Applying to UC campuses and private universities

UC Facts

- 10 campuses however, UCSF is for graduate students.
- 90% of UC students are CA residents
- Newly enrolling students are well-prepared
 - Average GPA: 3.86
- Remember: UC campuses admit students with a broad range of academic achievements
- Apply Oct. 1 Nov. 30
- Apply Broadly! <u>UC application guide</u>

Are you eligible to apply?

Eligibility

- A-G courses (Minimum of 15 A-G courses but 11 courses must have been completed by the start of senior year.)
- 3.0 GPA or above in A-G courses

Application Timeline

UC Application: https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/		
Date/Deadline	Task	
August 1	UC Application opens	
October 1 - November 30	Students submit UC Application	
March	Notification of admission decisions by campus	
May 1	Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline	
July 1	Official transcripts due	
July 15	Exam scores due, if applicable (AP, IB, ELP, etc.)	

Student Preparation

- Begin preparing for the application now.
- Check for available majors at: <u>http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/check-majors/index.html</u>
- Gather materials (transcripts from RBHS and Shasta, Activities Record, etc)
- Your short answer responses to the personal insight questions are important! Start working on these questions.

What students need to fill out the UC application

- Unofficial transcripts
- Test scores, if applicable
- Annual family income information
- List of awards & honors

- List of extracurriculars
- Non-classroom activities
- Volunteer/job timelines with hours & job duties





Comprehensive Review

Every UC Campus

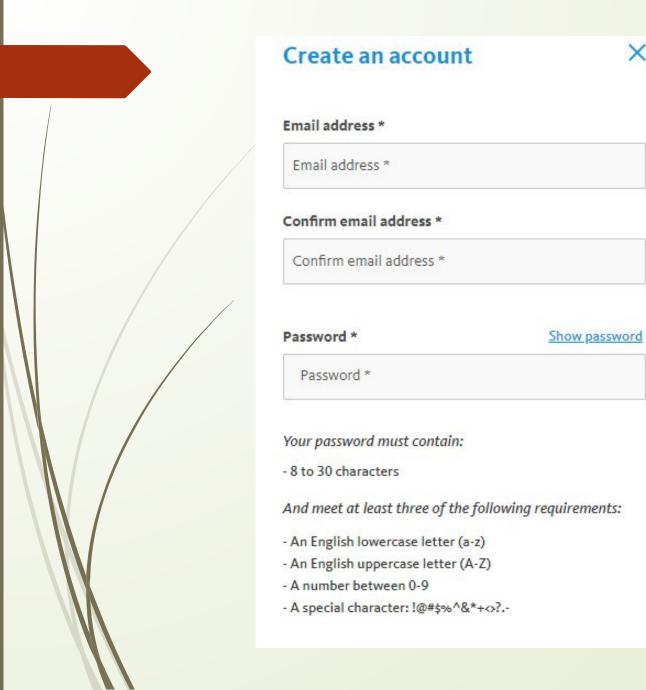
- Receives the same application from you
- Looks for strong preparation and assesses student within context
- Looks at the full application

Comprehensive Review

- GPA
- Number of A-G courses and performance
- Number of honors, AP, and college courses completed
- ELC (top 9% of graduating high school class)
- Strength of senior year coursework
- Utilization of educational opportunities available
- Outstanding performance in an academic area
- Outstanding work in an academic field
- Recent, marked improvement in the last two years
- Special talents and skills
- Completion of special projects
- Academic accomplishment in light of difficult life experiences
- Location of high school and residence

UC Guarantee

- Top 9% of students of California are considered to be eligible based on the Statewide Path. This distinction comes from the admission index which calculates the student's A-G GPA. These students are guaranteed admission to a UC campus but it may not be their first choice campus.
- Top 9% of high school class is considered to be ELC which is Eligibility in the Local Context. This distinction comes from the A-G GPA and measured against the GPA of the graduating class. The ELC students also receive guaranteed admission to a UC campus.



