

# Presenting Yourself on the UC Application for Undergraduate Admission – Freshmen

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# Before You Begin



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# Application Timeline

## Freshman

Date/Deadline	Task
August 1	UC Application Opens
November 1-30	Submit UC Application Online
Mid-January	Self-Report December Test Results
February - March	Notification of Admission
May 1	Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) Deadline
Mid-May to July	Waitlist Admission Notification

# Student Preparation

Research Campuses Early

Gather Materials

Brainstorm

Apply Broadly

Ask for Advice and Feedback

Email Communication is Critical

# How Applications are Reviewed



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# Requirements vs. Selection

## Every UC Campus

- Receives the same application from you
- Reviews for minimum requirements
- Reviews for admission individually using content of the application



# Comprehensive Review

## Campuses Look For

- Strong grades, test scores & course preparation
- An inclusive educational experience

## Assess Student Within Context

- Educational environment
- Available resources and opportunities

## The Full Application

Not just the personal insight questions



# Comprehensive Review

- Grade-Point Average
- Test Scores
- Courses Completed/Planned
- Honors Courses
- Top 9% Local Context (ELC)
- Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
- Academic Opportunities in California High Schools
- Performance in Academic Subject Areas
- Achievements in Special Projects
- Improvement in Academic Performance
- Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
- Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
- Geographic Location

# Completing the UC Application

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# Importance of Accurate Details

Statement of Application Integrity

Academic History

Examination Scores

Activities Outside of School

Verification of Application Information

# The Basics

## Contact Information

So campuses can contact you

## Family Information

## Campus/Major Selection


Apply broadly

## Fee Waiver

## 30-Minute Time Out


“Next” or “Log-out” to save

# Getting Started

**The application deadline is approaching.**


You have 3 more days to submit your application to meet the Nov-30 deadline.

**Sign In**  
E-mail Address  
  
Password  
  
  

**GO** 

[Forgot your password?](#)

**Create a New Account**  
If you don't have an account you  
can create one here.  
  

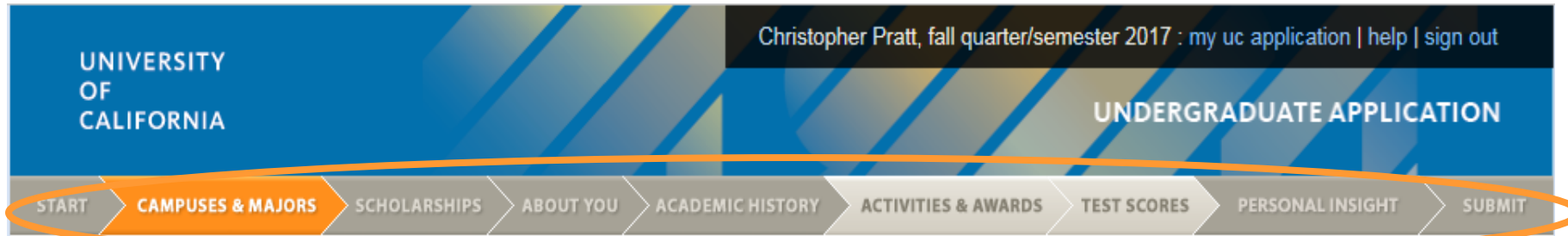
**NEW ACCOUNT** 

First time users  
start here!

Application Deadline: November 30, 11:59 p.m. PST

Apply Online at [universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](https://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)

# Navigating



- Use the progress bar above to navigate
- Use sections on the right for guidance
- Use buttons below to move from page to page
- Note 'my uc application', 'help', and 'sign out'

## Inside This Section

- > 1. Campuses
- > 2. Majors
- > 3. Review Campuses & Majors

## Questions?

Which campuses are open to me?

◀ PREVIOUS

NEXT ▶

# Starting Your Application

## Start Your Application STEP 1 OF 4

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### Term

Which term are you applying for?

- ☒ Fall Quarter/Semester 2017

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### Level

Are you applying as a:

- ☒ Freshman  
☐ Transfer  
☐ Second Baccalaureate  
☐ Limited Status

Select this if you already have a degree.  
Select this if you are not seeking a degree.



# Starting Your Application

## Start Your Application STEP 4 OF 4

### Citizenship

What is your country of citizenship?

