

COST OF ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

WHO GETS UNDERGRADUATE AID AT UCLA?

63% receive UCLA Financial Aid

68% of students graduate with no loan debt

100% of families earning less than \$80K pay no tuition

Estimated Costs For Academic Year 2025–2026 (all fees are subject to change)

Undergraduate Student Budget	
University Fees	\$15,700
Food & Housing	\$18,960
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, and Equipment	\$1,680
Transportation	\$857
Personal	\$2,361
Health Insurance*	\$3,579
Total - CA Residents	\$43,137
Nonresident Supplemental Tuition	\$37,602
Total - Nonresidents	\$80,739

Financial status is not considered in the admission review process. Professionals in the Financial Aid and Scholarships office are dedicated to helping you make UCLA affordable. To keep UCLA affordable we offer federal, state, and UCLA aid for tuition, housing, and other educational expenses. UCLA offers an array of housing options and meal plans so that you have the flexibility for room and board costs. UCLA also offers payment plan options for both tuition and housing so that families can make smaller, regular tuition payments throughout the academic year instead of larger, lump-sum payments.

For general information about financial aid, including how to apply and what types of aid are available, visit: www.admission.ucla.edu/tuition-aid.

Nearly 100% of all first-year students live on campus. For estimated cost for students living off-campus or commuting from home, see www.admission.ucla.edu/tuition-aid/tuition-fees.

*The UC SHIP health insurance requirement and fees can be waived if a student already has adequate insurance coverage.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filed starting October 1. The UCLA priority deadline for FAFSA filing is March 2. Students who submit their application after this priority deadline will have reduced eligibility for aid. Based on your FAFSA and other information you submit, UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships will determine your eligibility for a variety of funding options, including scholarships, grants, work-study programs and loans. AB540 eligible students who are not citizens or permanent residents can apply for aid via the CA Dream Act application with the same priority deadline of March 2.

The UCLA Scholarship Resource Center is available to help you identify scholarships for which you are qualified. For information about searching for UCLA scholarships for first-year students and other outside scholarships, please review our Scholarship Resource Center website at: www.scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu.

CALIFORNIA RESIDENCE

UC resident tuition is determined only after admission. It is finalized once the student completes an online Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and Statement of Legal Residence (SLR), allowing for SLR processing by the University (registrar.ucla.edu/fees-residence/residence-requirements).

FALL 2025 ADMIT PROFILE*

145,073 Applications

9% Acceptance Rate

3.95 Average GPA unweighted

33% of first-year students (domestic) are from underrepresented backgrounds

23% of first-year students (domestic) are first-generation college students

*Fall 2025 Admit figures as of mid-summer.

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APPLICATION TIMELINE

August 1: Application opens for Fall 2026

October 1–December 1: Application submission window for Fall 2026 applicants. UCLA does not offer early action/early decision

December 1: Filing period expected to be available on or before December 1 for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CA Dream Act Application for all applicants; filing period opens for GPA Verification Form (required for CA residents only for Cal Grant consideration)

March 2: Priority deadline for applicants to submit financial aid application (FAFSA), CA Dream Act, and Cal Grant GPA verification forms

Late March: Admission notification (first-year)

May 1: Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register and application for on-campus housing

July 1: Official transcripts due for students who accepted offer of admission

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First-Year Applicants

Your Guide to Applying

At the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), we welcome applications from students across the nation and around the world. At UCLA, we seek students who have excelled academically and bring their own distinctive stories and rich experiences that make the undergraduate experience here so special. Without a doubt, our greatness comes from the variety of experiences and backgrounds that students like yourself bring to our campus community. In the fall, first-year students from over 60 countries and nearly all 50 states enrolled at UCLA. Located in Westwood Village, about five miles from the beach cities of Santa Monica and Venice and approximately 13 miles from downtown Los Angeles, we pride ourselves as a research university with a long tradition of academic and research excellence.

For over a century, UCLA has educated future leaders for every endeavor—from academia to the arts, from private industry to public service. As a UCLA graduate, you will join esteemed alumni who earn high rates of admission to the world’s top graduate and professional schools, and are well prepared for service to society.

UCLA’s College of Letters and Science and seven professional schools – Arts and Architecture; Engineering; Music; Nursing; Public Affairs; Theater, Film and Television; and School of Education & Information Studies – feature renowned faculty and offer over 140 majors and over 100 minors. We invite you explore and learn about the opportunities awaiting you as an undergraduate student here at UCLA.



ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Applicants are expected to have completed these minimum UC requirements:

- 2 years history/social science
- 4 years of college-preparatory English
- 3 years of mathematics (4 years recommended)
- 2 years of laboratory science (3 years recommended)
- 2 years of language other than English (3 years recommended)
- 1 year of visual and performing arts
- 1 year of college-preparatory elective

California applicants must earn at least a 3.0 GPA and nonresidents must earn a minimum 3.4 GPA in all A-G or college-preparatory courses. We understand that UCLA’s subject requirements may be difficult for some applicants to meet due to differences in school curricula. All applications for admission are reviewed within the context of curricular opportunities available to the applicant. If a particular required subject is not available, we will consider your application without it. **There is no single academic path that we expect all students to follow, but the strongest applicants take the most rigorous high school curriculum available to them.**

Please feel free to contact UCLA Undergraduate Admission if you have any questions about the subject requirements.
admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/first-year-requirements/subject-requirement-a-g.html



STANDARDIZED TESTING

UCLA does not consider SAT or ACT scores for admission or scholarship purposes. All applications will be reviewed holistically based on the criteria approved by our faculty through comprehensive review, including grades, curriculum, activities/leadership/involvement, and the personal insight questions. If you choose to submit test scores as part of your application, they may be used as an alternative method of fulfilling minimum requirements for eligibility or for course placement after you enroll.

GENERAL APPLICATION TIPS

- The University of California’s online application (UC Application) is used to apply to UCLA and all UC campuses. Find the application at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply.
- All academic and non-academic information, plus personal insight question answers, are reported via the online UC application. UCLA uses self-reported academic information when making the preliminary assessment of your application for admission. In completing your application, you will be asked to list all courses and grades from all schools and colleges you have attended. Complete the educational history section of the application exactly as it appears on your school records. Transcripts are not required at the time that you submit your application. Official transcripts will be required after a student has been admitted.
- We guarantee review of first-choice majors only.
- Applicants to The College can declare a major, or apply as undeclared on the UC Application Form. For first-years applying to a major in The College, your choice of major will neither help nor hurt your prospects for admission. In fact, a large number of first-year applicant apply as undeclared.
- The Samueli School of Engineering admits students by major (including Undeclared).
- Applicants to the School of Arts and Architecture; Music; Nursing; and Theater, Film and Television will receive additional information regarding the respective school’s supplemental application following the submission of your UC application.
- Deadline for changing majors: November 30 is the deadline for changing to any major in the schools of the Arts and Architecture, Music, Nursing or Theater, Film and Television. January 31 is the deadline for changing to any major in The College or Samueli School of Engineering.
- UCLA does not review updates to your academic history (e.g. grades, courses). If you are admitted, you will have an opportunity to submit updates and report changes to coursework at that time. UCLA will not review updates to the personal insight questions, awards, activities, employment and additional comments.
- All applications submitted during the filing period are given equal consideration, regardless of submission date.



No single attribute or characteristic guarantees the admission of any applicant to UCLA.

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

The University’s Personal Insight Questions are about getting to know you better - your life experience, interests, ambitions, and inspirations. Find your individual voice and express it. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words and you must select 4 out of the 8 questions. Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you. You should select the questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances. If you need additional help on how to address these questions, please refer to the “Worksheet for Freshman Applicants” on the University of California website (admission.universityofcalifornia.edu)

- 1 Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
- 2 Every person has a creative side, 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.
- 3 What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
- 4 Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
- 5 Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
- 6 Think about an academic subject that inspires you. Describe how you have furthered this interest inside and/or outside of the classroom.
- 7 What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
- 8 Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?

HOW WE REVIEW OUR APPLICANTS

All applications are reviewed in a consistent process and **all achievements – both academic and nonacademic/personal – are considered in the context of your educational circumstances**, with an emphasis on the opportunities or challenges presented to you and your response to them.

All applications are reviewed twice by two separate/independent admission professionals.

All applications for admission are considered within the context of courses available to them.

UC’s review applications independent of each other.

The UC application is designed for students to self-advocate and we welcome information applicants think might be helpful in understanding their accomplishments within their school communities. Additional information about the school(s) you have attended can be included in the “academic comments” section of your application.

Keep in mind that there is no single academic path we expect all students to follow. However, competitive applicants earn high marks in the most rigorous curriculum available to them. Letters of recommendations are not accepted and interviews

are not offered. In some instances, they may be required as part of the supplemental applications for School of Arts & Architecture, School of Music, School of Nursing and School of Theater, Film & Television.

There is no formula for gaining admission to UCLA. There is no minimum GPA and no single attribute or characteristic that guarantees the admission of any applicant. Students with vastly different credentials come from thousands of high schools across the country and around the world. What unifies our students are the talents they bring to UCLA and their passion to explore all that UCLA has to offer.

The review focuses on consistent and ongoing participation in extracurricular activities, community service, special programs, and paid employment, **with an emphasis on leadership, initiative, and tenacity.** We also consider the contributions that students have made to their school or community.

UCLA **does not consider “demonstrated interest”** as part of the application review process. Visiting campus, attending information sessions, reaching out to representatives is a great way of learning more about UCLA; however we do not track student’s interest and it will not affect the review of your application.