

Explore our Nine Campuses

- UC houses **9 top-rated** medium to large sized research universities
- **25,000** average undergraduate enrollment
- **6,500** average graduate enrollment
- Over **90%** first-year retention rate

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The Academic Experience

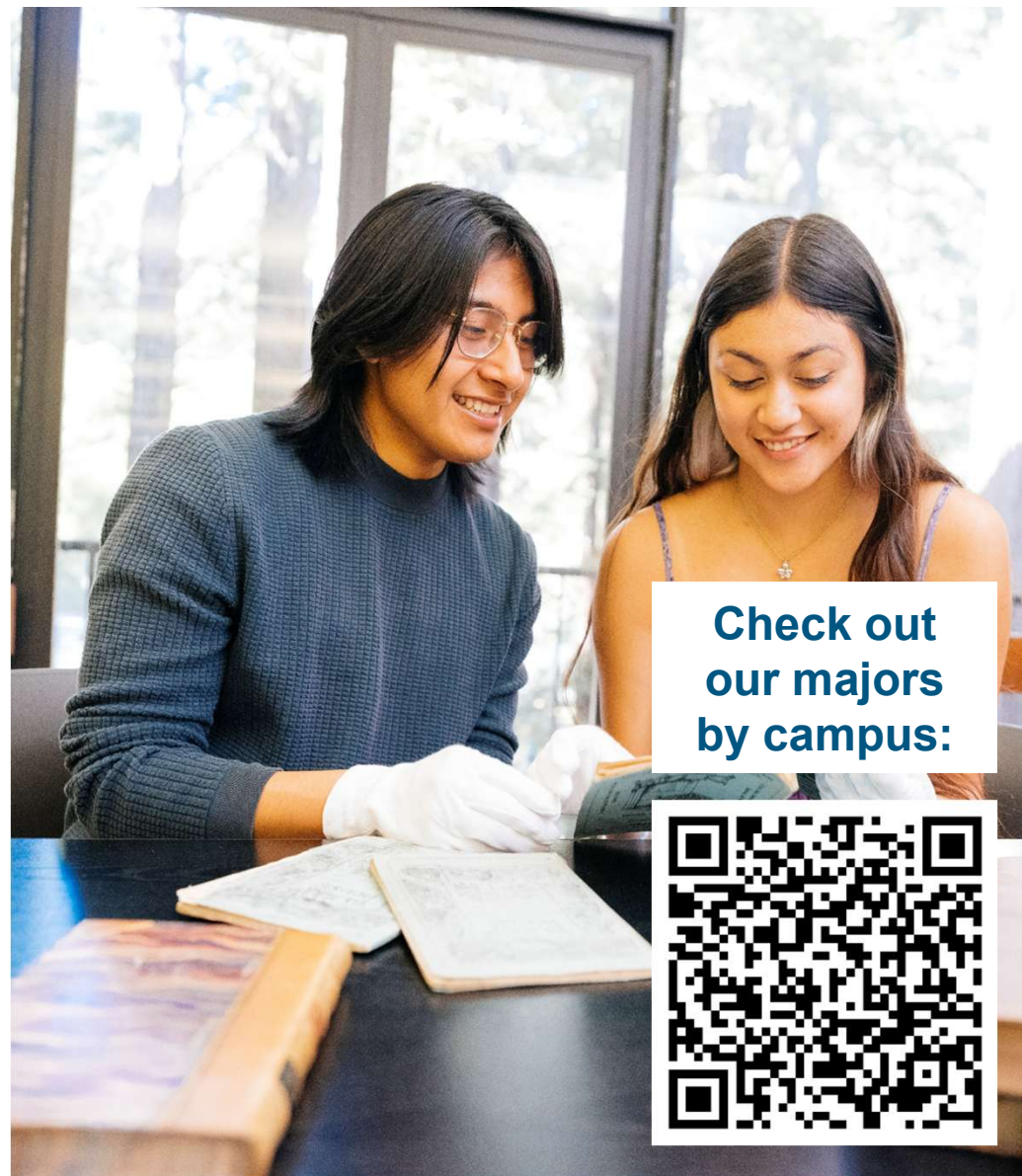
All UCs offer a wide breadth of majors:

- Pre-Med/Pre-Health
- Pre-Vet
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Education
- Engineering

Academics in and outside the classroom:

- Office hours with world-renowned faculty
- Undergraduate research opportunities
- Internships
- Career Advising

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The Student Experience

All UC campuses offer:

- Student support resources
- On-campus housing and dining
- NCAA Athletics
- Club and intramural sports
- Medical and mental health centers
- Student clubs and organizations

Experiences Available

- Study Abroad
- UCDC (Washington, D.C.)



