



Checklist for Students Admitted to the University of California

Congratulations on your admission to the University of California. Your admission to a UC campus is a reflection of your outstanding scholastic efforts and commitment to personal excellence.

Now that you have been admitted, there will be a variety of tasks to complete ranging from accepting your admission to your preparation for the upcoming academic year. We hope the following information will assist you in getting off to a great start as you begin a new and exciting chapter.

Admissions:

- Check your student portal for admissions status
- Check your student portal to make sure your contact information is correct
- After receiving offer of admission, review the Conditions of Admission
- Check student portal every day or every other day for any updates, requests, or deadlines
- Submit any documents requested by the Office of Admissions – posted on student portal
- Notify the Office of Admissions of any changes from what was originally submitted on your UC application (e.g., courses dropped or added)
- Notify the Office of Admission of any possible academic deficiencies (D's and F's)
 - For UCLA admitted students, contact the Office of Admissions if you do not meet the 3.0 unweighted GPA provision of the admissions contract
- Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to accept your admission via student portal by May 1st deadline (for freshmen) or June 1st deadline (for transfer students)
 - Recall if you received fee waiver for the UC application. If yes, you may qualify for deferral of the \$100 SIR deposit
 - Or, pay non-refundable \$100 admission deposit
 - Or, inquire with the Office of Admissions about deferment of \$100 deposit if you don't have the funds needed at this time
- Request transcripts be sent to the Office of Admissions of the UC you will be attending in the fall before the July 1st deadline

- Additional transcripts of **ALL** institutions attended (e.g., online courses, previous high schools, and other college/universities attended), even if you took just one course, and regardless of whether or not you passed the class
 - Have an additional one sent to you – but **DO NOT** open (this will serve as your backup)
- Request documents be sent to the Office of Admissions of the UC you will be attending in the fall before July 15th deadline
 - AP Scores
 - IB Scores
 - SAT Reasoning and Subject Test scores
 - If you submitted official scores from the testing agency with your UC application, you do not need to resend
 - ACT Scores
 - If you submitted official scores from the testing agency with your UC application, you do not need to resend
 - Attend Summer Bridge Program, for more information check with the campus to whom you have submitted your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)
 - Register for Summer Orientation

Academic Preparation:

- For UCLA admitted students, May 1, 2016 is the deadline to apply for the UCLA Honors Program via my.ucla.edu
- Review and become familiar with major and graduation requirements (available in the online campus catalog)
- Obtain a campus map and your class schedule – the day before classes begin, walk around campus and find your classrooms
- Arrive early to each class to find a good seat
- Place on a calendar all important dates for each class; e.g., midterms, papers due, group projects, and finals
- Attend workshops (e.g., note taking, stress management, study skills, conducting research, etc.) offered by the Advising department
- Meet with adviser periodically during the quarter or semester
- Utilize professors' and Teaching Assistants' (TAs) office hours
- Meet with tutors

- Attend **ALL** classes

Campus Bookstore:

- Purchase textbooks, readers, and recommended reading materials for each course you have enrolled in for the fall term
 - View campus bookstore's web site for ordering and purchasing textbooks online
 - Inquire about other options in regards to purchasing textbooks; e.g., EOP, other students, professors, etc.
- If you do not own one, purchase computer or laptop
 - Inquire with the Information Technology (IT) Office what type of computer to purchase (PC versus Mac)
 - Register computer with University Police
 - Meet with IT for any computer assistance
 - Inquire with campus bookstore about possible computer discount
 - Inquire with campus bookstore about any amenities that come with the purchase of a computer (e.g., printer, ink, etc.)
 - Register warranty for computer with manufacturer

Campus Visits:

- Plan to visit the campuses you have been admitted to
 - Inquire about spring programs for admitted students
 - Inquire about Student Initiated Outreach (SIO) programs
 - Schedule appointment (if possible) with academic adviser within major
 - Schedule appointment with Financial Aid adviser
 - Schedule campus tour for you and your family
 - Visit with the Office of Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP) if you are eligible
 - Visit with the Student Disability Services Office if you have a disability that you will require assistance with
 - Visit with the Undocumented/AB 540 Student Services Office if it pertains to you

Financial Aid:

- Check student portal for Financial Aid award (available early April)
- Show Financial Aid award to your family to determine if it meets the family budget
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid to ask questions about your award
- Accept Financial Aid award (grant and scholarship money will automatically be distributed to your student account)