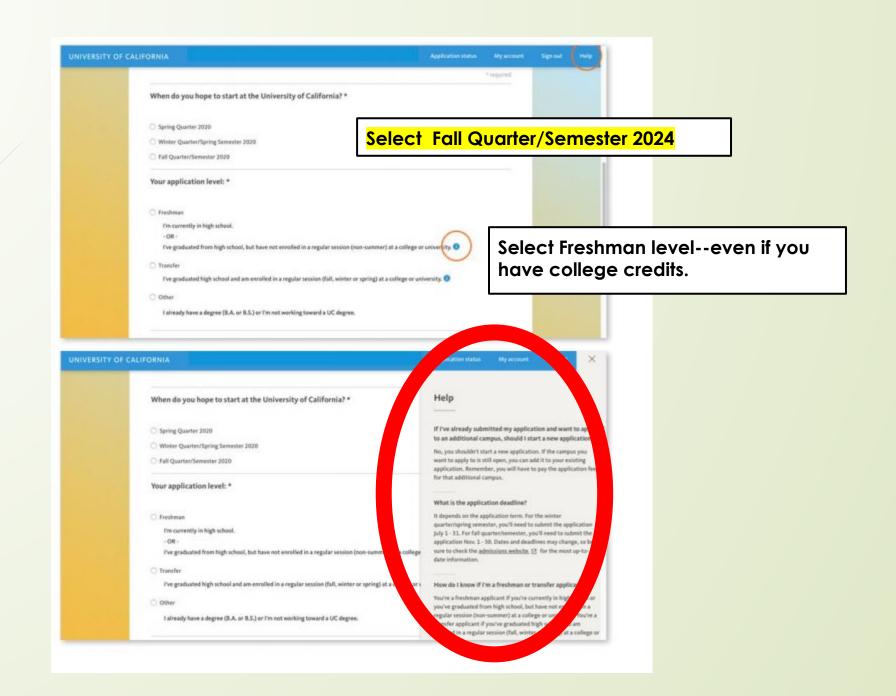
Getting Started

The University of California uses the information requested on the application to process your application for admission, scholarships, and statistical analysis and reporting. Please see our Privacy Policy for more details.

 By checking this box, you are confirming that you have read and agree to our Terms of Use.

Create account

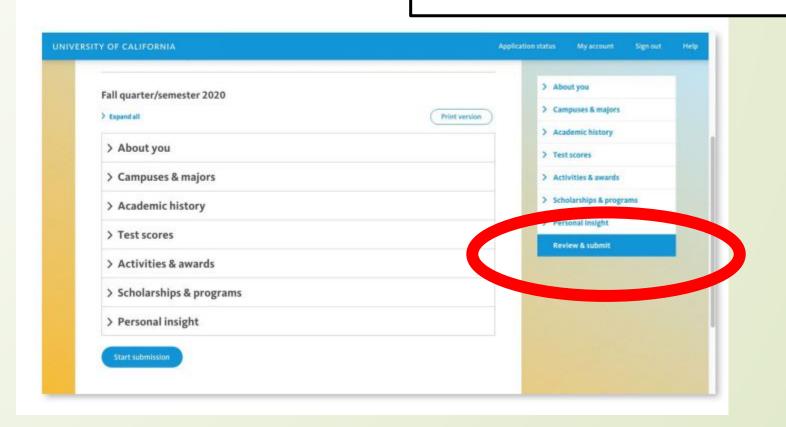
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You will have a chance to see your entire app at any point by clicking on this link.

This is also the landing page for when you log back in after a previous session.



About you

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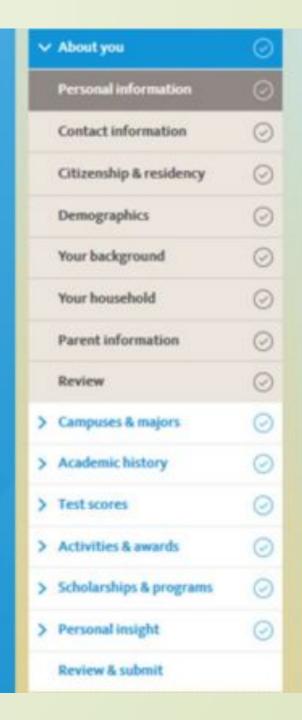
- Personal information
- Contact information
- Citizen & residency
- Demographics
- Your background
- Your household

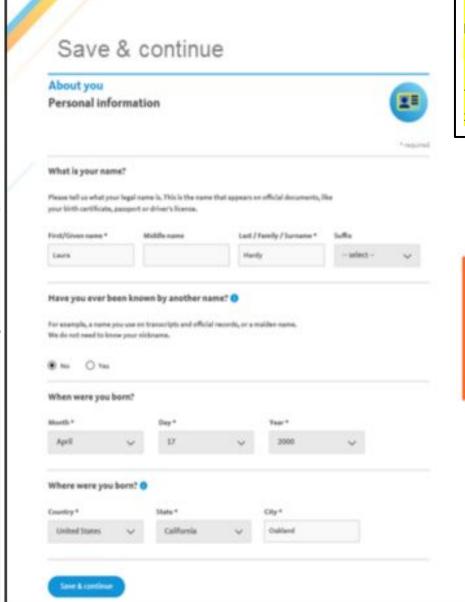
For a fee waiver-must report family size and income.