The Value of UC Education

- Experiential learning and research to build your resume
- Career fairs and advising to get you **top positions** in your field
- UC graduates' salaries **rank top** among public universities
- Large and accomplished alumni networks at each university and joining over **2 million UC alumni** in the workforce



Nonresident Cost of Attendance

For Non-California residents, the estimated average cost for a new student living on campus in 2027–28 is **\$90,100**.

Limited financial aid is available for nonresident undergraduates attending UC.

Nonresident students are not eligible for in-state tuition during their undergraduate degree at any UC.

Find information about residency here:



Nonresident Students	Living On campus
UC Tuition for Nonresidents	\$57,300
Campus fees	\$1,900
Campus housing and meals	\$21,700
Health insurance allowance/fee	\$3,900
Books and supplies	\$1,400
Personal transportation	\$3,900

The UC Application and Comprehensive Review



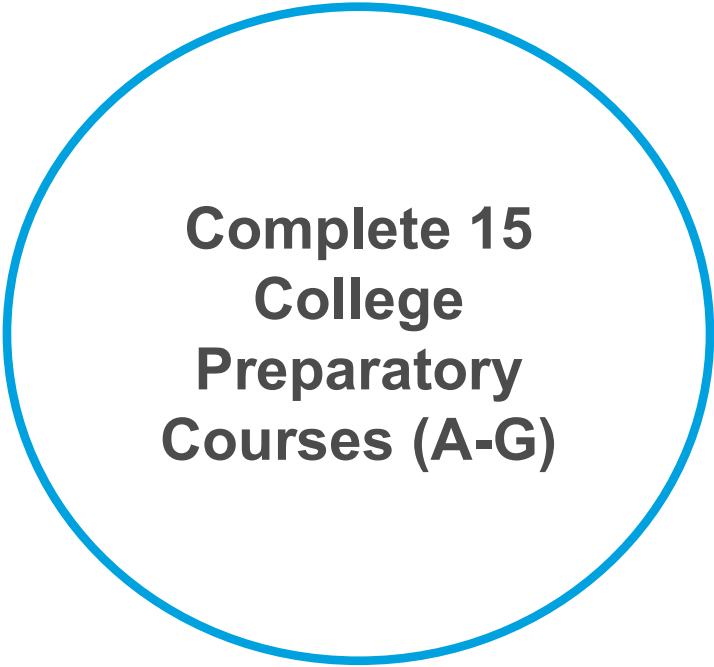
All UCs:

- Seek academically prepared students who will thrive on our campuses regardless of background
- Look beyond the minimum requirements
- Care about more than just your grades
- All campuses see the same information from the applicant
- Give each applicant an individualized review





Minimum First-year Admission Requirements



**Complete 15
College
Preparatory
Courses (A-G)**



**Earn a
weighted UC
GPA of 3.4 or
better**

SAT or ACT Test Scores

ADMISSIONS POLICY

TEST - FREE

The UC application process is test-free for the SAT and ACT.

01

No Consideration of Scores

UC will not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships for Fall 2027.

02

Do Not Report

Do not include your SAT or ACT scores on the application.

03

Scores Will Be Redacted

Any scores sent to campuses will be redacted for application, admissions, scholarship, and selection processes.

Comprehensive Review for First-years



- Academic achievement — GPA, curricular rigor, academic trajectory



Honors programs, special projects



Personal, school and family context



Special talents, skills, awards, leadership



Life experiences and special circumstances

The Ins and Outs of the UC Application



UC Application Sections

Application Sections	What To Include
About You	• Share context about you, your family & environment (can expand in Additional Comments) • Answers determine fee waivers and initial residency classification
Campuses & Majors	• Some campuses may review the whole application for best fit for the primary major choice
Academic History	• List all schools attended from 9-12th grade; pick correct grading scale(s) & term(s) • List all academic courses - choose the A-G category for each (do your best) • List the grade as it will show on your transcript; or IP (in-progress) or PL (planned) • Use the drop down to show AP/IB/HL for any honors courses as defined by your school • Add dual-enrollment courses to the high school or college based on the transcript of record