- Accept work-study award
 - You will need to decide if you wish to accept work-study, if offered
 - Award is contingent on employment
- Accept loan(s)
 - You will need to decide if you wish to accept loan(s), if offered
 - Complete appropriate Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling interview requirements as instructed by the Office of Financial Aid, if required
- All male students** must register with the Selective Service via: www.sss.gov/default.htm to remain eligible for financial aid – this applies to AB 540 students as well
- Submit all documents requested by the Office of Financial Aid – posted on your student portal
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid if you will require additional time to submit requested documents
- Contact the Office of Financial Aid should there be any changes in your family's income
- If planning to attend Summer Session, or possibly Summer Bridge (check with coordinating office) prior to fall 2016, submit a FAFSA application or California Dream Act application (AB 540 eligible students) for the academic year of 2015-2016 to be eligible for financial aid

Office of the Registrar:

- Submit Statement of Legal Residency to the Office of the Registrar
- Submit UC Nonresident Tuition Exemption Application and Affidavit due to the Office of the Registrar – only applicable to AB 540 eligible students

Personal Finances:

- Open checking and savings account before school begins – allows for family to deposit money into your account
- Attend Financial Management workshops – if offered by the Office of Financial Aid
- Establish and maintain a personal budget for each quarter or semester

Placement Examinations:

- Review letter regarding the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement on Saturday, May 14, 2016 (tentative date)

- Review online, www.ucop.edu/elwr, how students can meet this requirement
 - Register for the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement Exam
 - Recall if you received fee waiver for the UC application. If yes, you may qualify for a fee waiver to cover the \$110 fee
 - Pay \$110 fee
 - Inquire about a reduced fee if you qualify financially
 - Call 800-839-8507 if you have not received information regarding the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement Exam
- Take placement exams if required by the UC campus or your major – for details, check with the Summer Orientation office
- Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Foreign language
 - Mathematics

Special Student Populations

- Review what services are available on campus for special student populations:
- First-Generation Students
 - Former Foster Youth
 - Non-Traditional Aged Students
 - Students with Dependents
 - Students with Disabilities
 - Transfer Students
 - Undocumented Students
 - Veterans

Student Business Services:

- Set-up Deferred Payment Plan through Office of Student Business Services
- Receive student bill
- Pay fall bill – or, first installment of Deferred Payment Plan – before Move-In day
- Sign up for direct deposit if you are expecting a financial aid refund. Your refund will be transferred via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to your designated bank account.

Student Disability Services:

- Schedule meeting, prior to the fall, with Student Disability Services to have assessment regarding assistance for the upcoming academic year

- Submit medical records to Student Disability Services if requesting assistance regarding a learning or physical disability

Student Employment:

- Go online to review and apply for student employment for the fall – **DO NOT** wait till fall – especially if Work Study is part of your financial aid
- If hired, prepare to provide a combination of the following acceptable I-9 documents prior to student employment:
 - California Identification
 - Driver's License
 - Passport
 - Permanent Residence Card
 - Social Security Card
- Sign up for direct deposit (provide voided check)
- Students who have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) or U-Visa status can apply for employment. Check with Career Services Center to inquire about appropriate documents you will need to provide for employment
- If you have received DACA be sure to renew within the preferred renewal timeframe (between 120 and 150 days before your DACA expiration) and visit www.uscis.gov

Student Health:

- Submit Health Insurance Waiver Form and proof of health insurance, only if declining the UC Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
- Undocumented students who have received DACA may apply for Medi-Cal in the county in which they reside; prior to the fall term, students will need to notify their case worker of their change of residency and have their Medi-Cal transferred to the county in which the UC they will be attending resides
- Undocumented students receiving any form of state funded health insurance should be aware of the age specific expiration of the coverage
- Carry your insurance card at all times, if you are covered under a health insurance plan other than the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP)
- Submit proof of Hepatitis B immunization to Student Health Center
- Or, complete Hepatitis B immunization - series of three doses required for enrollment at UC (for those under 19 on first day of classes) unless there is a medical contraindication

Summer Orientation:

