,084 Undergraduate Students

Suburban/Forest Campus

Near Monterey & Big Sur

Unique majors: Astrophysics;
Community Studies; Technology &
Information Management;
Art & Design: Games &
Playable Media;

Applying to UC

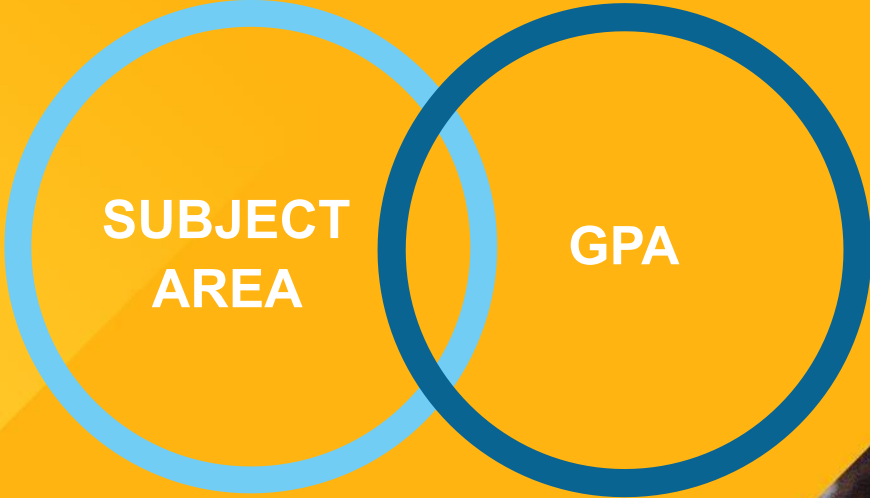
- **Application available: August 1**
- **Application period: October 1 - November 30**
- **Application fee: \$70/\$80 International**
- **UC does NOT have an Early Action or Early Decision process**
- **By invitation only:** auditions, portfolios, or letters of recommendation



Freshman Admission



Freshman Admission Requirements



**SUBJECT
AREA**

GPA



Freshman Admission Requirements

History/Social Science (2)

English (4)

Mathematics (3)*

Science (2)*

Language other than English (2)*

Visual/Performing Art (1)

College Prep Elective (1)

(#) Required years to complete the requirement

**Recommended additional year*



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



Filling out the UC Application

- ❑ Campus & majors
- ❑ Academic history
- ❑ Test scores
- ❑ Activities & awards
- ❑ Scholarships & programs
- ❑ Personal insight



Filling out the UC Application

Personal Insight Questions

- ❑ 4 responses, 350 words each
- ❑ Get details, writing tips and worksheets at admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu



Freshman Admission – Standardized tests

Changes in Standardized Test Requirement:

- As of fall 2020: SAT Essay/ACT Writing requirement **eliminated**
- Until fall 2024: ACT/SAT requirement **suspended** for all California freshmen



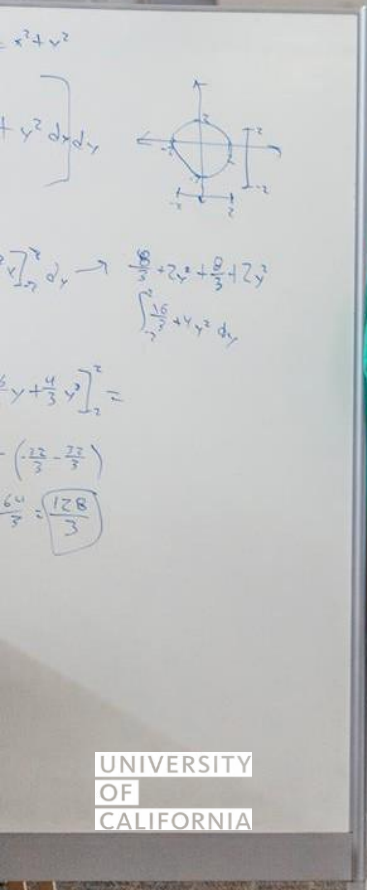
Freshman Admission – Standardized test timeline

Campus consideration of test scores

- Fall 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



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Requirements vs. Selection

REQUIREMENTS

SELECTION

Transfer Admission Requirements

7

Course Pattern

60

Semester

90

Quarter
transferable units
minimum

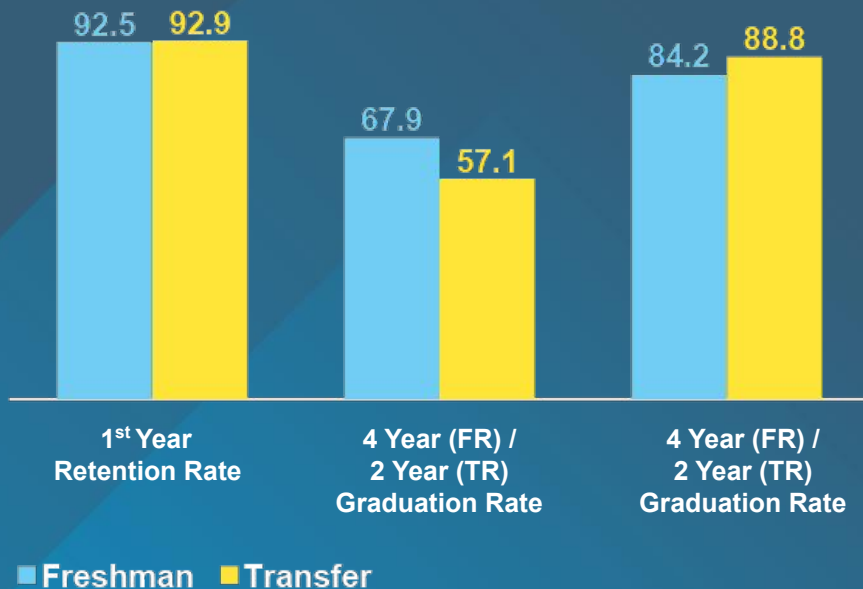
2.4

Minimum GPA
(CA residents)

2.8

Minimum GPA
(nonresidents)

Staying to Graduate



AVERAGE TIME TO DEGREE

4.1

Freshman (4
years)

2.3

Transfer (2 years)

Useful Resources

GENERAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

UC ADMISSION SELECTION PROCESS FOR FRESHMAN

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

UC ADMISSION SELECTION PROCESS FOR TRANSFERS

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

Useful Resources

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/personal-insight-questions.html>

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

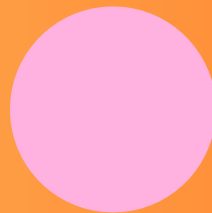
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/index.html

UC TRANSFER PATHWAYS

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-pathways/>

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 www.assist.org



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