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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

#1 UC CAMPUSES FOR CHICANO/LATINO FRESHMAN APPLICATIONS IN-STATE

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

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

#3 THREE NOBEL LAUREATES

#1 FOR BEACH LOVERS
MONEY magazine

#4 BEST VALUE COLLEGE
Forbes

#8 COOLEST SCHOOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
Sierra magazine

STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO: 19:1

ENROLLMENT (FALL 2017)
UNDERGRADUATES: 29,307
GRADUATES: 6,651
TOTAL: 35,958

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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, 630+ 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. There is a strong, proud Latino community at UCI. I am one of many seeking to extend the legacy of diversity excellence I was blessed to be touched by as a UCI student.

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

Sincerely,

Krandalyn Goodman, ‘15
Admissions Counselor - Diversity Initiatives
Barbara Martinez Neda, Class of 2019, Computer Engineering

When I first decided to attend UCI, I had only thought about the academic characteristics of the school and had not considered other aspects that might shape my entire college experience. For example, although my schedule was very hectic during my first two years, I still managed to make a few friends in my classes as well as my apartment community. A guy who started off as an assigned partner in class turned into my study buddy for the next four years, and a neighbor who randomly introduced herself turned into my best friend.

After I learned how to handle my Computer Engineering classes, I was able to join an engineering research project focusing on the development of medical devices. It is not common to see a Latina woman of color in STEM, but this never stopped me from pursuing my goals. By embracing my identities and moving forward with research, I was able to form a community with amazing classmates and admirable faculty.

One of the best things UCI has provided is the opportunity to form relationships with people from different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. I now have friends whose families are from the Philippines, Mexico, Honduras, China, Ethiopia, Vietnam, and Thailand. Having the opportunity to interact with people who have different traditions, beliefs, and culinary practices is one of the most worthwhile experiences I have had here. UCI opened the door for me to form part of a very rich and diverse community, and all of the things I’ve been learning inside and outside the classroom have been important in shaping me into the person I am today.
Mayte Rodriguez Medel, Class of 2021, Undergraduate/U undeclared

Being a first-generation student from a low-income family, college was new to me as well as my family. I didn’t know what to expect from UCI my first year, but I found a sense of community in my residence hall and in the organizations and programs I became involved with. The dorming experience at UCI allowed me to connect with students from diverse backgrounds and also gave me the “home away from home” feeling.

Coming into UCI as an undeclared student was challenging, but by being able to explore different courses and programs I found my interest is in Criminology, a field I hadn’t imagined going into. UCI offers so many majors, minors, and programs, that students should explore options, even those that initially might seem outside of your range of interests.

Being away from home has allowed me to grow and become independent. UCI has given me a greater sense of community in that I have had to branch out of my shell and interact with people who are culturally different from me. My favorite part about being here at UCI has to do with the conversations students have with one another which, to me, is a celebration of the diversity that exists on this campus.
## 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

### 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 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

### 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
- Psychology and Social Behavior
- Social Ecology
- Social Policy and Public Service
- Sociology
- Urban Studies

### 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

### Liberal Arts/Humanities
- Art History
- Comparative Literature
- Film and Media Studies
- Gender and Sexuality Studies
- History
- Literary Journalism
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
The Department of Chicano/Latino Studies is designed to provide undergraduate students with an opportunity to examine the historical and contemporary experiences of Americans of Latin American origin. This diverse population includes people who trace their heritage to Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and many other Latin American and Caribbean nations.

The curriculum seeks to provide an awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the language, history, culture, literature, sociology, anthropology, politics, social ecology, health, medicine and creative (art, dance, drama, film and music) accomplishments in Chicano/Latino communities. The department offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chicano/Latino Studies, an undergraduate minor, and a graduate emphasis.

