



UC Application & Personal Statement Transfer Applicants Fall 2012

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Student Preparation

- Prepare early
- Research campuses
 - www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions
 - www.assist.org
- Gather materials
 - Use the checklist in the Applying to the University brochure
- It is important to watch for email communications!
Apply broadly
- Get reviews of your personal statement and revise, revise, revise



Application Time Line

<u>Date/Deadline</u>	<u>Task</u>
October 1-31	UC Application Opens
November 1-30	Submit online UC Application
January	Application Update
March – April 30	Notification of Admission
June 1	SIR (Statement of Intent to Register)

To access the UC online application, visit:

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply



Requirements vs. Selection

- Every UC campus gets the same application
- Every UC campus you apply to will evaluate if you have met minimum admissions requirements with the same GPA
- Each UC campus will review your application for admission individually using the information in the application
- Each UC campus places a different value on each section of the UC application

- **Requirements:** All campuses have the same minimum requirements, which ensure that students are academically prepared to be successful at the university.
- **Selection/Competitiveness:** However, each campus receives more qualified applicants than it can admit and enroll. The selection process at each campus is what is necessary when more eligible applicants apply to a campus than a campus can admit. Each UC uses 14 points to evaluate applicants on more than just their GPA, in order to select the applicants who would be best suited to their campus. This is what makes a student competitive in the applicant pool.
- **Applicant Pool:** Who are you applying against?

Comprehensive Review of the Application

- What do the UC campuses look for?
 - Good GPA grades
 - Major preparation
 - Well-rounded students
 - Not just the personal statement; the full applicant and the full application are important
 - Take the time to fill out all of the application completely and accurately

Comprehensive Review

- Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that meet breadth or general education requirements.
- Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that provide continuity with upper division courses in the student's major.
- Your grade point average in all transferable courses.
- Participation in academically selective honors courses or programs.
- Special talents, achievements and awards in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate your promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of a campus.
- Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of your college curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs.
- Academic accomplishments in light of your life experiences and special circumstances.
- Location of the college and your residence.

Filling Out the Application Basics

- Contact Information – so campuses can communicate with you
- Campus Selection
- Major Selection
- **SAVE** as you go!

Getting Started...



The application deadline is approaching.



You have 3 more days to submit your application to meet the Nov-30 deadline.

Sign In

E-mail Address

Password

GO ▶

[Forgot your password?](#)

Create a New Account

If you don't have an account you can create one here.

NEW ACCOUNT ▶



Create Your Account

- New users must enter a unique e-mail address and password.
- You will use this same account if you apply for a later term.
- If your family has multiple applicants or has future applicants, different e-mail addresses must be used for each applicant.
- Your password must be at least eight characters (and must have a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and/or symbols).
- Create a secret question/answer combination that you will remember.
- Be sure to keep login information safe and memorable.
- Once “Create An Account” is complete, you will receive an e-mail confirming the start of your application.
- Campuses use e-mail to send critical, time-sensitive correspondence to applicants, so provide an e-mail address that you check regularly and plan to keep until you enroll in college.
- Remember, you may need to adjust your e-mail filters to accept mail from UC addresses.

- **Review**
- Common Questions on each page
- Open/closed majors
- Downloadable “Apply Online to UC” brochure

- **Log In**
- First-time users start by clicking “New Account.”
- On return visits, enter e-mail and password information under “Sign In.”

Navigating

Update your e-mail or other account information using “my UC application.”

Save/Logout at any time.



Use the progress bar to navigate to different sections of the application.

Learn what is in each section

Inside This Section

- > 1. Address
- > 2. Term & Level
- > 3. Residency
- > 4. Citizenship

Read commonly asked questions for helpful information.

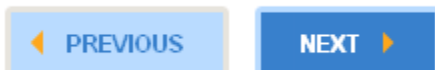
Common Questions

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Use the buttons on the bottom to move from page to page.



Navigating the Application

- The highlighted step shows you where you are currently in the application.
- Each page has an “Inside This Section” and “Common Questions” area.
- Use the “Next” and “Previous” buttons on the bottom of the page to save and move through the application. Don’t use the browser navigation (i.e. Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari).
- After you’ve completed the first step, “Start Application,” you can click on any of the top navigation boxes or steps in “Inside This Section” to move to the next step or jump ahead.
- Navigating to another page will save your work.
- If you need to change your account information (e-mail, name, date of birth), you can do this in “My UC application.”
- “Sign Out” stores your information when you take a break.

Start Application

Start Your Application

Citizenship

What is your country of citizenship?

Country

Select

Social Security Number

If you know your Social Security Number, please enter it:

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All applicants are required to disclose their social security number if they have one.

