WHEN YOU FOLLOW YOUR HEART...

You always find something special!
Welcome home, Highlander! UC Riverside offers limitless opportunities for you to make friends, pursue interests, become a leader and just plain have fun! Explore our First Year Learning Communities, transfer outreach programs and more than 450 student organizations. You’ll find programs that will ease your transition to college life and make you feel like a Highlander from day one. highlanderlink.ucr.edu

UCR is ranked one of America’s Best Value Colleges. (Forbes, 2019)

UCR is ranked the 13th best university in the West. (Money Magazine, 2018)
The City of Riverside has a fantastic variety of eclectic eateries, music venues, craft breweries, indie shops, and quaint bobas and coffee houses — some owned and operated by UCR alumni. But what people love most about Riverside is the location! You’ll be in the heart of Southern California — only an hour drive to beaches, deserts, mountains and metropolitan cities. Adventure awaits!

In Southern California, excitement is never far away.

Riverside is home to the month-long wintertime “Festival of Lights,” voted #1 Best Public Holiday Lights Display in the nation.
(USA Today 10 Best, 2018)
At UCR, our strength lies in our diversity. Connect to your heritage and explore different cultures through special events and programming held on campus throughout the year. Discover community, find mentors and develop as a leader with the eight offices that make up Ethnic & Gender Programs. Participate in service projects, educational initiatives and campus celebrations by joining a cultural organization. studentlife.ucr.edu

YOU’LL MAKE MEMORIES.

Over 1,700 international students from more than 88 countries currently attend UC Riverside!
YOU’LL BE HOME.

Newly admitted, single freshmen are guaranteed on-campus housing in one of three Residence Halls for their first year if they meet all Housing deadlines. Starting second year, students can move to Campus Apartments like Glen Mor (pictured), where residents live in single-occupancy rooms in two- or four-bedroom floor plans with shared bathrooms. Amenities at Glen Mor include study rooms, computer labs, a swimming pool, gaming lounge, market and multiple dining options.
You’ll eat it up!

UCR Residence Halls are like a home away from home, and maybe even a little bit better! Seriously, does your house have more than 6,000 caring brothers and sisters to hang out with? Does it have a computer lab? How about hall vs. hall competitions and lively cultural celebrations? Plus, we cook for you: American and international cuisines, specialty menus and healthy meals! Campus living isn’t just for freshmen — UCR has housing options for transfer students and students with families too! housing.ucr.edu

Look for our four UCR-based food trucks on campus:
The Culinary Chameleon, and Buku Bowls.
YOU’LL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

It’s what our students are known for.

Year after year, UCR ranks among the nation’s top schools when it comes to contributions to the public good. In its annual College Guide and Rankings, *Washington Monthly* consistently ranks UCR students among the best in the country for community service participation. UCR was also named to the Presidential Honor Roll for the impact our students have on their community. studentlife.ucr.edu/service
YOU’LL MAKE A SPLASH!

Use your included membership to our state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center to take fitness classes, lift weights or take a dip in our spectacular 237,000-gallon pool.

Strengthen body and mind with various activities including dance, martial arts, swim lessons, chair massages, guided outdoor trips, rock climbing, personal training, group exercise classes, cooking classes, intramural team sports and so much more! recreation.ucr.edu
YOU’LL BE INSPIRED.

Contrary to popular belief, brilliant minds don’t think alike — quite the opposite. Brilliant minds are unique, innovative and insightful.

At UCR, you’ll be challenged and transformed by the students and faculty you meet as much as the courses you take. Your distinctive perspective will inspire, influence and impact others in return.

Bring your brilliance to UCR. We’ll help you share it with the world.
As an undergraduate at UCR, you can work alongside our dedicated faculty on groundbreaking research that will help you look farther, reach higher and think deeper. Here, researchers in UCR assistant professor of entomology Naoki Yamanaka’s lab investigate the hormones and receptors that play a role in insect development and explore how that knowledge can be applied to mammal development. Studies are underway across campus that will impact our understanding of ourselves and the world around us. research.ucr.edu
YOU’LL MAKE AN IMPACT.