UC Application Sections

Application Sections	What To Include
Test Scores	• Include any planned or completed AP, IB, English Proficiency or International Exams
Activities & Awards	• List up to 20 hobbies, activities, awards, work, responsibilities • Describe all the ways you spend your time, energy & interests • Quantify your experiences • Promote yourself (aka brag!)
Personal Insight (PIQs)	• Answer 4 of 8 prompts; respond like an interview on paper • Use examples and contextual information to answer the questions • Don't be afraid to describe any passions, special talents, experiences, and include personal, life, school, or family context that gives more depth or explanation to the story
Additional Comments	• Located in 2 sections on the application, in Academic History & PIQs • More information on next slide

Additional Comments

#1 in Academic History (550 characters)

- School environment, grading systems, honors/advanced curriculum

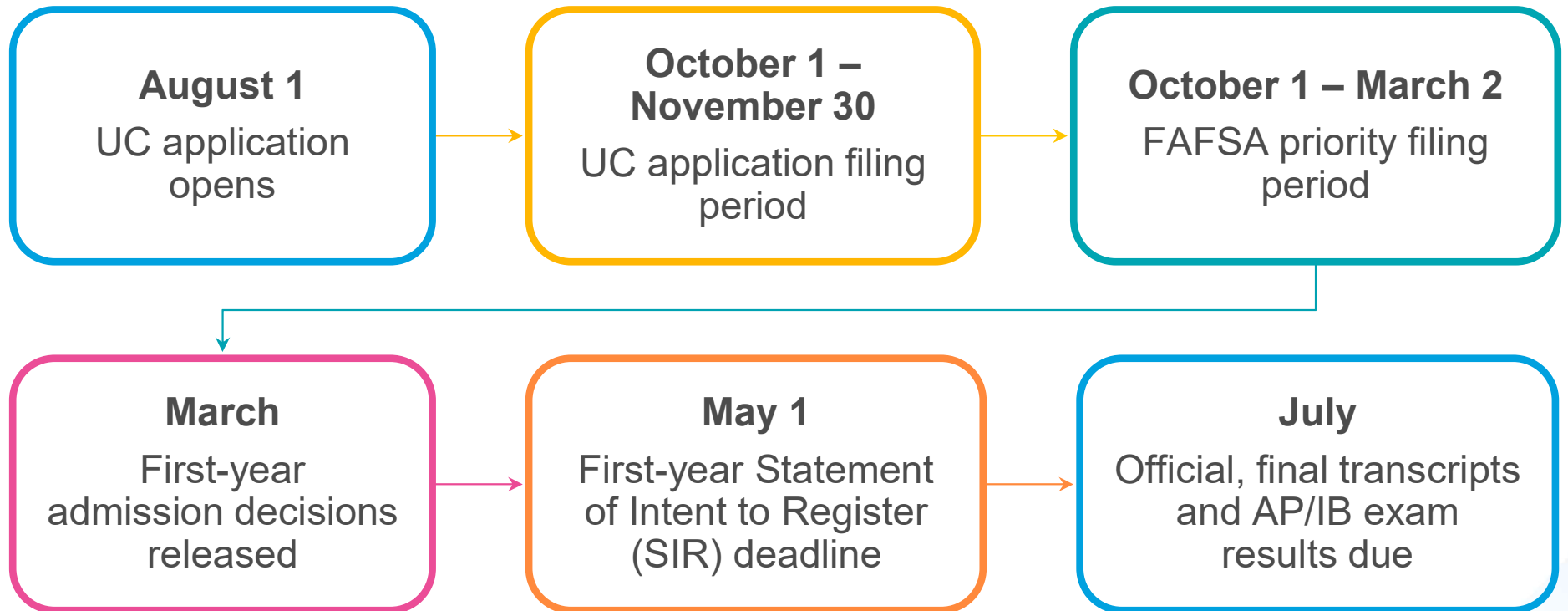
#2 after Personal Insight Questions (550 words)

