

Question	Answer(s)
Will orientation be virtual or in-person this year?	It will be held remotely this year. Here is the link for more information: orientation.ucr.edu
Is UCR hosting any campus tours?	At the moment we are not hosting in person tours but we do have many virtual ones here admissions.ucr.edu/visit
Are there any programs to help freshmen through their first year at UCR?	yes, lots of them! Each college at UCR has their own program for first years in which we connect you with current students and they help you navigate your first year at UCR.
Is this meeting for both financial aid and undergraduate admissions, or are they separate meetings?	There is a financial aid session going on right now, if that is what you are more interested in ucr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Yk2AiB8OTG6LfdRtohHK0g .
Is there a way to do a double major? (EX: biology and business)	Most definitely! You will have to inquire with your academic advisor and they help build a plan!

Does the college of humanities include some type of music major or minor in the art section?	Yes we have over 150 different majors AND minors! You can always double major or major in something and minor in another subject. The possibilities are ENDLESS!
When will I be able to talk to an academic advisor?	During Highlander Orientation.
Will I be able to major in biology and minor in business?	Yes, you can do that. Make sure to connect with your advisor early on and they will guide you on how to go about that. You will meet your academic advisor during orientation
If you're already admitted into a major that your unsure of, how can you change it?	You can submit a major change on your MYUCR portal. There is a major change tab.
What is the procedure of changing majors as got admitted to economics but my first major was mechanical engineering. So is it possible to change from economics to mechanical engineering? What courses I can take first year which can help me in achieving it?	Please contact the academic advisor at the college of BCOE during your first year at UCR so they can advice on the courses you need to satisfy to successfully switch into that major.
Does UCR offer criminology or forensic majors?	Please go to www.ucr.edu/academics/undergraduate-majors to view the 150+ majors UCR has to offer.

When does orientation registration open?	Orientation registration is open as of now.
Is double majoring recommended?	That would be a great question to ask your Academic Advisor that you would meet during Highlander Orientation. He/She would be able to provide detail information regarding your major and the possibility of double majoring.
Do I have to wait the full 15 day period after requesting a major if it was already approved/denied?	You can submit a major change but you have to wait 15 days from the last major change request.
Do you have anthropology?	Yes, that is one of our 150+ majors!
Where can I find information (GPA, etc.) on students who got into EAP at Thomas Haider?	You can visit this link somsa.ucr.edu/thomas-haider-early-assurance-program.
Is it true that the first year or two of college, major doesn't matter? Or did it depends on majors? How about psychology?	All four years at the University are important and can impact your graduation progress, please complete all courses with passing grades. Remember if you want to pursue a masters, PhD, etc., your grades in undergrad are crucial.

Does a creative writing major have to take the MAE?	Creative Writing is not one of the Majors in CHASS that would need to take the MAE. Please go to arc.ucr.edu/mae for more information about the MAE.
Is English a competitive major?	We do not have competitive majors but most popular biology, psychology and business.
Where can i find information on clubs/organization UCR has?	You, can visit this link studentlife.ucr.edu/student-organization-list.
Is double majoring as hard as it sounds?	As long as you plan early and keep in contact with your advisor your experience will be a good one!
Where can we find the recordings?	They will be listed on our website within the next week or so.
Can you do an education abroad program as a sophomore?	Students are able to go study abroad in various years. Please go to studyabroad.ucr.edu for more information about UCR study abroad.

Is there any specific difference between majoring in liberal studies, and Undeclared - College of Humanities.	While the undeclared major you will have to choose a major by your second year, the Liberal Studies major includes a core of lower-division courses designed to provide students with broad subject matter coverage to give them the foundation needed to pass the CSET and enable them to be well prepared to teach.
Can you submit a major change before you SIR to UCR?	Most definitely! Please submit the form via your MyUCR portal.
How is the honors program?	Great program! A lot benefits for students from registering for classes early to special honors housing.
How is UCR handling waitlists this year?	Waitlist offers, if any, will be made available sometime in May.
Can you submit a major change after SIR?	Yes! Via your MyUCR portal.
When will we start taking require class for specific majors instead of just general classes ever major need to take?	It depends on majors - typically you can start as soon as your first year. Depends on majors, students placement exams, etc.

