

University of California

Students applying for Fall 2021 Admission

Minimum UC Transfer Requirements

- ✓ 2.4 GPA (2.8 GPA non-residents)
- ✓ 60 UC transferable semester units by end of Spring 2021:
 - Two English composition courses
 - One Transferable Mathematics course
 - Four classes from 2 of 3 Subject Areas:
 - 1) Arts & Humanities
 - 2) Social & Behavioral Sciences
 - 3) Physical & Biological Sciences

Student Preparation

- Start early
- Compile material (unofficial transcripts, test scores, awards & honors, volunteer & employment timelines, military service)
- Research campuses & majors (apply broadly)
- Work on your application in multiple time blocks
- Get feedback on your Personal Insight Questions
- Check your email often and your spam filter



Steps to Completing a UC Application

- ✓ Create an account
- ✓ Select term & level
- ✓ Save information
- ✓ Complete all sections (About you, Campuses & majors, Academic history, Test scores, Personal Insight Questions, Extracurricular activities, Scholarships & programs)
- ✓ Review & submit
- ✓ Your application is due November 1 – 30

Create an Account

- Email – You'll use this throughout the UC application process. Check your email regularly, including junk & spam folders. Choose an email account you will check AFTER transfer as well (preferably not a school email address)
- Password – Keep your password secure. It must include:
 - 8 characters
 - Upper and lower division case letters
 - A number
 - Symbols / special character



The image shows a screenshot of the University of California's application login page. At the top, a blue banner contains the URL apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login in red text. Below the banner is a photograph of a diverse group of students smiling and looking at a laptop. The text "UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA" is overlaid on the left side of the photo. In the top right corner of the photo, there is a link "Already have an account?" and a "Sign in" button. The main headline "Nine campuses. One application." is centered over the photo in large white font. At the bottom of the page, a teal banner contains the text: "Welcome to the University of California's application for undergraduate admissions and scholarships. By starting your application, you're taking your first step toward the best public university system in the world." Below this text is a white button with the text "Create an account".

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Select Term & Level

- When do you plan to start at the University of California?
 - Fall Quarter/Semester 2021
- Your application level:
 - Transfer
- Please select what type of transfer applicant you are...
 - Junior-level transfer (I will complete 60-89 semester units by the time I enter UC)
- When a blue “i” icon is present, hover over it for more information


UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Application status My account Sign out Help

Campuses & majors

Term & level

 * required

Before you tell us which campuses you're applying to, make sure the information below is correct. You've already answered these questions at the beginning of the application, but now's your chance to check one more time.

I plan to start at the University of California in: 

