



## Preparing for UC Riverside

Use this step-by-step checklist to keep on task as you progress through the admission and arrival process. Begin the Form I-20 application process as soon as possible, even before you SIR to UCR.

### STEP 1

#### Submit Your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR)

All students who have been offered admission, and plan to attend UCR, must submit the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

SIR via your [My.UCR.EDU](http://My.UCR.EDU) account by:

**May 1** - First Year SIR Deadline

**June 1** - Transfer SIR Deadline

### STEP 2

#### Submit Your Statement of Legal Residence (SLR)

Once you submit your SIR to UCR, you will be required to submit your Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) for tuition purposes. It will ensure that you are assessed the appropriate fees based on your residency status. Visit your MyUCR account and look for the Alert "[Submit your Statement of Legal Residence by May 15.](#)"

Follow the instructions and submit the form by **May 15**.

### STEP 3

#### Submit Your I-20 Application

International students who have been offered admission to UCR, and require a student visa to study in the United States, must obtain a **Form I-20** (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant, F-1 Student Status).

You will receive an email to fill out your I-20 application. Complete and upload all required documents including financial statement and passport copy.

### STEP 4

#### Apply for Housing

Housing assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend that you **apply for on-campus housing immediately after submitting your SIR to UCR**.

April 1 - The Residence Hall contract will be available for the fall quarter. Go to your [My.UCR.EDU](http://My.UCR.EDU) account and look for the announcement "[Housing Contracts are AVAILABLE NOW](#)" and follow the links to the housing application. Use your Student ID number to complete a contract for the Residence Halls.

**May 10** - The housing contract and first payment are due.

To accommodate mandatory orientation sessions for new international students, early move-in is available beginning mid-September for all international students who submit a Residence Hall contract and first payment for the academic year. There is an additional charge for each day you stay prior to the regular move-in date. You will need your UCR NetID and password to gain access to the contract. **Express your interest in an early move-in when prompted in your Residence Hall contract.**

If you have questions, visit the UCR Housing website ([housing.ucr.edu](http://housing.ucr.edu)) or contact [housinginfo@ucr.edu](mailto:housinginfo@ucr.edu) or **+1 (951) 827-6350**.

### STEP 5

#### Submit All Final Documents and Update Course Work

**July 1** - Deadline to submit all final official transcripts for courses completed through spring term.

**July 15** - Deadline to submit all final test scores and other final documents. Please view your [My Documents](#) and [My Test Scores](#) tab in your [My.UCR.EDU](http://My.UCR.EDU) account to see what official documents and text scores we have received for you.

Be advised that failure to meet this deadline may result in your admission being cancelled.



## STEP 6

### Placement and Advisory Exams

All students who will enter the University of California as freshmen must demonstrate their command of the English language by fulfilling the Entry-Level Writing Requirement (ELWR). The Analytical Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) is used to satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR) and to place first-year students into an appropriate English composition course.

Incoming international students will have the opportunity to take the Analytic Writing Placement Exam (AWPE) and Mathematics Advisory Exam (MAE) during **International Student Orientation week** in mid-September. However, if you reside in California, plan to take the exam held statewide in **May**.

Visit the **Academic Resource Center** online at [arc.ucr.edu](https://arc.ucr.edu) for additional information on the Placement and Advisory Exams. Registration information for the Orientation Week exams will be sent to your UCR email account when available.

UC Riverside will no longer use standardized exam scores (ACT/SAT) in our comprehensive review and selection process for the admission cycle. If you choose to submit test scores as part of your application, they may be used to determine your eligibility for the California statewide admissions guarantee, as an alternative method of fulfilling minimum requirements for eligibility or for course placement after you enroll.

## STEP 7

### Attend the International Student Orientation

All incoming international students are **required to attend the International Student Orientation** during International Student Orientation Week in mid-September. This mandatory orientation will provide students with information regarding intercultural adjustment, maintaining immigration status and class registration procedures.

It is recommended that you register to attend Highlander Orientation (freshmen) or Highlander Orientation for Transfers if you will be in the United States during July in order to familiarize yourself with the campus and gather important information.

Orientation details, including registration information, and additional pre-departure information will be sent to you from the International Students and Scholars (ISS) office via email.

## STEP 8

### Don't Forget to Pay Your Fees

Tuition and fee payments may be made online via [RWeb.ucr.edu](https://RWeb.ucr.edu) or in person at UCR's Main Cashier's Office, located in the Student Services Building. International students are waived late fee charges for their **FIRST** quarter only. You must make sure to pay all fees by the **end of the third week** of classes or your courses will be dropped.

In all future quarters, make sure to pay your fees by the deadline posted on the UCR calendar.

## STEP 9

### Medical Insurance and Immunizations

All students are **required to have medical insurance** and are automatically enrolled in the campus UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP). If you have comparable health insurance, you may request exemption from participation in UCSHIP by completing and submitting the Health Insurance Waiver Form no later than **July 17**. The waiver form will be available in early June on the **Student Health Services website** at [studenthealth.ucr.edu](https://studenthealth.ucr.edu).

**Immunizations:** All students are required to enter their immunization dates and submit proof of their immunization records for the UC required vaccines in their patient portal by the first attendance date.

**COVID-19:** All students must upload proof of full COVID-19 vaccination that includes the COVID-19 booster vaccine if eligible upon completion of their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR). You will receive a COVID international exemption that expires the fourth Monday following your first attendance date to meet COVID 19 compliance.

Learn more: [studenthealth.ucr.edu/immunization](https://studenthealth.ucr.edu/immunization)

> **View the Academic Calendar:**  
[registrar.ucr.edu/calendar](https://registrar.ucr.edu/calendar)

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