



Understanding the UC System

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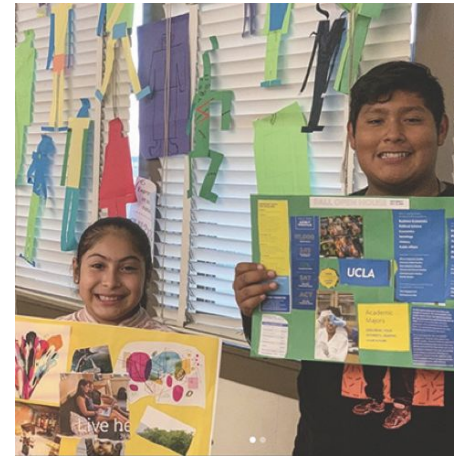
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College Access Plan (CAP) offers **FREE** college readiness support for students and families.

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DROP IN ANYTIME!
NO APPLICATION NEEDED

Monday & Wednesday:

La Puente (3:30-5:30pm) - Room 17

Wilson (3:30-5:30pm) - G-9

Tuesda & Thursday:

Los Altos (3:45-5:45pm) - F5

Workman (3:30-5:30pm) - Student Union





IMPORTANT REMINDER

The information we share today is intended to help you become familiar with the college application process and the many great resources available to you.

We do not expect you to memorize anything. It is only an introduction, and your understanding will continue to deepen and grow throughout the process.



A-G REQUIREMENTS

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A	HISTORY / SOCIAL SCIENCE	✓✓ 2 YEARS REQUIRED
B	ENGLISH	✓✓✓✓ 4 YEARS REQUIRED
C	MATHEMATICS	✓✓✓✓ 3 YEARS REQUIRED 4 YEARS RECOMMENDED
D	LABORATORY SCIENCE	✓✓✓ 2 YEARS REQUIRED 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED
E	LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	✓✓✓ 2 YEARS REQUIRED 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED
F	VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS	✓ 1 YEAR REQUIRED
G	COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVES	✓ 1 YEAR REQUIRED

Any "G" elective or beyond the minimum in the A-F categories

A-G COURSES

The courses students need to take and pass to be eligible to apply to public four-year California colleges (CSU's and UC's).



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AN OVERVIEW

UCLA

Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

UCI

UC San Diego

UC SANTA BARBARA



UC DAVIS

UC SANTA CRUZ

UC RIVERSIDE

UC MERCED



THE UC SYSTEM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



- **A-G requirements**
- Minimum GPA to apply: **3.0 or higher**
- Competitive GPA: 3.96 - 4.26 (w)
- **4 short-answer essays (PIQ's)**
- **Brag sheet**
- Application fee: \$80 (per campus) or fee waiver (based on family income/household size)



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ACADEMIC:

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SUPPLEMENTAL:

- Awards or honors
- Extracurricular activities
- Volunteer/community service
- Work experience
- 4 personal insight essays (PIQ's)

Note: SAT or ACT scores will not be considered for admission purposes.



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The screenshot displays the 'Review & submit' section of the UC application portal. It includes instructions for reviewing the application, a list of sections to review (About you, Campuses & majors, Academic history, Test scores, Activities & awards, Scholarships & programs, Personal insight), and a 'Start submission' button. A sidebar on the right shows a progress indicator for each section, with checkmarks indicating completion for 'Campuses & majors', 'Activities & awards', and 'Scholarships & programs'.

Review & submit

Here's your chance to review all of the information you've entered in the application. If you've skipped or missed any required questions, you'll see a "To do" button next to the page below.

Before you submit your application, you should review all the pages and sections below, even if they are marked as complete (indicated with a checkmark). Remember, we want to learn as much about you as possible — so it's a good idea to fill out as much as you can and review all the information you'll be sharing with us.

Fall quarter/semester 2023

[Expand all](#) [Print version](#)

- > About you
- > Campuses & majors ☒
- > Academic history
- > Test scores
- > Activities & awards ☒
- > Scholarships & programs ☒
- > Personal insight

[Start submission](#)

- One application for the nine UCs.
- Opens: **AUGUST 1**
- Deadline to apply: **NOVEMBER 30**
- 4 PIQ essays and college resume (brag sheet) required.



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9 UC Undergraduate Campuses

Listed from most to least selective

1. UC Los Angeles
2. UC Berkeley
3. UC Irvine
4. UC Santa Barbara
5. UC San Diego
6. UC Davis
7. UC Riverside
8. UC Santa Cruz
9. UC Merced





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UC LOS ANGELES (UCLA)

- **Academics:** UCLA is the most applied-to university in the nation. Known for its school of film and medicine.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Economics
 - Sociology
 - Political Science & Government
 - Biology
 - Psychology
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 84% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 92% graduate within 6 years



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UC BERKELEY (UCB)

- **Academics:** UC Berkeley ranked world's No. 1 public university. Ranked first in chemistry and in environment/ecology.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Cellular Biology
 - Computer Science
 - Economics
 - Computer & Information Sciences
 - Electrical Engineering
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 82 % graduate in 4 years or less
 - 94% graduate within 6 years



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UC IRVINE (UCI)