If an applicant does not have a social security number, he/she may skip that item. We use the SSN to accurately and reliably merge official transcripts and the FAFSA with the application.

Citizenship and Social Security Number (SSN)

You must select a country of citizenship or “No Selection.” Applicants who choose a country other than the US will have follow-up questions on permanent residency and/or visa status. (Students who choose “No Selection” will not have follow up questions.)

Choosing a Major

Campuses & Majors

STEP 2 of 3 (page 1)

UC Los Angeles Majors

Click on a college below to view a list of majors to choose from. Selecting an alternate major is optional. If

	Major	Alt. Major
<input type="checkbox"/> College of Letters and Science		
<input type="checkbox"/> School of the Arts and Architecture		
<input type="checkbox"/> Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science		
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Nursing		
<input type="checkbox"/> School of Theater, Film, and Television		
Film and Television	B.A.	major closed
Theater	B.A.	
Acting		<input type="radio"/>
Design/Production		<input type="radio"/>
Directing		<input type="radio"/>
General Theater		<input type="radio"/>
Musical Theater		<input type="radio"/>
Playwriting		<input type="radio"/>
Teaching Artists		<input type="radio"/>

Click on a college to expand the list of majors available and make your selection.

Select a major, alternate major or no alternate major.

No Alternate Major 

Choosing a Major

- You must select a major for each campus you choose.
- Select an alternate major, if available (alternate majors not available at Berkeley), or select “No Alternate Major” at bottom of the list.
- The online application displays which majors are open/closed to your applicant level.
- After selecting major/alternate major, scroll to bottom of the page and click “Next.”
- Repeat steps for each campus you selected.
- If you find that most of the majors are closed, it may be that you have selected the incorrect applicant level or the open filing period has passed.

San Diego Colleges

If you're applying to UC San Diego, you must rank the colleges in order of preference to have the best chance of assignment to the college of your choice. Your ranking of colleges does not affect your admission to UC San Diego.

UC San Diego College Preference

UC San Diego's distinctive colleges provide smaller "home" communities where undergraduate students get to know each other and faculty members better than in most large research universities.

[Learn about UCSD colleges](#)

Learn more about the college system before deciding on your UCSD college preferences.

[UCSD Principles of Community](#)

These principles of community are vital to the success of the University and the well being of its constituents. UCSD faculty, staff, and students are expected to practice these basic principles as individuals and in groups.

Please enter a number from 1 - 6 next to each of the UCSD colleges below based on the order you would prefer to attend.

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="text"/> | Revelle College |
| <input type="text"/> | John Muir College |
| <input type="text"/> | Thurgood Marshall College |
| <input type="text"/> | Earl Warren College |
| <input type="text"/> | Eleanor Roosevelt College |
| <input type="text"/> | Sixth College |

Scholarship Opportunities

“Restricted” scholarships are available to students with particular backgrounds or career goals.

To make sure you are considered for these scholarships:

Open each scholarship category to see the expanded list.

Review each scholarship and select if a characteristic applies to you.

You can select up to 16 choices.

Scroll to bottom and click “Next” to save your selections.

Research other campus-based scholarships in the link provided.

Scholarships

STEP 1 of 2

Scholarship Opportunities

UC awards scholarships to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career objectives. The characteristics used to determine eligibility for these scholarships are grouped into eight categories, which are listed below. Click on a category to view the list of scholarships and check the appropriate box(es) to indicate the characteristics that apply to you. You may select up to 16 characteristics.

- Academic Major or Specialty** (2 selected)
- Affiliation With Group, Program or Organization** (0 selected)
- Ancestry or Family Relationship** (0 selected)
- Career Plans** (0 selected)
- Ethnicity, National Origin, or Religion** (0 selected)
- Miscellaneous** (0 selected)
- School or Geographic Affiliation** (0 selected)
- Special Conditions** (0 selected)

In addition to these scholarships, each UC campus and many alumni associations award a variety of scholarships that recognize students' achievement and potential. Some of these have additional application requirements. Learn more: [Undergraduate scholarships](#)

Biographical

Foster Care

- Indicate if you have ever been in foster care (e.g., foster home, group home or placed with a relative by the court).

Educational Opportunity Program

- Check if you want to apply for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

Students applying for EOP will be required to provide information on parent education, income and family size in the next steps of the Biographical section.

Discuss your reasons for applying to EOP.
(Entries over 240 characters will be truncated.)

Biographical

Family Size and Income

Information about your parents' education, income, and family size is used to provide contextual information about your home environment and for the application fee waiver.

This information will not be used to determine residency status or financial aid.

About You STEP 3 OF 4

Family Size & Income

Can a parent/legal guardian claim you as a dependent on his or her income tax return?

This Year (2011)

Yes No

Last Year (2010)

Yes No

How many people are in your family?

