While this book provides a framework for the UCLA experience, there is much that can’t be explained on paper. Visiting campus and feeling the dynamism of this place in person is the only way to truly understand it. To schedule a campus visit, go to UCLA.EDU/VISIT.

If you’re ready to begin the application process or you want to learn more, there are countless resources at your fingertips — from UCLA.EDU/VISIT to our Facebook page at FACEBOOK.COM/UCLABRUINS.

Access everything you need to know about becoming a Bruin by clicking on “get connected” on our admission page at ADMISSION.UCLA.EDU.

And take a virtual tour of campus at YOUVISIT.COM/TOUR/UCLA.

YOUR NEXT STEP SHOULD BE ON CAMPUS.
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Optimism. It’s more than our outlook. It’s woven into our DNA. We look past the current landscape to entertain the unknown. We break barriers and take giant leaps forward. We challenge the status quo. We think beyond the consensus and make DREAMS REALITY.

Here, we do more than consider possibilities. We create them. We learn all the facts, even those some might see as limitations, and believe in spite of them. We understand that we’re not bound to the present. WE’RE FREE TO DEFINE THE FUTURE.

Armed with optimism, we charge ahead with passion and determination. And when the world says “no” — we say “no problem.”

Honors students, team captains, student leaders, community activists ... Our students are not just any one of these things. They’re often all of these things. And more. They change the world by engaging it. By working together. And pushing forward from all angles. Not because they can. Because they know they must.

We all possess the same single-minded focus on achieving excellence across the board. We are energized and hopeful. Inquisitive. Unstoppable. Perhaps just like you.
WHEN THINGS HAPPEN HERE, THE WORLD TAKES NOTICE.

Maybe it’s because we’ve been at the top of the rankings for public universities in the nation for over two decades. Or because we’re consistently RANKED AMONG THE TOP WORLD UNIVERSITIES. And, according to The New York Times’ College Access Index, we are among the top five universities committed to enrolling low- to middle-income students.

Maybe it’s the fact that our faculty includes MacArthur Fellows, Pulitzer Prize winners and members of the National Academies. Or that more than 100 companies have been created based on technology developed at UCLA. And that we’re THE MOST APPLIED-TO UNIVERSITY IN THE COUNTRY.

Certainly, it’s because of STUDENTS LIKE YOU, students who eagerly inherit the prestige and responsibility that come with being a Bruin. Students who believe it’s not just about attending class. It’s about ATTENDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD.
Court of Sciences
Our curriculum features more than 3,900 courses, 125+ majors and 90+ minors.

For a complete listing of majors and minors, visit ADMISSION.UCLA.EDU/MAJORS.
Obos 69 by George Tsutakawa
WHERE MINDS MEET, Connections Spark and Imaginations Soar

Explore UCLA’s campus and you’ll discover academic concentrations where intellectual passions come to life and ideas easily flow back and forth. One area vibrates with the arts, social sciences and humanities. Another is alive with science, technology, engineering and math. And yet another revolves around the health sciences and Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center.

No matter where you stand, working together is not only welcome but encouraged. The campus is designed to inspire collaboration within and across disciplines. Fountains, cafes, courts, benches and intertwining walkways serve as inviting spaces to cross paths and join forces. And that’s just the beginning.

UCLA makes it easy for students in every discipline to learn from the best and brightest. Premed students work alongside some of the world’s top physicians using technology and procedures not yet available in most hospitals. Music and film students learn from renowned artists while immersing themselves in every opportunity that comes with being in the entertainment capital of the world. And those pursuing interdisciplinary majors and minors, like global studies and entrepreneurship, discover academic soulmates from a vast array of concentrations.

No matter what your area of interest, exploring new territories is effortless. Pre-law students expand their reach by studying environmental science. Biology, anthropology and English students discover surprising opportunities by minoring in food studies. Business economics students gain perspective on the world by taking classes in global studies.

Here, students enjoy limitless room to broaden their horizons. They know if they want to impact the world, they have to comprehend it from all angles.
RIGOROUS, uncompromising and INCREDIBLY COMPREHENSIVE
WHAT GOES ALONG WITH ATTENDING A BIG UNIVERSITY KNOWN FOR BEING A RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC POWERHOUSE? THE UNEXPECTED.