Up to 80 students each year are admitted to UCR's School of Medicine (SOM), with 24 seats reserved for UCR undergraduates who applied through the Thomas Haider Early Assurance Program. The only one of its kind in the UC system, the Thomas Haider Program at the UCR School of Medicine recruits, admits and supports UCR students, including those from groups underrepresented in medicine. UCR undergraduates can also take advantage of FastStart, a program for incoming freshmen interested in careers in medicine or science, the Future Physician Leaders (FPL) mentorship program for pre-med students, and the Health Professions Advising Center, an advising and mentorship resource. medschool.ucr.edu
YOU’LL BE READY.

Stop by UCR’s state-of-the-art Career Center to polish your resume, take career assessments, videoconference with employers and connect with mentors. Explore our 15 annual Career Fairs and events. UCR is where employers get highly-qualified, passionate and professional candidates, and students find direct access to industry-leading organizations that are ideally suited to their skills, interests and goals. careers.ucr.edu

70% of UCR graduates report being employed 6–12 months after graduation. 19% report entering a post-graduate program. (Career Center 2017-18)
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE

• Global Studies
• Gender and Sexuality Studies
• Ethnic Studies
• English
• Economics/Administrative Studies
• Economics
• Dance
• Creative Writing
• Chicano Studies
• Business Economics
• Asian American Studies
• Asian Studies
• Art History/Religious Studies
• Art History/Administrative Studies
• Art History
• Art
• Anthropology
• African American Studies
• Anthropology M
• Art (Studio)
• Art History
• Art History/Administrative Studies
• Art History/Religious Studies
• Asian Studies
• Asian American Studies
• Asian American Studies M
• Business Economics
• Business
• Chicano Studies
• Chicano Studies M
• Creative Writing
• Dance
• Economics
• Economics/Administrative Studies
• English
• Ethnic Studies
• Ethnic Studies M
• Gender and Sexuality Studies
• Gender and Sexuality Studies M
• Global Studies
• Global Studies M
• History
• 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
• Liberal Studies
• Linguistics
• Media and Cultural Studies M
• Middle East and Islamic Studies M
• Music
• Music and Culture
• Native American Studies
• Neuroscience M T
• Philosophy
• Political Science
• Political Science M
• Political Science/Administrative Studies
• Political Science/International Affairs
• Political Science/Public Service
• Pre-Business
• Psychology M T
• Religious Studies
• Sociology
• Sociology/ Administrative Studies
• Spanish M
• Sustainability Studies
• Theatre, Film and Digital Production M
• Undeclared

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

• Pre-Business
• Undeclared Program
• Sustainability Studies
• Spanish
• Sociology/Administrative Studies
• Sociology
• Religious Studies
• Religious Studies M
• Sociology M
• Sociology/ Administrative Studies
• Spanish M
• Sustainability Studies
• Theatre, Film and Digital Production M
• Undeclared Program

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

M = Academic minors are also available for these majors.
T = Selecting major. If applying as a transfer student, specific pre-requisite courses must be completed.
Apply Early for Financial Aid – A World Class Education is Within Reach!

UCR distributed more than $417 million in financial aid for the 2018–19 academic year to undergraduate students. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online by the priority filing deadline of March 2 for the best chance of getting the assistance you need.

Financial Aid for Dream Act Students

At UCR, we are committed to keeping undocumented students and their families aware of all available resources. For the sake of securing financial aid, all undocumented students should apply for the California Dream Act by March 2, and visit UCR’s financial aid website at financialaid.ucr.edu for additional document deadlines. You should also apply for scholarships to help with expenses not covered by the CA DREAM Act. You never know. You may receive more aid than you thought possible!