Learn more about Chicano/Latino Studies at UCI at chicanolatinostudies.uci.edu.
Latino Campus Organizations

- Ballet Folklórico de UCI
- Central American Student Association
- Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine
- Chicano/Latino Graduate Student Collective
- DREAMS at UCI
- Hermanas Unidas de UCI
- Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated
- Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Incorporated
- Latina/o Student Psychological Association
- Latino Business Student Association
- Latino Medical Student Association
- Latina/Latino Law Student Association
- MAES: Latinos in Science and Engineering
- Mentors Empowering & Nurturing Through Education
- Mesa Unida
- Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlán
- Nu Alpha Kappa Fraternity, Incorporated
- Pan-American Latino Society
- Phi Lambda Rho Sorority, Incorporated
- SACNAS (Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science)
- Salseros at UCI
- Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, Incorporated
- Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Incorporated
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Valiant Empowered Latinas in Academia
Latino Activities & Events

FALL QUARTER
• Chicano/Latino Studies Open House
• La Bienvenida BBQ/Mixer
• Dia de Los Muertos
• AIDS Walk
• Community Roots Festival
• Annual Pre-Health Conference

WINTER QUARTER
• Yearly Psychology Keynote Speaker
• Professional Development Conference
• Culture Shock - Stroll/Step Show
• La Posada Winter Celebration
• Musica, Cultura, Ritmo: Edición Banda
• Noche de Roscas
• Noche de Cultura

SPRING QUARTER
• Chicano/Latino Studies Reception for Newly Admitted Students
• Dia de la Familia
• Science Extravaganza
• Relay for Life
• Mes de la Raza
• Semana de la Mujer
• Dodge the Heat Dodgeball Tournament
• Greek Unity Beach Clean Up
• Raza Day - Freshmen Welcome
• Raza Graduation
• Reunion de Arte at Casa César Chávez
• Latino Spring Play
• Ballet Folklórico Spring Recital
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
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
CASA CESAR CHAVEZ
Casa Cesar Chavez is a 24-resident academic theme house sponsored by the Department of Chicano/Latino Studies that provides its residents with a variety of educational, social and cultural activities. Residents are expected to participate in House activities and engage in public and community service. Residency in the House is not restricted to majors or minors in Chicano/Latino Studies; everyone is welcome.

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 freshmen are guaranteed two years of on-campus housing and eligible transfer students are guaranteed one.

admissions.uci.edu/housing
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 Outreach and Retention Center, LGBT Resource Center, Disability Services Center, Veteran Services and many others help students succeed at the university and provide a home away from home.

admissions.uci.edu/studentservices

Engineering students talk to potential employers.

Campus Tours

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 of Aldrich Park, student housing, and more. 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 for snowboarding and skiing. Close to both Los Angeles and San Diego, the city of Irvine—consistently ranked among the safest in the nation—is a major technology and business hub with highly educated and diverse residents.

admissions.uci.edu/socal
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, which 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
Roman Cardona, Financial Aid Counselor rcardon1@uci.edu
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 at www.ofas.uci.edu for detailed information about meeting the cost of your education.

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.

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. Learn more at 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 fafsa.gov for deadlines and details. The UCI School Code is 001314 – you will need this code for the FAFSA application.

### Estimated Budget for Undergraduate Students 2018-2019 (As of July 2018)

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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 and reg.uci.edu/fees.
**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 Electives (1 year required)

Visit the A-G Course Management Portal at ucop.edu/agguide for 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.

**GPA Requirement**
A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for California residents and a minimum 3.4 GPA is required for nonresidents.

**Exam Requirements**
- The SAT with Essay or the ACT with Writing

**FRESHMAN RESOURCES**
- admissions.uci.edu/freshman
- admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/index.html
- ucop.edu/agguide

**TRANSFER BASICS**

**Unit and Course Requirements**
- All 60 semester or 90 quarter UC transferable units must be completed by 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. At UCI, the majority of transfer students offered admission have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**TRANSFER RESOURCES**
- admissions.uci.edu/transfer
- admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/index.html
- assist.org
- ucal.us/transferpathways
- 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.
Submit your completed application online at ucal.us/apply for fall admission 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 ucal.us/apply. 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
Visit ucal.us/apply to obtain writing tips and techniques, and utilize the Personal Insight Questions Guide.

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
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. Or stop by in person.

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260 Aldrich Hall
Irvine, CA 92697-1075

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PST
Phone: 949-824-6703
Fax: 949-824-2951
Email: admissions@uci.edu

The cover art is a dual representation of El Sol, the sun, and the physical circular layout of the UCI campus. El Sol is popular imagery in Latino cultures and is used extensively in the arts and design. At the heart of the UCI campus is beautiful Aldrich Park which is surrounded by Ring Road, the academic schools, residential halls, recreational facilities, and student services. Central to UCI culture is our mascot, Peter the Anteater.