Please include yourself, your parents, and any other dependents in your household.

This Year (2011)

4

Please include yourself, your parents, and any other dependents in your household.

Last Year (2010)

4

Accurate reflect your entire academic history.

The Importance of Accurate Details

- Personal Information
- Academic History
- Examination Scores
- Activities Outside of School



Academics – needs to mirror the transcripts to be accurate (we will check to make sure you inputted information correctly later when we receive your transcript) & this is still a very important part of the application since campuses will continue to be selective and look for strong academic indicators.

Additional Comments box in the Academic History section – you can include additional academic items that you were unable to list elsewhere on your application.

Academic History (college)

WESTRN NEVADA CMTY COLL, 004972-5, CARSON CITY, NV

[Delete](#)

Dates	Term System	Current?	Grading Sys	
08/2009-06/2011	Semester	No	A B C D F	Edit

COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA, 004118-3, OAKLAND, CA

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Dates	Term System	Current?	Grading Sys	
06/2011-08/2011	Quarter	Yes	A B C D F	Edit

Enter Your College

In California In the U.S. (not CA) Outside the U.S.

Please enter the college's name.

ADD

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Academic History (CCC courses)

UC transferable courses are pulled from the ASSIST database

College Courses and Grades

Do you have coursework to report for **Fall 2010** term at COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA?

Yes No

Fall 2010 - COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA

Enter the courses that you took and the grades received at COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA.

If your courses aren't listed, click "I don't see all of my courses" at the bottom of the page and enter them.

Key to Grade Codes

AR - Academic Renewal, **CR** - Credit, **IN** - Incomplete, **IP** - In Progress, **NC** - No Credit, **NP** - No Pass, **PL** - Planned, **PS** - Pass, **WF** - Withdraw Failure, **WI** - Withdraw

⊕ Apparel Design and Merchandising

⊖ African-American Studies

Dept.	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade
<input type="checkbox"/> AFRAM	30	African-American History: Africa to 1865		
<input type="checkbox"/> AFRAM	31	African-American History: 1865 to 1945		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFRAM	32	African-American History: 1945 to Present	3	IP
<input type="checkbox"/> AFRAM	5	The African-American Family in the United States -		

⊕ Anthropology

⊕ Art

Academic History (non-CCC courses)

College Courses and Grades

Do you have coursework to report for **Spring 2011** term at **WESTRN NEVADA CMTY COLL**?

Yes No

Spring 2011 - WESTRN NEVADA CMTY COLL

Enter the courses that you took and the grades received at WESTRN NEVADA CMTY COLL.

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AR - Academic Renewal, **CR** - Credit, **IN** - Incomplete, **IP** - In Progress, **NC** - No Credit, **NP** - No Pass, **PL** - Planned, **PS** - Pass, **WF** - Withdraw Failure, **WI** - Withdraw

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<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	-- <input type="button" value="v"/>	<input type="button" value="Clear"/>

ADD ANOTHER COURSE

Enter non-ASSIST courses in the table provided

Academic History

If you are participating in a Transfer Admissions Program (s), check off the appropriate box (es).

California Community College Transfer Admission Programs

Indicate your participation in UC transfer admission preparation program(s) by selecting the appropriate box(es).

Select no more than seven.

- UCB Cooperative Admissions Program (CAP)
- UCB Starting Point Mentoring Program
- UCB Transfer Alliance Project (TAP)
- UCD Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) (Select only if you have an approved TAG Decision)
- UCD Transfer Opportunity Program
- UCI Community College Honors Transfer Program
- UCI Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) (Select only if you have a signed approved contract)
- UCLA Transfer Alliance Program (TAP)
- UCM Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
- UCR Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG)
- UCSB Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
- UCSC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
- UCSC Transfer Partnerships Programs
- UCSD Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
- UCSD UniversityLink

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Academic History

Other Academic History - Transferable Courses

College/University English Composition

Prior to transfer, will you complete two transferable college courses in English composition (not including English as a second language courses)?

- Already completed with a grade of C or better
- In progress
- Planned
- None planned/not completed

Dept No.

Course No.

Course Title

College/University Mathematics

Prior to transfer, will you complete one transferable college course in Mathematical concepts and qualitative reasoning?

- Already completed with a grade of C or better
- In progress
- Planned
- None planned/not completed

Dept No.

Course No.

Course Title

Activities and Awards

— Volunteer and Community Service —

Add a Volunteer Experience

For what organization did you volunteer?

Big Brothers

During which high school years were you involved?

9th 10th 11th 12th After 12th

Number of years after 12th:

2

How much time did you devote to the organization?

Hours per Week

Weeks per Year

4

35

Briefly describe the organization and your responsibilities.

(Entries over 160 characters will be truncated.)