Non-Resident Achievement Scholarship

Admitted out-of-state freshman and transfer students are automatically considered for the Non-Resident Achievement Scholarship with their acceptance to UCR. Top-achieving students can receive up to $4,500 each quarter. go.ucr.edu/nrscholarship

Middle Class Scholarship

The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) program provides funding to help California-resident, middle-class students attend the University of California. If your family’s income and household assets are under $171,000 per year and you qualify for this scholarship, you will be provided with scholarships that help cover up to 40 percent of UC’s systemwide tuition and fees. go.ucr.edu/mcs

Blue + Gold

Undergraduate California residents whose family income is less than $80,000 per year may be eligible to receive grants and scholarships to cover the full amount of system-wide fees. universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold

92% of UCR undergraduate students received some form of financial aid. (Financial Aid Office, 2018–19)

SCHOLARSHIPS/FINANCIAL AID scholarships.ucr.edu financialaid.ucr.edu
ADMISSION TO UCR
Undergraduate Admissions

As one of the most prestigious universities in the United States, UCR 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.

We welcome more than 5,000 new students to the Highlander family each fall and celebrate the unique perspectives they will share with faculty, students and the larger community.

Applications must be received online during the months of July and November. We only accept freshman applicants for the fall term. Transfer students can apply for winter or fall admission.

Join the Highlander family! go.ucr.edu/apply

FRESHMAN ADMISSION
You are considered a freshman applicant if you are in high school or have not yet enrolled in a regular session at a college or university after high school graduation (excluding the summer immediately after graduation).

1.) SUBJECT REQUIREMENT:
You must earn a grade of C or better in all “a–g” courses and complete a minimum of 15 college-preparatory (“a–g”) courses as outlined below and finish 11 courses before your senior year.

A. History/Social Science: 2 years
B. English: 4 years
C. Mathematics: 3 years, 4 recommended (must include Geometry)
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

• Finish 11 courses before your senior year.
• You can satisfy “a–g” requirements in other ways: completing college courses, receiving an appropriate score on certain ACT or SAT subject, Advanced Placement (AP), or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, etc.

2.) GPA REQUIREMENT
• To meet minimum requirements to be considered for UCR admission, you must earn a GPA of 3.0 or higher (3.4 for nonresidents) in “a–g” courses taken during grades 10 and 11 (including summers before and after), weighted by a maximum of eight semesters of UC-approved honors points.

Extra Points for Honors Courses
• A=5, B=4 and C=3; D or F=0 extra points.
• Approved honors-level courses may also include acceptable AP classes, higher-(and some standard-) level IB classes and transferable college courses.

3.) EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT
• To meet minimum requirements to be considered for UCR selection, you must take the ACT with Writing or the SAT with Essay exam by December of your senior year and report your test scores by January of your senior year.
• SAT subject tests are not required. However, you may want to take them if you want to:
  – Demonstrate mastery of a particular subject.
  – Satisfy an “a–g” requirement.
  – Apply for a competitive major that strongly recommends them.
• Applicants to the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) and College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS) are strongly encouraged to take:
  – The SAT Math Subject Exam and either the Physics or Chemistry SAT Subject Exam.

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS
As a freshman applicant, you must answer four out of eight questions. 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 UCR. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words. go.ucr.edu/insight.

Learn more about applying to UCR: go.ucr.edu/connect

Learn more about admissions requirements: hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist
TRANSFERRING AS A JUNIOR

You are considered a transfer applicant if you registered at a college or university for a regular session (besides the summer after graduation) after completing high school. You may not disregard your college record and apply as a freshman. UCR accepts junior-level transfers and will give priority consideration to those from California Community Colleges.

1.) UC ADMISSION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- You must complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a minimum GPA of 2.4 (California residents) or 2.8 (nonresidents).
- You must complete, with grades C or better, by the end of spring term prior to transfer:
  - 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 3 semester (4–5 quarter) units.

2.) TAKE COLLEGE BREADTH (GENERAL EDUCATION) COURSES

Although not required for admission, completing general education or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requirements before transferring, gives you more freedom in selecting courses when you enroll at UCR and helps them complete your degree on time.

IGETC

Visit ASSIST.org for specific articulation (course equivalency, breadth and major requirement satisfaction) information.