Small classes. An infinitely adaptable learning experience. And innovative academic and research opportunities that daringly break boundaries and cross disciplines.

Here, two out of three undergraduate classes have less than 30 students. Even smaller are about 200 seminars known as Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light). Each takes an in-depth look at an intriguing topic for a group of 10–20 students. Honors programs, internships and general education “clusters” — yearlong series of small classes taught by interdisciplinary teams — offer highly engaging opportunities for rigorous learning within your major and beyond. And capstone experiences give seniors the chance to execute a creative, inquiry-based project designed to demonstrate what they’ve learned as undergraduates.

At UCLA, the desire to learn and explore is infinite. The opportunities to do both are boundless.
FAVORITE CLASS SO FAR IN HIS MAJOR: LIFE SCIENCES
I loved learning math by applying biological concepts. It’s interesting to study its applications to everyday life.

MOST HELPFUL CLASS: COMMUNICATING SCIENCE TO INFORMAL AUDIENCES
Being able to explain information to a patient is a great skill to develop for being a doctor.

WHY HE LOVES THE UCLA CLINICAL AND TRANSITIONAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE RESEARCH ASSOCIATES PROGRAM: I get to participate in research through Ronald Reagan Hospital and the David Geffen School of Medicine while gaining clinical experience by observing procedures and shadowing physicians.

ORGANIZATION HE CALLS HOME: YOUTH MOVEMENT AGAINST ALZHEIMER’S It’s mostly premed neuroscience majors, and we talk about cool things, including creating awareness and planning events.

MOST SURPRISING PROFESSOR: KATSUSHI ARISAKA Physics is one of my least favorite subjects, but he made it fun. He was charismatic, caring and knowledgeable, and he has contributed so much toward the field of physics here at UCLA.

BIGGEST CHALLENGES IN PREMED: The fast pace and time management! Planning is key. It also helps when I remember to take a deep breath and relax.

BEST THING SO FAR ABOUT UCLA: The vast number of opportunities here! There are so many organizations and clubs. No one could ever feel left out or alone. And I love that you can rent a floating hammock for free from the student activities center.

FAVORITE WAYS TO SPEND FREE TIME: Playing intramural soccer. Seeing UCLA Football at the Rose Bowl and tailgating with friends.
FAVORITE PROFESSOR SO FAR: JENNIFER JAY
She’s so environmentally conscious but never pushes her personal agenda. She explains how things like eating meat affect the environment in a very scientific, non-judgmental way.

LAB WORK SHE’S HAPPY TO DO FOR FREE: I volunteer in Professor Jay’s lab, where we research environmental issues affecting people in L.A. An article about our work on lead concentration levels was published in the Daily Bruin!

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON AT UCLA SO FAR: AUDREY POOL O’NEAL
She works at the Center for Excellence in Engineering and Diversity and makes sure all the underrepresented engineering students are doing well. She really took me under her wing and inspired me.

FAVORITE WAY TO DECOMPRESS: Sitting in the sun outside Royce Hall, people watching. Slowing down and taking time for myself really helps.

CLUB SHE LOVES BEING PART OF: ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS
We went to the Navajo Nation reservation in Arizona, where we helped build a water system. It was a great experience!

HOW FAR SHE’LL GO FOR UCLA MEN’S BASKETBALL: I camped out with friends the night before they played Kentucky so we could get good seats.

WHY SHE ADORES SIMONE RAHOTEP, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: During finals, she hands out bags with goodies in them like Vitamin C and granola bars. She checks in every few weeks and has connected me to older students who give great advice and to job opportunities.

GREATEST PASSIONS: The environment and helping people.
FAVORITE CLASS SO FAR: MODERN ART HISTORY
Professor George Baker was so energetic and enthusiastic about painting. And he had us do sketches at museums, then write essays about them, which I loved.

DEFINITELY MINORING IN: DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY
Since high school, I’ve been doing youth outreach at a crisis center, and I’d like to one day work with kids dealing with trauma.

WHERE SHE LOVES CURLING UP WITH A BOOK:
The grassy area near Sunset Rec after swimming or anywhere near the jacaranda trees in the sculpture garden.