Tutoring and mentoring youth

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- Other categories include Educational Preparation Programs, Work Experience, Awards & Honors, and Extracurricular Activities.
- Applicants are limited to five entries for each, so select the ones that are most meaningful.

Test Results

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Report your AP exam scores below. Please remember:

- Record your scores **exactly** as they were reported by the testing agency.
- If you have taken an exam more than once, record your highest overall score

Add an AP Exam

When did you take or when do you plan to take the exam?

Month Year

May 2008

What was the exam name?

Calculus AB

What was your score?

3 I have not received my score yet.

ADD THIS

CLEAR

- Select the exam, enter dates tests taken or planned, and add scores if available.
- Send official scores to UC by the reporting deadline.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations

Report your IB exam scores below. Please remember:

- Record your scores **exactly** as they were reported by the testing agency.
- If you have taken an exam more than once, record your highest overall score.

Check if you have completed or plan to complete the full IB diploma.

Add an IB Exam

When did you take or do you plan to take the exam?

Month Year

Select Select

What was the exam subject area?

Select

What was the exam level?

Select

What was the exam name?

Select

What was your score?

I have not received my score yet.

ADD THIS

CLEAR

The Personal Statement

- 2 Prompts, students must address both
- 1,000 words total or less
- View as personal interview on paper



Click on the
"Tips" box



www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/personal-statement/index.html

Students may allocate word count. If a student chooses to respond to one prompt at greater length, we suggest that the shorter answer be no less than 250 words. Do not compose your essay in the application. The application will time-out after 40 minutes of inactivity, and your work may be lost. Cut and paste from a word document.

Very important part of the application/selection process, but not the ONLY part! Scholarships may use the personal statement, as well.

The student's response should supplement areas that warrant elaboration and provide context for information provided on the rest of the application.

This is a student's opportunity to showcase special talent, leadership, initiative, intellectual curiosity, etc.

It can also be used to present any obstacles, opportunities, achievements and/or special circumstances

The Personal Statement

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.

The Personal Statement: Final Thoughts

- Start early, get feedback, and REVISE!
- Define your motivation/momentum in topics you are passionate about
- Decisions are never made on the personal statement alone
- Avoid some common mistakes



Review and Submit

Review and check the release authorizations to share your application information with scholarship agencies, parent/guardian, counselors and/or UC organizations and alumni groups.

Electronically sign and date your application to verify accuracy and acknowledge you are the author of your personal statement.

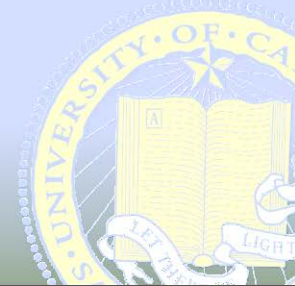
Electronic Signature

By submitting this application, you authorize the University of California to release application information, including copies of your application and test scores, to any UC campus for admission or scholarship consideration.

- I certify that all the information provided in my application, all supporting documentation and subsequent communications are complete and accurate. I also certify that I am the author of my personal statement. I understand that the University of California may verify any information I have provided in my application, including my personal statement, and may deny me admission or enrollment if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Submitting the application and next steps

- Include additional comments where appropriate
- Don't forget to hit "Submit"
- Go back into the application when you have updates



Application Fees

- -\$70 per campus for domestic students; \$80 for international
- Payment is required and is non-refundable.
- There are two payment options: credit card or check.
- The University prefers credit card payments as it is the fastest and most efficient payment option.
- Credit card payments are handled in real-time by a reliable and secure electronic credit card processing gateway. The University does not collect or store any credit card information.
- If you meet low-income and family-size criteria, you may want to apply for a fee waiver. You may apply online for a fee waiver only once.
- (If you qualify for a fee waiver and have applied to more than four campuses, you must select a payment method (credit card or pay by mail) to pay the application fees for these additional campuses.

After You Submit

Update your account information

My UC Application

Welcome back, Sara Lee

[Update Account Information](#)

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[View Application](#)

[Update Personal Information](#)

[Update Release Authorization](#)

[Add Campus Choice](#)

Update Your Application

You can update personal information, add campus choices (depending on availability), make a credit card payment, and update self-reported test scores on the UC Application website. Be sure to do the Application Update after Fall, in January. After you submit the Application Update, if you add or drop a course or fail to earn a C or better in a course, notify the admissions office at each campus where you applied.

If you enroll in a college after applying, notify the admissions office at each campus where you applied.

Questions & Help!

Download the “Apply Online To UC” brochure at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

- **UC Home Page:**
www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- **Admission Requirements:**
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions
- **Online Application:**
www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
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(800) 523-2048 toll-free in California (925) 808-2181 outside California
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