- ❑ Receive information regarding Summer Orientation
- ❑ Register for Summer Orientation
 - Register you and your family for Summer Orientation
 - Pay Orientation fee
 - Inquire if fee waiver is available for Summer Orientation
 - Inquire with the Orientation Office regarding the deferment of orientation fee
- ❑ Before attending Summer Orientation, inquire about local or on-campus overnight lodging
- ❑ Attend Summer Orientation
 - Bring copies of the following:
 - ACT Scores
 - Academic transcripts of **ALL** institutions attended (e.g., high school(s), community college, and other college/universities attended)
 - AP Scores
 - IB Scores
 - SAT Reasoning and Subject Test scores
 - Attend **ALL** workshops at Summer Orientation
 - Enroll in courses for fall
 - Inquire about student immunization records
 - Inquire about student parking for the fall
 - Obtain book list for fall courses
 - Obtain business cards from all advisers, professors, and staff that you meet at Summer Orientation - request your family to do the same
 - Obtain required book(s) for summer reading for freshmen
 - Take photo for student ID card, you will need to provide some form of identification; e.g., passport, driver's license, state ID, etc.
 - Learn about:
 - Academic support programs
 - Career Services
 - Education Abroad Program
 - Ethnic/Cultural resources or programs
 - Field Studies
 - Graduate information programs (preparing for graduate or professional school)
 - Internship programs (e.g., UCDC, etc.)
 - Research Opportunities
 - Sports and recreation
 - Student Disability Services
 - Student organizations
 - Tutoring services
 - Designate a meeting place for you and your family to meet at the conclusion of Summer Orientation

Transportation:

- Research means of traveling home should you not have a vehicle; e.g., airports, Greyhound, AMTRAK, ride boards, etc.
- Review online schedule of on-campus and off-campus transportation
- Apply for parking permit through Transportation and Parking Services – if permitted

University Housing:

- Sign up for University Housing
 - Inquire about theme housing options
 - Inquire with the Housing Office about the deferment of housing deposit
 - Pay housing deposit
 - Register for special accommodations for students with disabilities, if needed
- Submit online housing questionnaire for roommate capability
 - If you and a friend wish to be roommates, you must identify each other as desired roommates
- Contact roommate(s) to arrange to meet before school begins
 - Determine who will bring:
 - Microwave
 - Refrigerator
 - Television
 - Video game devices
 - Etc.
- Review the list of appropriate things to have in your residence hall room or suite –this list will be provided by housing
- Inquire about insurance
 - Renter insurance
 - Homeowner insurance coverage for residence hall room
- Purchase personal necessities before Move-In Day
 - Bed-sheets (extra long twin), blankets, and/or comforter
 - Computer supplies
 - Items for room: fridge, TV, lamps, etc.
 - Laundry bag
 - Laundry soap
 - Purchase flip-flops for personal use in the community bathroom
 - School supplies
 - Toiletries
 - Toiletry basket – to carry personal items to community bathroom
- Receive move-in appointment for Move-In Day

- Move into your residence hall (good to bring a dolly or cart to move heavy items)
- Meet with roommate(s) and complete Roommate Contract Form, if required
- Participate in the campus Welcome Week events and activities (whether you live on or off campus)
- Register bicycle with University Police
- Continue to participate in Residence Life events and activities throughout the year
- For students contemplating living off-campus, here are some helpful tips when looking for off-campus housing:
 - Are utilities included in the rent?
 - Can I still purchase a meal plan?
 - Do I require a furnished or unfurnished location?
 - Do I rent month to month?
 - Do I sign a yearlong lease?
 - Is a credit check required?
 - Is a deposit required?
 - Is a social security number required?
 - Is the location on a bus/shuttle route?
 - Is there a fee for the credit check?
- Check for an off-campus housing listing provided by the University

University of California Web Sites

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UC AB 540 FAQs: ucop.edu/student-affairs/policies/universitywide-program-policies-and-guidelines/AB540.html
UC AB 540 Resources: undoc.universityofcalifornia.edu/
UC Admissions: admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/
UC Application: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
UC Certified Course Lists:
<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist#/list/search/all>
UC Entry Level Writing Examination: www.ucop.edu/elwr/index.html
UC Financial Aid: www.ucop.edu/pathways/finaid
UC Majors: www2.assist.org/exploring-majors/browseUCs.do
UC Undergraduate Admission: www.ucop.edu/pathways

