

Q&A: NEXT STEPS

Can we change our major further into the school years?

Yes! Depending on the major, there may be specific requirements you must complete before changing your major. Check out the department website of the major you are interested in for more information! We also offer a Choosing Your Major workshop through our state-of-the-art career center!

If I get one D grade senior year, is there a chance that I can get rescinded?

That depends on the course! Please submit any deficient grades through the Application Update Form in your MyUCR account. Send an email to admissions@ucr.edu. Please provide SID or CPID with your concerns.

How do I know who my admissions counselor is?

If you email admissions@ucr.edu, they will forward your email to the correct counselor. You can also see which counselor is assigned to your region on the Undergraduate Admissions website.

If you request a major change and it is not granted, is your spot in the previous major now gone, or do you simply stay within the old major?

You will stay with your previous major.

Do I have an admissions counselor? If so, how do I contact them?

Send an email to admissions@ucr.edu. Your email will be forwarded to your admission counselor.

I got into my alternate major: sociology. Do you think it's possible for me to be put on a waitlist for my original major: psychology as an admitted student?

We don't offer a major waitlist, but your best bet would be to take beginning Psychology courses when you arrive on campus and do well, demonstrating your potential success in the major when you go to request the official change after completing your pre-requisite requirements. Check out the department website for more info!

The \$250 fee counts towards our 1st semester tuition/fees, right?

Yes! Your SIR fee will go towards your Fall tuition and fees. A deferment is NOT a waiver, but it will push back your payment to be due in Fall with the remainder of your tuition and fees. (Sept 15th)

Are there any fee waivers for the \$250 fee?

Deferment is available if needed. Please contact your counselor if you are having trouble paying your SIR fees so that they can be deferred to fall tuition where your financial aid can help you pay! Email admission@ucr.edu

How do I submit my sir after submitting provisions of admission?

Please follow the instructions in your MyUCR account, and make sure you scroll ALL the way down on your provisions of admission page!

Can my final grade seen in my final transcript help me get into my original major, because i got admitted into my alternative major instead

Email admissions@ucr.edu . Your admission counselor will be able to provide you additional information.

Where on the MyUCR page can I find out who my counselor is? I can't seem to find the email to create my password.

Send an email to admissions@ucr.edu . Please add your SID or CPID and your concern(s). Your admission counselor will contact you.

I submitted my SIR but it didn't give me an option to pay the \$250. Does that mean my SIR has not sent?

It may mean your SIR fee was deferred, or it may mean that you did not complete the SIR process entirely. Make sure to scroll all the way down and read the entire page. Email admissions@ucr.edu if you need further assistance!

When can I appeal my financial aid status, and how do I do it?

Please direct all financial aid related questions to finaid@ucr.edu

What's the probability of changing majors successfully?

While we cannot guarantee any major changes, most students who successfully complete the prerequisites for their intended major with a high level of achievement are able to change. Check out your specific department webpage for more information on changing into that major.

Did you say I can do a SIR with you and then put myself on a waitlist at the other UC schools where I have been accepted? What is the advantage of this?

Yes, if a student is on the waitlist for any other UC campus, they are welcome to still submit an SIR to us, or any other campus. However, only ONE SIR may be active at any time. This is a great way to keep your options open while actively pursuing your education.

Will your financial aid be reduced if your grades are lower than the previous year?

Not necessarily, except for certain scholarships. Please email finaid@ucr.edu for more questions.

Will there be more opportunities to be able to get into the honors program within our freshman year?

Students may join the Honors program upon admission, or upon invitation at the end of their first or second year of study here at UCR. Check out honors.ucr.edu for more info! Good luck!

Are we able to take courses this summer, or is fall the earliest we can start?

Certain Summer Programs are available, including the Highlander Early Start Academy. Especially for students who place into remedial Math and/or English. Please check out summer.ucr.edu if you are interested and inquire about available financial aid for summer start students!

Is it ok for admitted students to change their major?

All major changes can be requested through your MyUCR portal.

How do we send in our official transcript?

Official Transcripts are ordered through your High School Registrar or Counseling Office. Please contact your High School to ensure that your official transcripts are sent to your future institution.

I have been told that the provisions of admission can be handed in the first day of class, the latest, due to Covid-19. Will this information show up in my UCR account?