Parent information

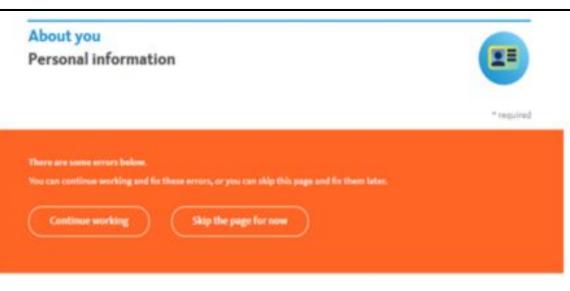
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You don't have to fill out the application sequentially but it is recommended. Some pages rely on info being entered on previous pages. If you navigate these pages out of order, a message will appear directing you to visit the previous page first. You will be timed out after 20 minutes of inactivity. You should always hit save at the bottom.



Campuses & majors Choose campuses

- UC Berkeley
- UC Davis
- UC Irvine
- ✓ UCLA
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz

- You must select a major for each campus you're applying to.
- If available, you should select an alternate major. If a campus is unable to offer you a place in the first-choice major, the campus may consider you for an alternate major. Be sure the alternate major is in a subject area that you really want to study (and in some cases, it should be in a different area of study than your primary major).
- Majors are sorted by category or college. After selecting the major/alternate major, scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Save & continue."

Each UC campus has different strengths and unique environments. Applying to more than one campus will increase your chances of being admitted to UC and finding a campus that's right for you.

There is an application fee of \$70 per campus, which you'll pay once you submit your application.

What is a selective major?

Majors that are selective receive more qualified applicants than spaces available.

A selective major may strongly recommend additional criteria and preparation including:

- specific courses
- supplemental applications
- general interest in the subject area

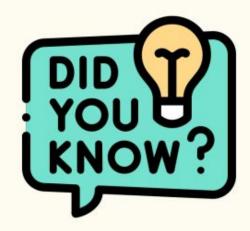
The more students prepare for the major, the more competitive they will be.



Definition of selective major

UC campuses may use the following terms to indicate that a major is selective:

- Capped
- High-demand
- Screening
- Selective



Campuses that use the term	Campuses that use the term	Campuses that use the term	Campuses that use the term
"Selective"	"Screening"	"High-demand"	"Capped"
UC Davis UC Irvine UCLA UC Merced UC Riverside UC Santa Barbara	UC Santa Cruz	UC Berkeley	UC San Diego

Majors.....which one to select??

Look at the handout.

Some will allow you to select undeclared.

But this isn't a back-door way to get into a selective major.

Campuses & major

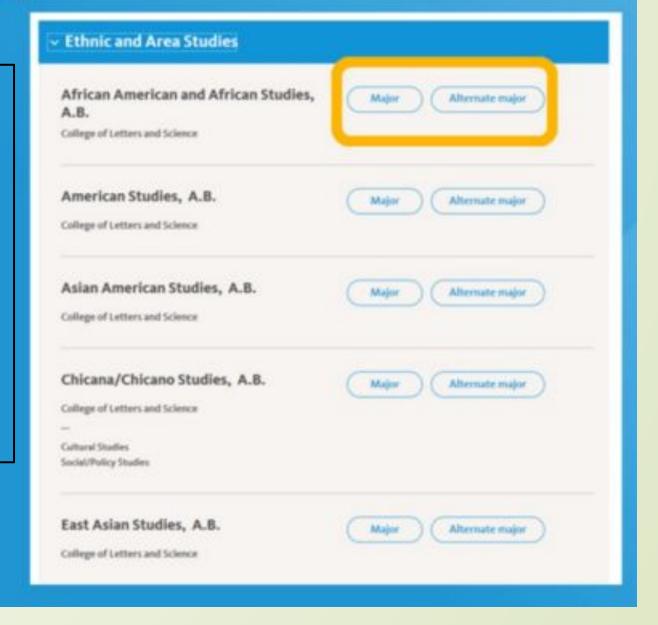
SELECTING A MAJOR

By default, applicants will see majors based on category or discipline. They can toggle to College as needed.



