

El Camino Real Charter High School College Office
Tips for the UC Application Fall 2025 Admission

The University of California has one common application that will be used to apply to all UC campuses. Begin by going to <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login> to sign up for your UC account.

Getting Started:

- Create a new account. Use a valid and professional email address and adjust your email account to accept all mail from the University of California (you don't want UC emails to end up in "junk mail")
- Make note of your "password" as it cannot easily be reset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.
- Your UC application does not have to be completed in one sitting. You can "Sign Out" each time you access the application.
- Select Fall Quarter/Semester 2025 and Freshman Applicant.
- Navigating the application is easy! You can jump from section to section and there is a "Help" tab at upper right.

About You:

- Complete all the information in the section "About You," including personal and residency information. We recommend including your social security number, especially if your name is somewhat common. If you have not completed a section, you will see a blue "To Do" tab; you can come back later to finish those sections.
- Include information about your parents and their education level.
- Complete information about family income and size. *Info that you provide here will be used to determine eligibility for application fee waivers and college access programs.*

Campuses and Majors:

- On the California map, click the campuses to which you want to apply.
- Select a major for each campus after reviewing majors by Category or by College. Be sure to read the descriptions and any other information you see when you check the major or alternate major box. Most campuses will allow you to choose an alternate major; if not admitted to your first major, you may be admitted to an alternate (policies may vary by campus and major). Choosing "undeclared" is also an option if you are unsure of your plans.
- Students applying to UC San Diego will be asked to rank the six smaller colleges that make up UCSD.

Academic History: In this section, you will add in your high school as well as any other high schools attended, including those for summer school. You will enter all of your high school courses, so have your transcript available (from Aeries).

- **Complete information about courses in math or languages other than English that you took in 7th and 8th grade.** Use the "Add Another" tab to add more courses. You will receive A-G credit for these courses taken in middle school.
- Using a high school transcript, enter your courses for each year, following the instructions on each page. Make sure this information, including grades, is accurate. Continue through all pages, 9th through 12th grades. For 12th grade, you will enter either "In Progress" for the first semester or "Planned" for the second semester classes.
- **For online and summer school courses:** If the online or summer school provider (other than ECRCHS) has an approved UC course list (e.g., Laurel Springs Online, Opportunities for Learning, etc), add the provider as one of the high schools you attended.
- If an Honors course is weighted, it will appear as HL. UC has specific guidelines for which courses can be designated at HL; **do not label courses as HL unless they appear automatically!**
- **Repeated Courses:** You must enter all courses, even if you repeated a course and received a higher grade.
- If you have taken community college or other university courses while still in high school, complete the "Colleges Attended" section. Use your transcript from the college to accurately enter your courses and grades.
- **ECRCHS Course Information:**
 - 12th grade AP Macro Economic changes to Principles of American Democracy
 - 12th grade AP Government & Politics changes to Economics
 - 12th grade Principles of American Democracy changes to Economics
 - 12th grade Economics changes to Principles of American Democracy
 - 12th grade Honors English Literature changes to Honors Advanced Composition
 - 12th grade World Literature changes to Advanced Composition
 - 12th grade Honors World Literature changes to Honors Advanced Composition
 - 11th grade American Literature changes to Contemporary Composition

Test Scores:

- UC will not use the SAT or ACT for admission or scholarship consideration. They are requested for international students only.
- Add scores for AP exams. Include scores for tests already taken as well as tests you plan to take during senior year.
- Official AP scores do not need to be sent until you know where you will attend college.

Activities and Awards:

- In this section, you have room to add up to 20 entries that will include awards/honors, academic or educational preparation programs, extracurricular activities, volunteer involvements, and work experience.
- Make a list of your activities before you begin so you can add the ones most important to you at the top of the list.
- Select the category and begin entering information. For volunteer involvements, you are able to include a description of the organization as well as your role and description of your service.
- With 350 characters allowed for your descriptions, keep your entries concise, do not be overly wordy, and do not repeat information twice.
- In “**Activities**” and throughout the application, be cautious of using initials to describe clubs or activities. Don’t assume that the reader knows all possible club names. For example, Calif. Scholarship Federation instead of CSF, or National Honor Society instead of NHS.

Scholarships and Programs:

- In this section, you can apply for scholarships and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).
- Expand each section within **Scholarships** and click any boxes that may apply to you.
- In the **Program** section, read the description of EOP, which is designed for first-generation college students. If you believe you may be a candidate, include an explanation of why you are interested in this program.

Personal Insight Questions:

- Respond to any four of the eight questions listed. Each response is limited to 350 words. There is a word-counter within each response to make sure you stay within the limits.
- Be sure to read the instructions! You will want to write your responses in Google or Word documents and then “cut and paste” it into the boxes. Use formatting as outlined in the instructions.

Submit:

- On the “**Review and Submit**” page, you will see if each section has been completed.
- You can use the “Print Version” to print your application. It is important to proofread all sections before submission. You want the UC admissions staff to see your best work!
- You will be asked to pay a \$80 application fee for each campus or you will find out if you are eligible for fee waivers. Students eligible for fee waivers may apply to up to four campuses for free.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **August 1, 2024:** UC application is available. Begin completing the application, but wait until November to submit.
- **October 1 - November 30, 2024:** Applications are submitted between October 1 and November 30, 2024. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER!** We advise that you work on the application as early as possible and submit it before November 20. Don’t risk computer or submission problems!
- **March 2025:** During the month of March 2025, UC campuses will notify applicants of admission decisions. Many UC campuses plan to use waiting lists. If you are “waitlisted” you will receive instructions on how to stay on the waitlist.
- **May 1, 2025:** Deadline to submit “*Statement of Intent to Register*” to one UC campus for fall 2025.
- **END of the SEMESTER:** Please order transcripts and submit to the college you plan to attend. If you have taken college courses at community college or another college or university, send those transcripts as well.

IMPORTANT TIPS:

- If you change your schedule or drop a class after you submit your application, you must let the colleges know in writing. The same would apply if your grades drop substantially. **All acceptance letters are “provisional” and your offer of admission can be rescinded for several factors, including a drop in grades or getting a grade lower than a “C” in A-G courses. Your senior year grades will be important!**
- Proofread your application! Use the “Print Version” button to print a copy. Print and keep a copy of your receipt.
- AB540 or undocumented students, or students without a social security number will need to file an “Affidavit for Nonresidents”. You may qualify for in-state tuition and you may be asked for the affidavit after you apply.
- Check your email regularly for information and confirmations from each UC campus. It is your responsibility to make sure you don’t miss any important correspondence!
- Since you are self-reporting your grades, do not send transcripts unless specifically requested by a UC campus.
- UC Berkeley may be accepting teacher letters of recommendation for selected students and will notify you if they want those letters. Due date will most likely be December 31. So far, Berkeley is the only campus that may ask for letters.
- ***Remember, it is the student’s responsibility to follow all instructions on the University of California website in completing the application. Each student is responsible for ensuring that all information is current, accurate and truthful. These instructions are guidelines only and do not replace the actual instructions developed by the University of California.***

Help Desk Information:

The UC Application Center should be your go-to resource for all application questions: ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net
(800) 207-1710 — toll free in the United States.

Any changes once you submit your application must be made by email above or by mail to the UC Application Center:
UC Application Center
P.O. Box 1432
Bakersfield, CA 93302