

Q&A: Student Panel

Can you share active engineering clubs at UCR?

Check out the BCOE website - <https://admissions.ucr.edu/colleges/marlan-and-rosemary-bourns-college-of-engineering>.

Also, a full list of active clubs at UCR can be found at - <https://highlanderlink.ucr.edu/organizations>.

What is the name of the job search for students? Is this for students without work-study? Is it on campus?

It is through the career Center which is located on campus. It is called Handshake. On Handshake (web-based program) you can find all on-campus jobs – both work study and non- work study positions.

If you decide to minor in something, does that mean you take more classes?

Yes.

Where can we access the recording of this webinar?

The recording for this webinar will be posted to the event website next week. We will be sending out an email to all to notify you when the recordings have been uploaded and include the link to access all.

Can you share active acting clubs or film clubs at UCR?

Take a look at <https://highlanderlink.ucr.edu/organizations> to see a list of all of the active clubs and student organizations that are currently at UCR. If there isn't a club that you want to be a part of you can always start your own. There will be a webinar later this week led by Student Life that will be going over all of our student organizations and student events on campus.

When do freshmen choose their course subjects?

Freshmen will register at Highlander Orientation. They will meet their advisor who will help them choose their classes and get enrolled.

If \$2,000 work study is planned into my financial aid award, can I not make more than \$2,000 a year that I could use towards tuition, or where does the money that I continue to make go?

I would recommend emailing our financial aid office at finaid@ucr.edu. They will be able to explain exactly how your work-study award will work, how you can apply it and what to do when it runs out.

Is there an academic advisor for each individual student?

The academic advisors have a large group of students they work with within their colleges. However, they do meet with the students individually by appointment to go over academic plans and assist with advising on which classes to take each quarter during your time at UCR.

How do you get involved with clubs? Is there an event or place where you can find them?

You can find a list of all of the active clubs at UCR here:
<https://highlanderlink.ucr.edu/organizations>

Will there be opportunities for people in the military (reserves) to pursue more financial aid or scholarships?

There are specific opportunities available to Military Connected students. I would recommend emailing finaid@ucr.edu where they can connect you with our School Certifying representative. They can give you additional information about what is available and how to apply.

Does sophomore year mean the 2nd year of undergrad?

Yes.

How close are grocery stores and other shops around the campus?

There are a lot of stores that are well within walking distance. The city of Riverside also allows college students to use public transportation for free if you show your student ID so anything outside of walking distance can be easily accessed by taking the RTA bus system.

My high school does a club “rush” week where clubs set-up booths during lunch for a week and people can sign up. Does UCR do anything like this?

Yes! We have an involvement fair every quarter where organizations will come out and table so that students can learn more about them.

How is commuting between class to class? How many classes would freshmen usually have per day/per week?

Freshmen typically have 3 to 5 classes.

Are all freshmen required to apply for housing?

No. living on campus is not mandatory; however, 90% of first-year students choose to live on campus their first year.

Is it hard to switch to a major, such as business, because right now I am undeclared in CHASS.

It is fairly easy to switch majors, you won't be trapped in your major or anything like that.

If your only option is to commute to campus and you're not dorming, but freshmen aren't allowed to have parking permits, where are some places that we could park close to campus.

Freshmen who are not forming are allowed to have permits.

Is studying abroad completely covered by FAFSA or the school?

Depends your personal financial situation, but it is possible.

Does UCR offer major specific study abroad programs (ex. For psychology) where research, field study, etc. is involved?

Yes.

Is study abroad year long?

Different programs have different lengths but there are year-long programs available.

What year do you have to be in order to study abroad?

Any year, depends on the program.

How much for the parking pass? And where do we apply for it?

Visit taps.ucr.edu for more information.

What is the general fees payment structure? Is it quarterly, or annually, or something else?

You can choose to be billed quarterly or yearly on your student account.

Can you use transportation like roller skates, bikes, skateboards, etc on campus?

Yes.

Do most students take summer school classes?

Yes.

Hi! I'm talking with the volleyball program at UCR and I was wondering how difficult being a student-athlete is at UCR?

It's rigorous but it is very doable!

What if you are not able to afford the SIR payment?

Please contact admissions@ucr.edu

I called financial aid but it only allowed me to send an email, what would be the email address? I have been having trouble seeing my financial aid letter.

finaid@ucr.edu

Can you apply to the Blue and Gold if you already received a financial aid package?

The Blue and Gold is not a separate application. If you submitted a FAFSA or Dream ACT application, you are automatically considered.

What is the student recreation center like?

It is super new and very nice. Check out the website.

What kind of tutoring options are available?

We have the Academic Resource Center (ARC). They offer free, peeri-based tutoring.

When do you find out if you're an RA?

By the middle/end of spring quarter.

Are any of the lectures recorded?

Some professors post their lectures and slides, some do not. They get to choose themselves.

Could you please tell us more about how the medical school saves seats for undergraduate students? How do we ensure that?

I would recommend attending the HPAC "Preparing for a Career in the Health

Professions,” webinar that will take place tomorrow at 3:00 pm. They will be able to advise and give detailed information about our medical school here at UCR.