

## **Q&A: Undergraduate Admissions Information Session**

### **What's the probability of changing majors successfully?**

Typically it is unlikely if you want to change major's outside of your school. However, changing inside your school is possible.

### **Do you see fall 20 being virtual?**

Please keep an eye out for COVID-19 updates on UCR.edu

### **What are the reasons for why UCR is more diverse than other UC's?**

Check out our Student Diversity Statistics :)

<https://diversity.ucr.edu/student-diversity-statistics>

We have students attending our campus from over 88 different countries. Hence, if you are looking for a place to meet people like you, this is the place. If you are looking to meet people from other backgrounds, this is also the place for you!

We find the UCR is a great representation of southern california because of our programs, financial offers and cultural spaces

. UCR is a great space for first gen as well

### **Providing that AP testing goes well this year, I should be entering with roughly 45 credits. Is it possible to graduate in three years?**

Once you are admitted and meet with your advisor, you will be able to confirm time and amount of units

### **Is it possible to be on a pre-med track within CHASS? As in, is it possible to get all required science classes?**

You can work with your academic adviser to create a plan for medical school. It is possible, but always speak to your academic adviser. We also have a Health Professions Advising Center - they can assist you with medical school planning as well. <https://se.ucr.edu/hpac/overview>

You can work with your academic counselor to be on track for pre med

### **Are we allowed to do a double major?**

Yes

### **Once we request for a major change will we get it? or will we be rejected?**

It is on a case by case basis. You will also need to be in good academic standing

Major changes depend. Typically you can expect to be able to. But it all depends how many credits you have earned thus far as well which major you are switching into. So for instance if you are in CHASS and are switching to BCOE, it might be more difficult. Do discuss this with your academic adviser though.

**Are we allowed to choose the double major from a different school?**

For any major changes, minors, and double majors we recommend you speak to your academic advisors. But typically, you may major in different schools as long as you complete the pre-reqs.

**Will double majoring increase your stay at UCR?**

You will work with your Academic Advisor to create a plan to have you graduate in a timely fashion

**How many years does it take to earn a bachelor and masters in psychology?**

It typically takes 4 years to complete a Bachelors and another 2 years for a Masters. Time depends on how many units you take, if you are a full time or part time student though.

**Can you choose a minor?**

Yes please see the website for this options

**I applied for a major change on my portal a few days ago. How will I be notified if I am approved or not?**

Continue to keep an eye on your portal and email for updates. Give it a couple of weeks

**Where can I read more on changing majors outside of the school we were admitted into?**

Take a look at our Course Catalog <https://registrar.ucr.edu/registering/catalog>

**To get into the school of medicine without MCAT what GPA is required?**

Please visit this website for admissions pre-reqs for the SOM <https://somsa.ucr.edu/program-prerequisites>

**Is it possible to create my own research project (if possible, as a freshman)?**

You can get involved in research as early as your first year. Please make sure to connect with your professors. <https://se.ucr.edu/research/portal>

**Are students pursuing a career in the medical field required to earn a master's degree before going into medical school (here at UCR or any university)?**

We have different programs for those interested in pursuing medical school. Take a look at this website where it explains the Thomas Haider Program (The Thomas Haider Program at the UCR School of Medicine provides a unique pathway into medical school for up to 24 qualifying UC Riverside undergraduate students). For UCR you need a BA/BS. Please connect with other universities for their requirements. <https://somsa.ucr.edu/admission-medical-school>

**Are there experts/alumni involved in research as well? Or are students the only ones allowed?**

Typically students and faculty

**How can I contact my academic advisor?**

Once you apply and are admitted you are assigned an academic adviser. You typically meet your academic adviser during orientation. If you are an admitted freshman student please join us for our "Next Steps To Enrollment" presentation. We have a few coming up this week. Check out upcoming dates and times here [https://highlanderday.ucr.edu/freshman-webinars#enrollment\\_financial\\_aid](https://highlanderday.ucr.edu/freshman-webinars#enrollment_financial_aid)

**How do you double major? Is there a website with information?**

You can speak to your academic adviser to create a "plan." I will attach the CHASS page which explains this too. [https://chassstudentaffairs.ucr.edu/majors\\_minors/index.html](https://chassstudentaffairs.ucr.edu/majors_minors/index.html)

**Can I take summer classes at a community college before the fall for instance if after taking the math placement test I need to take a lower level math class?**

While you are welcome to enroll in summer coursework at a community college this year, any courses taken during the summer term will not be included when evaluating your file for continued eligibility. Make sure to turn in your summer transcripts to receive credit for courses taken, if applicable.

