





HELLO, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

The University of California, Riverside (UCR) is one of the world's finest institutions of higher learning. As a member of the prestigious University of California, we offer a world-class education, knowledgeable professors and significant undergraduate research opportunities.

We are also known as an extremely friendly and welcoming university. We have programs available to ease your transition to college life, and we look forward to introducing you to the fun and excitement of sunny California!

Our campus has a tradition and history that will make you proud and a future to which you will want to contribute. Your journey to success begins at UC Riverside.





UCR's ISS Office welcomes students and scholars from over 75 countries. It offers a safe environment in which you can receive support and advising, as well as participate in fun events, intercultural programs and discussion groups. ISS offers information on the following:

- International Student Orientation
- Visa matters including the Form I-20
- U.S. entry
- Transferring F-1/J-1 Status from another U.S. school

- Employment options
- Academic information
- Course registration
- Health matters
- Housing
- Leadership opportunities
- Student organizations
- Cultural adjustment
- International friendships
- Classroom culture
- Money matters
- Taxes
- Support services
- Cultural and educational programs

international.ucr.edu/scholars

Get Connected

Make new friends and get involved on campus with over 450 student organizations, including:

- Armenian Student Association
- Bangladeshi Students Association
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- Chinese Union
- Indian Student Association
- International Student Union
- Iranian Student Association
- Middle Eastern Student Assembly
- Nigerian Student Association
- Nikkei Student Union

- South Asian Federation
- Vietnamese Student Association

highlanderlink.ucr.edu

Spend time in one of our eight professionally-staffed Ethnic & Gender programs:

- African Student Programs
- Asian Pacific Student Programs
- Chicano Student Programs
- LGBT Resource Center
- Middle Fastern Student Center
- Native American Student Programs
- Undocumented Student Programs
- Women's Resource Center

TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

UC Riverside is truly an international university, with diverse and friendly students, faculty and staff from around the world.

Our faculty and students have conducted studies everywhere, from beneath the ice in Antarctica, to the top of Mt. Everest. They are engaged in research projects that aim to stop the spread of malaria, improve drought-resistant crops, and develop cleaner alternative energy sources. Our worldwide perspective prepares you for the global marketplace.







YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Freshman international students are guaranteed a place to live in UC Riverside Residence Halls — if all deadlines are met. Enjoy computer labs, tutoring services, swimming pools, convenience stores and 1,500 residential life activities, such as live music, dances, sports and cultural celebrations! Transfer and continuing students in their second year or higher enjoy independence and privacy in convenient Campus Apartments.

On-campus restaurants and food trucks serve healthy, high-quality international cuisines and American favorites, including fresh salads, sushi, pizza, tacos, ice cream and more. We also offer vegetarian, vegan, halal, and gluten-free options.

dining.ucr.edu





RANKINGS

UC Riverside students take their place among the world's academic elite and make meaningful contributions to our local and global communities.

UCR is America's fastest-rising ranked university (U.S. News & World Report, 2019) and is among the Top Universities for International Students (U.S. News & World Report, 2018). Considerations include graduation rates and social/cultural supports, such as an international student center and student organizations.



Academics

TOP As a member of the world's most prestigious public university system, UCR ranks among the Top 1% of universities worldwide.

> (Center for World University Rankings, 2018-19)

For life sciences, earth sciences, 26% mathematics and computer sciences.

(Leiden, 2017)

43RD No. 43 best college for undergraduate teaching.

> (U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best Colleges Rankings)

Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering is among the Top 50 public engineering colleges in the United States.

(U.S. News & World Report, 2020)

69TH UCR is ranked No. 69 out of 505 colleges in the Business First 2019 rankings of U.S. public colleges.



UCR's School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).



The UCR Biology Department was No. 73 of 235 ranked: the Chemistry Department ranked No. 59 of 154, and the Physics graduate program was No. 56 of 146.

(U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

No. 85 among the best 85TH national universities.

> (U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best Colleges Rankings)

Fun Facts



One of America's Best Value Colleges.

(Forbes, 2019)

No. 2 in the UC system for on-site renewable energy.

No. 12 in public universities that provide students the highest average salaries for their tuition dollars.

(CNBC Make It, 2019)

14TH Located in Riverside, the 14th safest metro city in America.

