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Transfer application tips and tools

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Before You Begin

Gather your information

Having everything you’ll need in hand before you start your application means you won’t be searching for important information at the last minute. Use the checklist and worksheet on pages 3–4 as your guide, and don’t forget the deadlines on page 6.

Research your options

There may be different degree programs at several UC campuses that can help you achieve your career goal; knowing what they are will give you more options when you apply. Check which majors are open for the current term at http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/check-majors.

Campus Major Offerings

UCB  http://berkeley.edu/academics/dept/a.shtml
UCD  http://admissions.ucdavis.edu/majors
UCI  www.admissions.uci.edu/academics/majors_and_minors.html
UCLA www.admissions.ucla.edu/majors
UCM  www.ucmerced.edu/academics/undergraduate-majors
UCR  www.ucr.edu/academics/undergradmajors.html
UCSD www.ucsd.edu/current-students/academics/majors-minors/undergraduate-majors.html
UCSB www.admissions.ucsb.edu/allmajors.asp
UCSC http://admissions.ucsc.edu/majors

Apply broadly

Applying to more than one UC can significantly increase your chances of being admitted to a campus that will enable you to fulfill your educational goals. We recommend applying to campuses that vary in their admit rates (visit admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses for the most recent California admit rates).

Pick an email address and stick with it

Campuses email applicants to request or clarify information; they often need a quick response. Provide an email address that you will check regularly. Update your spam filters to ensure that you receive all UC communications.

Apply at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Follow directions. Answers to common questions appear on every page. If you can’t find an answer, contact our help desk at ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net, or call (800) 207-1710 (toll free in the U.S.) or (661) 336-5723 (outside the U.S.).

Save your work. If you take a break from your application, sign out or click “Next” on any page to make sure your work is saved.

Review your summary. Look for any instance where the summary page says “not started” or “in progress.” If you didn’t intend to leave a question blank, click “Edit” to go back and fill it in.

Don’t forget to click “Submit your application for UC admission.” Your application won’t be sent to UC until you do. You will be taken to the receipt page, which shows your application ID. It’s a good idea to print this page.
Write your personal statement in advance

Think of your personal statement as your chance to tell us who you are and what’s important to you. What you tell us in your essays gives us the context to better understand the rest of the information you’ve provided in your application. Be open, be honest, be yourself.

A few tips. Read each prompt carefully and be sure to respond to all parts. Use specific, concrete examples to support the points you want to make. Take time to write, rewrite and edit. Show it to a teacher, counselor or friend for comments, but make sure the words you use are your own. Watch our personal statement video at http://ucal.us/statementvideo for more tips.

Finally, relax. This is one of many pieces of information we consider in reviewing your application. An admission decision will not be based on your personal statement alone.

Instructions

➔ Respond to both prompts, using a maximum of 1,000 words total.
➔ You may allocate the word count as you wish, but we suggest each answer be no less than 250 words.

Prompt #1

What is your intended major? Discuss how your interest in the subject developed and describe any experience you have had in the field — such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities — and what you have gained from your involvement.

Prompt #2

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 you are?

Following the personal statement, there’s a section called Additional Comments. Use this space — up to 550 words — to tell us anything you want us to know about you that you don’t have the opportunity to describe elsewhere in the application.

Pursue all potential scholarships

UC campuses and alumni associations award a variety of scholarships based on a student’s academic merit, financial need or both. Visit www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/paying-for-uc/scholarships to research deadlines and additional requirements.

There are also “restricted” scholarships available to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career goals. You can apply for these scholarships in the admission application by matching your own background characteristics and interests to the lists provided. Most students are notified of scholarship awards between March and August.

Application fees

Paying your application fees. UC’s application fee is $70 per campus ($80 if you’re an international student). You may pay online by credit card or be billed. Application fees are non-refundable.

Applying for a fee waiver. UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students who otherwise would be unable to apply. If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you can apply for a fee waiver within the application and find out immediately whether or not you qualify.
Checklist

Transcripts

You’ll need to enter courses and grades from all colleges you have attended. Don’t enter information from memory; misreporting your academic record can jeopardize your admission. If you’re a sophomore transfer applicant, you’ll also need your high school records, and if you took advanced math and/or a language other than English in middle school, you must report how many semesters you completed.

Test scores

Report any Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, TOEFL or IELTS exam scores. If you’re a sophomore transfer applicant, include your ACT Plus Writing, and/or SAT and SAT Subject test (optional) scores.

Annual income (optional)

If your parents claim you as a dependent on their tax return, ask them for their annual pre-tax income for 2012 and 2013. Refer to tax records or pay stubs.

For international students: If you receive financial support from parents or legal guardians, ask them for their estimated total household income in U.S. dollars.

