Military/Veteran Admission Checklist

Prepare for UC Riverside

Six Months to One Year Before Your Estimated Time of Separation

The first step is to meet with a UCR admissions counselor. He or she will determine if you should apply as a freshman or transfer student and help you navigate the admission process. Call (951) 827-3411 or email admissions@ucr.edu for an appointment.

Learn about your VA benefits and the best way to use your GI Bill at benefits.va.gov/gibill (you may want to use it immediately, or wait until later in your academic career).

Visit admissions.ucr.edu/majors to research your major. Identify prerequisites and minimum GPA requirements.

Second Year of Community College or University

August

Start working on your application! Beginning Aug. 1, visit apply.universityofcalifornia.edu to access your UC undergraduate application for admission.

September

Complete your UC TAG application (optional) online at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu by Sept. 30 (one year prior to your planned enrollment).

Meet with a UCR counselor to ensure you are on target with your transfer plan.

November

Apply to UCR! Submit your UC undergraduate application for admission online from Nov. 1–30.

December

Contact ucinfo@applyucsupport.net or (800) 207-1710 to check your UC application status.

Complete fall courses at your community college or university, making sure to maintain/improve your GPA.

First Year of Community College or University

September–December

Meet with a UCR admissions counselor to develop a plan specific to UCR and your desired major.

Use the online UC Transfer Admissions Planner (TAP) at uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu to track your course work.

Secure your future at UCR now! Meet with a counselor to discuss our Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program. Visit admissions.ucr.edu/tag to learn more.

Participate in extracurricular activities and internships.

March–August

Meet with a UCR admissions counselor to ensure you are on target with your transfer plan.

Visit ASSIST.org to learn admission and selection requirements for your major.

Complete 30 transferable semester units by the end of summer. Plan to complete an additional 30 transferable semester units (90 quarter units) by the end of spring term in the second year of community college.

 ROTC and dependents of veterans, please refer to the Freshman Admission Checklist.

Plan to meet all prerequisites for your major.

At the close of each term, update course work and grades in UC TAP (uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu).

Visit veterans.ucr.edu to learn about UC programs for veterans and service members including our Veterans Resource Center.

Visit ASSIST.org to find out if your course work is transferable, see prerequisites and more.
October–March

- Visit fafsa.ed.gov to apply for financial aid annually, between Oct. 1 and March 2. UCR’s school code: FAFSA (001316)
- Complete the Transfer Academic Update at universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate by the priority deadline of Jan. 31.
- Visit housing.ucr.edu to explore campus apartments and family housing.
- Visit My.UCR.EDU to check your admission status through your MyUCR account.
- Submit your Cal Grant GPA verification form by March 2. Visit calgrants.org to learn more.
- Notify UCR Undergraduate Admissions of any changes to your academic plan and/or any D or F grades you receive during spring term.
- Visit financialaid.ucr.edu to contact UCR’s Financial Aid office for Veteran Educational Benefits.

April–June (If admitted):

- If you are planning to use your GI Bill for the first time, fill out an online application at benefits.va.gov/gibill. If you’ve already used part of your GI Bill, skip this step.
- Attend an information session at Highlander Day in the spring. Meet your Veterans Resource Center, discover on-campus services and learn how to use your GI Bill at UCR. Visit highlanderday.ucr.edu to learn more.
- Complete 60 transferable units (90 quarter units) by the end of spring term.
- Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) by June 1.
- Submit your tuition deposit by June 1.

July (If admitted):

- Submit official transcripts to UCR Undergraduate Admissions by July 1.
- Submit all other requested supporting documents to UCR Undergraduate Admissions by July 15.

August

- Attend Highlander Orientation for Transfers. Register to attend by Aug. 1. Don’t miss the special Veteran Orientation session! Visit transferorientation.ucr.edu for details.
- After you’ve enrolled in classes, be sure to visit the Veterans Resource Center (veterans.ucr.edu/community) to finalize your paperwork and secure priority enrollment (beginning your second quarter).