Country

No Selection ▼

### Social Security Number

If you have a Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), please enter it.

Re-enter your Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).

All students must enter a social security number if they have one

# Selecting a Major

+ Claire Trevor School of the Arts

+ Program in Nursing Science

+ Program in Public Health

Public Health Policy

B.A.



Public Health Sciences

B.S.



+ School of Biological Sciences

+ The Henry Samueli School of Engineering

+ The Paul Merage School of Business

+ Interdisciplinary Studies

+ School of Humanities

+ Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

+ Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences

+ School of Physical Sciences

+ School of Social Ecology

+ School of Social Sciences

+ Undeclared Majors

Click to expand  
the list of majors

Major    Alt.  
Major



# Ranking San Diego Colleges

## UC San Diego College Preference

UC San Diego's distinctive colleges provide smaller "home" communities where undergraduate students get to know each other and faculty members better than in most large research universities.

### [Learn about UCSD colleges](#)

Learn more about the college system before deciding on your UCSD college preferences.

### [UCSD Principles of Community](#)

These principles of community are vital to the success of the University and the well being of its constituents. UCSD faculty, staff, and students are expected to practice these basic principles as individuals and in groups.

You must click here  
before ranking the  
colleges

Please enter a number from 1 - 6 next to each of the UCSD colleges below based on the order you would prefer to attend.

<input type="text"/>	Revelle College
<input type="text"/>	John Muir College
<input type="text"/>	Thurgood Marshall College
<input type="text"/>	Earl Warren College
<input type="text"/>	Eleanor Roosevelt College
<input type="text"/>	Sixth College

# Scholarships

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## Scholarship Opportunities

UC awards scholarships to students with specific backgrounds, academic interests or career objectives. The characteristics used to determine eligibility for these scholarships are grouped into eight categories, which are listed below. Click on a category to view the list of scholarships and check the appropriate box(es) to indicate the characteristics that apply to you. You may select up to 16 characteristics.

- ☐ **Academic Major or Specialty** (0 selected)
- ☐ **Affiliation With Group, Program or Organization** (0 selected)
- ☐ **Ancestry or Family Relationship** (0 selected)
- ☐ **Career Plans** (0 selected)
- ☐ **Ethnicity, National Origin or Religion** (0 selected)
- ☐ **School or Geographic Affiliation** (0 selected)
- ☐ **Special Conditions** (0 selected)
- ☐ **Miscellaneous** (0 selected)

Review and select up to 16 scholarships that match your characteristics, interests, and background!

# Biographical Information

**Do you receive financial support from a parent/legal guardian? For example, can a parent/legal guardian claim you as a dependent?**

This Year (2016)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Last Year (2015)

☐ Yes ☐ No

**How many people are in your family?**

This Year (2016)

Last Year (2015)

**What is your estimated total household income to support the family size above?**

This Year (2016)

\$  .00

Last Year (2015)

\$  .00

# Academic History for Freshman Applicants

# 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Courses

## Advanced Courses in Mathematics

Course Name

Term Period

Integrated Math 1 ▼

Full year ▼

Clear

Select ▼

Select ▼

Clear

## Courses in Language Other Than English

Subject Area/Course Category

Course Name

Term Period

Yr 1 Lang Other Than English ▼

Spanish

Full year ▼

Clear

Select ▼

Select ▼

Clear

Advanced math and language other than English courses in middle school can be used to meet A-G requirements



# High School Attendance

## Enter Your High School

☒ In California ☐ US (not CA) ☐ Outside the US

Specialized Curriculum (if applicable)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Magnet                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career Pathway/Academy | <input type="checkbox"/> Home School       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Year Round             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other             |

Please enter your school name.

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ADD

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 051520-1, LOS ANGELES, CA, United States

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 052667-1, RIVERSIDE, CA, United States

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 052910-1, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, United States

ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 053075-1, SAN JOSE, CA, United States

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL, 051928-1, MARYSVILLE, CA, United States

Must list every school attended since 9<sup>th</sup> grade

# High School Attendance

Provide basic information about your high school

## During what dates did you attend this high school?

Start date: Month Year (yyyy)  
Aug 2013

End date: Month Year (yyyy)  
Jun 2015

## What grades did you attend here?

Select the academic year(s) and the grade(s) attended. If you repeated a grade, you must indicate each academic year(s) of attendance for the repeated grade level.