MOST CHALLENGING ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE SO FAR:
The neuroscience brain cluster. It was difficult, but it forced me to study hard, and inspired me to structure my poetry book, which the Youth Poet Laureate program published, around concepts I learned in this class.

WHY NOON ON BRUIN WALK CATCHES HER BY SURPRISE:
There are just so many people! My classes are small, so I forget that it’s a big school.

MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO:
Creative writing workshops. And working in the daycare and getting psychology credit for it.

HOW UCLA’S FRENCH CLUB HELPED EXPAND HER HORIZONS:
It’s how I heard about a course that took me to Paris for six weeks. It’s mostly for French majors, but it has a creative writing element and I speak French, so I was able to participate.

MOST HELPFUL PERSON SO FAR AT UCLA:
The whole staff at Counseling and Psychological Services, to be honest! College is a big adjustment period for everyone, and checking in on emotional health is so necessary.

PERK SHE CHERISHES:
I love that UCLA is partnered with the Hammer and the Fowler museums because I can go to them as often as I want.

RHIANNON WILSON
ENGLISH

DREAM JOB: WRITER ACROSS ALL GENRES
BEST CLASS SO FAR:
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ACADEMY
We were matched with nonprofits to develop a for-profit model. At the end of the class, my team won $10,000 for our nonprofit.

FAVORITE PROFESSOR:
PETER SELLARS
In World Arts & Culture, he inspired us to pursue our passions and make the world better. One-on-one, he recommended amazing books and motivated me to write for the sake of writing instead of for a grade.

CAMPUS JOB HE TREASURES:
Lead program assistant at Partnership UCLA. I get to interview top UCLA alumni for an initiative called Excellence in Action. It’s an amazing networking opportunity.

HOW HE STAYS FOCUSED:
Lifting weights at Wooden Center. It gives me mental fortitude and confidence and helps me sleep better.

AHA MOMENT HE’LL NEVER FORGET:
When a professor helped me see the importance of recognizing a need or a service before people know they need it. Now I think, “How can things be done differently?”

UCLA ORGANIZATION HE VALUES MOST:
MONEYTHINK
We teach financial literacy to kids in underrepresented communities. It’s so humbling to be a mentor and inspire younger generations.

ADDED BONUS TO LIVING ON THE HILL:
I had constant interaction with talented students from all different majors. Building those relationships has tremendous value.

NONPROFIT HE’S THRILLED TO RUN:
FURNISH THE HOMELESS
It started out as a UCLA club. Now it’s a registered nonprofit that we’re working to take nationally. We want to help families across the U.S.

WHY GETTING HIS DEGREE MEANS THE WORLD TO HIM:
I’m the first in my family to attend college and a first-generation Mexican-American. I want my parents to feel like their resilient efforts in migrating to this country were worth it.
The way they interact with students is exceptional. Their enthusiasm and passion palpable. And the grasp of the material they cover unparalleled. But the genius that comprises UCLA faculty reaches far beyond that. Our professors include a FIELDS MEDAL RECIPIENT and PULITZER PRIZE AWARDEES, NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE WINNERS and MACARTHUR FELLOWS. Experts in their fields whose impact is global. And their impression on you as you learn from them and even work alongside them day in and day out — transformative.

Neil Garg  
PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY; FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE

Thanks to Garg, organic chemistry may be UCLA’s most beloved class. His passion, enthusiasm and approachability often result in standing ovations. The recipient of endless accolades, including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2016, Garg takes an endlessly creative approach to teaching, which includes creating helpful online tutorials that merge chemistry and biology with pop culture. He opts to live on campus with his wife and four children as part of the faculty-in-residence program so that he can eat meals with students and inspire them on a daily basis.