Fall Quarter/Semester 2021

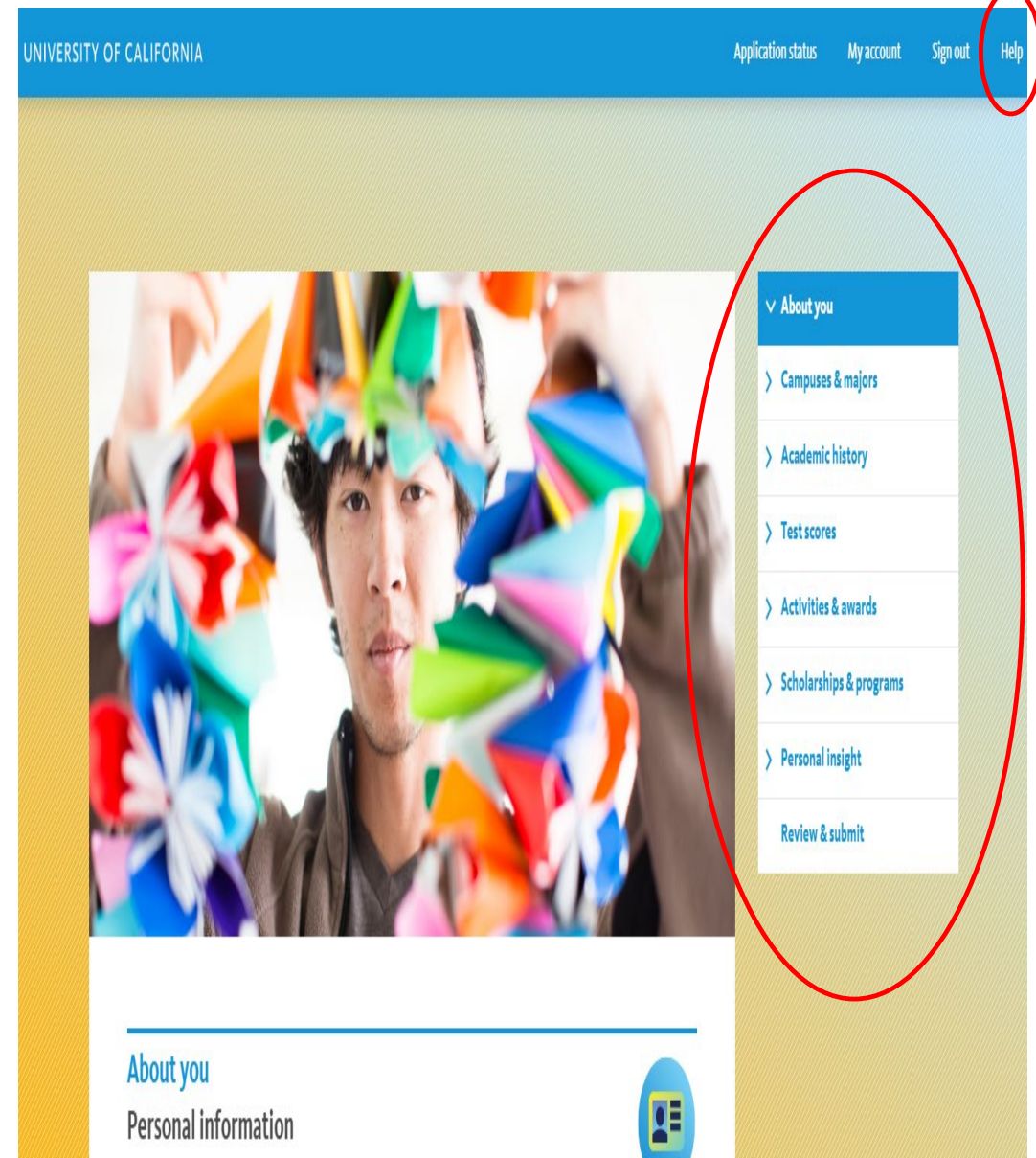
My application level is: *

Freshman

- > About you
- > Campuses & majors
- UC values
- Term & level
- Choose campuses
- Choose majors
- Review
- > Academic history
- > Test scores
- > Activities & awards
- > Scholarships & programs
- > Personal insight

Navigating the Application

- Use the Navigation Bar to access all sections of the application
- Use the Help link to see answers to FAQs for the section you're working on
- You don't have to fill-out the application sequentially, but it's recommended



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Save Information Often!

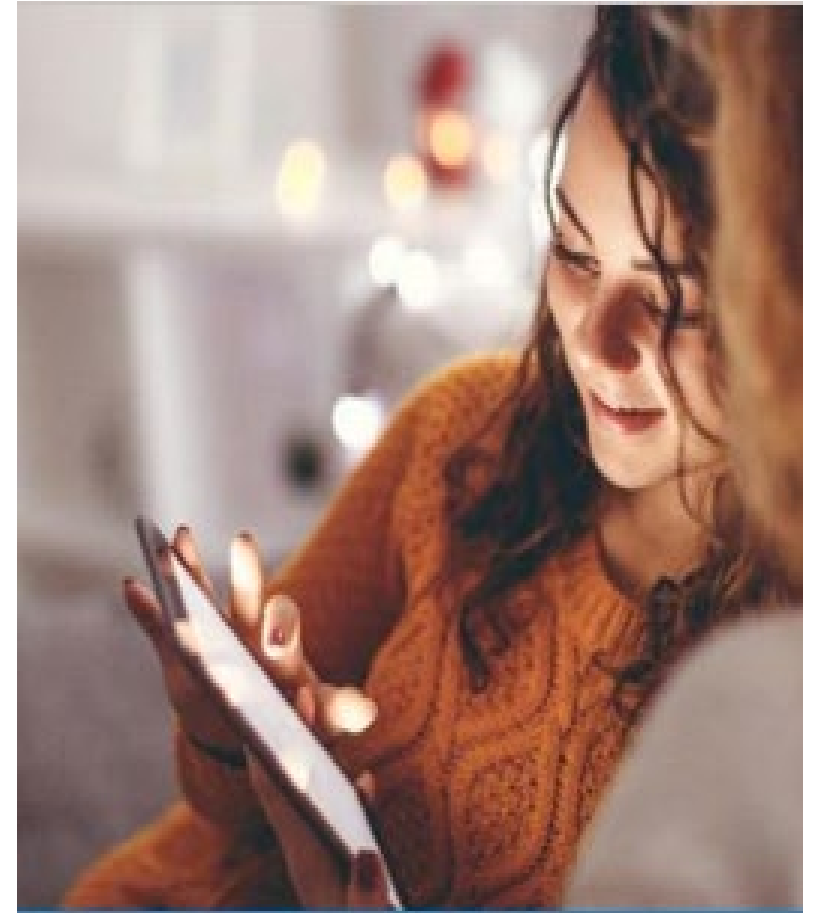
- 20-minute timeout for security – After 20 minutes of inactivity, the system will time out
- In order not to timeout, you will need to click save & continue. If you do not, any information you've entered since the last save will be lost

About You - Including

- Your legal name to match your transcripts and test scores
- Your citizenship & residency – undocumented/DACA students can choose “No Selection” for their country of citizenship
- Report SSN or ITIN – if none, leave blank
- Demographics (this is optional)
- Your household income (including parent’s for dependent students)
- Parent’s level of education
- Families are complex and diverse. The UC’s want to give you room to share your family story