3.) SATISFY SELECTION CRITERIA FOR YOUR INTENDED MAJOR

Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE)

Students are selected on the basis of academic preparation. Admission is selective based on the GPA in all transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.8 and completion of required major preparatory coursework by the end of the spring term prior to transfer. Complete College breadth courses are recommended. IGETC is accepted.

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS)

Admission is selective based on GPA in all transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.4. Applicants to complete IGETC and the seven published major prerequisites. IGETC is highly recommended.

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)

Students are selected primarily on the basis of academic preparation, as assessed by their GPA in academic coursework and strength of preparation for the intended major. Admission is selective based on GPA in all transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.7. One year of Calculus is required, along with additional Science and/or Math lower-division major preparation, as indicated in the articulation agreements on ASSIST. IGETC is accepted.

Graduate School of Education (GSOE)

Admission is selective based on GPA in all transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.4. Applicants can complete IGETC or the UCR breadth pattern for GSOE, which can be found at ASSIST.

School of Business

Admission is selective based on the GPA in all transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.7. Applicants must complete all breadth requirements (or IGETC) and the seven published major prerequisites. IGETC is highly recommended.

School of Public Policy (SPP)

Admission is selective based on the GPA in all transferable coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.4. Applicants can complete IGETC or the UCR breadth pattern for SPP, which can be found at ASSIST.

The GPA for all colleges/majors is a baseline and not a guarantee of admission.

Visit ASSIST for information on specific transfer course agreements between California Community Colleges and UCR.

UC Transfer Admissions Planner (TAP):

You can use the TAP to enter your course work (completed and planned) from the very beginning of your college careers or at any point when you decide to transfer to a UC campus. The planner helps you track your progress toward meeting UC’s minimum requirements and allows UC staff to communicate important information to prospective transfer students.

Begin your TAP:

go.ucr.edu/transfer

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG):

Secure your spot at UCR by meeting certain course and GPA requirements at your California Community College with TAG. go.ucr.edu/tag

Fall transfer application filing period: Nov. 1–30

Winter transfer application filing period: July 1–31
go.ucr.edu/apply
ACADEMICS

UCR’s distinguished faculty boasts two Nobel Laureates and 14 members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. Honors and awards include 48 Fulbright Fellows and over 20 Guggenheim Fellowships.

Faculty

Work closely with award-winning faculty. Students 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 faculty scholars and researchers, 98% hold Ph.D. degrees.

University Honors

If you value intellectual challenges and want to be a part of an innovative, diverse and demanding learning community, consider being a part of UCR’s prestigious University Honors program. honors.ucr.edu

Engineering

UCR’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. engr.ucr.edu

Arts and Humanities

UCR’s College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (CHASS) is home to some of UCR’s most-acclaimed alumni, including two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Steven Breen and two-time U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins. chass.ucr.edu

Life and Physical Sciences

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

Business

UCR’s School of Business offers the UC system’s largest Undergraduate Business Program, and develops world-class managers, leaders, entrepreneurs and scholars. business.ucr.edu

Medicine

The School of Medicine (SOM) offers graduate programs, including a four-year degree that leads to a doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree. The school’s mission is to expand and diversify the region’s physician workforce and improve the health of medically underserved populations. medschool.ucr.edu

Public Policy

UCR is one of the few universities in the nation to offer a School of Public Policy (SPP) for undergraduates. We are also the only UC campus to offer public policy as a major. spp.ucr.edu

Education

The Graduate School of Education (GSOE) at UCR delivers cutting-edge undergraduate, master’s, doctoral and teacher credentialing programs that prepare students to become outstanding classroom educators, researchers and educational leaders. education.ucr.edu

ACADEMICS

Karthick Ramakrishnan
Professor, School of Public Policy and Political Science.
Founder of the Center for Social Innovation at UCR.

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Professor and Cy Mouradick Endowed Chair, Department of Microbiology and Plant Pathology. Expert on genes and plant disease immunity.

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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.
UC Riverside students are empowered to follow their hearts and make a positive impact on the world. What’s in your heart?

The city of Riverside is located just 60 miles east of Los Angeles. 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).