Tracy Johnson  
PROFESSOR OF MOLECULAR, CELL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

A recipient of the National Science Foundation Career Award, Johnson’s been sharing her passion for the exactitude of science with UCLA students since 2013. She loves using innovative, active techniques that engage every student. In her UCLA lab, Johnson works alongside undergrads and graduate students investigating gene splicing and transcription. She cares deeply about teaching students to think critically and, as her mentors did with her, treats each person as if they have important contributions to make.
ANTONIO LYSY  
PROFESSOR OF CELLO

Since 2003, Lysy, an internationally acclaimed artist who has performed in major concert halls worldwide, has been sharing his love of music and aural tradition as a professor at UCLA. He feels fortunate to be able to share his experience, knowledge, philosophy, passion and dedication to musical ideals with students while helping them develop independence, creativity and confidence. As an artist, Lysy enjoys projects ranging from Baroque to electric. A song on his album “Antonio Lysy at the Broad — Music from Argentina” won a Latin Grammy, and The Absolute Sound recognized it as one of the 40 best recordings of all time.

CATHERINE OPIE  
PROFESSOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Opie’s work, which raises perplexing questions about society and community, has been exhibited at many of the finest museums throughout the U.S., Europe and Japan, including a midcareer retrospective in 2008 at the Guggenheim in New York. A recipient of the Julius Shulman Excellence in Photography Award and a United States Artists Fellowship, Opie uses familiar genres — portraiture, landscapes and studio photography in unexpected ways. UCLA students revel in her technical brilliance and her ability to make the invisible “visible.”

ROBERT WATSON  
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH; ASSOCIATE VICE-PROVOST FOR EDUCATION INNOVATION

The recipient of senior research fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Endowment for the Humanities, Watson teaches mostly Shakespeare, English Renaissance poetry and historical ecocriticism. Students marvel at his dynamic nature and enthralling lectures. He’s the recipient of the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award, and has published numerous award-winning books along with poems in The New Yorker and 20 other literary journals.

PABLO FAJGELBAUM  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

One of just eight economists nationwide to be named a 2017 Sloan Fellow, Fajgelbaum has also received grants from the National Science Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture. He’s also a faculty research fellow with the National Bureau of Economic Research. When he isn’t analyzing the distributional effects of international trade, the impact of regional tax policies and optimal transport networks in general-equilibrium trade models, Fajgelbaum enjoys teaching international trade theory at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

JENNIFER JAY  
PROFESSOR OF CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING; DEPARTMENT VICE CHAIR OF GRADUATE AFFAIRS

In addition to teaching a multitude of engineering courses, Jay, a Pritzker Fellow for Environmental Sustainability in 2011 and 2012, belongs to the National Water Research Institute Technical Advisory Panel. She also oversees a lab where students investigate geochemical and microbial processes that affect environmental contaminants. Her down-to-earth nature, scientific approach and deep love of the environment inspire students to dig deep into issues currently affecting people in L.A. and all over the world.
THIS KIND OF THINKING HAS GLOBAL IMPACT.

GEOGRAPHY PROFESSOR LAURENCE C. SMITH
RESEARCHING THE WORLD’S LARGEST ICE MELT

Smith, a climate change scientist, geologist and author who has won more than $9 million in research funding from the National Science Foundation and NASA, led a mission to investigate the world’s largest melting ice sheet, which covers over 80 percent of Greenland. He and his team confirmed the ice melt’s crucial role in today’s most pressing global problem — rising sea level — and discovered key data about how meltwater moves from the ice sheet to the ocean that can help us better understand the extent and impact of global warming.
UCLA RECEIVES AN AVERAGE OF $1 BILLION TOWARD RESEARCH PROJECTS EACH YEAR. As a freshman, you’re part of it. You’ll have every opportunity to work on real, publishable research that has a profound effect on the world.

Students here also have the chance to work with some of the world’s leading minds — faculty and researchers who are drawn to UCLA’s access and the bounty of opportunities we provide for research. When engaged, determined students come together with passionate, leading-edge faculty, the results speak for themselves.

The Internet was born here. Desalination was developed here in its first practical form. We’re constantly pioneering technology that’s reshaping our world — from software clouds that monitor electric vehicle charging stations to an epigenetic clock that can shed light on how various factors affect the human lifespan. We’ve sent researchers and undergrads to Indonesia to study coral reef biodiversity and research teams to Costa Rica to track the behaviors of capuchin monkeys. When the fieldwork comes into the lab, faculty, postdocs, grads and undergrads work together to understand what is often exciting, world-changing research.