Campuses & Majors

- Individual programs can be selected (i.e., Social Sciences) and then choice of campus & major
- Individual campuses can be selected (i.e., UCLA) and then choice of major by college/school on campus
- Certain majors may require a supplemental application
- Alternate majors may be available for some campuses
- UC San Diego – choose “Learn more about UC San Diego’s college system)” and then rank order their colleges
 - Note: Seventh College is not yet available to transfer students - make this your last choice



Academic History

- Transfer Admission Planner – your information may be available for import
- All colleges and universities attended must be listed, including institutions outside the U.S.
- Use your unofficial transcripts to ensure correct term, course no., title, units, and grade are listed for each course
- UC transferable courses taken at a CCC are pulled from ASSIST
- All courses on a transcript must be entered (non-transferable, AR, Incomplete grade, W's, repeated courses, etc.) – use “I don't see all my courses” as needed
- Include Fall 2020 (IP) and Spring (PL)
- Explain all gaps in education
- Disclose any terms on academic probation – you may want to use the Additional Comments box in this section to explain the circumstances

Test Scores

- Be prepared to provide your AP Exams, IB Exams
- Non-native English speakers will not need to submit TOEFL or IELTS results, if you complete two English composition courses at a U.S. college/university and receive at least a grade of “C” or “B”.
 - You are considered proficient at UCB, UCD, UCI, UCM, UCR, and UCSB with C’s or better.
 - You are considered proficient at UCLA, UCSC, and UCSD with B’s or better.

Activities & Awards

- Choose up to 20 total activities and awards across all 5 categories
 - Award or honor – Dean’s List, achievement in significant competition
 - Educational preparation program – (i.e., Puente, MESA, TOP with UC Davis)
 - Extracurricular activity – passion, dedication
 - Volunteering / Community service – shows commitment
 - Work experience – displays responsibility, time management
- Quality vs. quantity
- Consider experiences that have meaning, illustrate genuine interests, and demonstrate leadership

Scholarships & Programs

- You can select any and all scholarship categories that apply to you!
- Only scholarships offered at the campuses you've selected will be displayed
- Research other campus-based scholarships
- Unlike the CSU system, there is no separate admission process at UC for students interested in EOP



Personal Insight Questions - Requirements

- There is **one** required question you must answer
- You will need to answer **3** of 7 additional questions
- Each response allows a maximum of **350 words**

Personal Insight Questions - Tips

- Avoid listing courses taken, focus on experiences, discuss how you have taken initiative to learn more about the major/field
- Think of it as an interview – be open and reflective – find your inner voice
- Do not write your answers as essays
- Use Word, then cut & paste
- Request feedback from the English Lab Online, Learning Assistance Department, teachers, counselors, parents and/or friends
- The optional Additional Comments box may be used to describe any situation that needs further explanation **not** captured elsewhere in the application - (e.g., if you were significantly impacted by COVID-19, beyond what all students experienced, or by the social justice movement in spring 2020) – not intended as a 5th PIQ so keep your comments brief

Review & Submit

- Review each section before submitting your application
- If there is missing information, you'll receive a warning message
- All gaps in education, for each term not enrolled, must be explained
- The application fee is \$70 per campus (international and non-immigrant applicants may need to pay \$80 per campus)
- A fee waiver is available to California and domestic applicants up to 4 campuses
- Only minor changes can be made once your application is submitted (contact information, test scores)

Confirmation

- You will receive a confirmation page after paying or selecting your payment method (credit card or check/mail)
- Note your UC Application ID number
- Print a copy of your receipt and application
- Check your email frequently, including junk & spam folders
- In January, you will be asked to:
 - Complete the Transfer Academic Update (TAU)
 - Update your Fall grades and Spring courses (TAU deadline is January 31st)
 - Create an applicant portal for each campus you applied to

TIMELINE

August 1

Application
opens for Fall
Admission

Early January

Transfer
Academic Update
(TAU) opens

March - April

Admissions
Decisions

July 1

Final transcript
deadline for admitted
students

Submit Application

Nov. 1 - 30

Transfer
Academic Update
(TAU) deadline

Jan. 31

Statement of
Intent to
Register (SIR)
deadline

June 1

Mid – June to July
Waitlist Admission
Notification

June - July

*Apply FAFSA= October 1, 2020 – March 2, 2021 (www.fafsa.gov)

UC Resources

- admission.universityofcalifornia.edu
- UC Application Help Desk
 - ucinfo@applyucsupport.net
 - 1-800-207-1710 (within the U.S.)
 - 1-925-298-6856 (outside the U.S.)
 - Monday – Friday 10 am – 6 pm PST with expanded hours in November & December (closed 11/26, 12/25, and 1/1)
- UC Transfer application guide:
 - admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/_assets/files/how-to-apply/application-guide-transfer-applicants.pdf



Transfer Center Help

www.ccsf.edu/transfer

- **Workshops** on the application process
- **Open Labs** for one-on-one help with your application
- **Resources** such as application videos, application guides, and steps to apply
- **Email** us quick questions (responses within 48 hours – excluding weekends/holidays)
- **Appointments** with Transfer Center counselors
- **Contact** information to connect with university advisers
- **Events Calendar** with dates to webinars, meet virtually with university advisers, workshops & open labs, open houses, and more!