UC Berkeley

UC Berkeley: www.berkeley.edu
UC Berkeley AB 540: undocu.berkeley.edu
UC Berkeley Admissions: admissions.berkeley.edu
UC Berkeley EOP: eop.berkeley.edu
UC Berkeley Financial Aid: students.berkeley.edu/finaid
UC Berkeley Housing: housing.berkeley.edu/housing
UC Berkeley Majors: berkeley.edu/academics/dept/a.shtml

UC Davis

UC Davis: www.ucdavis.edu
UC David AB 540: undocumented.ucdavis.edu/
UC Davis Admissions: admissions.ucdavis.edu
UC Davis EOP: eop.ucdavis.edu
UC Davis Financial Aid: financialaid.ucdavis.edu
UC Davis Housing: housing.ucdavis.edu
UC Davis Majors: admissions.ucdavis.edu/majors

UC Irvine

UC Irvine: www.uci.edu
UC Irvine AB 540: dreamers.uci.edu
UC Irvine Admissions: www.admissions.uci.edu
UC Irvine Financial Aid: www.ofas.uci.edu
UC Irvine Housing: www.housing.uci.edu
UC Irvine Learning & Academic Resource Center: www.larc.uci.edu
UC Irvine Majors: www.admissions.uci.edu/academics/majors_and_minors.html

UCLA

UCLA: www.ucla.edu
UCLA AB 540: <http://www.ab540.ucla.edu/>
UCLA Academic Advancement Program: www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/aap
UCLA Admissions: www.admissions.ucla.edu
UCLA Financial Aid: www.fao.ucla.edu
UCLA Housing: www.housing.ucla.edu
UCLA Majors: www.admissions.ucla.edu/majors

UC Merced

UC Merced: www.ucmerced.edu
UC Merced AB 540: undoc.ucmerced.edu
UC Merced Admissions: admissions.ucmerced.edu
UC Merced Fiat Lux Scholars Program: learning.ucmerced.edu/fiat-lux-scholars-program
UC Merced Financial Aid: financialaid.ucmerced.edu
UC Merced Housing: housing.ucmerced.edu
UC Merced Majors: www.ucmerced.edu/academics/undergraduate-majors

UC Riverside

UC Riverside: www.ucr.edu
UC Riverside AB 540: rdream.ucr.edu
UC Riverside Academic Resource Center: arc.ucr.edu
UC Riverside Admissions: my.UCR.edu
UC Riverside Financial Aid: finaid.ucr.edu
UC Riverside Housing: housing.ucr.edu
UC Riverside Majors: www.ucr.edu/academics/undergradmajors.html

UC San Diego

UC San Diego: www.ucsd.edu
UC San Diego AB 540: students.ucsd.edu/campus-services/_organizations/undoc/coordinator.html
UC San Diego Admissions: admissions.ucsd.edu
UC San Diego Financial Aid: fao.ucsd.edu
UC San Diego Housing: hdh.ucsd.edu
UC San Diego Majors: www.ucsd.edu/currentstudents/academics/majors-minors/undergraduate-majors.html
UC San Diego Office of Academic Support & Instructional Services: students.ucsd.edu/academics/_organizations/oasis/

UC Santa Barbara

UC Santa Barbara: www.ucsb.edu
UC Santa Barbara AB 540:
www.sa.ucsb.edu/DreamScholars/index.aspx
UC Santa Barbara Admissions: admissions.ucsb.edu
UC Santa Barbara EOP: www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop
UC Davis Financial Aid: www.finaid.ucsb.edu
UC Davis Housing: www.housing.ucsb.edu
UC Santa Barbara Majors: www.admissions.ucsb.edu/allmajors.asp

UC Santa Cruz

UC Santa Cruz: www.ucsc.edu
UC Santa Cruz AB 540: eop.ucsc.edu/ab540/
UC Santa Cruz Admissions: admissions.ucsc.edu
UC Santa Cruz EOP: eop.ucsc.edu
UC Santa Cruz Financial Aid: financialaid.ucsc.edu
UC Santa Cruz Housing: www.housing.ucsc.edu
UC Santa Cruz Majors: admissions.ucsc.edu/majors

General Financial Aid

AB 540 Scholarships: www.ab540.com
CA Dream Act: www.csac.ca.gov
CA Student Aid Commission: www.csac.ca.gov
College Board Scholarship List: www.collegeboard.com/paying
Fast Web: www.fastweb.com
Financial Aid: www.finaid.org
Scholarship Resource Network Express: www.srnexpress.com
Scholarship Searches & Financial Aid: www.scholarships.com

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