

UNIVERSITY
OF
CALIFORNIA

University of
California
ADMISSIONS
2014-2015

CAMPUSES

- Nine undergraduate campuses
- Campus Environment
- Campus Tours

Admission to UC

- California residents who meet requirements are guaranteed admission, though not necessarily to campus or program of choice
- All campuses use the general BOARS guidelines for all applicants both in and out-of-state.

Selection Criteria

- Individual campus selection practices vary but all draw from common comprehensive review factors
- Information on how a campus selects students for admission can be viewed on the campus website

Admission Requirements Statewide Context

- **Subjects** – UC Approved A-G
- **Scholarship** – GPA based upon eligible course work completed in the sophomore and junior years
- **Examination** – ACT Assessment plus Writing/SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests

Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC)

- Recognizes students' individual accomplishments in light of the opportunities offered by their high school
- Top 9% of CA high school students or
- Top 9% of the graduating class at participating high schools
- For California Residents Only

Comprehensive Review

- Grade-Point Average
- Test Scores
- Courses Completed/Planned
- Honors Courses
- Top 9% Local Context (ELC)
- Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
- Academic Opportunities in California High Schools

Comprehensive Review

- Performance in Academic Subject Areas
- Achievements in Special Projects
- Improvement in Academic Performance
- Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
- Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
- Geographic Location

Holistic Review

- Admissions officers look beyond the required test scores and grades to evaluate applicants' academic achievements in light of the opportunities available to them and the capacity each student demonstrates to contribute to the intellectual life of the campus

Personal Statement

- Grades and test scores are only one part of the story
- Helps the University learn more about an individual applicants:
 - Talents
 - Experiences
 - Achievements
 - Points of view
- Not a (re)list of qualities/accomplishments

Personal Statement

- An introduction to the admission officers and faculty who may evaluate the application
- Should reflect original ideas
- Written in a natural style that conveys the personality of the applicant
- Ideas should be conveyed in a focused, thoughtful, meaningful manner
- Supported with specific examples

Campus Housing

- UCD, UCB, UCI, UCSD, & UCSC freshman guarantee for two years
- UCLA freshman guarantee for three years
- UCSB freshman guarantee for up to four years
- Each undergraduate college at UCSC and UCSD has its own housing community where special interests are celebrated

Community College Transfer

- Admission Requirements
 - 60/90 transferable semester/quarter units
 - Completion of 7-Course Pattern
 - Major preparation important
- Guarantee Admission Programs
- Visit ASSIST.ORG for more information

Applying to UC

- Application Filing period – November 1-30
- Application now available August 1st
- Application fee is \$60 per campus for US residents
- UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses (available online)
- College Board and NACAC waivers



2014-15

Undergraduate Fees

- **\$13,200*/year in fees**
 - Nonresident students pay an additional \$22,878 in nonresident supplemental tuition.
- **\$32,400/year total CA resident budget if living on campus**

**Fees subject to change without notice*

Financial Aid

- **FAFSA/Dream Act filing period:**
 - January 1st thru March 2nd
 - Priority filing by mid-February
- Students must submit the FAFSA/Dream Act application to receive financial aid from UC

Scholarships

- **Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan (UC)**
 - Intended to assist lower-income students
 - Family income of less than \$80,000/year
 - Must qualify for financial aid
- **Middle Class Scholarship Program (CA)**
 - Intended to assist middle-class students attending UC and CSU
 - Family income of up to \$150,000/year



Important Websites

UC Information Center:

universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

UC-approved High School courses:

doorways.ucop.edu/list