



Fall Update | 2026

A letter from Ffiona Rees

We enjoyed reconnecting with many of you recently during the UC Counselor Conference and Ensuring Transfer Success (ETS) this month, and hope to see more of you at NACAC soon. We appreciate these points of connection we have with our counselor community in order to find the best ways to support each other. To recap our past cycle...

- We are looking forward to welcoming our newest Bruins to campus as fall quarter begins later this month! We had a decent amount of waitlist activity this summer, but not as much as the previous year (about a third less).
- We continue to see the growing numbers of students taking Dual Enrollment courses. I recommend reviewing the [UC Counselor Quick Reference Guide](#), which has increased guidance on Dual Enrollment for both first-year and transfer students. With this, I want to share a reminder that *it is imperative that all students report all of their coursework*, including any Dual Enrollment courses. We now check against the National Student Clearinghouse and verify their complete academic record. The information they report must match the entirety of their record. I share more about the impact of dual enrollment in one of our recent [YouTube videos](#).
- This year we saw more students dropping rigorous courses and/or grades during the spring semester with the belief that it didn't matter since they met basic requirements (A-G, graduation, associate's, etc.). Students are admitted based on the entirety of their academic coursework, including planned/in-progress, which goes beyond basic eligibility. Dropping coursework may result in their offer being rescinded (and sadly did in a number of cases).

As we get closer to the application filing period, I wanted to highlight the ways you and your students can connect with us throughout the fall. The [Events page](#) of our website

will be continuously updated with both virtual and in-person opportunities. These include, but are not limited to, virtual admission presentations and webinars, application workshops, transfer-specific webinars, transfer fairs and college fairs. As a reminder, we do not consider demonstrated interest when we review applications, and we are instead here as a resource for students with questions throughout the process. **I recommend encouraging your students to sign up to [Get Connected](#) with us so that they can stay in the loop about upcoming events and deadlines.**

Thank you for your continued partnership.



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Fall 2026 Admission Recap

First-Year

Admission Data

Apps	Admits	Admit Rate	Enroll Target
146,700	15,942	11%	6,775

Waitlist Data

Waitlist Offers	Waitlist Opt-Ins	Waitlist Admits
19,293	11,352	1,036

Appeals Data

Appeals Received	Appeal Admit
1,463	1

Academic Admit Statistics

Unweighted GPA	Low Income	First Gen
3.95 average	23%	21%

GPA's for first-year students are calculated based on the A-G (academic preparation) courses completed in grades 10-11. The unweighted GPA does not include any extra grade points for honors, AP, IB, or transferable college courses. The maximum value possible is 4.00.

(Data as of 8/18/2026)

Transfer

Admission Data

Apps	Admits	Admit Rate	Enroll Target
30,678	6,839	22%	4,025

Waitlist Data

Waitlist Offers	Waitlist Opt-Ins	Waitlist Admits
6,235	3,989	410

Appeals Data

Appeals Received	Appeal Admit
413	7

Academic Admit Statistics

GPA	Low Income	First Gen
3.85 average	35%	40%

Admitted transfer student statistics, such as GPA and admit rate, vary by major. For detailed information, please visit the [Admitted Transfer Student Profile](#).

(Data as of 8/18/2026)

Reminder: The application filing period for this year is October 1 - November 30.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Does UCLA have a frequently asked questions resource for counselors about the UC Application?

A. Yes! We have a new FAQ document specifically designed with counselors in mind.

[UC Application FAQ](#)

Q. Is there an update about standardized testing? An the AT/ACT required for students applying for fall 2027?

A. There has been no change to UC standardized testing policy at this time, and students applying for **fall 2027** admission are **not** required to submit SAT or ACT scores. It has not yet been determined whether admissions requirements for future admissions cycles will change.

For more information, please read the [Statement from UC Academic Senate Chair about the BOARS undergraduate admissions review](#) and review the FAQ linked below.

[Academic Senate Review of Admissions FAQ](#)

Q. Does UCLA have any resources for 8th-11th grade students who are not yet ready to apply to college, but want to get prepared?

A. Yes! Our Get College Ready site is full of resources and tips for preparing for college, geared towards 8th-11th grade students. The information is intended to support their college readiness more generally, not just if they plan to apply to a UC campus.

Students and parents can even sign up to receive text messages with tips and reminders!

[Get College Ready](#)

Update Your Contact Information

If you have not done so already, please assist us by entering your complete and up-to-date contact information in our database.

[Counselor Information Update Form](#)

Please disregard this reminder if you have previously completed this update in 2026.

Additional Resources

[UCLA Counselor Resources Page](#)

Important resources for high school and transfer counselors are all linked in one spot.

[Meet Your Admission Representative](#)

List of UCLA Admission Representatives for California, out-of-state, international, and transfer students.

[UC Counselor & Advisor Bulletin](#)

The value of a UC degree, Fall 2027 UC application information, resources, and more!

[UCLA Undergraduate Admission YouTube Channel](#)

Watch videos from admission staff to learn more about UCA and the application process.

Upcoming Events

[Big10 Academic Alliance Virtual Counselor Program:](#) September 28

[NACAC Conference 2026:](#) October 8 - October 10

Engage with UCLA Undergraduate Admission

- [Virtual, monthly first-year admission presentations](#)
- [Virtual, monthly transfer admission presentations](#)
- [Campus Tour Reservations](#)

For more information on our events, visit [UCLA Admission Events.](#)