applying TO UCLA

YOUR FUTURE IS BRUIN

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) welcomes applications from students across the nation and around the world. Indeed, part of what makes UCLA great is the variety of experiences and backgrounds our students bring to our campus community. In 2015–16, UCLA Enrolled freshman students from over 50 countries and nearly all 50 states. Located in a beautiful neighborhood in one of the world’s great cities, UCLA is a research university with a long tradition of academic and research excellence. For nearly a century, UCLA has educated future leaders for every endeavor—from academia to the arts, from private industry to public service. Consistently ranked in the top tier of national and international universities and powered by extensive resources, UCLA graduates enjoy high rates of admission to the world’s top graduate and professional schools and are well prepared for service to society. UCLA’s College of Letters and Science and four professional schools—Arts and Architecture, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Nursing, and Theater, Film and Television—feature renowned faculty and offer over 125 majors. We hope that you will take the time to look closely at the opportunities awaiting you as an undergraduate student at UCLA.

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: http://www.admission.ucla.edu/prospect/adm_tr.htm.
THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

The University’s personal statement portion of the application allows you to provide information that will give us more insight about you during the review process. The information we seek in the personal statement should add clarity, richness and meaning to the information you provide in other parts of your application. Your personal statement is an opportunity to make your best case for admission. You should respond to both questions and share with us the accomplishments, perspectives, experiences and talents that are important to you. The personal statement should complement, not repeat, the information included elsewhere in the application.

We use this information to increase our understanding of you as a whole person. In reading your statement we will consider:

- Your contribution to the intellectual and cultural vitality of UCLA
- Your personal background and experience
- Leadership in school and/or community organizations
- Exceptional achievements, such as recognition for special talents or extracurricular activities
- Employment or personal responsibilities
- Overcoming life challenges related to personal or family situation, social or economic difficulties, lack of educational opportunities, or challenges particular to the urban or rural environments, including access to opportunities, participation in foster care, etc.
- How military service has been instrumental in developing your educational plans (if applicable)

Additional information tips for completing the personal statement can be found at: http://www.admission.ucla.edu/Prospect/PerStmt.htm

PROMPT FOR FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Describe the world you come from - for example, your family, community or school - and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations.

PROMPT FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution, or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person that you are?
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.

FALL 2015 ADMIT PROFILE

92,728
No. of Applications

3.90
Average G.P.A.
unweighted

17%
Acceptance Rate

1930–2250
Mid-50% SAT
Composite Score

29–34
Mid-50% ACT
Composite Score

GENERAL APPLICATION TIPS

The University of California has one application for all nine UC undergraduate campuses. The University of California does not use the Common Application.

All academic and non-academic information plus two personal statements 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, Nursing, and Theater, Film and Television will receive additional information regarding the respective school’s supplemental application following the submission of your UC application.

Letters of recommendation and interviews are not accepted and official documents/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.
COST OF ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Estimated Costs for the Academic Year 2015-16 (note: all fees are subject to change).

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| Tuition and Fees            | $13,086  
| Room and Board              | $14,904  
| Books and Supplies          | $1,383   
| Transportation              | $594     
| Personal                    | $2,001   
| Health Insurance            | $1,930   
| TOTAL                       | $33,898**

Our financial aid professionals are dedicated to helping you make UCLA affordable. Leveraging numerous financial aid options, we create a strategy that works for each family to cover the cost of your education. Most families pay less than the full price of tuition. In fact, 54% of our 2014-15 undergraduates were awarded need-based scholarships or grant aid with an average gift award of $18,806. To keep UCLA affordable, we offer an array of housing options and meal plans – as well as financial aid for housing – so that you have the flexibility as to how much you pay for room and board. For more information on how to make UCLA affordable, see: http://www.ucla.edu/admission/affordability. In addition, UCLA offers payment plan options for both tuition and housing so that families can make smaller, regular tuition payments throughout the academic year instead of larger, lump-sum payments.

*Over 96% of all freshmen students live on campus. For information on the estimated budget for students commuting from home or living off-campus, see http://www.financialaid.ucla.edu

**In addition, the Nonresident Supplemental Tuition is $24,708, bringing the total estimated cost for nonresidents to $58,606.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filed starting January 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.

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: http://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.