Campuses & major, cont.

- Supplemental applications: Some majors require submission of a supplemental application
- Professional schools and specialty programs are likely to require multiple documents and a supplemental application.
- If a supplemental application is required, the information will be displayed once you select major/alternate major.

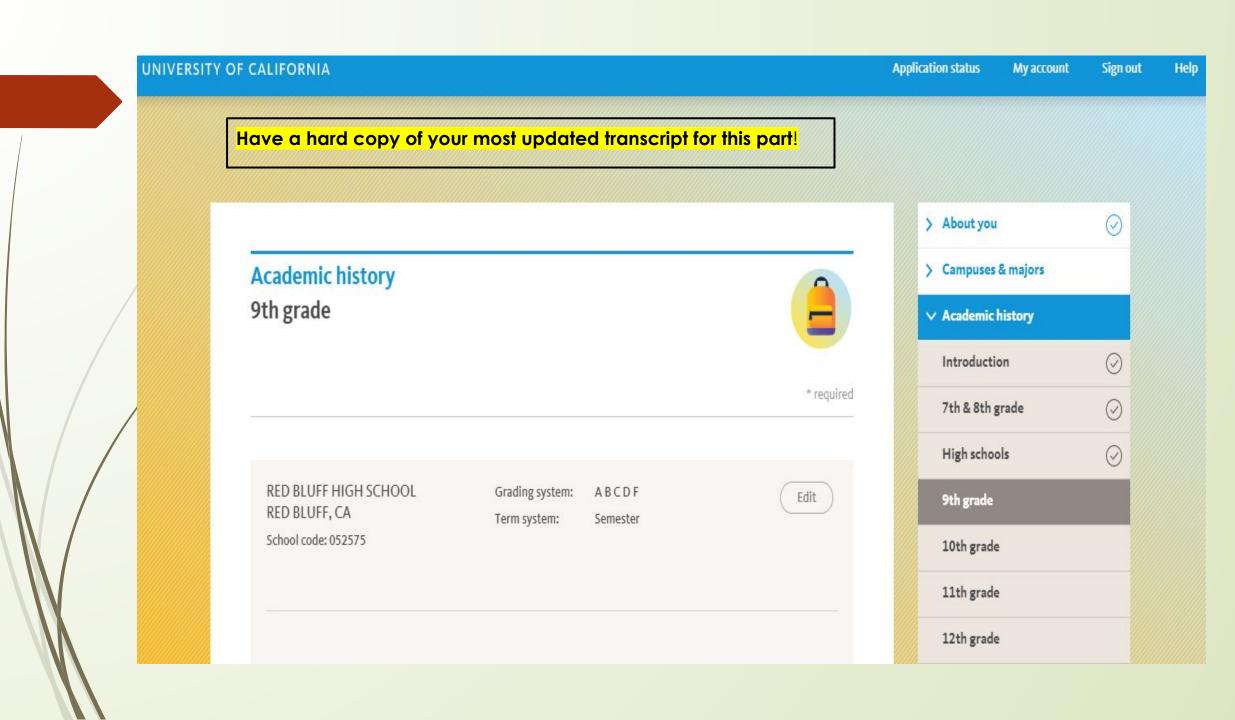


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UC San Diego

- 1. If you are admitted to SD, you'll be assigned to one of the seven colleges on campus. These are residential neighborhoods on campus with specific areas of focus and general ed requirements.
- 2. In addition to selecting a major and an alternate major, you'll need to rank the colleges in order of preference to have the best chance of assignment to the college of your choice.
- 3. The rankings do not affect the chances for admission to UC San Diego.



Academic history

SELF REPORTED COURSEWORK

Similar to the previous application, coursework is self-reported and entered year by year. The interface is more user-friendly, but the process is the same.

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CASTLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL,

OAKLAND, CA

School code: 054611

(Dev.)Schoolid: 58132

Grading system: ABCDF

Term system: Semester

Honors codes

AP - Advanced Placement

HL - UC-approved honors level

18 - International Baccalaureate

NH - Not honors

Grade Codes

NO - No course this term

2016 - 2017 academic year

☐ I have no courses or grades to report.

> 9th History/Social Science

- > 9th English
- > 9th Mathematics
- > 9th Laboratory Science
- > 9th Language Other Than English
- > 9th Visual and Performing Arts
- > 9th College-Prep Electives

Use the courses from the drop down list

Sometimes the course name in the drop down list looks a little different than the course title on your transcript. Use the best match and then make sure your counselor reviews your application to make sure everything is correct.