- Unusual circumstances
- Clarify honors, awards, activities that were not addressed in the Personal Insight Questions
- Any additional family, personal or medical information that might provide context for grades, changing schools or activities
- Anything else that you **HAVE NOT** had the opportunity to include elsewhere in your application

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First-year admission timeline



Building a UC Campus List



Things to consider and research when applying:

- Major
- Size
- Location
- Lifestyle
- Selectivity of Major/Campus
- Research Opportunities
- Recreational Options
- Extracurricular Opportunities

UC SANTA CRUZ

Top Ranked University

1st in the nation for research influence, Clarivate
1st in the nation for Marine & Freshwater Biology, USNWR
7th in the nation for Space Sciences, USNWR
12th in the nation for high-paying tech salaries, WSJ

Top Majors

Computer Science, Psychology, Business Management
Economics, Computer Engineering, Biology, Computer
Science: Computer Game Design, Electrical Engineering,
Marine Biology, Cognitive Science

Closest UC to Silicon Valley

90 minutes from San Francisco
300 days of sunshine
75% of undergraduates conduct research

Undergraduate Dean's Award for Nonresident Students

Up to \$100,000 over 4 years
Caldwell Access Scholarship
\$5,000-\$50,000 annually

18,194 undergraduate students





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accelerated degree programs



UNDERGRAD RESEARCH
as early as first year



23:1

student-faculty ratio



MOST DIVERSE
campus in UC system



50+
research centers/labs



TOP ATTRACTIONS
only 1 hour away!

ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

for Nonresident Students

First-year students receive up to

\$89,100
for four years



RIVERSIDE



#12

Public
University
-Forbes, 2026

San Francisco



★ UC SANTA BARBARA

Los Angeles

San Diego

UC SANTA BARBARA

Unique Innovative Collaborative Interdisciplinary

Mid-Sized
University

23,091
Undergraduates

2,944
Graduates

300+
Days of
Sunshine

140+
Majors
& Minors

80%
Students live
within 1 mile

19
Division I
Sports

2
Year housing
guarantee

Nonresident Merit
Scholarship

\$10-15K awarded each year
of undergraduate study

UC Irvine

TOP 10 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY —

U.S. News & World Report

#3 FOR DIVERSITY

— The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education

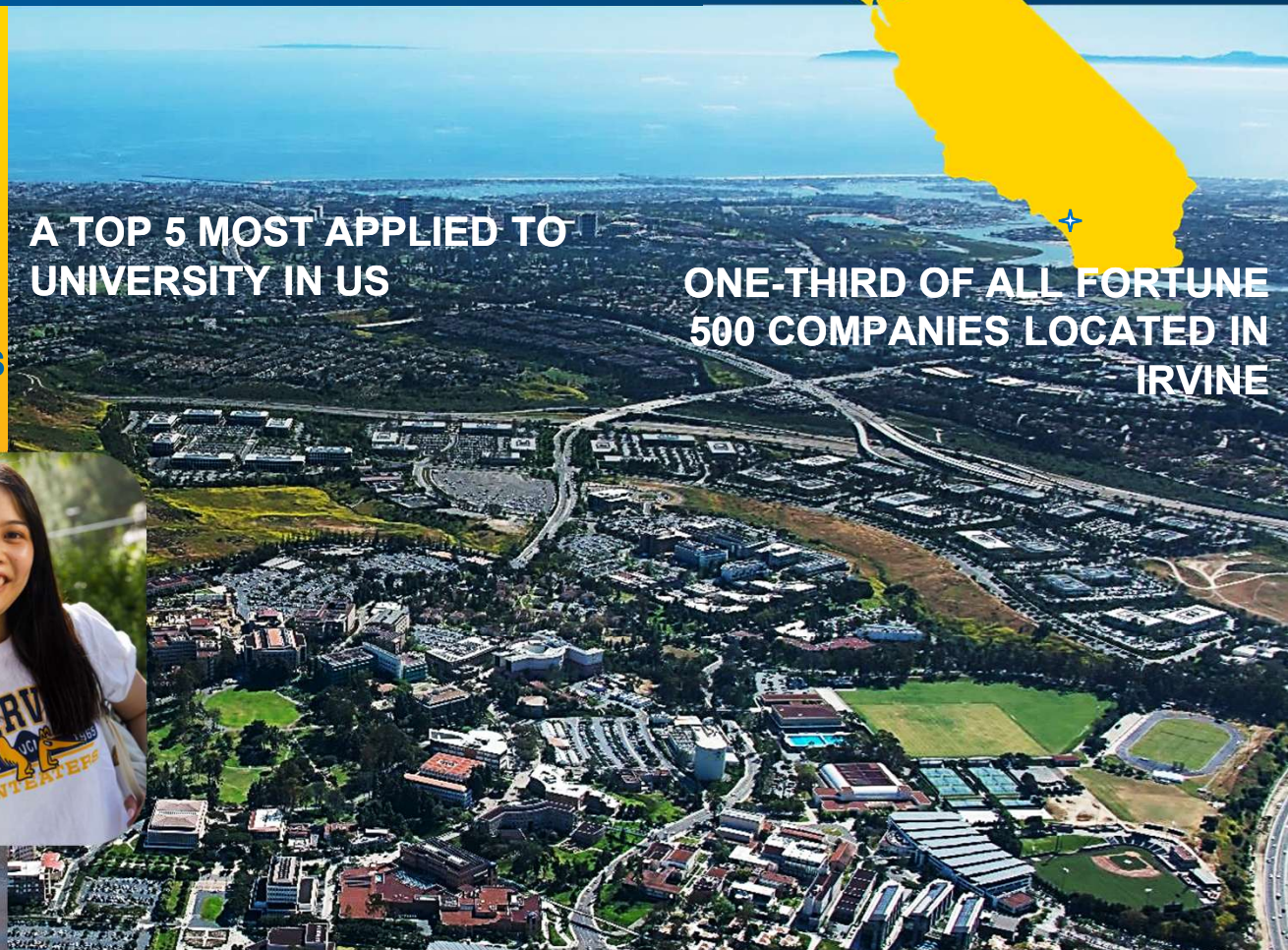
5 MILES FROM THE BEACH

29,500
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

150+ MAJORS* & MINORS

**A TOP 5 MOST APPLIED TO
UNIVERSITY IN US**

**ONE-THIRD OF ALL FORTUNE
500 COMPANIES LOCATED IN
IRVINE**



31,695

undergraduate
students



5,300

acre campus



100+

majors

21:1

student to faculty ratio

70%

of undergrads engage in independent
research and creative projects

900+

student orgs



25

Division I sports



20,000

bikes on campus daily

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UCDAVIS



**Welcome
to your future**

UCLA

140+
Majors

100
Minors

+



20:1

Student to Faculty
Ratio



93%

Graduation Rate



\$1B

Historically Annual
Research Funding



1K+

Student Clubs
And Organizations



Guaranteed Housing

4 & 2
years years

First-Years Transfers



21%

First-Gen
College Students



UC Berkeley



UC Berkeley is not only the **flagship UC Campus** but we're also the **#1 university in the world for grads who start companies** and **sending graduates to Silicon Valley** and **volunteering for the Peace Corps.**



Located near Oakland and San Francisco, there is always something happening on the UC Berkeley campus. We are home to **over 1,000 student clubs/organizations**, **30 athletic teams** and **105 national titles.**



UC Berkeley is the home of the **Free Speech Movement** and a hub for social justice and activism. We are committed to ensuring freedom of expression and dialogue showcasing the full spectrum of views held by our community.



UC Berkeley hosts **seven colleges** and **over 300 major programs.**

- Business (Haas)
- Chemistry
- Computing, Data Science & Society
- Engineering
- Environmental Design
- Natural Resources (Rausser)
- Letters & Science



Even with a total population of **over 40,000 students**, 71% of undergraduate classes have fewer than 30 students and we celebrate our **19.4 to 1 student-to-faculty ratio.**



UC Berkeley **Dual Degree Programs** provide students the opportunity to pursue degrees from UC Berkeley and one of two partner Universities; **Sciences Po in France** or **The University of Hong Kong.**



There are over **500,000 alumni worldwide.** Once you leave campus, there is always a Cal alum nearby. Once a Golden Bear, always a Golden Bear.



Scan or visit admissions.berkeley.edu

Resources

Application Procedures

admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/

Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)

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

UC Application Helpdesk

Email: ucinfo@applyucsupport.net

Or call the UC Application Center:

Within the U.S.: (800) 207-1710

Outside the U.S.: (925) 298-6856