(safewise.com, 2018)

Among the Top 30 public institutions contributing to the public good.

(Washington Monthly, 2018)

TOP Included in *The Princeton* 50 Review's 2018 list of the Top 50 Green Colleges, which recognizes schools that share superb sustainability practices, a strong foundation in sustainability education and a healthy quality of life for students on campus.



Home to one of the world's largest cataloged collections of science fiction & fantasy literature and memorabilia.



Among the best ethnically diverse universities in the United States.

(U.S. News & World Report)



MARLAN AND ROSEMARY BOURNS College of Engineering

- Bioengineering T
- Chemical Engineering T
- Computer Engineering T
- Computer Science and Engineering M T
- Computer Science and Business Applications T
- Electrical Engineering T
- Environmental Engineering T
- Materials Science and Engineering T
- Mechanical Engineering T

Combined B.S. plus M.S. five-year programs are offered in Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. A combined B.S. Computer Engineering plus M.S. Computer Science five-year program is also offered.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- African American Studies M
- Anthropology M
- Art (Studio)
- Art History M
- Art History/Administrative Studies
- Art History/Religious Studies
- Asian Studies M
- Asian American Studies M
- Business Economics
- Chicano Studies M
- Creative Writing M
- Dance M
- Economics M
- Economics/Administrative Studies
- English M
- Ethnic Studies M
- Gender and Sexuality Studies M
- Global Studies M

History M

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- History/Administrative Studies
- Languages and Literatures
- Chinese M
- Classical Studies M
- Comparative Ancient Civilizations
- Comparative Literature
- French M
- Germanic Studies M
- Japanese M
- Russian Studies M
- Latin American Studies M
- Liberal Studies
- Linguistics
- Media and Cultural Studies M
- Middle East and Islamic Studies M
- Music M
- Music and Culture
- Native American Studies M
- Neuroscience M T
- Philosophy M
- Political Science M
- Political Science/Administrative Studies
- Political Science/International Affairs
- Political Science/Public Service
- Pre-Business
- Psychology M T
- Religious Studies M
- Sociology M
- Sociology/Administrative Studies
- Spanish M
- Sustainability Studies
- Theatre, Film and Digital Production M
- Undeclared Program

M = Academic minors are also available for these majors.

T = Transfer Selecting major. If applying as a transfer student, specific, prerequisite courses must be completed.

COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

- Biochemistry T
- Biology T
- Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology T
- Chemistry M T
- Earth Sciences T
- Entomology M T
- Environmental Sciences M T
- Geology M T
- Geophysics T
- Mathematics M T
- Mathematics for Secondary School Teachers T
- Microbiology T
- Neuroscience M T
- Physics M T
- Plant Biology M T
- Statistics M T
- Undeclared

A combined B.S. plus M.S. five-year program is offered in Entomology.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Business Administration M T

You can specialize in one of the following areas:

- Accounting and Auditing
- Business Analytics
- Finance
- Information Systems
- Management
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management

Students are admitted to the Business Administration major after successful completion of a series of prerequisites with the minimum required GPA.

Freshman applicants should apply as Pre-Business in the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences; transfer applicants should apply as Business Administration in the School of Business.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

• Education, Society, and Human Development T

You can specialize in the following areas:

- Community Leadership, Policy, and Social Justice
- Learning and Behavioral Studies
- Student-Designed Comparative Concentration

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Public Policy M T

You can major or minor in two of six specialized tracks:

- Economic Policy
- Health/Population Policy
- International/Foreign Policy
- Policy Institutions and Processes
- Social/Cultural/Family Policy
- Urban/Environmental Policy

Additional Minors

In addition to the minors listed with their corresponding major, the following minors are also available:

- Applied Statistics
- Global Climate Change
- Journalism
- Labor Studies
- Law and Society
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersex, and Transgender Studies
- Marxist Studies
- Peace and Conflict
- Science Fiction and Technoculture Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Urban Studies
- Western American Studies



ADMISSION TO UCR

Undergraduate Admissions

As one of the most prestigious universities in the United States, UC Riverside sets high admission standards. Incoming students are selected based on a wide range of criteria: academic performance, standardized exam scores and the potential for success as an undergraduate.

Each year we celebrate the valuable perspective of over 1,500 international students at UC Riverside. They represent more than 75 countries and enhance our campus and worldwide community.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION

(You are enrolled in a secondary school or have never enrolled at a university.)

