international students
your guide to applying

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) welcomes applications from students around the world, and students come from all over the globe to attend UCLA. Indeed, part of what makes UCLA great is the variety of experiences and backgrounds our students bring to our campus community.

Located in a beautiful and safe neighborhood in one of the world’s great cities, UCLA is a major research university with a long standing tradition of academic and research excellence. 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. We hope that you will take the time to look closely at the opportunities awaiting you as an undergraduate student at UCLA.

### Number of majors offered here at UCLA:
125+

### Average GPA UNWEIGHTED
3.9

### Choose Your Path
- Choose one from:
  - College of Letters & Science
  - Arts & Architecture
  - Engineering & Applied Sciences
  - Music
  - Nursing
  - Theater, Film, and Television

### NATIONAL RANKINGS
- #2 among U.S. Public Universities
- London Times Higher Education World Rankings 2017

### Profile of Fall 2017 Freshman Admits

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<td>Number of Applicants</td>
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<td>Average Unweighted GPA</td>
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<td>Average TOEFL</td>
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Undergraduates come from over 84 countries

All first year students are guaranteed 3 years of on-campus housing

Number of applicants over 329 days of sunshine
Our application readers have expertise in different curricula and educational systems from around the world. Below are some of the most common educational systems and average admission requirements for each:

### British system (including Singapore)
- Students who have attended school under the British system must present at least five GCSE/Ordinary-Level examinations and at least three Advanced-Level examinations with superior grades. Results of Advanced-Subsidiary exams also should be submitted if applicable. Competitive applicants typically score A and A* grades.

### India
- Complete Year X and Year XII state board. Competitive applicants typically achieve high marks, primarily A1 and A2 grades or scores above 80.

### International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Students enrolled in IB schools are expected to earn scores of 5 or higher on IB HL exams, and most admitted students typically score 38+ points on the IB Diploma.

### French Baccalaureate
- Students enrolled in French Baccalaureate schools are expected to earn scores of 10 or higher, and most competitive applicants typically score 14+ points in each subject.

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**Academic Preparation**

- There is no single academic path we expect all students to follow, but the strongest applicants take the most rigorous secondary school curriculum available to them.

- To be considered for admission to UCLA as a freshman, international students must complete secondary school and be able to enter a university in their home country.

- Successful applicants have completed high school with a well-rounded academic background including coursework in History/Social Science, English, Laboratory Science, Language (other than language of instruction), Visual and Performing Arts (if available). This series of completed coursework is typically referred to as the “a-g” courses required for eligibility to the University of California. We understand that UCLA’s subject requirements may be difficult for some international applicants to meet due to differences in national curriculums, and all applications are reviewed within the context of courses available to them.

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**Testing Requirements**

1. **ACT or SAT**: Applicants must complete either the ACT plus Writing Test or the SAT with essay. The University of California system will also accept the SAT taken prior to March 2016.
   - Applicants to the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science are strongly encouraged to take the following SAT Subject Tests: Math Level 2 and a science test (Biology E/M, Chemistry, or Physics) that is closely related to the applicant’s intended major.
   - UCLA will use the highest composite score from a single test administration. **UCLA does not superscore.**

2. **English Proficiency**: Applicants whose first language, or language of instruction for at least the last three years is not English, are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing Service (IELTS).
   - A competitive score is above **100** (with sub-scores above 22) on the TOEFL or a 7 or above on the IELTS.

**Optional - Duolingo English Test**: Applicants have the option to provide additional information about their English ability by submitting a score on the Duolingo English Test. This is an optional supplement that may assist us in evaluating your application. **TOEFL or IELTS is still required.**

**Note**: In order for your test scores to be available in time for our review, all tests must be taken by December of your final year of secondary school. All test scores must be sent directly from the testing agency to UCLA.

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**No single attribute or characteristic guarantees the admission of any applicant to UCLA.**
The University’s Personal Insight Questions are about getting to know you better - your life experience, interests, ambitions, and inspirations. Find your individual voice and express it. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words and you must select 4 out of the 8 questions. Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. You should select the following questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances:

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

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. Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.

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

8. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?
COST OF ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL AID

Academic year 2017–18 (estimated tuition and fees for nonresident undergraduates)
All fees are subject to change.

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*UCLA requires that all international students on non-immigrant visas have adequate medical insurance during all periods of enrollment. More information about this requirement will be sent to students when they are admitted.

California Residency
Determination of your residency for purposes of tuition and fees occurs after you have been admitted to UCLA. Regulations defining California residence for purposes of tuition and fees are detailed at www.registrar.ucla.edu/Fees-Residence/Residence-Requirements/Residence-Determination.

US Citizens/Permanent Residents
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filed starting October 1, 2017. Make sure you complete the FAFSA by March 2, which is the priority deadline for UCLA. Based on your FAFSA and other information you submit, the Financial Aid Office will determine your eligibility for a variety of funding options, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs and loans.

The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center is available to help you identify scholarships for which you are qualified. 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

Funding
International students are not eligible for university, state, or federal financial aid. We urge international students to research scholarship opportunities from private organizations both within the US and your home country.

For more information on how to make UCLA affordable, see: 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.

MESSAGE REGARDING AGENTS AND CONSULTANTS

UCLA Undergraduate Admission does not partner with agents to represent the University or to administer any part of the application process. The engagement of agents or private organizations for the purpose of recruiting or enrolling international students is not endorsed by UCLA.

UCLA expects an application to be the work of the student and any deviation violates University policy which may lead to rejection of application materials, revocation of an admission offer, cancellation of admission, or involuntary withdrawal from the University. There is no formula for gaining admission to UCLA. Students with vastly different credentials come from thousands of secondary 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.