Academic Year	Grade	
2013-2014	11th	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.
2014-2015	12th	<input type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.
Select	Select	<input type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.
Select	Select	<input type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.

[Add Another Academic Year and Grade](#)

## Is this or will this be the high school you graduated from?

☒ Yes ☐ No

## Degree, diploma, or certification received or to be received.

High/Secondary School Diploma

## Date received or to be received.

Month Year (yyyy)  
Jun 2015

## What is your school's grading system?

A B C D F

## What is your school's term system?

- ☐ Full (1 final grade per year)
- ☒ Semester (2 final grades per year)
- ☐ Trimester (3 final grades per year)
- ☐ Quarter (4 final grades per year)

# High School Coursework

+ 9th Grade History/Social Science

+ 9th Grade English

+ 9th Grade Mathematics

+ 9th Grade Laboratory Science

+ 9th Grade Language Other Than English

- 9th Grade Visual and Performing Arts









Course Name	Honors Type	Grade 1	Grade 2
<input type="checkbox"/> *Stage Design AB	NH		
<input type="checkbox"/> *Theatre Arts Workshop AB	NH		
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced Band AB	NH		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Choir AB	NH	B <input type="button" value="v"/>	A <input type="button" value="v"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Design AB	NH		

Enter academic courses taken and grades earned at each school as they appear on your official academic record

# High School Coursework

☐ I don't see all of my courses.

Add any courses you took that aren't in the list above.

Subject Area/Course Category	Course Name	Honors Type	Grade Term 1	Grade Term 2	Grade Term 3	Grade Term 4	
Biological Sciences 	Botany	NH 	A 	NO 			<a href="#">Clear</a>
Select 		-- 	-- 	-- 			<a href="#">Clear</a>

ADD ANOTHER COURSE

Enter academic courses that do not appear on the UC-approved course list

# College Courses Taken in High School

DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE,004295-3

Delete

ALL LOCATIONS,CA

Dates	Grade/Term	Grading Sys	
06/2013-08/2013	<b>11th Grade</b> Summer 2013	A B C D F	<a href="#">Edit</a>

ADD ANOTHER COLLEGE

+ Biological Science

+ Business

+ Business Accounting

+ Chemistry

- Chinese

	Dept.	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade	Subject Area/Course Category
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHIN	120	First Term Mandarin Chinese	5	B <input type="button" value="v"/>	Yr 2 Lang Other Than English <input type="button" value="v"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHIN	121	Second Term Mandarin Chinese			
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHIN	220	Third Term Mandarin Chinese			

# Academic History Comments

## Additional Comments (optional)

Tell us anything else you want us to know about your academic record that you have not had the opportunity to describe elsewhere in this section.

**International applicants:** If you selected Other as your school's grading system, please explain the grading system here.

(Entries over 550 characters will be truncated. The following characters count as more than one: & > < and new lines.)

Character Count: 155 Characters Remaining: 395

A student can use this space to explain unusual circumstances about a course, grade received or the school itself. The space is limited to 550 characters.

Use this space to explain unusual circumstances, not as an extension of the personal insight questions

# Activities & Awards

## Coursework Other Than A-G

**What was the course name?**

Elec Publishing/Graphic Design

**During which high school year(s) did you take the course?**

☒ 9th ☒ 10th ☒ 11th ☒ 12th ☐ After 12th

**How much time were you in class?**

Hours per Week Weeks per Year

8 20

**Briefly describe the course.**

(Entries over 160 characters will be truncated. The following characters count as Character Count: 126 Characters Remaining: 34)

Learn production, distribution, and user interaction to computerbased production of text, grapic design and interactive media.

Choose up to 5 of your most meaningful experiences for each category.

- Non a-g Coursework
- Educational Preparation Programs
- Community Service
- Work Experience
- Awards & Honors
- Extra Curricular Activities

## Volunteer & Community Service

**For what organization did you volunteer?**

CASA

**During which high school years were you involved?**

☐ 9th ☐ 10th ☒ 11th ☒ 12th ☐ After 12th

**How much time did you devote to the organization?**

Hours per Week Weeks per Year

8 40

**Briefly describe the organization and your responsibilities.**

(Entries over 160 characters will be truncated. The following characters count as Character Count: 75 Characters Remaining: 85)

Working with and advocating for young children in foster care environments.