What kind of jobs can an environmental science major do?	Here at UCR, you would get the education and hands on experience that would allow you to enter the workfield well prepared. Just to name a few jobs: Conservation scientist and forester, Energy auditor, Hydrologist, etc.
Do you get to choose which residence hall you reside in?	Yes, you can indicate which one you prefer and housing tries to accommodate. The earlier you submit your contract, the higher the possibility.
Can we still do triple roommates?	Not at the moment, hopefully soon though. At the moment only singles and doubles are being offered.
What is the best housing area for students?	All are great! All have their unique things though hence, take a virtual tour here Instead of simply being a place to sleep, our four Residence Halls – Aberdeen-Inverness, Lothian, Pentland Hills, and Dundee – are filled with programs, activities, and amenities designed to help you adjust to college and steer you towards your personal path to success. housing ucr edu/ucr-housing-ontions/ucr-residence-halls
Is it hard to create a club? is the process time-consuming?	
Where can I find the clubs?	highlanderlink.ucr.edu

I was told in a previous meeting that single rooms are for individuals that contain or need special commodities. Is there still a way to get a single room even though we do not meet the criteria?	I recommend watching UCR Instagram Live recording of Housing Q&A stream at www.youtube.com/watch?v=DslymzHsFQ0 . In addition, you may go to housing.ucr.edu to get the most up to date UCR housing information.
Which housing area is the engineering learning community in?	
What is the percentage of Asian for this upcoming school year? How about international student?	
Could you please name just a few professions I could land with a major in biochemistry?	Some sample jobs would be Agricultural scientist, Biochemist, Microbiologist, etc. Please go to cnasstudent.ucr.edu/biochemistry to get additional information for Biochemistry.
Can you join the honors program as a sophomore or upperclassmen?	Yes, your second and EVEN THIRD! You can find info here: honors.ucr.edu/admissions/requirements
How do I choose which residence hall i can go and when do I get to choose?	You will put your preference on the housing application and submit by May 10.

Is pre-business hard to get admitted into because I switched my major to do that after I turned in my sir.	
If I was admitted under undeclared for CHASS, would I be able to switch my major to a CNAS major?	You can request a major change via your portal. Otherwise, you can speak to an academic advisor from CNAS once you begin in the fall and they can help you plan for courses to transition to that major.
Can I be part of UCR's tennis team, even though I wasn't in a playing professionally before?	
Do you fill out the fafsa every year?	Yes, March 2 of every year.
When you are not assigned the residence hall you picked as your first, what happen/what happens next?	You can contact housing.ucr.edu.
Can I get more information for the blue and gold plan?	UC's Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan will ensure that you will not have to pay UC's systemwide tuition and fees out of your own pocket if you are a California resident whose total family income is less than \$80,000 a year and you qualify for financial aid — and that's just for starters. Blue and Gold students with sufficient financial need can qualify for even more grant aid to help reduce the cost of attending.

With the loans I get everything covered. But I do not want those loans. I am eligible for the Blue and Gold. Is it possible that the blue and gold will cover the fees without having to take out loans?	Blue and Gold covers 100% of your tuition.
How will I know if i can receive the blue and gold plan?	You will see it on your financial aid award as Cal Grants - you can always contact finaid@ucr.edu to ask them to help you break it down.
I'm waitlisted, may I know when I might hear back?	We hope to make offers, if any, sometime in May.
Where can I check my financial aid package?	You should have received your award letter. If not please, contact Financial Aid.
Does the blue and gold automatically apply to me as soon as I go to UCR? By the way I already said yes to UCR but i am worried about having to pay out of pocket.	As long as you qualify for it
Does financial aid decrease if tuition is waived due to the blue and gold plan?	Yes!

What is the QR code for?	To receive more information about UCR via email - dates, deadlines, special events etc.
How do I choose/change my minor?	You can identify the minor and then contact your advisor and inform them so they can come up with an ed plan for your
Can you expand on the TAG program?	Please go to <u>admissions.ucr.edu/transfer/transfer-admission-guarantee</u> to get detail information about the TAG program
Is there freshman parking?	Please go to transportation.ucr.edu/undergrad to get the most up to date information
Do freshmen have to live in the residence halls?	Freshmen are not required to live on campus.
How likely are you to be paired up with a friend when applying for housing?	You want to request them on your housing application and they need to request you.