**Is it possible to get your teacher's credential even though you're not majoring in education?**

<https://education.ucr.edu/single-subject-or-multiple-subject-teaching-credentials>

**Are there any programs that promote entrepreneurs?**

You can join or start a club or organization

**What is the Fast Start program?**

FastStart is a five-week, commuter-based, intensive program that provides about 24 first-year UC Riverside students with the knowledge and skills needed to have a successful start in their college education. Offered exclusively to incoming first-year UCR students from disadvantaged backgrounds who aspire towards a medical or science-based career, the program consists of classes, workshops and activities that provide students with the foundation that will help them maximize their collegiate experience.

<https://faststart.ucr.edu/>

**Is the highlander orientation still going to happen July-Aug?**

Orientation will take place online. Please check online for any changes

**How do we apply for work study?**

You will indicate your desire to be a part of work study as you fill out your FASFA

**If not accepted into your first major choice but you received your alternate major, can you request to change into the first major that you were rejected from?**

Unfortunately no

**I received my admission via the myUCR portal but I still have not received my admission acceptance letter in the mail. Will I be receiving this soon?**

Due to COVID19 you may experience delays. :(

**Where can you find if you have received any scholarships or not from the university?**

You will be to view this once you receive your award letter from financial aid

**Can anyone use those facilities such as the pool or gym?**

Just students and staff who pay the fee:)

**When will the new dorms be open?**

Dundee is scheduled to open fall 2020. However, due to COVID19 there MIGHT be delays.

**Is a meal plan required or can we choose not to apply for a meal plan?**

You are required to have a meal plan if you are living on campus.

**How do we access our ucr email?**

If you were admitted you will be sent a link via your personal email

**How can we appeal for financial aid?**

You will need to contact financial aid tomorrow directly

For any financial aid questions please contact them at [finaid@ucr.edu](mailto:finaid@ucr.edu)

**So even if we are not dorming we can use the dinning hall and gyms if we pay a fee?**

Correct! There are meal plans for commuters too!

<https://insideucr.ucr.edu/scotmemos/2019/07/16/meal-plans-staff-faculty-and-commuter-students-are-here>

**Are the pools and gym only available to students staying on campus?**

No all UCR students and Staff

**Is housing mandatory for the first two years?**

No

**What courses are recommended when you want to become a RN or Nurse Practitioner?**

We do not have a nursing program at UCR. However, if you are interested in medicine we have UCR School of Medicine. Academic advisers help plan courses to meet pre-reqs.

**How much is the fee to use the facilities?**

Please refer to the website for a tuition and fee break down

**How much is the fee to use the gym?**

Students can attend for free

**Do we access our ucr email after we sir or can we access before we sir as well? and will it be attached to our acceptance email?**

Typically you receive your credentials after you SIR. Continue checking your myucr account for messages.

**Is the school of medicine for graduate students?**

Correct.

**I got accepted to UCR for my alternate major. I understand I cannot change my major now but can I change my major next year or my junior year?**

You can discuss that with your academic adviser. It is not a guarantee but it is not a flat no either. It varies case by case.

**I'm taking "Intro to Linear Algebra / Differential Calculus" at CC. It is credit-transferable to UCs and CSUs. Is it possible to take Linear Algebra or Differential Calculus right away (in my freshman year)?**

We will only give you credit for the courses that transfer and as long as there are no limitations between exams. Check out assist.org for course transferability.

**For using the yoga, the gym, learning cooking, and the massages are they all free as UCR students?**

Correct

**When will we see our official cost of attendance?**

You can speak to the financial aid office to get an accurate price amount once you receive your award letter

**Is there a kitchen in the dorm?**

In the common area for freshmen dorms

**How competitive is your Global Studies major?**

It is competitive but not impacted

**Do you have to pay \$6575 if you're living with your parents?**

That is an estimate our financial aid office came up with. It depends how much your parents charge you for rent. These are all estimates.

**What are the prices for the different dorming options?**

Please see the website for pricing

**For orientation fee, when are we able to pay the fee because as of right now, there isn't one ?**

There will be an orientation. It will be held online. Keep checking your myucr account and personal emails for updates. As far as fees, that is currently being discussed.

**Can sophomores dorm?**

Yes

**If I were to change my undeclared-physical science major to biology would I get a spot in biology?**

For any major change requests please submit them via your myucr account.

**If we need additional help with financial aid but our parents can take out loans what would you suggest we do?**

External scholarships are great. Also speak to financial to check all of your options.

**Is there a form for double majors?**

You will be able to make major changes online on your myucr

**How can I apply to the Blue and gold opportunity plan?**

No additional application is needed. As long as you fill out the FAFSA? DREAMACT we will base it off that.

**Is it possible to get an internship as a freshman?**

Make sure to start making connections early on with your peers, professors and TAs. We also have Handshake, where you can look for jobs and internships (UCR students only).  
<https://careers.ucr.edu/resources/ucr-handshake>