

Current and Former Foster Youth University of California Admission Information

1. Prepare for Admission

The minimum you need to do to be considered for **admission as a freshman** is:

- Complete 15 “a-g” courses
 - A. 2 years of history/social science
 - B. 4 years of English
 - C. 3 years of math
 - D. 2 years of lab science
 - E. 2 years of a language other than English
 - F. 1 year of visual and performing arts
 - G. 1 year of college-prep elective from “a-g”
- Take the ACT with Writing or SAT Reasoning exam
- Earn a weighted 3.0 GPA in A-G courses

To be considered for UC **admission as a junior transfer**, you must fulfill both of the following:

- Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a GPA of at least 2.4. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be taken Pass/Not Pass.
- Complete the following course pattern requirements, earning a grade of C or better in each course:
 - A. Two transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) in English composition
 - B. One transferable college course (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
 - C. Four transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
 - arts and humanities
 - social and behavioral sciences
 - physical and biological sciencesEach course must be worth at least 3 semester units.

2. Complete an online application, which can be accessed at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply.

Campuses e-mail applicants to request or clarify information; they often need a quick response. Provide an e-mail address that you'll check regularly and keep until you enroll. Update your spam filters to ensure that you receive all UC communications.

To give us a complete picture of who you are, you may wish to discuss your foster care experience in your personal statement.

Application filing periods

Fall quarter/semester	November 1–30
Winter quarter/spring semester	July 1–31
Spring quarter	October 1–31

The application fee is \$70 for each UC campus to which you apply. UC will waive application fees for up to **four** campuses for qualified students who would otherwise be unable to apply for admission. You can apply for a fee waiver within the online application and be notified immediately whether you have qualified. You will need to provide your income and the number of people supported by that income.

3. After you apply, you can log in to your application to review and, if necessary, change your telephone number, e-mail or mailing address. You can also apply to additional campuses if they're still open.

If you're a freshman or sophomore applicant, be sure to have your ACT and SAT scores reported by the testing agency. If you have your official score report sent to one campus, it will be available to all campuses to which you applied.

If you're a transfer student, about five weeks after the filing period has ended, you are required to update your grades and course records.

Each campus that accepts you for admission will issue you a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) form or direct you to a website where you can declare your intent to register. You may accept admission to one campus only. A \$100 nonrefundable deposit must accompany your acceptance. You may be eligible to have the deposit deferred until you receive financial aid. Housing and financial aid information will be included in your admission offer.

4. Entry Level Writing Requirement

Freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry Level Writing Requirement. Students can meet this requirement by scoring:

- 30 or better on the ACT Combined English/Writing test; or
- 680 or better on the College Board SAT Reasoning Test, Writing section; or
- 3 or above on either Advanced Placement Examination in English; or
- 5 or above on an International Baccalaureate Higher Level English: Literature (formerly IB HL English A1); or
- 6 or above on an International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A exam

All incoming California students who have not met the Entry Level Writing Requirement by April 1 must take the **UC Analytical Writing Placement Examination**. The exam will be administered in May at testing centers throughout the state. There is a fee for the test, but it will be partially or fully waived if you have already received a waiver of your UC application fees.

5. Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Disability Resources

EOP assists those challenged by social, economic and educational disadvantages with enrolling in college as well as helping them to complete their educational goals. EOP services include academic and support counseling and other support services. Students inform UC of their interest in EOP by checking a box within the admissions application. The applicant is then prompted for a brief explanation of their interest in applying.

In addition to EOP, UC provides special assistance and services to support students with disabilities so they can participate fully in campus programs and activities. Each campus has a disability resources office that coordinates a variety of services for students with permanent and temporary disabilities. Check the campus website for location, hours and other information.

6. Important Dates and Deadlines

October:	Application opens for fall admission at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
Nov. 1-30:	Filing period for fall admission. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Nov. 30.
Jan. 1:	Filing period opens for GPA Verification Form (required of California residents for Cal Grant consideration) and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.gov).
March 1-31:	Notification of fall freshman admission decisions
March 2:	Deadline for applicants for all terms to submit FAFSA and GPA Verification Form
April 1-30:	Notification of fall transfer admission decisions
May 1:	Deadline for admitted freshmen to submit the Statement of Intent to Register
June 1:	Deadline for admitted transfers to submit the Statement of Intent to Register
July 1:	Final official transcripts due at campus admissions offices for students admitted for fall.