- **1.** Complete a rigorous set of courses in secondary school (Grades 9–12).
- 2. Complete a high level of academic achievement:
 To meet minimum requirements to be
 considered for UC Riverside selection, you
 must earn a minimum grade point average
 (GPA) of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale (equivalent to an
 85 percent on a 100 percent scale).
- **3.** Meet the examination requirements by December of your final year in high school.
 - Complete the ACT with Writing or the SAT with Essay Test.
- 4. Demonstrate English proficiency if English is not your native language or language of instruction at school. Visit go.ucr.edu/ explore for options, including the TOEFL (80 iBT or higher) and IELTS (6.5 or higher) exams.
 - The SAT subject tests are not required.
 They do, however, demonstrate subject mastery and may meet an "a-g" requirement or fulfill recommendations by UC Riverside's colleges.

Meet English proficiency with a UCR Extension program: *iep.ucr.edu*

Participation does not guarantee UC admission

- **5.** You must earn a grade of C or better in all college-preparatory ("a-g") courses:
 - A. History/Social Science: 2 years
 - B. English: 4 years
 - **C. Mathematics**: 3 years, 4 recommended
 - D. Laboratory Science: 2 years, 3 recommended
 - E. Language Other than English: 2 years, 3 recommended
 - F. Visual and Performing Arts: 1 year
 - **G. College-Preparatory Elective**: 1 year

British Education System

Complete a minimum of five (5) IGCSE/O levels academic courses and three (3) A levels academic courses.

Exam Credit (8 quarter units each)

- AP exams with a score of 3 and above
- IB HL exams with a score of 5 and above

For country-specific admission requirements, visit go.ucr.edu/country or email an International Admissions Counselor at internationalinfo@ucr.edu

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

As a freshman applicant, you must answer four out of eight Personal Insight Questions on the UC application. As a transfer student, you must answer one required question, plus three out of seven additional questions. It is important that you express who you are, what matters to you and what you want to share with UC Riverside. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words. For more information on the Personal Insight Questions, visit *go.ucr.edu/insight*

For more information about admissions, as well as visa and U.S. entry requirements, visit go.ucr.edu/explore (See page 13 for International Admissions Dates and Deadlines.)

TRANSFER ADMISSION

(You have graduated from secondary school and are enrolled in a university program.)

Transfer applicants need to complete specific course requirements and gain high academic achievement to transfer into UC Riverside. To view our specific admissions requirements and selection criteria, visit *go.ucr.edu/explore*

- 1. Take required classes.
 - Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a minimum GPA of 2.8 out of 4.0 (equivalent to 75 percent on a 100 percent scale) or higher.
 - Admission is selective, so strive to surpass the minimum GPA. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be Pass/Not Pass.
- 2. Complete (with grades C or better) the UC Seven Course Pattern:
 - Two courses in English composition
 - One course in Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning
 - Four courses selected from at least two of the following subject areas: Arts and Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Physical and Biological Sciences
 - Each course must be transferable and worth at least three semester (4–5 quarter) units.

- **3.** Meet the requirements for the major.
 - Each major has different prerequisites, required GPAs and overall selection criteria. All transferable coursework is taken into account and some majors require a GPA higher than that required for basic admission. You should work to surpass the minimum selection criteria.
 - Visit admissions.ucr.edu/ preparation to learn about the selecting major requirements for your desired major.
 - For help, contact internationalinfo@ ucr.edu

If you are enrolled in a California Community College, you can use **ASSIST.org** to determine which college classes are transferable.

If you are transferring from a California Community College, you may be interested in our **Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)** program. For additional information, visit **go.ucr.edu/tag**

Fall transfer application filing period: Nov. 1–30

Winter transfer application filing period: July 1–31

apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

Not far from the excitement of Los Angeles and the California coast, UC Riverside offers a quiet atmosphere where you can truly concentrate on your studies.