# ACT & SAT Test Scores

## ACT & SAT

Check which test(s) you have taken.

Please note: UC accepts scores only from exams taken before high school graduation.

- ☒ ACT Assessment      ☐ SAT Reasoning Test  
(before Mar. 2016)      ☒ SAT 2016  
(after Feb. 2016)      ☐ None

Report your ACT/SAT scores below. Please remember:

- Record your scores **exactly** as they were reported by the testing agency.
- If you have taken a test more than once, record the scores from the date on which you earned the highest overall (composite) score. Do not mix scores from different dates.
- Tests taken before February 2005 will not meet UC's Examination Requirement.

### ACT Assessment Plus Writing

When did you take this test?

Month

Year

Select



Select



What is the ACT ID?

If you plan to take or retake this test, what is the test date?

Month

Year

Select



Select



Self-report scores here and order official scores to be sent to at least one UC campus

# Advanced Placement Test Scores

## College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Report your AP exam scores below. Please remember:

- Record your scores **exactly** as they were reported by the testing agency.
- If you have taken an exam more than once, record your highest overall score.

### Add an AP Exam

When did you take or when do you plan to take the exam?

Month

Year

May



2011



What was the exam name?

Calculus AB



What was your score?

3

☐

I have not received my score yet.

Passing AP & IB exam scores can be used to show subject mastery

# The personal insight questions

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# The personal insight questions

Each new question aligns to one or more of the 14 comprehensive review factors that campuses consider in their admissions decisions.

- Freshmen must choose 4 out of 8 questions
- Maximum of 350 words for each response
- All questions have equal value; there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others

# The personal insight questions

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. Describe your favorite academic subject and explain how it has influenced you.
7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
8. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?



# The personal insight questions

## Personal Insight

STEP 1 OF 3 (PAGE 1 OF 2)

### Personal Insight Questions

Please respond to any 4 of the 8 questions below. Responses to each question are limited to 350 words.

Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you, and all questions are given equal consideration in the review process.

Please answer any 4 questions below

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.

ANSWER

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.

ANSWER

3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?

ANSWER

4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.

ANSWER

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?

ANSWER

6. Describe your favorite academic subject and explain how it has influenced you.

ANSWER

7. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

ANSWER

8. What is the one thing that you think sets you apart from other candidates applying to the University of California?

ANSWER

Click the blue “answer” button to respond to the questions of your choice

# What does UC expect to learn from the responses?

- The new format gives applicants a greater say in the kind of information they want to share
- Students can express who they are and what matters to them not only in how they respond to the questions, but also through the questions they choose to answer
- Option over which questions to answer gives students greater flexibility and control
- Allows students to select questions that are most relevant to them



# Submitting the Application

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# Submitting the Application

## Additional Comments

Include when appropriate

## Don't Forget to Click Submit

## Updates

Return to the application to make updates

# Submitting the Application

## Review & Submit STEP 1 OF 7

### Application Summary



[View Application](#)

Submit your fall 2017 application November 1- 30.

Do not send transcripts or letters of recommendation unless specifically requested by a campus.

[Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

[+ My Account](#) Edit

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NOT STARTED 

[Activities & Awards](#)

NOT STARTED 

[+ Test Scores](#)

IN PROGRESS 

[+ Personal Insight](#)

IN PROGRESS 

**START SUBMISSION PROCESS** 

Disabled until all circles are solid.

# Completeness Check

## Completeness Check

To be sure you submit an accurate application, please closely review the information below before continuing with the submission process.

If you are satisfied that your entries are correct and reflect what you intended to submit, check the corresponding confirmation box(es), then click "Next". If any portion seems incorrect or incomplete, click "Previous" to return to the Application Summary, then edit your entries.

### Missing Coursework in Subject Area

The coursework you reported in Academic History - High School Courses and Grades does not appear to satisfy our minimum requirements. (Note: You may have met these requirements through examination [SAT, AP, IB], which is reflected in the A-G Subject Requirements box above.)

Your coursework report indicates you have not met the **history/social sciences** requirement.

