

UC Application FAQ



Application Deadlines and Timeline

When does the UC application open? The UC application opens on August 1.

What is the filing period for UC applications? The UC application filing period is from October 1 to December 1 for fall 2026 applicants. There is no advantage or disadvantage to submitting earlier or later within this period.

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What is the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline?

- First-Year deadline: May 1
- Transfer deadline: June 1

UCLA Application Information

Are supplemental applications required for UCLA? Yes, supplemental applications are required for applicants to the following schools (with varying deadlines, from early December to late January):

- Herb Alpert School of Music
- School of Arts and Architecture
- School of Nursing
- School of Theater, Film, and Television

Academic History and Reporting Changes

What courses must First-Year applicants report? First-Year applicants must report all courses they have completed in both high school and college. If they do not enroll in courses listed as in progress or planned, they must notify the Admission Office immediately after being admitted.

What do Transfer students need to report? Transfer students must report fall grades and planned winter/spring courses through the UC Transfer Academic Update (TAU). If they do not enroll in courses listed as in progress or planned for spring, they must notify the Admission Office immediately upon being admitted. Changes to academic records are reviewed case-by-case and should be reported promptly.

Admissions Review

What does UCLA's holistic review process entail? UCLA evaluates both academic and non-academic achievements in context as part of its holistic review process.

Does UCLA consider race or ethnicity in admissions? No, Proposition 209 (1996) prohibits considering race, ethnicity, or sex in admissions. UCLA uses a holistic review process that considers academic and non-academic achievements in context.

Does UCLA consider the choice of major in the admissions process?

- **First-Year applicants:** Major choice is a neutral factor for applicants to the College of Letters and Science. However, specialty schools (the Samueli School of Engineering, the School of Theater, Film & Television, the School of the Arts & Architecture, the Herb Alpert School of Music, and the School of Nursing) do consider major choice.
- **Transfer applicants:** Major choice is considered, and competitive applicants must complete prerequisites for the selected major.

Are alternate majors considered in the admissions review?

- **First-Year applicants:** Alternate majors are not considered.
- **Transfer students:** Alternate majors are generally not reviewed unless participating in the Transfer Alliance Program (TAP).

Application Updates

Can I update my application after submission?

- **Non-Academic Updates** (e.g., personal insight questions, awards, and activities) cannot be updated after submission.
- **Personal Changes:** Names and addresses can be updated via the UC Application site.

- **Major Changes:** Changes to majors are allowed for specific schools and must be made by January 31.

Does UCLA accept additional supporting materials? UCLA does not accept letters of recommendation, transcripts, or resumes unless explicitly required for supplemental applications.

Transcripts

When are final transcripts due? Final transcripts for admitted students are due by July 1. For transfer students, summer course transcripts are due by September 1. Electronic submission is preferred.

Standardized Testing

Does UCLA consider SAT or ACT scores in admissions? UCLA is test-free and does not consider SAT/ACT scores in admissions or for scholarship consideration.

Financial Aid

What are the key dates for financial aid?

- FAFSA opens on October 1.
- CADAA opens in January.
- The priority deadline for financial aid is March 2.

Are there fee waivers available? Yes, application fees are waived for up to four campuses for eligible students based on family size and income reported in the UC application.

Waitlist and Appeals

What is the deadline to opt into the waitlist?

- **First-Year applicants:** April 15
- **Transfer applicants:** May 15

Can applicants submit additional materials for the waitlist? No, additional materials (e.g., letters of recommendation) are not accepted for waitlist candidates.

How do appeals work? Appeals are considered only with new, compelling information or extenuating circumstances.

- **First-Year appeal filing period:** April 1–April 15
- **Transfer appeal filing period:** May 1–May 15

Housing Guarantee

Is there a housing guarantee for new students?

- **First-Year students:** UCLA offers a four-year on-campus housing guarantee.
- **Transfer students:** UCLA offers a two-year on-campus housing guarantee.

New Student Sessions

When does registration open for new student sessions?

- **First-Year students:** Registration opens on May 15
- **Transfer students:** Registration opens on June 4

What is included in the new student sessions? New student sessions include academic advising, course planning, enrollment, workshops on student services, and presentations on career opportunities.

Undergraduate Admission Contact

Where can I find my assigned admissions representative? Assigned admissions representatives can be found on the "Meet Your Rep" page:

<https://admission.ucla.edu/contact/admission-representatives>.