- **Academics:** UCI is a research institution that specializes in areas such as cancer and neuroscience studies in conjunction with the highly ranked UC Irvine Medical Center.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Biology
 - Computer Science
 - Public Health
 - Economics
 - Nursing Science
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 72% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 87% graduate within 6 years



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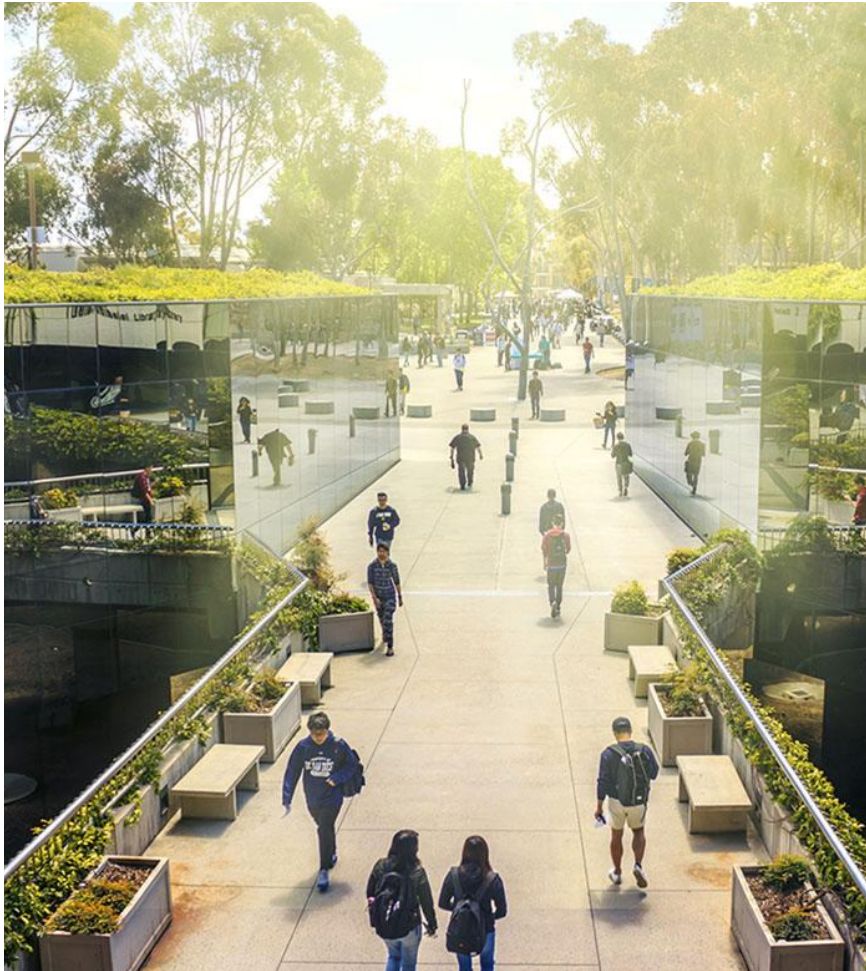
UC SANTA BARBARA (UCSB)

- **Academics:** UCSB offers pre-professional programs including: pre-health, pre-law, minor in educational studies and writing.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Sociology
 - Economics
 - Communications
 - Research & Experimental Psychology
 - Biology
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 73% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 86% graduate within 6 years



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UC SAN DIEGO (UCSD)

- **Academics:** UCSD is a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented public institution that provides opportunity for all. Recognized as one of the top fifteen research universities worldwide.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Biology
 - Cognitive Science
 - International Studies
 - Computer Science
 - Political Science & Government
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 72% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 88% graduate within 6 years



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UC DAVIS (UCD)

- **Academics:** UC Davis is a global leader in sustainability and climate change research. Also known for its School of Medicine, College of Engineering and School of Veterinary Medicine.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Animal Sciences
 - Biological Sciences
 - Communication
 - Political Science
 - Economics
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 66% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 86% graduate within 6 years



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UC SANTA CRUZ (UCSC)

- **Academics:** UCSC is nationally known for astronomy and space sciences programs. Other creative programs include a computer game design major.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Computer Science
 - Psychology
 - Cinematography & Video Production
 - Cellular Biology
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 62% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 77% graduate within 6 years



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UC RIVERSIDE (UCR)

- **Academics:** UCR has received recognition in many national and international rankings. It was No. 2 in the country for financial aid. And No. 2 in Entomology research in the world.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Business
 - Biology
 - Research & Experimental Psychology
 - Sociology
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 62% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 76% graduate within 6 years



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UC MERCED (UCM)

- **Academics:** UCM serves as a major base of advanced research, a model of sustainable design and construction, and a stimulus to economic growth and diversification throughout the region.
- **Popular Majors:**
 - Biology
 - Psychology
 - Business
 - Computer Engineering
- **Graduation Rates:**
 - 44% graduate in 4 years or less
 - 67% graduate within 6 years



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APPLICATION TIMELINE

FIRST-TIME FRESHMAN TIMELINE	
DATES/DEADLINES	REMINDERS
Aug. 1	UC Application Opens
Nov. 1-30	UC Application Filing Period
Dec. 1-31	Self-Report December Test Results
Dec.-Jan.	Augmented Review Requested
Mar. 1-31	Notified of Admission Decisions
May 1	Statement of Intent to Register Due
Jul. 1	Final, Official Transcripts Due





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