Can we still get the meal plan if we do not live in the residence halls?	Yes! As a commuter you can sign up for a meal plan as well.
Does UCR offer any scholarships/financial aid for middle class families?	The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) program provides funding to help middle-class students attend the University of California or California State University. How it works: Each year, the state allocates funding for the program. For UC students, the goal of this funding is to provide scholarships that help cover up to 40% of UC's systemwide tuition and fees. What this means for you:
Could we please get a link to the financial aid page for UCR?	<u>financialaid.ucr.edu</u>
Is there a downtown nearby?	UCR Campus is near Riverside downtown. It is centrally located to many restaurants, events, and activities.
Is the Financial aid websites the only way to pay fees for school? Can I pay tuition in the school building?	UC Riverside Registrar Office will be able to provide you with all the payment options. Please feel free to contact them at (951) 827-7284 or at reghelpdesk@ucr.edu .
During breaks, is housing open to stay in or do we have to go back home?	Housing is open. For the most up to date information, please contact our Housing Office at (951) 827-6350 or at housinginfo@ucr.edu .

because freshman cannot park their cars on campus, is there a type of parking lot nearby that is walking distance?	Please go to transportation.ucr.edu/undergrad to get the most up to date UCR parking information.
Can I appeal for more financial aid if the amount I received is not enough?	Please contact our Office of Financial Aid at (951) 827-3878 or at finaid@ucr.edu.
I've completed my residence hall contract. When do I get to choose which residence hall I can go?	Great question. Please contact our Housing Office at (951) 827-6350 or at housinginfo@ucr.edu .
Does Pre-med advising begin from Fall semester of first year?	Yes, you can speak to your academic advisor about your plans and you can connect with HPAC too. The earlier the better.
When do we choose our minor?	You can discuss that with your academic advisor at orientation.
When do you get to know Honors decision	The Honors decision should have been out by this time. If you have not heard back you can contact them directly. Remember you can always apply for the program 2nd and even 3rd year too.

When do incoming freshman register for classes? Do we have to meet with an academic advisor beforehand?	Yes, you will meet your academic advisor during Highlander Orientation. That day you will register for courses too.
Can I complete the housing forms before I commit?	You will need to SIR before applying to Housing.
The SLR link on MyUCR does not work. Who do I notify about this?	Please send us an email to admissions@ucr.edu . Make sure to provide your full legal name and UCR Student ID.
Are there any A Cappella or Women's Choir clubs? any South Asian student clubs?	I am sure there is you can search student organizations on our website for a full list.
How do we know if we got into honors program? by when do they tell us?	You will receive an email invitation if you are invited.
What advice would you give to students like myself who are a bit too quiet at times?	I would recommend joining a student organization, participate in all of UCR events, and also partake in our first year program.

How can a student qualify for the Honors program?	Please go to honors.ucr.edu/admissions/requirements to get the most up to date information about UCR Honors Program.
When do you recommend a pre med student start looking into a minor? is the Spring semester of Freshperson year okay to start on a minor?	This would be a great question to ask your academic advisor during Highlander Orientation. He/She will be able to provide detail information regarding your major and when they recommend for you to take courses for a minor.
Will I need to pay back blue and gold if they cover my tuition?	No, that is a full paid scholarship.
Is there a way I can get my SIR waived?	Please email admissions@ucr.edu. Include your UCR SID.
I did not receive an email telling me to go to the nearest test center and take the AWPE. Can I take that as an affirmation that I satisfied the Entry-Level Requirement? Or do I need to take the Analytical Writing Placement Exam?	Please email your question to admissions@ucr.edu. Include your UCR SID.
Will the campus be open this fall?	UCR Returns to In-Person Instruction for Fall 2021.

This information is accurate and reliable at the time of posting but may change without notice. Please contact Undergraduate Admissions for the most up-to-date information.

Campus Security and Crime Report

The "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," commonly referred to as the "Clery Act," requires institutions of higher education receiving federal financial aid to report specified crime statistics on college campuses and to provide other safety and crime information to members of the campus community. The report is available on the Institutional Ethics and Compliance website. If you would like a printout containing this information, you can contact the Clery Act Compliance Coordinator via email at magaly.perez@ucr.edu or by phone at (951) 827-5747.