Arts and Humanities

UC Riverside's **College of Humanities**, **Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS)** is home to some of the most acclaimed alumni, including two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Steven Breen and two-time U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins.

chass.ucr.edu

Business

UC Riverside's **School of Business** develops world-class leaders, entrepreneurs and scholars. It offers the largest Undergraduate Business Program in the UC system and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). *business.ucr.edu*

Computer Science & Engineering

UC Riverside's Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) is among the top 50 public engineering colleges in the nation (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2020). It is also ranked 82nd on *U.S. News & World Reports'* listing of the best undergraduate engineering programs (2018). *engr.ucr.edu*

Education

The Graduate School of Education (GSOE) delivers cutting-edge undergraduate programs that prepare students to become outstanding classroom educators, researchers and educational leaders.

education.ucr.edu

Public Policy

UC Riverside is one of the few national universities to offer a **School of Public Policy (SPP)** for undergraduates. We are also the only UC campus to offer public policy as a major.

Sciences & Mathematics

The historical roots of our **College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)** date back over 100 years to
California's landmark Citrus Experiment
Station. Today, CNAS degree
programs encompass the life, physical,
mathematical and agricultural sciences.

cnas.ucr.edu

University Honors

Be a part of an innovative, diverse and high-achieving learning community. Invitations to apply are offered to admitted UCR freshman students with a 3.8 GPA or higher and transfer students with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Faculty

Work closely with award-winning faculty, and enjoy an extremely attractive student-to-faculty ratio for a campus our size, averaging 21 students to 1 faculty member (21:1). Of our 900 scholars and researchers, 98% hold Ph.D.s.



Laila Lalami
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Pulitzer Prize finalist for
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Distinguished
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Focuses on sociology
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(Ph.D. from Harvard)

COST OF ATTENDANCE

The cost of attending UC Riverside is extremely competitive with private institutions and other University of California campuses. Expenses associated with living in Riverside are considerably less than those of nearby metropolitan areas, such as Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego.

2019-20 Estimated Costs for International Undergraduates				
	With Parents	Res Halls	Campus Apts	Off Campus
Systemwide Tuition and Fees ¹	\$11,442	\$11,442	\$11,442	\$11,442
$ {\bf UCR} \ {\bf Campus} \ {\bf Fees}^1 $	\$2,411	\$2,411	\$2,411	\$2,411
Non-Resident Sup- plemental Tuition ¹	\$29,754	\$29,754	\$29,754	\$29,754
Health Insurance ²	\$1,774	\$1,774	\$1,774	\$1,774
Room and Board ³	\$6,575	\$17,350	\$11,000	\$11,000
Books/Supplies	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,450
Transportation	\$1,500	\$675	\$1,300	\$1,300
Personal Expenses	\$1,650	\$1,575	\$1,725	\$1,725
TOTAL	\$56,556	\$66,431	\$60,856	\$60,856

Non-Resident Tuition and Fees:

\$45,381 Undergraduates (\$15,627 Tuition and Fees + \$29,754 Non-Resident Supplemental Tuition)

Estimated SHIP

(Student Health Insurance Plan) = \$1,774

Fees including SHIP = \$45,381; fees if SHIP is waived = \$43.607

New freshmen only: Add the \$270 mandatory Highlander Orientation Fee to the total.

New transfers only: Add the \$90 mandatory Highlander Orientation Fee to the total.

All new students: Add the \$165 One-Time Document fee to the total

- 1 Tuition, fees and charges are estimates based on currently approved amounts. These figures may not be final. Actual tuition, fees and charges are subject to change by the Regents of the University of California and could be affected by State funding reductions. Accordingly, final approved levels (and a student's final balance due) may differ from the amounts shown.
- 2 The University of California Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP) supplements the outpatient care available to all registered students through the Campus Health Center. Students are automatically enrolled in the UCSHIP and therefore charged an associated health insurance fee; however, students who can prove comparable or better coverage from another source may apply for an exemption from the UCSHIP and have the associated health insurance fee waived. This health insurance fee is non-refundable after the first day of instruction. For more information on UCSHIP and the associated health insurance fee, to include the waiver process, please visit go.ucr. edu/ship.
- 3 You can also view local housing cost information on the UCR Off-Campus Housing webpage. Keep in mind local averages are not used to determine student budget costs.

UCR Travels the World

International Admissions Counselors travel the world for school visits and college fairs. They meet with prospective students who are interested in learning how UC Riverside helps students succeed. To find out when International Admissions Counselors will be in your area, contact *internationalinfo@ucr.edu* or +1 (951) 827-3411.