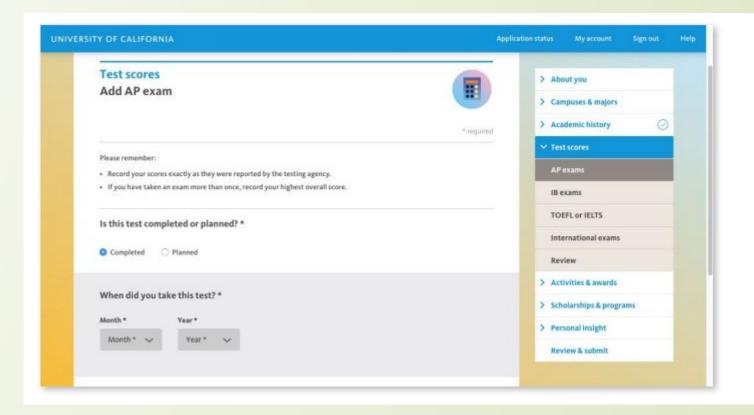
If you do not see an A-G course that you took listed on the UC-approved course list drop down, tell your counselor.

Dual enrollment/college courses

If you completed any college/university courses while in high school (including those completed as part of a dual enrollment program), you can add the college information after completing the high school section. The process is very similar to entering the high school information.

If your courses were completed at a California community college (CCC), you should select the course taken, grade earned (or enter IP for In Progress, PL for Planned courses), and the A-G subject area in which the course fits.

AP exams



You will be asked about each of these exams on separate pages in this section. You'll need to report scores if you've already taken an exam and/or indicate if you're planning on taking an exam in the future.

AP: Certain scores on specific AP exams can be used to meet freshman admission subject requirements not satisfied with coursework. Please see our website for more information on exam credit.

Scores must be self-reported on the application; official scores are not required until after you have accepted an offer of admission.

Activities & awards

LISTING ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

Students can list up to 20 activities in this section. We no longer limit activities in each category.

Remind your students that they should list what they have done (or plan to do during the academic year), they do NOT need to list 20 activities to fill space.

Description of categories

Award or honor: We want to know about the awards and honors you've received that mean the most to you.

Educational preparation programs: Any programs or activities that have enriched your academic experiences or helped you prepare for college.

Extracurricular activity: These could include hobbles, clubs, sports and anything else you haven't had the chance to tell us about.

Other coursework: These are courses other than those required for UC admission (courses that do not fit in UC's "a-g" subject areas).

Volunteering / Community service: These are activities you've donated time and effort to without getting paid.

Work experience: This is for telling us about any paid jobs or paid internships you've had.



What's the name of the activity? *

Tennis

Think about your experience, and what you accomplished and learned. We'd also like to know if you've held a leadership role, which can mean more than just a title - it can mean being a mentor to others, acting as a point-person in charge of a specific task, or taking a lead role in organizing an event or project.

Avoid acronyms.

If you didn't have time/opportunities to participate in activities, explain why. Explain how else you used your time and if it was a choice or out of necessity.

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Scholarships & programs

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students will find the scholarship section at the end of the application. Given the UC campus they selected earlier in the application, scholarship options will appear in this section. Students can now select any and all scholarship criteria which applies to them.

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Scholarships & programs

Apply for scholarships



* required

You can apply to a number of UC scholarships (that means free money) right here in the application. The scholarships listed below are awarded to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career objectives. If you don't see any categories that are relevant to you, don't worry, in addition to these scholarships, each campus and many alumni associations award a variety of scholarships that recognize students' achievement and potential.

You'll also reed to file a tree_Application for Entheral Student Aid (RAESA) IS or a California Dream Ait Application (S. Of you're an undocumented student) to be considered for every type of financial aid possible, including the scholarships listed below. International students should not file these.

Click on a category to view the list of scholarships and check the boses for the scholarships that yeard like to apply to.

