UCI at a glance

Enrollment:
Total (fall 2017): 35,958
Undergraduates: 29,307
Graduate/Professional: 6,651
Students per faculty: 19 to 1

Highlights:
#9 among public universities nationwide U.S. News & World Report
#1 university doing the most for the American dream The New York Times
#1 campus for beach lovers Money magazine
#4 Best Value College Forbes
#8 “Coolest School” for environmental sustainability Sierra magazine

Achievements:
• $200 million donated for the new Susan and Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences
• Three researchers have won Nobel Prizes
• eSports Arena is first of its kind at a public university
• Athletics teams have won 28 national championships; 64 Anteaters have won individual national championships; 56 UCI athletes have competed in the Olympics

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.

Facts:
• More than 90 undergraduate degree programs; over 60 master’s and Ph.D. programs; and M.D., Ed.D. and J.D. programs
• Over 14,000 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
• Among Anteater Alumni are three Pulitzer Prize winners and the architect of the “HTTP/1.1” Internet protocol used worldwide
• Annual economic impact in Orange County of $5 billion

(July 2018)
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.
Our admission requirements are designed to ensure students are well-prepared to succeed at UCI. Students interested in entering UCI as a freshman must satisfy:

**A-G Requirements**
The “a-g” courses, also called Academic Subject Requirements, represent the required minimum academic preparation freshman applicants must meet to be eligible for admission. 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  
B. 4 years of English  
C. 3 years of Mathematics (4 years recommended)  
D. 2 years of Laboratory Science (3 years recommended)  
E. 2 years of a Language other than English (3 years recommended)  
F. 1 year of Visual and Performing Arts  
G. 1 year of College-preparatory Elective

**A-G Course Management Portal (CMP)**  
CMP 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 ucop.edu/agguide.

**GPA Requirement**
California applicants must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better (3.4 for nonresidents) in the 15 college-preparatory courses (a-g courses) with no grade lower than a C.
Exam Requirements
Students must take the ACT with Writing or SAT with Essay no later than December of the senior year/last year prior to high school graduation. (We will accept scores from both the old and new SAT from students graduating from high school before 2020.) For the ACT with Writing test, we use only the highest combined score from the same test administration. For the SAT with Essay, we use only the highest total score from a single test date. Exam details are available at admission.universityofcalifornia.edu, collegeboard.org, and actstudent.org.

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 freshman applicants. Additionally, international applicants must meet the English Language Proficiency Requirement; see page 7 of this booklet.

Counselors are advised to visit admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/index.html for details regarding all admission requirements.

Applying to UCI
The UC application filing period is November 1-30. Students apply online at ucal.us/apply.
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 exams, 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:

• Academic grade point average in all completed “a-g” courses, including additional points for completed UC-certified honors courses
• Scores on the ACT with Writing or SAT with Essay
• Number of, content of and performance in academic courses beyond the minimum “a-g” requirements
• Number of and performance in UC-approved honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate Higher Level and transferable college courses
• Identification by UC as being ranked in the top 9 percent of the applicant’s high school class at the end of their junior year (Eligible in the Local Context, or ELC)
• 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 the educational opportunities available at the applicant’s high school
• Outstanding performance in one or more academic subject areas
• Outstanding work in one or more special projects in any academic field of study
• Recent, marked improvement in academic performance as demonstrated by academic GPA and the quality of coursework completed or in progress
• 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 high school curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs
• Academic accomplishments in light of an applicant’s experiences and special circumstances, including but not limited to: 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
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.
- No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be taken for Pass/No Pass credit, and Pass/No Pass credit may not be used for major 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

See details at [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/index.html](http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/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 for appropriate coursework taken in excess of this unit limitation will be granted and may be 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/Continuing Education, 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.

**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](http://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 (applying to the same major as on the TAG application) to UCI online November 1-30 at ucal.us/apply.
See admissions.uci.edu/tag for details.

All International Applicants

Freshman
If a freshman applicant’s secondary/high school was completed in a country where English was not the language of instruction, or if an applicant has less than three years of instruction in English in the U.S., demonstration of English proficiency is required.

Various examinations and scores may be used to demonstrate proficiency in English:
• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination:
   Internet-based test (iBT): score 80 or higher
   Paper-based test (completed prior to Oct. 2017): score 550 or higher
   Revised paper-delivered test (completed Oct. 2017 or later): score 60 or higher
• 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 Writing section of the SAT Reasoning test OR score 31 or higher on Writing and Language in the SAT with Essay
• Freshman applicants may complete one UC-E approved English composition course

Transfer
Transfer applicants must complete two UC-E approved English composition courses with a grade of C or better.

Applying to UCI
The UC application filing period is November 1-30. Students apply online at ucal.us/apply.
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 applicant’s major, such as a UC Transfer Pathway, AA degree for transfer (offered at California Community Colleges only), or UC campus-specific major prerequisites
- Grade point average in all UC transferable courses – especially in a UC Transfer Pathway or in major prerequisites
- 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 applicant’s promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of the campus
- Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of the college curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs
- Academic accomplishments in light of the applicant’s life experiences and special circumstances, including but not limited to: 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 college and residence
- Completion of a UC Transfer Pathway or an AA degree for transfer offered by a California Community College
Academic Units and Majors

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

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/SH
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 and Policy
(offered jointly with the School of Social Ecology)
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
Environmental Science and Policy
(offered jointly with School of Physical Sciences)
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
Language Science
Political Science
Psychology
Quantitative Economics
Social Policy and Public Service
Sociology

Division of Undergraduate Education
due.uci.edu/uu
Undergraduate/Undeclared
UCI 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 & Deadlines

**Freshman Applicants**

**August 1**
- UC Application opens at ucal.us/apply 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 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 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 ucal.us/apply.

**April 1-30**
- UCI notifies transfer applicants of their admission status

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**Resources**

**Office of Undergraduate Admissions**
admissions.uci.edu

**ASSIST (for transfer students)**
assist.org

**Campus Maps and Directions**
campus.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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**Campus Safety:** The 2017 UCI and UCI Health Clery Act Annual Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report are available online at police.uci.edu/Clery and ehs.uci.edu/programs/fire/UCI_HEOA_Report.pdf.

**Nondiscrimination Policy:** The University of California, Irvine is committed to advancing inclusive excellence and provides equal opportunity in its admissions, access, and treatment in programs and activities, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State laws. For more information, contact 949-824-5594.