In the marketplace and in society, our research produces real, groundbreaking innovations, from genetically modified seeds that could help end world hunger to solar panels as thin and pliable as a plastic bag. Rethinking what’s possible and feeling certain we can find the answers is part of our nature. Just ask UCLA Professor Shelley Taylor — she discovered the gene in humans that is linked to being optimistic.
EGYPTIAN BURIAL ARTIFACTS

Professor of Egyptian Art and Architecture Kara Cooney teaches students about Egyptian artifacts, ancient economies and decoding hieroglyphics.

ROBOTICS & MECHANISMS LABORATORY

UCLA’s RoMeLa, which Professor Dennis Hong founded and oversees, is a facility for graduate and undergraduate robotics research and education.

TITAN KRIOS

THE FIRST OF ITS KIND, this electron microscope images nanostructures with the highest level of detail available today — down to the sub-Ångström level.
WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO CREATE

INSTRUMENTS

OF

CHANGE.
REINVENTION. INNOVATION. They’re at the core of UCLA’s identity. This is evident in the facilities and resources available on campus, such as the renovated CHARLES E. YOUNG RESEARCH LIBRARY. With its modern communal spaces featuring the latest in smart technology, including devices that activate and document the research process, it’s a dynamic living lab of ideas, experimentation and results. The EVELYN AND MO OSTIN MUSIC CENTER, a critical part of the Herb Alpert School of Music, amazes with its high-tech recording studio, state-of-the-art spaces for rehearsal and teaching, and an Internet-based music production center. Students and faculty have access to the latest in music technology and production.

GEFFEN HALL, UCLA’s new medical education building, features cutting-edge teaching labs, a lecture auditorium and exam rooms designed to easily adapt to different learning styles and advances in medical education. And RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER is ranked No. 1 in Los Angeles and No. 6 nationally. As a research hospital, it’s continually at the forefront of modern medicine — and it’s right on our campus. Through programs like UCLA Care Extenders, students in any major can train as volunteers to assist medical staff and gain in-the-trenches experience. The hospital is an invaluable academic resource that prepares the healers of the future.
Our connection with L.A. doesn’t end with our name.

IT’S NO WONDER VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ARE A KEY PART OF UCLA. We attract doers. The students who can’t sit idly by when they know their talents and passions can effect change NOW. And we help make that possible.

It starts with VOLUNTEER DAY, an annual community-service event early in fall quarter when undergrads join forces to make a difference throughout Los Angeles. Thousands of students participate in this inspiring event, one of the largest university-related service days in the world. Our volunteers do everything from mentoring inner-city kids and sprucing up beaches to sorting food bank donations and gardening at senior centers. Their efforts add up to over $1 million worth of service. The rewards are priceless.

Throughout the year, the UCLA VOLUNTEER CENTER makes it easy for students to stay involved via annual events and ongoing programs such as One Bus, One Cause, which sends a bus full of students to an L.A. community to address needs in that area. Students can also get involved as volunteer tutors with UCLA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, which are reshaping public education in Los Angeles thanks to a partnership between UCLA and Los Angeles Unified School District. Students can earn course credit by serving in the community, whether it’s local or international internships, service learning courses in L.A., or with AmeriCorps or the Peace Corps. UCLA even offers a minor in civic engagement.

Giving back to communities is an essential part of our mission as a public university.

At UCLA, we understand the needs of the world. With compassion and dedication, we strive to meet them head-on.
Prepare to flourish.

It’s one of the most iconic, thriving and safest areas in one of the world’s great cities. It’s teeming with a myriad of influences and bursting with activity. An academic haven, yet so much more. And it’s yours to call home. Welcome to UCLA.

Our campus is adorned with sparkling pools, tennis courts, state-of-the-art fitness centers and lush, tree-lined vistas. You’ll find eclectic cafes and outdoor terraces. Dining options that reflect the bubbling melting pot of flavors that’s synonymous with Los Angeles — whether it’s pan-Asian fare, wood-fired pizza ovens or kitschy late-night burger joints. It’s all done with an eye for quality and a flair for the international.

UCLA’s campus is alive and connected, and there’s always something big going on — from world-class concerts, sporting events and film festivals to arts and cultural events and speakers like humorist David Sedaris, authors Michael Chabon and Zadie Smith and CNN’s Christiane Amanpour. The options are bountiful, the experience larger-than-life.
BEING UNTRADITIONAL HAS ITS TRADITIONS.