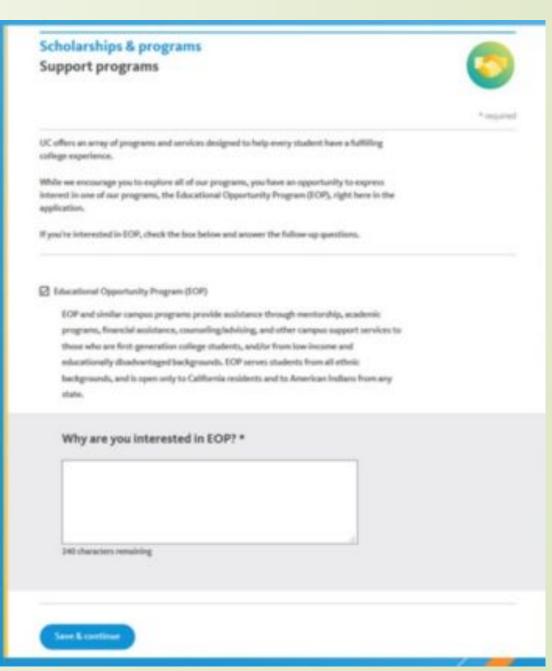
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- > Academic major or interest
- > Affiliation with group, program or organization
- Ancestry and descendants
 - □ Child of a UCSD employee
 - El Child of a farmworker; not child of landowner
 - Child of a member or prior member of the Navy or Marine Corps.
 - Child of a public servant in the federal government or in the service of the state of California (includes military and judiciary as well as civil service)
 - []] Child of an inconstraint parent.
 - Child of employee of H. J. Heling Company or an affiliated grower
 - (ii) Oild or grandchild of an Antiock, California, classroom teacher
 - III Daughter or other female dependent of California public school educators:
 - Descendant of Capt, and Mrs. Wrs. James Gray and/or Mrs. and Mrs. Adulph Braese.
 - Descendant of Confederate veteran of Civil Wor

Scholarships & programs

Educational Opportunity Program

If you're interested in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which provides support services when you're enrolled at UC, you'll need to check the box on this page and provide a brief statement about why you're interested in the program.







Personal Insight Questions

INSIGHT QUESTIONS

The questions have not changed.

Students can email themselves the questions, then work on their responses off line.

20 minute timer! Students need to be reminded that the UC application will log them out due to inactivity after 20 min.

Personal insight

Personal insight questions



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Please respond to any 4 of the 8 questions below.

We realize that not all questions apply to all applicants, so be sure to select the 4 questions that you believe give us the best information about you.

All 8 questions are given equal consideration in the application review process. Responses to each question should be between 250-350 words. Personal insight questions

Want a copy of the personal insight questions emailed to you? It's a good idea to work on these before you enter them in the application.

Email questions

Copy and paste your insight essays from word or google after you have written several drafts and produced your best effort!

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ership experience in which you have positively disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

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.

Answer

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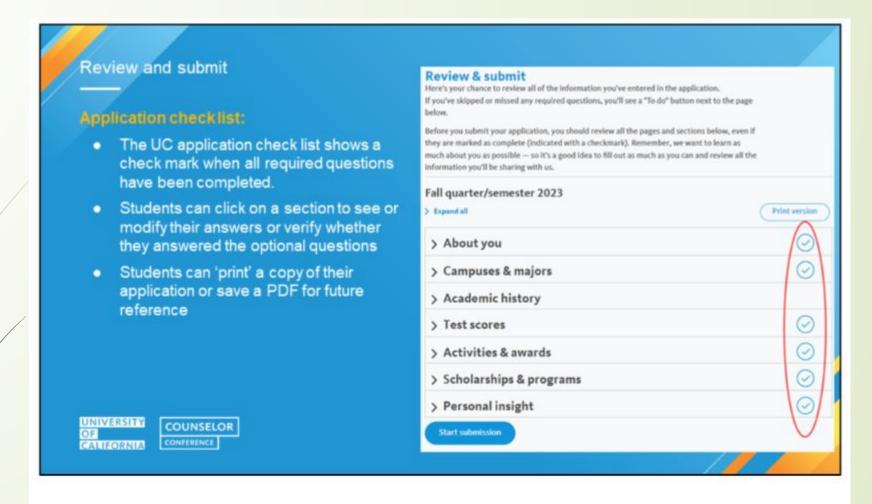
Personal Insight Questions (PIQ's)

It's a good idea to start brainstorming your responses early. Here are some more tips:

- Use the <u>UC PIQ's</u> online resources with writing tips and a worksheet
- Seek stylistic feedback from a trusted teacher, counselor or other adult
- The word limit for each PIQ response is 350 words

There is no advantage to answering any specific question. You should answer the questions you feel will best represent your background, interests, accomplishments, and context.

• You'll have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to 4 of the 8 questions.