☒ Check this box to confirm this is what you intended to submit.

### A-G Subject Requirements

A preliminary tally of your validated coursework shows you need the following additional yearlong courses to fulfill the "a-g" subject requirements.

History/Social Sciences: 2  
English: 0  
Mathematics: 0  
Laboratory Science: 0  
Language Other Than English: 0  
Visual and Performing Arts: 0  
College-Prep Electives: 0

### Missing Coursework in Grade Level

You entered 0 courses for the **10th grade** or you did not indicate that you attended the 10th grade.

☒ Check this box to confirm this is what you intended to submit.



# Release & Signature

- ☒ I authorize the University of California to release to my parents/legal guardian or spouse information regarding my application, including test scores, transcripts, and other supporting documents, as they relate to my admission and scholarship status.

Without this authorization, information regarding your application will not be disclosed to your parents/legal guardian or spouse. For example, if you do not check the box, they cannot inquire about the receipt of your application, transcripts or other supporting documents, nor inquire about the status of your application. You may log back in to your application at any time to change this authorization.

- ☒ I authorize the University of California to release to my school or college counselor/counseling office (or sponsoring agency) information regarding my application, including test scores, transcripts and other supporting documents, as they relate to my admission and scholarship status.

If you do not check the box, UC may not inform your school or counselor whether you have applied or been admitted. You may log back in to your application at any time to change this authorization.

## Electronic Signature and Statement of Integrity

By submitting this application, you authorize the University of California to release application information, including copies of your application and test scores, to any UC campus for admission or scholarship consideration.

- ☐ I certify that my application and all information submitted during the admission process — including my academic record, personal statement, awards, activities, and supporting materials — are my own work, factually true and correct, and honestly presented. I understand that I am responsible for the accuracy of the application and that the University of California may verify the information.

I further understand that withholding information or giving false information or other misconduct prior to enrollment as described in the [UC Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline \(http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710530/PACAOS-100\)](http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/2710530/PACAOS-100) may be cause for denial of admission, withdrawal of an admission offer, registration cancellation, expulsion, or revocation of a University of California degree.

# Fees, Payment & Waivers

## Application Fees

Application fees are not refundable. Once your application has been submitted, you are expected to pay for all your campus choices even if you cancel a campus at a later date.

## Billing Amount

The application fee of \$70 entitles you to apply to one UC campus. If you selected more than one campus, you must pay an additional \$70 for each campus you applied to.

Campus(es) Selected	Berkeley Davis Irvine San Diego Santa Cruz
Application Fee Total 5 campus(es) x \$ 70	\$350.00
Total Due	\$350.00

## Application for Fee Waiver

UC will waive application fees for up to four campuses for qualified students who otherwise would be unable to apply. Would you like to apply for a fee waiver?

[APPLY FOR A FEE WAIVER](#)

# Submit

## Review & Submit STEP 7 OF 7

### Application Submission

You're not finished yet! Submit your application to receive your UC Application ID and receipt. You will receive an e-mail shortly after you submit noting that your application was received.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR UC ADMISSION**

Click here  
and expect this  
Check your email  
for a submission  
confirmation

**Congratulations! You have submitted your application to the University of California.**

### Receipt

## University of California Fall Quarter/Semester 2017 Application

Thank you, Katniss Everdeen

Your application for undergraduate admission and scholarships for Fall Quarter/Semester 2017 has been received. An email confirmation will be sent to [hyoonwu@ucop.edu](mailto:hyoonwu@ucop.edu) shortly.

PLEASE **PRINT THIS RECEIPT** AND KEEP IT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

### Payment Information

You don't owe any application fees.

**Application ID:** 4940012

**Date:** 08/13/2016

# After Submission

## My UC Application

Welcome back, Wiz Khalifa

**Fall Quarter/Semester 2017 Application** *submitted 08/13/2016*

[View Fees and Payments](#)

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# Resources

UC Admissions Home Page

[admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/)

How to Apply

[admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/index.html](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/index.html)

Online Application

[admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm](https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm)

Help Desk

[ucinfo@applyucsupport.net](mailto:ucinfo@applyucsupport.net)

1-800-207-1710 (U.S. only)

1-310-513-2715 (outside U.S.)

UC Application Center

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