UCI
Native American Resource Guide
UCI is a young, culturally diverse campus that is ranked among the top public 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.

Native American students at UCI benefit from a supportive community of faculty, staff, alumni and fellow students. The campus environment, combined with exceptional academics and an exciting campus life, makes UCI a #1 choice to study and have fun.

Even as an undergraduate at UCI, your contributions and research can lead to solutions that will help shape the future. Your legacy makes a world of difference.

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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 Native American 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,

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**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

**EDUCATION**
- Biology/Education
- Education Sciences

**ENGINEERING**
- Aerospace Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering: Premedical
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical 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
UCI is located in the traditionally shared territory of the Acjachemen and Tongva peoples who have continuously occupied the area for the last 8,000 years. The region extends from the Santa Ana River to Aliso Creek and beyond. It was characterized by open lagoons, verdant estuaries, natural springs and seasonal freshwater wetlands surrounded by a broad coastal plain and the San Joaquin Hills that led up to the pristine Santa Ana Mountains. People organized themselves into circuit migratory bands oriented toward cooperative food procurement, tool innovation, and group welfare. The natural flora provided plentiful food sources. Game fauna and fowl were abundant. Marine foods were extensively utilized. This lifeway existed uninterrupted until the arrival of the Spaniards.

Beginning in 1769, the Spaniards established a series of missions and presidios intended to assert power over the indigenous population, realize Spanish imperial ambitions, and advance the Christian religion. For labor and converts, California Indians were literally rounded up against their will and concentrated in camps around the missions. Forced to remain through military, civil, and religious violence, California Indians were conscripted to provide labor, a practice that quickly devolved into slavery.

In 1821, Mexico declared independence from Spain and claimed California. Tensions between the federal government and the far-flung province led to the secularization of the missions. The Governor of California distributed church property as land parcels, which were commonly referred to as ranchos. The parcel called Rancho San Joaquin contained much of Acjachemen and parts of Tongva territory. Some Mission Indians were forced to stay on ranchos as serfs. Others were left destitute and landless when they were banished from rancho lands, disconnected from both their traditional culture and religious servitude.

In 1848, the United States initiated a war that resulted in the occupation of 529,000 square miles of land, including Acjachemen and Tongva territories. The 1849 California gold rush brought hundreds of thousands of fortune seekers to the state. Statehood occurred in 1850 and all tribal lands were overrun and appropriated. Laws specifically designed to disenfranchise non-white peoples prevailed. In 1864, an American partnership acquired Rancho San Joaquin. Soon thereafter, a Scots-Irish immigrant named James Irvine became the sole owner. Run as the Irvine Ranch for half a century, parcels were then sold to settlers and developers. In 1960, the Irvine Company sold 1,000 acres of land to the University of California for $1.

Both Acjachemen and Tongva nations exist and continue to claim their place in their traditional territory. In addition to welcoming all tribal and indigenous persons to UCI, it is our goal to develop and maintain a strong Acjachemen and Tongva presence on our campus.

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UCI offers unparalleled leadership opportunities that help students make meaningful contributions in countless ways. With more than 630 student clubs and organizations, it is easy to get involved, meet new people, hone your talents, and make a difference—on campus, in local communities, and internationally. From volunteer groups to multicultural organizations to Greek fraternities and sororities, there are myriad opportunities to share the experience of making a difference with fellow students.

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Native American Campus Organizations
- Native American Law Students Association
- American Indian Student Association @ UCI
- American Indian Graduate Student Association @ UCI
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science @ UCI
- UCI American Indian Alumni Association
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.

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CAMPUS RECREATION

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 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.

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More than 12,000 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

Throughout campus or across the street at University Center are plenty of places to eat. Whether you’re craving Starbucks, In-N-Out Burger, or an all-you-can-eat dining hall, you’ll never be far from a snack or a full meal!

HOUSING OPTIONS
Residence Halls: Mesa Court and Middle Earth are freshman communities offering a wide range of theme halls with live-in resident advisors.

Theme Houses: Arroyo Vista offers an alternative to traditional residential hall living in theme houses organized around academic interest, campus involvement or Greek membership.

On-Campus Apartments: Campus Village accommodates transfer and continuing students in two bedroom, one-bath apartments.

Privately Owned and Managed Apartment Communities: Vista del Campo, Vista del Campo Norte, Camino del Sol and Puerta del Sol are located on the east side of the UCI campus and offer housing to single undergraduate sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students.

STUDENT SERVICES
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 American Indian Resource Program, Cross-Cultural Center, Veteran Services, Career Center, Student Outreach and Retention Center, LGBT Resource Center, Disability Services Center and many others help students succeed at the university and provide a home away from home.

admissions.uci.edu/studentservices and airp.uci.edu
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

Infectious school spirit. A visually breathtaking campus. Originality and opportunity. Involvement in activities that will shape the future globally. 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
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

For exam requirement details, visit admission.universityofcalifornia.edu.

TRANSFER BASICS
Unit and Course Requirements
• All 60 semester or 90 quarter UC transferable units must be completed by the end of the spring term prior to fall enrollment.
• Complete the following seven transferable college courses (with a grade of a 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 Admission Guarantee
UCI’s TAG program guarantees admission to highly qualified students from all California Community Colleges. Admission to most majors can be guaranteed through TAG for transfer students who meet the eligibility requirements and complete both the online TAG application and UC Application. Learn more at admissions.uci.edu/transfer.
Submit your completed application online at ucal.us/apply 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. UCI does not accept applications for winter or spring quarters.

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, your hopes, ambitions, life experiences, and inspirations. Key points about the personal insight questions include:

- Freshman applicants will choose four out of eight questions to answer
- Transfer applicants will answer one required question and three out of seven additional questions
- Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words

We encourage you to take your time. Be open, be reflective, and be honest. Your personal insight questions provide context for the rest of your application.

Visit [ucal.us/apply](ucal.us/apply) for details, writing tips on techniques, and to utilize the Personal Insight Questions Guide.
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. For detailed information about meeting the cost of your education, please visit UCI’s Financial Aid and Scholarships website at www.ofas.uci.edu.

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
The Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan is a financial aid program intended to expand access to UC for lower-income students. The plan ensures 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 Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
To obtain financial aid you must file a FAFSA. FAFSA is a free application to determine new and continuing students’ eligibility for financial assistance.

Visit fafsa.gov for the application deadlines and details. The UCI School Code is 001314 – you will need this code for the FAFSA application.
KEY DATES & DEADLINES

FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

August 1
• UC Application opens at ucal.us/apply

November 1-30
• UC Application submission period
• Application must be filed no later than November 30. Apply online at ucal.us/apply.

December
• Last opportunity for applicants to take 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

September 1-30
• TAG application submission period
• Apply online at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

November 1-30
• UC Application submission period
• 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
Send us your information at admissions.uci.edu/info.

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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