Campus and Virtual Tours

Please let us know when you plan to visit California. We will give you a personalized campus tour and share more about the UCR student experience. You can also take 360-degree virtual tours of labs, libraries, housing and popular hangouts. *visit.ucr.edu*

Non-Resident Achievement Scholarship Admitted international freshman and transfer students are automatically considered for the Non-Resident Achievement Scholarship. Top-achieving students can receive up to \$4,500 each quarter. go.ucr.edu/NRscholarship

International Admissions Dates and Deadlines

Dates of Instruction: registrar.ucr.edu

FALL ADMISSION: FRESHMAN AND TRANSFER STUDENTS

AUGUST

Access the UC application: apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

- List all courses and grades as they appear on your transcripts.
- Apply for scholarships in your country of secondary education or in the United States.

NOVEMBER

Application filing period: Nov. 1–30

DECEMBER

Take all required exams (ACT with Writing or SAT with Essay Test; and the TOEFL or IELTS exam) before Dec. 31.

MARCH

Fall admission notifications begin. Visit **my.ucr.edu** to view your admission status.

WINTER ADMISSION: TRANSFER STUDENTS

JULY

Access the UC application: apply.universityofcalifornia.edu

Apply for scholarships in your country of secondary education or in the United States.

Application filing period: July 1–31

SEPTEMBER

Winter admission notifications begin. Visit **my.ucr.edu** to view your admission status.

For more dates and deadlines, visit **go.ucr.edu/checklists**

PUTTING YOU FIRST

UC Riverside employs a student-centered philosophy. Our goal is to give you the climate, tools and emotional support necessary for overall student success





Health and Wellness

UC Riverside focuses on all facets of well-being. We offer many campus resources to help you meet all of your goals, such as tutoring, health care, employment, sports, support groups and emergency food resources — which is all included in your tuition. studentwellness.ucr.edu



Transportation

Classes, shops and dining are within walking distance of the university, and can be easily accessed by bicycles and skateboards. For distant locations, you can take buses, trains, rental cars and ride-sharing vehicles, such as Uber or Lyft.

transportation.ucr.edu

UC Riverside is conveniently located 28 km from Ontario International Airport (ONT), and just 113 km from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Riverside is connected to major California cities and surrounding counties by the Metrolink rail train service.



Campus Safety

Safety is a top priority at UC Riverside. We have a 24/7, on-campus police department, an emergency notification system that sends text alerts, a no-tolerance policy against sexual violence and secure residence halls with video surveillance, restricted card access and live-in staff. At night, our Community Service Officers patrol halls and parking lots, and Campus Safety Escorts accompany students across campus.

police.ucr.edu



Career Center

Every quarter, the Career Center offers over 70 events, including career fairs, skill-building workshops, employer information sessions and networking meet-ups with representatives from top companies. The Career Center also features a worldwide job/internship search database and Get HIRED, a career-development program exclusively for international students.

careers.ucr.edu

Social Media















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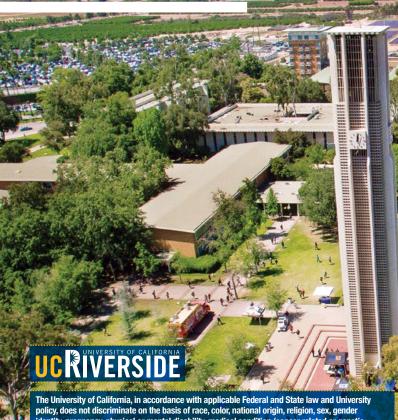
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policy, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition (cancer related or genetic characteristics), ancestry, marital status, age, sexual orientation, citizenship, or service in the uniformed services. The University also prohibits sexual harassment. This nondiscrimination policy covers admission, access and treatment in University programs and activities.

Inquiries regarding the University's student-related nondiscrimination policies may be directed to the Office of Faculty and Staff Affirmative Action at +1 (951) 827-5604.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

The city of Riverside is located just 96 km east of Los Angeles, with an average temperature of 26.3°C. It is the multicultural hub for arts and culture in Inland Southern California. Forbes ranked Riverside as one of The Best Places for Business and Careers (2018), and safewise.com listed it as the 14th safest metro city in America (2018).

Our students follow their hearts and make a positive impact on the world.



What's in your heart?

Scan QR Code 📮 to view welcome video





















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