While UCLA is unlike any other university, the experience here is classic college through and through.

BEAT 'SC BONFIRE

Since its inception, this exciting, student-run tradition has inspired celebrities, students and alumni to gather together to cheer on the Bruins before their rivalry football game against USC.

BRUIN BASH

This annual event to kick off the school year has featured such performers as Jay Z, T.I. and LMFAO.
THE INVERTED FOUNTAIN

Touch the waters of the Inverted Fountain once during freshman orientation and swear not to touch another drop until graduation. Campus lore dictates that even the tiniest dip adds a quarter to your college career. But come graduation, the wading begins.

SPRING SING

Held at Pauley Pavilion, this annual event showcases UCLA’s most gifted student performers and attracts celebrities and talent scouts. Past performers have included Sara Bareilles and Maroon 5.

DANCE MARATHON

This charitable event has students dancing 26 hours straight and has raised millions for pediatric AIDS research.
329 days of sunshine a year isn’t a forecast, it’s an outlook.
NOTORIously
ACtive,
RidiculoUsLy
PAssionate,
Perpetually
Involved?

JOIN
THE CLUB.

Stroll along Bruin Walk and it’s impossible not to be overcome by the vibrancy and activity that permeate every step. From politics and social awareness to the arts, club sports and fraternity and sorority life, students here are deeply engaged. And voracious in the number of activities they undertake.

Over 1,000 clubs and student organizations make UCLA’s campus an epicenter of culture, progress and activism. Whether it’s the mobile clinic or Grupo Folklorico, snowboarding or Undergraduate Business Society, curing diseases or curing charcuterie — for every interest, there is an outlet.
AWARD-WINNING DINING

THE STUDY AT HEDRICK

NEARLY 100% OF FRESHMEN LIVE ON CAMPUS

BRUIN PLATE

RESIDENTIAL LIFE
Settle in on the Hill, UCLA’s residential community and home to nearly 100 percent of freshmen, and you’ll find yourself in a microcosm of the world. You’ll swap stories and ideas over meals, tennis and laundry with people from every major and walk of life — roommates, classmates, faculty-in-residence and amazing individuals you may not meet any other way. Some will become mentors. Some, friends for life.

Throughout the year, you’ll savor the highest-rated food of any university. Spread your wings in living-learning communities — Afrikan Diaspora, Sustainable Living, and Gender, Sexuality and Society, to name a few — where like-minded individuals representing every interest and outlet get together. Experiment with 3-D printing and other handiwork in the Makerspace. And broaden your horizons in small, interdisciplinary classes known as Clusters. You’ll bloom in this safe haven where classrooms, libraries, labs, sports facilities, study halls and cultural activities are just outside your door.

At UCLA, living on campus gives you an incomparable way to experience university life fully. In this mini-metropolis with a wealth of possibilities at your fingertips, you’ll discover a home away from home.
IT’S A LOT EASIER TO

IMPACT THE WORLD

WHEN IT’S IN YOUR BACKYARD.
Welcome to the nexus of the West. A TOP UNIVERSITY SET IN ONE OF THE MOST VIBRANT, DIVERSE CITIES IN THE WORLD.

A quintessential campus. A vibrant metropolis. A WORLD THAT WILL FOREVER CHANGE YOURS.

419 acres of beautiful collegiate grounds within A CITY THAT STRETCHES FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE OCEAN.

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EXPLORE EVERY ANGLE.

THIS IS YOUR CULTURAL LANDSCAPE. Explore. Absorb. Devour. At your doorstep, a wealth of experiences and opportunities only a city like Los Angeles can provide. From the Sunset Strip to the Hollywood Bowl, the Comedy Store to the Getty Center, snowboarding at Big Bear to dipping your toes in the ocean in Santa Monica — Los Angeles is a CROSSROADS OF CULTURE, ACTIVITY, NEW IDEAS AND ADVENTURES, all just a bus ride, drive or walk away.