Review and Submit

Students will have the opportunity to review each section of the application before submitting. A check mark will appear beside each completed section. If a check mark is missing, the student is able to click the tab where required questions are missing.

Review & submit

It costs \$80 per UC application.

If a fee waiver is granted, the applicant must select Yes to accept the fee waiver.

Billing summary

Please review your campus selections and application fees below.

The application fee is \$70,00 for each UC campus.

Selected campus	Fee	
Berkeley	s 70.00	
Davis	\$70.00	
Merced	\$70.00	
San Diego	\$70.00	
Total due	\$280.00	

Fee waiver

You've qualified for a UC application fee walver.

The fee waiver allows you to apply to up to four campuses for free.

Would you like to accept the fee walver? *

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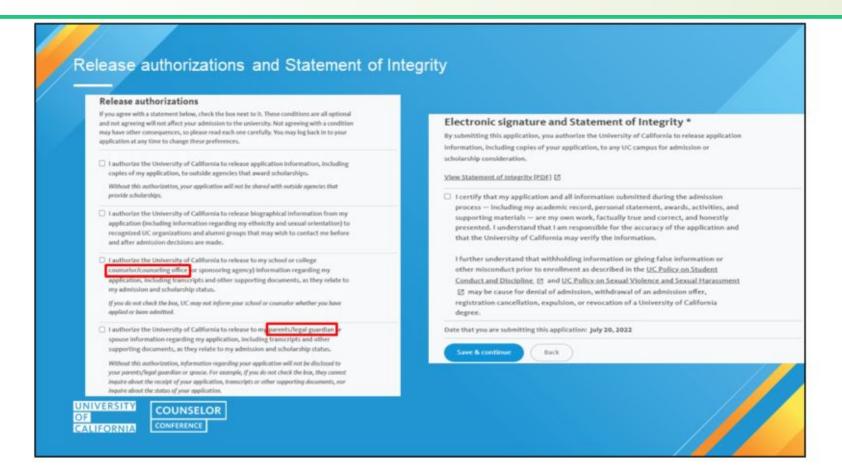


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You are eligible for a fee waiver if:

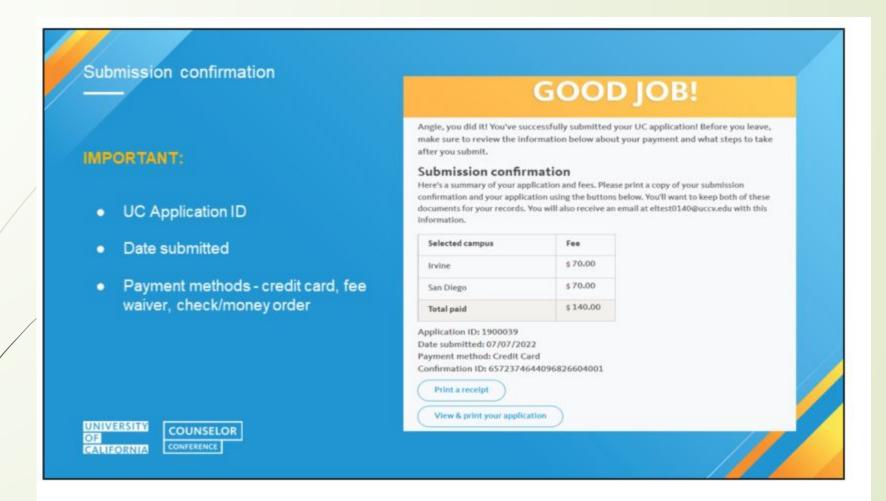
- You are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident or you attended a CA high school for at least 3 years; AND,
- You meet the low-income criteria.
- If you are on a non-immigrant visa, you are not eligible for the UC application fee waiver even if you attended a school in California.
- A UC application fee waiver is good for up to 4 campus choices; you will be responsible for payment for any additional campuses you choose to apply to.



Release authorizations and Statement of Integrity

- The application cannot be submitted without the applicant's electronic signature and acknowledgement of the Statement of Integrity.
- Students will have the option to share their information with parents/guardians, school contacts – counselors/educators, and UC campus organizations.

The Statement of Integrity is to affirm that all information in the application is accurate and the personal insight responses were written by the applicant. *If information is withheld, such as poor grades, or falsification is detected, the application is subject to cancellation.*



Review and Submit

When a student is successful in submitting their UC application, they see a confirmation page and receive a confirmation email. Your students should make note of their UC application ID, which is both in the confirmation email and on the confirmation submission page.

