

UCLA

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YOUR GUIDE TO APPLYING

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) welcomes applications from students around the world. UCLA has a long history of hosting students and scholars from across the globe, and 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

FALL 2018 FRESHMAN ADMIT PROFILE		
	INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS	ALL APPLICANTS
TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS	19,400	113,000
AVERAGE UNWEIGHTED GPA	3.91	3.91
ACCEPTANCE RATE	12%	14%
MID-50% SAT	1470-1540	1370-1530
MID-50% ACT	33-35	31-35
AVERAGE TOEFL	112	N/A

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.



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Study across 7 different academic divisions: College of Letters & Science; Arts & Architecture; Engineering & Applied Science; Music; Nursing; Public Affairs; Theater, Film & Television



100

Our undergraduates come from more than 100 different countries



329

Los Angeles enjoys 329 days of sunshine



125+

UCLA offers over 125 majors and over 80 minors



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We are ranked as the #1 U.S. Public University U.S. News & World Report 2018



TESTING REQUIREMENTS

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 either be in the final year of secondary school or have already completed secondary school and currently not enrolled in university or college. The student must be able to enter a university in their home country with their secondary credential.
- Successful applicants complete 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 curriculum, and all applications are reviewed within the context of courses available to them.**

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.

EDUCATION SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

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 IGCSE/GCSE/Ordinary Level examinations and at least three Advanced-Level examinations with superior grades. Results of Advanced-Subsidiary exams should also be submitted if applicable. Competitive applicants typically score A and A* grades.

India: Complete Year X and Year XII state board exams. 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 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 score 14+ points in each subject.

GENERAL APPLICATION TIPS

- **The University of California's online application (UC Application)** is used to apply to UCLA and all University of California campuses. Find the application at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. Students applying to the following professional schools at UCLA are required to submit, in addition to the UC Application, a **supplemental application**: Arts and Architecture; Music; Nursing; and Theater, Film and Television.
- The application opens on **August 1st**, and must be submitted **November 1–30** in the year before fall term enrollment. An application fee is associated with submission.
- **Letters of recommendation are not accepted at UCLA.** However, students applying to the following professional schools at UCLA – Arts & Architecture; Music; Nursing; and Theater, Film and Television – are required to submit letters of recommendation in the supplemental application.
- UCLA uses **self-reported academic information** when making a 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.
- **Final official documents/transcripts are not required at the point of application.** If you are offered admission to UCLA, you will receive instructions on how to send your official records to us for verification of completeness and accuracy.
- Please report **all official external exam results** in the "International External Exams" section of the UC Application.
- If your school releases **predicted exam results**, you may enter them in the same section. The **predictions will be used** as part of your application review and **we expect students to perform at a similar standard.**
- If you reported external exams such as AP/IB/GCSEs/A Levels, **you will be expected to complete all exams listed on your application.**
- We perform a holistic review of all applicants to UCLA in which all your achievements – both academic and nonacademic/personal – are 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 admission.
- **UCLA does not offer early action or early decision.**



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PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

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 questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances. If you need additional help on how to address these questions, please refer to the "Worksheet for Freshman Applicants" on the University of California website (<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu>)

- 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 2018–19 (estimated tuition and fees for nonresident undergraduates)
All fees are subject to change.

	Living in a Residence Hall	Living Off Campus
University Fees	\$13,285	\$13,285
Room & Meals	\$15,816	\$13,806
Books & Supplies	\$1,449	\$1,449
Transportation	\$432	\$867
Personal	\$1,470	\$1,680
Health Insurance*	\$2,225	\$2,225
Nonresident Supplemental	\$28,992	\$28,992
TOTAL	\$63,669	\$62,304

*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 tuition purposes occurs after you have been admitted to UCLA. Regulations defining California residence for tuition purposes 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, 2018. 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 their home countries. 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 that violates University policy 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.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

August 1:

Application opens for Fall 2019

November 1–30:

Application submission window

November 30:

Deadline to submit your application

Late March:

Admission notification (freshman)

Late April:

Admission notification (transfer)

May 1:

Deadline to submit your enrollment deposit (freshman)*

June 1:

Deadline to submit your enrollment deposit (transfer)*

*Once you have submitted your deposit, you will receive instructions on how to obtain your I-20 from the Dashew Center for International Students & Scholars.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Undergraduate Admission

UCLA Undergraduate Admission
1147 Murphy Hall, Box 951436
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1436
www.admission.ucla.edu

Dashew Center for International Students & Scholars [DCISS]

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