It’s a city of neighborhoods, each with its own unique offerings. UCLA’s home base is Westwood, where a taste of Persian ice cream is as easy to come by as movies and movie premieres, live theater, museums and shopping. Or spread your wings. Grab a bowl of bibimbap in Koreatown. Peruse street art in Silver Lake. People-watch along Venice Beach. Shop for handmade Mexican textiles on Olvera Street. No matter which way you turn, you’ll find an INCREDIBLY DIVERSE, ALWAYS INSPIRING SETTING for you to broaden your horizons.

Los Angeles is also a life-altering destination. Always at the forefront, the city’s FORWARD-THINKING, PROGRESSIVE NATURE creates ample room for everyone to make their mark. Individualism and the collective good are championed all at once. And boundless opportunity meets unbounded talent. From the vanguards of fashion and entertainment to the visionary pioneers in tech and business — innovation is woven into our social fabric.

This is where four million people power one of the world’s largest economies. A place that was global before it was popular to think that way. Where one minute you can be in East Asia and in Latin America the next. Where the world-famous cross paths with the world’s greatest.

For generations, Los Angeles has been a place where your dreams will flourish. Here, anything is possible.
OUR CLASSROOMS COME WITH

WIN D O W S E A T S

3,500 INT'L STUDENTS FROM OVER 75 COUNTRIES

TIME 3:10 PM  SEAT B1  FLIGHT 90024  GATE CA

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT 111 UNIVERSITIES IN OVER 40 COUNTRIES

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WE UNDERSTAND CHANGING THE WORLD BEGINS WITH EXPERIENCING IT.
That’s why UCLA’s experiential learning and study-abroad programs are some of the most active in the country. Exchange programs at 111 top universities in over 40 countries offer students an education without borders. And here at home, 3,500 undergraduate international students make UCLA a microcosm of the world. It is evident in the hundreds of ethnic clubs, exhibits and events enhancing our campus. The UCLA community doesn’t just understand the world. We’ve actually been there.
A HISTORY OF REWRITING IT
UNFLAPPABLE DETERMINATION. ENDURING SPIRIT. THE CORE BELIEF THAT THE SCOREBOARD ISN’T EVERYTHING — EFFORT IS. Here at UCLA, we have the ability to change the game. Upend it, even. We don’t give in or bend to others’ will. We CHALLENGE CONVENTIONS until we snap them in two.

Take Jackie Robinson, a literal GAME-CHANGER who refused to be out when the Majors wouldn’t let him in. At UCLA, he was the first to letter in four varsity sports in one year. While we can’t claim to be the source of his athletic ability, perhaps being on the most racially integrated college football team at the time gave him hope and helped him endure the threats, jeers and racist taunts he faced with such grace, dignity and honor.

A year before Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball, Kenny Washington, the first Bruin football player to be named an All-American, burst the NFL’s ban on African-American players. And when the nation was questioning women’s sports, Ann Meyers Drysdale answered with the first full athletic scholarship awarded to a female. She went on to become the first woman drafted to the Women’s Professional Basketball League.

And as we fight the good fight, our coaches inspire us to achieve competitive greatness and STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVERY FACET OF OUR LIVES. UCLA legend John Wooden, the only coach to win 10 NCAA championships in men’s basketball, gave us a set of principles that has become as iconic as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Gail Goodrich and the many other legends it helped shape, including UCLA Women’s Gymnastics Coach Valorie Kondos Field. In 2016, she was named Pac-12 Coach of the Century.

With nearly 300 Olympic medalists to our name, we have a higher medal count than most countries. But our victories transcend numbers and borders. We have a history of BREAKING BARRIERS. And we approach every challenge with that legacy in mind.
When you become a Bruin, you join the ranks of the MOST IMPRESSIVE ALUMNI ROSTER.
It’s not the sheer number or even the impact of these individuals that set UCLA apart.

It’s the BREADTH OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND EXCELLENCE that no other university can compete with.
UCLA ALUMNI BELIEVE IN THE IMPOSSIBLE. AND OFTEN ACHIEVE IT.

Discovering. Improving. Inventing. Creating. Their optimistic outlook drives them to reach above and beyond. Together, they present a network of unparalleled possibilities — a family that is happy to embrace new members. Here are but a few of our outstanding alumni.