UC Blue and Gold Plan

- Undergraduate California residents who file FAFSA or CADAA
 applications on time and are determined to have financial need
 and total family incomes under \$80K per year will not have to pay
 UC's system wide tuition and fees out of their own pockets for the
 first four years (two years for transfers) that they are enrolled at UC.
- Eligible students may qualify for <u>additional</u> grant support to help pay for other college expenses.

What is the cost of a UC?

Direct costs	On campus	Off campus
UC Tuition	\$14,436	\$14,436
Campus fees	\$1,800	\$1,800
Campus housing and meals	\$19,200	
Health insurance allowance/fee	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total direct costs	\$38,436	\$19,236
Indirect costs	On campus	Off campus
Books and supplies	\$1,300	\$1,300
Housing & meals		\$16,300
Personal transportation	\$2,500	\$3,200
Total indirect costs	\$3,800	\$20,800
TOTAL COST (direct and indirect)	\$42,236	\$40,036

Middle-Class Scholarship

The Middle Class Scholarship provides undergraduate students with a scholarship to UC and CSU campuses. Students with family income and assets up to \$226,000 may be eligible.

Scholarships award amounts will vary by student and by school.

Student must complete their FAFSA or CADAA by April 2.

Results

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undergrads pay no tuition because of grants & scholarship aid

Important!!

Information in the application is subject to verification. If you're selected for verification, not responding to the request will result in a cancellation of your application, and the application fee will not be refunded.

The verification process occurs in January and is communicated by email; you should check their email regularly.

Campus portals (separate from the application)

- By January, each campus you applied to will email you to create a login username and password for access to the campus' applicant portal. This is the site where the admission decision will be posted along with other important information.
- You should check each campus' applicant portal frequently.

Independent and Private Universities

- Some require an essay some do not
- Sometimes are more expensive but they offer more financial aid
- Applications differ so be sure to go online and check deadlines
- Common Application is available now at <u>www.commonapp.org</u>
- About 1000 universities (mostly private) use the common application.
- DO NOT PROCRASTINATE ON THE COMMON APPLICATION. We will not check our e-mail over Winter/Christmas Break!

CSS Profile

- The CSS (College Scholarship Service Profile) is an online application from the college board that collects information used by almost 300 colleges and scholarship programs.
- Check to see if your school uses this application:

https://profileonline.collegeboard.org/prf/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet/Street/PXRemotePartInstitutionServlet.srv

- Nonfederal financial aid
- \$25 for first report, additional reports are \$16 (waivers are available)

Parts of the Common App

- Profile-personal info
- Family-parent info
- Education
- Testing
- Activities
- Writing-must choose one of 5 prompt-Biggest opportunity to show the admissions officers who you are as an individual.
- Supplements-many have questions/essay that allows you to indicate why you are applying to that particular college.

Tips for Common App

- Fees range from \$25-\$90 for submission. There are fee waivers available.
- You have a 250-650 words for the personal statement. There is no minimum word requirement for the "Additional Information" question.
- A counselor and teachers are needed to fill out the school report and teacher evaluations. You must enter in their email correctly....and then follow up to make sure they received the instructions.
- Common practice is that students should waive their right to see the counselor School Report, teacher evaluations, and other letters.
 Colleges will put more trust in the recommendation.
- Read the entire application very carefully!

After you have submitted your applications.....

- Be sure to have a "safe" email as colleges will begin communicating with you via email. Their technology will omit "inappropriate" email addresses. Parents are encouraged to have access to this email.
- Should receive a confirmation 3-4 weeks after submitting your application
- Set up a portal account as per each college's directions
- DO NOT MISS A DEADLINE! California colleges need to reduce admissions... don't let this be a reason for your denial... Check your portal regularly—meet deadlines!!
- Placement tests.....pay attention to see if you need to take them in Spring.
- Apply for housing....Make the dorm deposit!
- May 1st is the deadline to complete your Intent to Register.
- Take notice of your student ID. Once you receive your acceptance all communication will require your college student ID...not your RBHS student ID.

Legal name

- Please make sure that your student is enrolled at RBHS under their legal name (name on the birth certificate).
- Use your legal name on all college applications and FAFSA form.
- If not, your student is in danger of jeopardizing their ability to access financial aid.

Thanks for coming!

Make an appointment with your counselor if you need any assistance!

Karlee Garcia is opening her room on Tuesdays and Thursdays as a place to work on your applications!

Room L110 Snacks provided!!