Due to the COVID-19 Situation, certain provisions of admission, namely the High School and College Transcript deadlines, will be relaxed. Students will be protected from being cancelled due to missing documents until the first day of class. However, please still turn in all documents as soon as possible so that we can avoid any complications and get you all squared away well before classes start.

If our D or F is remediated, must it still be reported?

All grade changes must be reported. Please send an email to admissions@ucr.edu . Provide your SID or CPID and your concern(s) and or update(s).

What does it mean if my admissions counselor never responded to my grade change update in the Application Update Form?

We are exceptionally busy, and counselors will only respond to Application Updates that require a response. Rest assured that we have received them, and if you feel you did not receive a response that you needed, please feel free to send a follow-up email to admissions@ucr.edu. We thank you for your patience as we respond to an overwhelming amount of email requests.

Can we submit SIR for UCR and Cal State? Or will our SIR get cancelled for UCR?

We can't check on your status at Cal States, but please keep in mind that you can ultimately only attend one university in the Fall, and SIRing to multiple campuses can lead to the cancellation of a student's application.

Do I need to resubmit my AP scores even if i submitted them when i applied?

Verify that the College Board has sent your scores to UCR. If they have, then send an email to admissions@ucr.edu with your concern.

I have emailed admissions@ucr.edu weeks ago and I have not heard anything back

We apologize for the wait. Please send a new email to admission@ucr.edu.

So even if you got a C or higher on a college level English class but didn't pass the exam it's equivalent to passing it?

Students can meet the requirement with EITHER a passing score on an AP or IB exam OR passing a course at their local Community College. A passing grade in an AP or IB level course alone will not satisfy the requirement.

If I do not meet the UC English language requirements what do I do?

More information to come! Please keep an eye on your MyUCR account.

How and when do we submit ap scores?

You submit your scores through the College Board. Send your scores to the university you SIR as soon as possible.

I got an alert on My.UCR that I need to satisfy the UC Entry-Level writing requirement, but I got a 5 on the AP English Language and Composition test. When I submit my official AP scores, will it update/satisfy this alert?

If you already have a passing score to meet the UC ELWR, please email admissions@ucr.edu to get your AP scores processed to meet the requirement. You will need to send in your official scores after all AP exams have been completed.

If I were to take a summer class at my local community college for summer 2020(such as English composition), how do my credits transfer to UCR?

Check out Assist.org to see how courses from your local community colleges can transfer credit to UC Riverside.

If I am taking an AP literature course right now and the test is in may do i still have to take the analytical writing test?

More information to come about satisfying this requirement, but please plan on sitting for the exam.

Do we need to take the math placement exam if we have already taken a community college math course while in high school?

Not if it was Pre-Calculus level or higher and an approved course on assist.org!

If we are not currently in a BCOE or CNAS major but might want to switch to a major under these colleges, should we take the math placement exam?

You can sit for the Math Placement Exam if/when you decide to change majors into a major that requires math placement at a later date.

Can I still take the math placement test if I am going to do pre-med classes?

Absolutely! Any students CAN take the math placement exam if they wish to take the pre-med track. Don't forget to check out our Health Professions Advising Center! hpac.ucr.edu

Is getting your admission offer rescinded extremely rare as long as you report the grades below a C and complete most courses or does it still happen every year?

Email admissions@ucr.edu to get additional information

What is the difference between the Math Placement Exam and Math Advisory Exam?

They are just two names for the same exam!

Do we take the mathematics placement exam after we commit to the school?

Yes, the MAE is available to take in May, and the SIR is due May 1st.

Where can we see the study guide/practice sheet for the math placement exam? I heard there was supposedly a link for that.

Check out <https://arc.ucr.edu/mae> for more details about the best ways to prepare for your placement test. They have a very detailed FAQ section.

If we do not have to take the placement exam, which math class will we take?

This will depend on your major! You may not be required to take any specific math course. Check out the UCR Course Catalog online for more information.

If I've taken community college courses while in high school, where at UCR do I send my college transcript?

Please send your transcripts/documents to:

University of California, Riverside

Undergraduate Admissions

900 University Ave.

3106 Student Services Building

Riverside, Ca 92521

How can we check if a college class we took is UC transferable?

Check out Assist.org!