Social Security number (if you have one)

We use your Social Security number to verify your identity and match your application to your transcripts, test score reports and, if you apply for financial aid, your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It will be kept confidential.

Citizenship status

You must provide your country of citizenship (or “No Selection” — this is recommended for undocumented applicants). If you select a country other than the United States, you’ll need to provide your immigration status and the type of visa (e.g., F-1) you hold or plan to hold.

Credit card

You’ll need the account number, expiration date, cardholder’s name and billing address. (If you’d prefer to pay by check, you can send your payment by mail. Do not send cash.)
# Activities and Awards Worksheet

In addition to your courses and grades, we want to know about any honors you’ve received and how you spend your time outside of school. Use this worksheet to prepare concise descriptions of your most significant awards and activities. You may list up to five entries in each category, so think carefully about what you want to highlight. Also make sure to fully describe each item (up to 160 characters) for admissions offices to best understand your involvement.

**Additional HS coursework (sophomore transfers only)** List additional courses or training taken during high school that do not fit into the academic subject categories of the academic record that demonstrate a particular focus or interest (e.g., language immersion courses or nontransferable college courses).

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**Educational Preparation Programs** List your participation in educational or academic preparation programs that are designed to help students prepare for university study. These programs may include academic enrichment programs sponsored by colleges/universities, research programs and study-abroad programs.

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**Volunteer and Community Service** List unpaid work only.

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**Work Experience** List paid work only.

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To what use have you or will you put your earnings?

**Awards and Honors** List and briefly describe the most significant awards you have received.

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**Extracurricular Activities** List and briefly describe the activities you have been involved in.

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After You Submit

Print your receipt

You’ll want to keep a record of your application ID number and a summary of your application for reference.

Watch for your application submission confirmation

As soon as you submit your application, you’ll receive an email confirming it has been successfully filed. If you do not receive this email, check your spam filter or contact the application help desk at ucinfo@applyUCsupport.net, (800) 207-1710 (toll free in the U.S.) or (661) 336-5723 (outside the U.S.).

Update your application

About five weeks after the application filing period ends, you must log in to your application at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply to complete your Transfer Academic Update by providing your grades for the last completed term and update your in-progress and planned coursework.

Order test score reports

If you’re a sophomore applicant, be sure to have the relevant testing agency send your official ACT and/or SAT results to UC. If you have a report sent to one campus, it will be shared with all campuses to which you apply.

Order final transcripts

If you are admitted for the fall term, you must arrange to have final, official transcripts sent to the campus admissions office no later than July 1.

Note: Before admittance, you do not need to send preliminary transcripts unless requested by a campus.

Applying for Financial Aid

There’s money available to help you attend UC. If you are a California resident and your family income is less than $80,000, the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will cover, at a minimum, your systemwide fees if you qualify for financial aid. Your family makes more? You may still be able to get other grants and scholarships. Even if you don’t think you’ll qualify, apply. It’s the only way to be considered for every type of aid possible, including low-interest student and parent loans.

Apply for aid between January 1 and March 2, 2014. Here’s how:

Submit a FAFSA. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available at www.fafsa.gov. You automatically will be considered for the Blue and Gold opportunity plan if you submit the FAFSA.

Submit your GPA for a Cal Grant. If you’re a California resident progressing toward your first bachelor’s degree, make sure your school-certified GPA is submitted to the California Student Aid Commission. California community colleges automatically submit their students’ GPAs. If this isn’t the case with your school, use the GPA Verification Form, which is available at www.csacc.ca.gov (click on “Cal Grant GPA Forms” under “Resources”).

Find out more about UC’s financial aid programs: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/paying-for-uc.
Making Changes to Your Application

Notify us if any of your information changes

Log in to www.universityofcalifornia.edu/afterapply to update your application:

- If you change your phone number, email or mailing address
- If you add or drop a course or fail to earn a C or better in a course
- If you enroll at a different college after applying
- If you want to apply to an additional UC campus (providing the campus is still accepting applications)

Important dates and deadlines

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<td>Jan. 1:</td>
<td>Filing period opens for GPA Verification Form (required of California residents for Cal Grant consideration) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (<a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a>) *</td>
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<td>March 2:</td>
<td>Deadline for applicants for all terms to submit FAFSA and GPA Verification Form</td>
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<td>April 1-30:</td>
<td>Notification of fall 2014 admission decisions</td>
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<td>Deadline for fall 2014 admitted transfer students to submit the Statement of Intent to Register to their chosen campus.</td>
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<td>July 1:</td>
<td>Final official transcripts due at campus admissions offices for students admitted for fall 2014</td>
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* For U.S. citizens only.