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October 1ˢᵗ - November 30th	**Fall 2024 admission application filing period for all applicants.**

Students can apply electronically via
https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login

Applying to a UC: What you'll need

It's a good idea to have everything prepared before you start your application so you're not trying to track down information at the last minute.

Here's what you'll need:

1. **Transcripts.** Don't submit your transcripts to UC at this point, but refer to them as you fill out the application to ensure the information you enter is accurate.*
2. **Annual income** for last year and the current year (your parents' if you're a dependent; your income if you're independent). This is optional unless you're applying for an application fee waiver or for the Educational Opportunity Program.
3. **Social Security number**, if you have one. We use this to match your application to things like your test score report, final transcript(s) and, if you're applying for financial aid, your Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
4. **Citizenship status.** You must enter your country of citizenship (or "No Selection"). If your country of citizenship is outside the United States, you'll need to provide your immigration status and your visa type.
5. **California Statewide Student ID** (optional). Each K-12 student in California public schools is assigned an ID number. If it's not printed on your transcript, ask your counselor or registrar.
6. **Credit card**. If you prefer to pay by check, you can mail your payment.

Application fees & waivers

The application fee is $80 for each UC campus ($95 for international and non-immigrant applicants). You can make your payment either by credit card or by mail, just be sure follow the instructions in the application.

Once your application has been submitted, you are expected to pay for all your campus choices, even if you cancel your application at a later date. The application fees are non-refundable.

Fee waivers

UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students who would otherwise be unable to apply for admission. The fee waiver program is for United States citizens, permanent residents, and applicants eligible for AB540 benefits.

Fee waivers can't be applied to more than four campuses, regardless of their source (e.g. UC, CollegeBoard/SAT). If you apply to more than four, you'll need to pay $80 for each additional choice.

Applying for a fee waiver

You can see if you automatically qualify for a fee waiver within the application. If you enter your family size and income in the "About you" section, you will see if you've qualified for an application fee waiver when you select your campuses in the "Campuses & majors" section (a message will appear on that page with real-time feedback about how many campuses you can apply to for free).

Transcripts & letters of recommendation

Don't send official transcripts when you apply. If you're admitted to UC, then you must submit final transcripts to your campus admissions office.

UC does not require (nor read) letters of recommendation at the time of application. A campus may ask for them later as part of a supplemental review, so be sure to check your email.

The UC application

Quick tips

- **Apply to more than one UC campus.**
- This will significantly increase your chances of being admitted to the UC system. While you may not receive an offer of admission from your first-choice campus, all of our campuses—without exception—provide outstanding opportunities for you to learn and grow.
- **Submit only one application per term.**
- Submitting multiple applications will cause a processing delay. Duplicate applications will be canceled.
- **Apply on time.**
- You can fill out the application in as many sessions as you want. Just remember to submit it by November 30 (for the fall term).

Starting the application

Create an account

An email address and password are required in order to create an account. You should use the email account you use for all applications, just to make it easier to remember. We also recommend you use a non-school issued email account (e.g. Gmail, Yahoo). Campuses send important, time-

sensitive correspondence to applicants, so you should check your email regularly (including your spam folders).

Selecting term & level

After you create an account, you'll need to select the term you're applying for (when you hope to start at UC) and your applicant level (e.g. freshman, transfer, etc.).

Please note: You're a freshman applicant if you're currently in high school OR have graduated from high school, but have not enrolled in a regular session (fall, winter or spring) at a college or university. (If you've completed college courses during high school, through the summer after graduation, you're still considered a freshman applicant.)

Saving information

You should click "Save & continue" at the bottom of each page to save any entered information (there is a 20-minute inactivity period after which the application will automatically sign you out). If you've successfully completed a page (answered all required questions), the page will be marked with a checkmark in the navigation bar on the right-hand side.

Sections

- **About you**
  - This first section has several pages asking for information about you and your family. You may need to ask your parents or legal guardians for help on these questions—that's OK!
- **Campuses & majors**
  - This is where you'll select which campuses you're applying to and the majors you're interested in. If you aren't sure what you want to major in yet, you can choose "Undecided" or "Undeclared."
- **Academic history**
  - Here you'll enter the courses and grades from all schools you've attended while in high school. If you took high school-level math or language other than English in middle school (7th and 8th grades), you will have a chance to report those courses and grades in this section.
  - Make sure you refer to your transcripts (or academic records) as you fill out any information—don't enter information from your memory. It's important to report all of your schools, courses and grades exactly as they would appear on official transcripts or academic records.
- **Test scores**
  - **ACT & SAT:** UC will not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admissions decisions or awarding scholarships. They may be used as an alternative method of fulfilling minimum requirements for eligibility or for course placement after you enroll. Note: SAT and ACT scores may only be reported in your application post-submission.
  - **SAT Subject Tests:** These tests have been discontinued as of 2021. If you have Subject Test scores from previous years, they maybe be used as an alternative method of fulfilling minimum requirements for eligibility. Note: SAT Subject Test scores may only be reported in your application post-submission.

- **AP, IB , English proficiency and International exams:** You will be asked about each of these exams on separate pages in the test score section. You'll need to report your scores if you've already taken an exam or indicate if you're planning on taking an exam in the future.
- **Activities & awards**
  - This is your opportunity to tell us about what you're most proud of outside the classroom. We're looking for quality, not quantity—so make sure to focus on the activities and awards that are most important to you.
  - You'll need to classify each activity/award as one of six categories: Award or honor, Educational preparation programs (any programs that have enriched your academic experiences or helped you prepare for college), Extracurricular activity, Other coursework (courses other than those required for UC admission/courses that do not fit in UC's A-G subject areas), Volunteering/Community service and Work Experience.
- **Scholarships & programs**
  - You should select any and all scholarship categories that apply to you (there's no limit on the number of scholarships you can select). You can also indicate if you're interested in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which provides support services when you're at UC.
- **Personal insight**
  - This is the section where you'll need to answer the personal insight questions. You'll have 8 questions to choose from, and you must respond to only 4 of your choosing.
  - Use the additional comments field if there are issues you'd like to address that you didn't have the opportunity to discuss elsewhere on the application. This shouldn't be an essay, but rather a place to note unusual circumstances or anything that might be unclear in other parts of the application. You're welcome to use this section to note extraordinary circumstances related to COVID-19, if necessary.
- **Review & submit**
  - This is the last page you'll visit before you start submitting the application. If you have remaining items to complete, you will see a "To Do" next to that section. Don't forget to make sure your application is complete before you submit it; **very few changes can be made after submission.**
  - Submitting the application
  - You'll go through a few pages asking you to confirm your academic information and whether you'd like to share your application information with certain people or groups (e.g. scholarship agencies, parents/guardians, counselors, etc.). You'll also need to pay your application fees (either by check/mail or credit card) and can apply for a fee waiver if you didn't automatically qualify for one earlier in the application. The fee waiver will cover your application fees for up to four campuses.
- **Confirmation**
  - Once you've submitted your application, you'll see a confirmation page with important reminders and your UC Application ID Number which is used to access the various campus student portals and, in many cases, to access your admission decisions. You can choose to print a receipt of your application fees or view and print the entire application.