

Get a head start on your UC application. 2010–11

# Apply Online to UC

[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)



Follow seven easy steps to get prepared, then get online. A world-class UC education awaits. [See Inside.](#)



# Before you begin

# 1

**Gather your information first** Having everything you'll need in hand before you start your application means you won't be stuck trying to get a copy of your transcript on the last day. Use the checklist at right as your guide.

# 2

**Research your major options** There may be different degree programs at several UC campuses that can get you to your career goal; knowing what they are will give you more options when you apply. Check which majors are open in a given term at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/openmajors](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/openmajors).

#### CAMPUS MAJORS LINKS

UCB [students.berkeley.edu/admissions/general.asp?id=20](http://students.berkeley.edu/admissions/general.asp?id=20)  
UCD [admissions.ucdavis.edu/academics/majors.cfm](http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/academics/majors.cfm)  
UCI [www.admissions.uci.edu/academics/majors\\_minors.html](http://www.admissions.uci.edu/academics/majors_minors.html)  
UCLA [www.admissions.ucla.edu/majors](http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/majors)  
UCM [www.ucmerced.edu/undergraduate\\_majors.asp](http://www.ucmerced.edu/undergraduate_majors.asp)  
UCR [www.ucr.edu/academics/undergradmajors.html](http://www.ucr.edu/academics/undergradmajors.html)  
UCSD [admissions.ucsd.edu](http://admissions.ucsd.edu)  
UCSB [www.admissions.ucsb.edu/allmajors.asp](http://www.admissions.ucsb.edu/allmajors.asp)  
UCSC [admissions.ucsc.edu/majors](http://admissions.ucsc.edu/majors)

# 3

**Apply broadly** All UC-eligible California residents who apply on time will be offered admission at one of the University's nine undergraduate campuses, but not necessarily at their campus of choice. Students who research and apply to several campuses are more likely to be admitted to a campus they know they want to attend. Go to [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply).\*

**86%**  
of students who applied to 4 campuses were admitted to one of their choices

# 4

**Pick an e-mail address and stick with it** Campuses e-mail applicants regularly to request or clarify information; they often need a quick response. Provide an e-mail address that you'll check regularly and keep until you enroll. Update your spam filters to ensure that you receive all UC communications.

# 5

**Take the online application virtual tour** Walk through each step to get answers to common questions. (Once you start your application, you can jump to the tour by clicking the "show me how" link within each step.) Go to [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/apptour](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/apptour).

\* To have a copy mailed to you, e-mail your request to [ucinfo@ucapplication.net](mailto:ucinfo@ucapplication.net). Include your name, address, the term for which you're applying, whether you're a freshman or transfer applicant, and the reason you can't use the online application. Applications must be postmarked by the last day of the filing period.

## YOUR CHECKLIST

- High school/college transcripts** Don't enter classes and grades from memory; misreporting your academic record can jeopardize your admission.
- Test scores** This includes your ACT and/or SAT scores, and any Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate or TOEFL exam scores. Know the test dates for upcoming exams you plan to take.
- Activities and awards** Prepare concise descriptions of your most significant awards and activities (extracurricular, volunteer and paid) and the length of time involved. You may list up to five entries in each category, so think carefully about what you want to highlight.
- Annual income** (optional) If your parents claim you as a dependent on their tax return, you'll need to know their annual income (pre-tax) for 2008 and 2009. Refer to tax records or pay stubs.
- Parents' residency** (optional) Know the date they moved to the state where they legally reside.
- Social Security Number** (if you have one)
- ELC ID number** (if applicable) Students who are designated as Eligible in the Local Context receive a notification letter with a 12-digit identification number.
- Citizenship status** If you're not a U.S. citizen, know your immigrant status and the type of visa you hold (such as H-1, J-2, etc.).
- Credit card** Know the account number, expiration date, cardholder's name and billing address.
- Statewide Student ID** (optional) Each K-12 student in California public schools is assigned an ID number. If it's not printed on your high school transcript, obtain it from your school counselor or registrar.

## YOUR COMPUTER

**Use the right browser** Only newer browsers (for example, Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher or Netscape 7.1 or higher) will work with the application's high-security settings. You can download current versions from the application website.

**Disable pop-up blockers** Much of the online application uses pop-ups, so be sure any pop-up blockers you use are disabled before you begin.



# 6

## Write your personal statement in advance

Your personal statement—consisting of responses to two prompts—is your chance to tell us who you are and what’s important to you. Think of it as your opportunity to introduce yourself to the people reading your application. Be open, be honest, be real. What you tell us in your personal statement gives readers the context to better understand the rest of the information you’ve provided in your application.

A couple of tips: Read each prompt carefully and be sure to respond to all parts. Use specific, concrete examples to support the points you want to make. Take time to write, rewrite and edit. Show it to a teacher, counselor or friend for comments, but make sure the words you use are your own.

Finally, relax. This is one of many pieces of information we consider in reviewing your application; an admission decision will not be based on your personal statement alone.