Is the SIR refundable? For example, if I get off the waitlist at another UC, would I get the money back if I “canceled” my SIR?

No, the SIR fee is Non-refundable, even upon cancellation of enrollment.

I ended up dropping an AP class in the second semester. I'm still planning on taking the AP test, but I didn't take the second semester of that class. Will my acceptance be taken away?

Please fill out an Application Update Form and you will be contacted by your counselor if necessary.

I have sent my AP scores to one UC already, do I need to send it to UCR specifically again?

Yes, AP scores should be sent, once all completed, to the UC you plan on attending this fall.

Should I take the math placement exam to be safe even if I'm going to take the AP Calc AB exam?

Yes, we recommend it.

Do the scores from this year's 2020 AP exams count towards the exemption of the math placement exam?

They can, but we recommend not counting on them and planning to sit for the exam anyway. If you do receive a better AP score than on the exam, you will be placed into the higher level course. ALL students should plan on taking the MAE and ELWR exams if they have not ALREADY met one of the exemption requirements.

Do I have to resubmit SAT and ACT scores from junior year if I did not take those tests in senior year?

It is a case by case scenario. Please send an email to admissions@ucr.edu to get specific answers to your case.

Is Statement of Legal Residence like a utility bill/other bill, or a form of some sort?

The SLR is how you declare your residency status when you first come to UCR (as a freshman, transfer or graduate student) or when you return after a significant break (longer than three quarters). You submit it along with your Statement of Intent to Register.

As an AB-540 student, how can you register for housing in a dorm if you are unable to obtain a passport or a driving license which is required to register?

Please email UCR housing for additional information. UCR Housing email is housinginfo@ucr.edu

What's the deadline to pay tuition/fees for fall semester?

September 15th.

Where do you find the SLR?

The SLR will only appear after you have submitted an SIR. Check the documents tab to see what is required of you, and keep up to date with announcements and alerts!

On the winter 2020 list of CHASS breadth courses for pre-business, students must take three economic courses and more difficult math courses. I was admitted for pre-business but I want to change to psychology. Should I be taking these courses recommended for pre-business majors although I want to switch majors?

Please take coursework for the major you plan on completing.

If we already have health insurance, how do we waive the UC Student Health Insurance Plan?

Please check online for the waiver application: <https://studenthealth.ucr.edu/student-health-insurance-plan-ship>

When would health insurance begin if we choose to use UCR's? What happens during the summer - does this still cover over the summer?

Student Health insurance will kick in as soon as the student is registered for classes. It will not cover this summer unless a student is registered for summer classes. Learn more here: <https://studenthealth.ucr.edu/student-health-insurance-plan-ship>

Due to Covid-19, can we send documents through email to complete our provisions of admission, or do we have to mail it to the admissions office?

We will accept digital copies, but they must be Official and come directly from your school. Contact your School to learn more about how they are sending transcripts on your behalf.

Freshmen not living on campus can bring cars to campus, right?

Campus parking permits will only be issued to students who seek an exemption from Transportation Services based on a documented, compelling need for campus parking. You would need to send an email to parking@ucr.edu

Where is the SLR found/ is there a confirmation email?

The SLR will only appear after you have submitted an SIR. Check the documents tab to see what is required of you, and keep up to date with announcements and alerts!

Why does it say that there are no orientation sessions available on my account?

Orientation will be available to register for closer to the end of the month. Please check back in the next few weeks!

Where to submit SLR If I submit SIR already?

It will become available in your MyUCR account, so keep an eye out!

Is the orientation going to be postponed?

Orientation will be taking place online.

When are the dates for the freshman orientation and is this an overnight occasion?

check out Orientation.ucr.edu or the Orientation Session tomorrow during Highlander Week Live to learn more about the details and updates to this fun, two-day event!

Can you use both your Cal grants and FAFSA together to pay for college?

Please contact UCR Financial Aid office for any financial aid questions. The UCR Financial Aid email is finaid@ucr.edu

I can't log in to my ucr account, what should I do ?

Send an email to admissions@ucr.edu .

Can commuters to UCR use the rec center?

Yes! The student recreation center is available for ALL students to use regardless of housing status

Do you know when we will be able to register for highlander orientation?

You can register now at orientation.ucr.edu

Can you please repeat the contact email for the math testing

math.testing@ucr.edu