7. Additional Resources

Choosing a UC campus

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/campuses/index.html>

Paying for a UC education

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/paying-for-uc/index.html>

Other useful websites available to assist youth in planning to attend college are listed below

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/prepare-for-college>

<http://www.cacollegepathways.org/programs.php>

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UC Admission Requirements

High School Seniors

- I will complete the required specific 15 "a-g" courses by the end of my senior year.
- I have taken or will take the ACT Plus Writing or SAT Reasoning Test by December of my senior year.
- I have earned a weighted 3.0 GPA in all of my "a-g" courses.

Transfer Students

- I will complete 60 UC-transferable semester (90 quarter) units of college credit with a GPA of at least 2.4.
- I will complete the following course pattern requirements, earning a grade of C or better in each course:
- D. Two transferable college courses in English composition
 - E. One transferable college course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
 - F. Four transferable college courses chosen from at least two of the following subject areas:
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Apply Online

- I have a copy of my transcript(s) to enter courses and grades from all schools I have attended.
- I have written my personal statement in advance. It includes my experience in the foster care system.
- I have checked the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) box on the admissions application, and have completed the field requesting a brief description of my interest in EOP.
- My UC application was submitted on this date: _____.
- My application ID number is _____.
- My e-mail address for my UC application is _____.

After I Apply

- I have ordered my official scores from ACT and/or SAT (freshman applicants).
- I have submitted my Transfer Academic Update, providing my grades for the last completed term and updating my planned coursework (transfer applicants).
- I will notify the UC Application Center if I add or drop a course or fail to earn a C or better in a course.

After I Am Admitted

- I have registered for the Analytical Writing Placement Examination (if applicable).
- I have submitted my Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) by the stated deadline and paid the fee if applicable.
- I have arranged to have final transcripts sent to the campus admissions office no later than the stated deadline (July 1 for fall enrollment).
- I have signed up for housing.
- I have signed up for orientation.
- I have contacted the disability services office (if applicable).

Financial Aid

- ___ I have reviewed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) worksheet at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/options.htm> in order to assemble the information that I will need to complete the FAFSA.
- ___ I have applied for and received a federal Personal Identification Number (PIN) (www.fafsa.gov) to allow me to file a completed FAFSA during January or February.
- ___ I have reported my entire taxed and untaxed income for the previous year, even if I have not officially filed my income tax return yet. (If I do not file taxes, I have checked my W-2 to obtain the information to put on my FAFSA.)
- ___ I have filed a FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) before March 2nd.
- ___ I have checked online to ensure that my FAFSA was successfully submitted and processed and that I have listed the colleges that I am most likely to attend and their federal Office of Postsecondary Education Identification Number (OPEID) numbers.
- ___ I have filed my income tax return for the previous year by April 15th, and I have updated the information on my FAFSA to correspond to the information on my income tax filing.
- ___ I have confirmed that my high school has sent my GPA to the California Student Aid Commission or that I have downloaded the GPA verification form (http://www.csac.ca.gov/pubs/forms/grnt_frm/gpaform.pdf), completed my part, and submitted it for my high school counselor to submit on my behalf to the California Student Aid Commission prior to March 2nd.
- ___ I have checked my e-mail and/or application account each week for the UC campuses to which I have applied for admission for any messages, including information about financial aid.
- ___ I have provided by required deadlines any additional documentation needed to complete my financial aid application process at each of the UC campuses where I have applied for admission.
- ___ I have checked my application account at the campus where I have decided to attend to review and accept my financial aid offer and to sign a promissory note and complete online loan counseling sessions and other requirements, if I am agreeing to any student loans.
- ___ I have checked my online campus billing statement and have made sure that my financial aid has been disbursed and applied to my tuition, fees, and other campus charges in time to meet the campus payment deadlines.
- ___ I have opened a bank account so I can have a place to put my earnings when I work and so I can use the electronic funds transfer (EFT) when the amount of my financial aid awards exceeds my actual UC expenses.
- ___ I have shared information about my personal bank account, confidentially, with the bursar at the UC campus where I plan to enroll so that I am eligible for EFT.

More Information for Foster Youth and Counselors Helping Them....

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/paying-for-uc/financial-aid/index.html>

The Office of Postsecondary Education Identification numbers (OPEID) associated with each UC campus are:

#001312 – UC Berkeley

#001313 – UC Davis

#001314 – UC Irvine

#001315 – UCLA

#4127100 – UC Merced

#001316 – UC Riverside

#001317 – UC San Diego

#001319 – UC San Francisco

#001320 – UC Santa Barbara

#001321 – UC Santa Cruz