### Instructions:

- Respond to both prompts, using a maximum of 1,000 words total.
- You may allocate the word count as you wish. If you choose to respond to one prompt at greater length, we suggest your shorter answer be no less than 250 words.
- Stay within the word limit as closely as you can. A little over — 1,012 words, for example — is fine.

### PROMPT #1

**Freshman applicants:** Describe the world you come from — for example, your family, community or school — and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.

**Transfer applicants:** What is your intended major? Discuss how your interest in the subject developed and describe any experience you have had in the field — such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities — and what you have gained from your involvement.

### PROMPT #2

**All applicants:** Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

Following the personal statement, there’s a section called Additional Comments. Use this space—up to 500 words—to tell us anything you want us to know about you or your academic record that you have not had the opportunity to describe elsewhere in the application.

## WHEN YOU APPLY

**Follow directions** On every page and pop-up, scroll to the bottom to avoid missing any information.

**Save your work** If you take a break from your application, use the save/logout button to store your work, then log back in.

**Review your summary** Look for any instance where the summary page says “no information added.” If you didn’t intend to leave that question blank, click “modify” to go back and fill it in.

**Don’t forget to click “submit”** Your application won’t be sent to UC until you do.

## APPLICATION FEES

### Paying your application fees

UC’s application fee is \$60 per campus. You may pay online by credit card or be billed. Application fees are non-refundable.

**Applying for a fee waiver** UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students who otherwise would be unable to apply. You can apply for a fee waiver within the online application and find out immediately whether or not you qualify.

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## Pursue all potential scholarships

UC campuses and alumni associations award a variety of scholarships based on a student’s merit, financial need or both. Use the link below to research deadlines and additional requirements. You may qualify for more help than you’d expect.

There are also “restricted” scholarships available to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career goals. You can apply for these scholarships in Step 2 of the application by matching your own background characteristics and interests to the lists provided. The lists are long, but it’s worth the time to go through them. Most students are notified of scholarship awards between March and August.

For more on scholarships and deadlines, go to [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarships](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarships).

# After you file

## Print your receipt

You'll want to keep a record of your application ID number and a summary of your application for reference.

## Watch for your application acknowledgement

As soon as you submit your application, you'll receive an e-mail confirming it has been successfully filed. Four to five weeks later, you should get another acknowledgement from the UC Undergraduate Application Processing Service confirming your application and fees were received. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, contact the processing service (see information at right).

## Update your academic record

If your academic record changes after you apply (for example, if you add or drop a course or fail to earn a C or better in a course), notify in writing the Admissions Office at each campus where you applied.

**Transfer applicants** will be asked to update their coursework online at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate). There, you will provide your final grades from the last term completed, as well as any courses in progress or planned before you enroll at UC.

## Order test score reports

Freshman applicants should have the relevant testing agency send their official ACT and/or SAT results to all campuses to which they have applied.

## Order final transcripts

If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have final, official transcripts sent to the campus Admissions Office no later than July 15.

## Letters of recommendation

In most cases, UC does not require or solicit letters of recommendation for undergraduate admission. Do not submit recommendations unless they are specifically requested by a UC campus.

**For more information, go to**  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply).

## CHANGES TO YOUR APPLICATION

### If you change your phone number, e-mail or mailing address:

Update your information on the Application Status website at <https://www.ucapplication.net/ucap> or notify the application processing service at the address below.

### If you enroll in a new school or college after applying:

Notify the Admissions Office at each campus where you applied. Provide the institution's name and the courses you are taking or plan to take.

### If you want to add a UC campus:

Send your request in writing to the processing service at the following address:

University of California  
Undergraduate Application  
Processing Service  
P.O. Box 4010  
Concord, CA 94524-4010

Learn more  
about UC's admission  
requirements at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions)

## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

<b>October</b>	Online application opens for fall 2010. Go to <a href="http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply">www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply</a> .	<b>March 2</b>	Deadline for applicants for all terms to submit FAFSA and GPA Verification Form.
<b>Nov. 1-30</b>	Filing period for fall 2010. <i>Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Nov. 30.</i>	<b>May 1</b>	Deadline for fall 2010 freshman applicants to submit Statement of Intent to Register to chosen campus.
<b>Jan. 1</b>	Filing period opens for GPA Verification Form (required of California residents for Cal Grant consideration) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Go to <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> .	<b>June 1</b>	Deadline for fall 2010 transfer applicants to submit Statement of Intent to Register to chosen campus.
<b>January</b>	Transfer applicants report final grades and any additional coursework online at <a href="http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate">www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate</a> .	<b>July 1-31</b>	Filing period for winter quarter 2011 (and spring semester 2011 at Merced; Berkeley does not accept new applicants in spring). See <a href="http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/openmajors">www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/openmajors</a> for current openings by campus.
<b>March 1</b>	Notification of fall 2010 admission decisions begins. Continues through March 31 for freshman applicants, and through May 1 for transfer applicants.	<b>July 15</b>	Final official transcripts due at campus Admissions Offices for students admitted for fall 2010.