UCLA receives the most admission applications of any university in the United States, and our admissions requirements are among the most selective in the nation. At UCLA we’re looking for more than just straight-A students. We seek students with unique stories whose rich experience brings the type of perspective and leadership that we value.

As an undergraduate, you may apply for admission as a freshman (first-year) or as a transfer student. You are a freshman applicant if you will be completing high school; if you have already graduated from high school, you can be considered a freshmen if you have not enrolled at any college or university following your graduation. You are a transfer applicant if you have completed college level coursework after high school graduation, learn more at: www.admission.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_tr.htm.
The University’s personal insight question portion of the application allows you to provide information that will give us more insight about you during the review process. Remember, the personal questions are just that — personal. The important thing is expressing who you are, what matters to you and what you want to share with us. You will have eight questions to choose from. You must respond to only four of the eight questions. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words. Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. You should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances.

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?

6. Describe your favorite academic subject and explain how it has influenced you.

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

8. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?
evaluating your academic records

- All applications are reviewed in a consistent manner and all achievement – both academic and nonacademic/personal – is considered in the context of your educational circumstances, with an emphasis on the opportunities or challenges presented to you and your response to them. No single attribute or characteristic guarantees the admission of any applicant to UCLA.

- Application review consists of a comprehensive look at all of your information (academic and personal). All applications are read twice, in their entirety, by admissions professionals.

- We are familiar with most California schools and many around the nation. Our careful study of different schools and curricula is also supported by information we receive directly from schools, including communication with school personnel. The UC application is designed for students to self-advocate, and we welcome information applicants think might be helpful in understanding their accomplishments within their school communities. Additional information about the school(s) you have attended can be included in the “comments” section of your application.

- There is no formula for gaining admission to UCLA. Students with vastly different credentials come from thousands of high schools across the country and around the world. What unifies our students are the talents they bring to UCLA and their passion to explore all that UCLA has to offer.

general application tips

- The University of California has one application for all nine UC undergraduate campuses. Each campus makes its admission decision independent of each other. The University of California does not use the Common Application.

- All academic and non-academic information plus personal insight question answers are reported via the online UC application. UCLA uses self-reported academic information when making the preliminary assessment of your application for admission. In completing your application, you will be asked to list all courses and grades from all schools and colleges you have attended. Complete the educational history section of the application exactly as it appears on your school records. Later, we will request official transcripts to verify the completeness and accuracy of this information.

- Applicants to The College of Letters and Science will be asked to select a major of choice, however, applicants who have not yet selected a major are welcome to apply with an “undecided/undeclared” status.

- The Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (HSSEAS) admits students by declared major; students applying to HSSEAS may select an alternate major, within HSSEAS, if they wish.

- Applicants to the School of Arts and Architecture; Music; Nursing; and Theater, Film and Television will receive additional information regarding the respective school’s supplemental application following the submission of your UC application.

- We guarantee review of first-choice majors only.

- Letters of recommendation and interviews are not accepted and official documents or transcripts are not required until after an admission offer is accepted.

- UCLA does not offer an early action or early decision program.

- UCLA requests that you report all changes in your high school academic record as well as any changes in your mailing address that occur after you submit your application. You will receive information on how to do this following submission of your application.

FALL 2016
ADMIT PROFILE

97,116
Number of Applications

3.90
Average G.P.A. unweighted

18%
Acceptance Rate

1910-2250
Mid-50% SAT Composite Score*

29–34
Mid-50% ACT Composite Score

*Based on previous SAT score scale of 600–2400
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filed starting October 1. The UCLA priority deadline for FAFSA filing is March 2. Students who submit their application after this priority deadline will have reduced eligibility for aid. Based on your FAFSA and other information you submit, UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships will determine your eligibility for a variety of funding options, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs and loans. AB540 eligible students who are not citizens or permanent residents can apply for aid via Dream Act application with the same priority deadline of March 2.

If you are a California resident, the California Student Aid Commission provides grants to qualified students, which assist you with your educational expenses. If you are not a California resident, your home state might offer college grants even if you attend an institution in another state. Check the U.S. Department of Education website for a list of state higher education agencies that can direct you to the proper resources.

The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center is available to help you identify scholarships for which you are qualified. Other resources, including community service organizations in your hometown, faith-based groups and your high school career/college counseling center are options to explore. We also encourage you to initiate a search for additional scholarship resources via the internet.

Lastly, an online search will reveal various websites and databases dedicated to helping you locate the best scholarship opportunities. For information about searching for UCLA scholarships for first-year students and other outside scholarships, please review our Scholarship Resource Center website at: www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu. We hope that this free scholarship search option and others that you may identify will be helpful in augmenting your resources.