ANNA LEE FISHER
B.S. ’71, M.D. ’76, M.S. ’87
CHEMIST, DOCTOR, ASTRONAUT, FIRST MOTHER IN SPACE

KAL PENN
B.A. ’00
FILM AND TV ACTOR, CIVIL SERVANT

ANGEL BLUE
M.M. ’08
INTERNATIONAL OPERA SENSATION, PLACIDO DOMINGO PROTÉGÉE

RICHARD HECK
B.S. ’52, PH.D. ’54
CHEMISTRY PIONEER, NOBEL PRIZE WINNER

KAREEM ABDUL JABBAR
B.A. ’69
SIX-TIME NBA CHAMP, ALL-TIME LEADING SCORER, AUTHOR, HISTORIAN, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM RECIPIENT
CheMisty Pioneers, Nobel Prize Winner Richard Heck
Francis Ford Coppola, Academy Award-Winning Filmmaker
Paul Terasaki, B.A. ’50, M.S. ’52, Ph.D. ’56, Tissue-Typing Pioneer
J. F. A. ’67, M.S. ’68, Ph.D. ’70, Emmy-Nominated The Big Bang Theory Star, Neuroscientist
Valerie Kondos Field, B.A. ’87, Pac-12 Coach of the Century
Juan Felipe Herrera, B.A. ’72, First Latino Named U.S. Poet Laureate
Arthur Ashe, B.S. ’66, Wimbledon Champion, Humanitarian
Paul Terasaki, B.A. ’50, M.S. ’52, Ph.D. ’56, Tissue-Typing Pioneer
Lula Washington, B.A. ’76, M.S. ’84, Dancer, Choreographer, Community Leader
Mayim Bialik, B.S. ’00, Ph.D. ’07, First Chinese-American Woman Elected to U.S. Congress
Adam Cheyer, M.S. ’93, Co-Founder of Siri Inc., Artificial Intelligence Pioneer
Judy Chu, B.A. ’74, First Chinese-American Woman Elected to U.S. Congress
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BUT A BRUIN CAN COME FROM 
ANYWHERE.
THE CALIBER OF A UCLA EDUCATION, paired with an incomparable learning and living environment, offers a value that is a rarity among higher-education institutions. It is a proven investment in a student’s future that results in a degree from a globally respected university.

We maintain our prestigious reputation by attracting the best and brightest students, regardless of their economic background. In fact, UCLA is consistently numbered among the nation’s most economically diverse top-ranked schools. *The New York Times* rated UCLA as No. 1 among elite colleges for overall economic mobility, which measures students’ access and outcomes. We are dedicated to helping each family create a strategy for paying for UCLA. The professionals in UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships will guide you to the best resources for your family.

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Year after year, UCLA is the most applied-to school in the nation. Because UCLA is more than a university. It’s a BEACON FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL.

At 100 years young, UCLA has accomplished more than any other public university. More innovation. More excellence. More opportunity. UCLA is the catalyst for remarkable firsts and daring forward leaps.

Here, we harness the power of today’s best and brightest to produce the leaders and innovators of tomorrow. Extraordinary minds who feel compelled to answer to the needs of the world. Optimists who believe anything is possible — and frequently prove it.

To do this, our selection process must be highly competitive. We require students who are fervent and uncompromising in their undertakings. Students who demonstrate academic excellence in a rigorous high school curriculum. Passion and curiosity. Engagement and leadership in and out of the classroom. A meaningful way of engaging with the world, addressing challenges and uncovering opportunities.

Excelling at one thing makes you impressive. Excellence in many makes you a Bruin.
While this book provides a framework for the UCLA experience, there is much that can’t be explained on paper. Visiting campus and feeling the dynamism of this place in person is the only way to truly understand it. To schedule a campus visit, go to UCLA.EDU/VISIT.

If you’re ready to begin the application process or you want to learn more, there are countless resources at your fingertips — from UCLA.EDU/VISIT to our Facebook page at FACEBOOK.COM/UCLABRUINS.

Access everything you need to know about becoming a Bruin by clicking on “get connected” on our admission page at ADMISSION.UCLA.EDU.

And take a virtual tour of campus at YOUVISIT.COM/TOUR/UCLA.

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