CHICANO/LATINO
STUDENT EXPERIENCE
DEAR FUTURE HIGHLANDERS,

A couple of decades ago, I was where you are today. Deciding where to go to college can feel daunting, especially if you’re the first in your family to go. That was my experience, but I had the ganas and the love and support of family, teachers and mentors to encourage me. Now I encourage you to make the decision to come to UCR!

Why UCR? For me, it was important to go to a place where I saw others like me and I could find a sense of familia. UCR offers this, plus many programs and opportunities to help you thrive intellectually and academically.

My colleagues and I are nationally and internationally recognized for our cutting-edge research and creative work. We celebrate and are committed to our diversity. Most importantly, we are committed to our students and their success. UCR is more than an institution. We are a comunidad.

Milagros Peña,
Dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

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What I love and admire about UCR is the people.
RUBYD OLVERA
Fourth-Year, Sociology

I’m the oldest of three, and my mother also attends school, so I still have many responsibilities at home. I chose UCR because it was close to home, but far enough away to leave room for independence and a full college experience! What I love and admire about UCR is the people. I found home with the people in PODER (Providing, Opportunities, Dreams and Education in Riverside). In response to the political climate around the undocumented community, the students, staff and faculty in PODER have really empowered me and provided me with a safe space to succeed at UCR and beyond.

STEVEN CABRAL BALLESTEROS
Third-Year, Sociology

To be a Chicano student at UCR is like being at home. I don’t feel like I left my family, because at UCR, everyone is kind and welcoming. I love it! UCR may not be the biggest campus, but it’s one of the most diverse universities in the UC system. They offer many great programs, and fun and exciting events throughout the year. I chose UCR over all my other options because of their willingness to assist me in accomplishing my academic goals. When you visit UCR, stop by the Chicano Student Programs office! Everyone would love to meet you and greet you as a new prospective student here at UCR!
“As the first UC campus to receive the HSI designation, UC Riverside has been at the forefront in seeing the diversity of California reflected in our population.”

CHANCELLOR KIM WILCOX
We are proud to be the first UC to be named a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) way back in 2008! Today, more than 40 percent of UCR students identify as Chicano/Latino.
WE RANK HIGH IN WHAT MATTERS.

#1 in the nation for affordability, graduation rates and financial aid – Time Magazine, 2014

#1 in the nation for Pell Grant performance – Washington Monthly, 2016

#2 in the nation for contributing to the public good – Washington Monthly, 2015

#3 in the nation for the most altruistic students – Pillrs, 2017

#3 in the nation for community service participation – Washington Monthly, 2016

4th most diverse college in the nation – Forbes, 2016
UCR is “recognized nationally as one of the few public research universities with no racial disparity in graduation rates.”

3 best college in the nation for Chicano/Latino students

– BestColleges.com, 2016

Los Angeles Times
Alfredo Mirandé  
*Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Ethnic Studies*  
Mirandé’s research interests include Chicano sociology; masculinity; constitutional law; civil rights; and the relationship among law, race, class and gender. He has published numerous journal articles on sociology, law and ethnic studies and is the author of nine books. Mirandé is a member of the California Bar and has a small, largely pro bono law practice that specializes in criminal law and employment discrimination.

Cati de los Ríos  
*Assistant Professor of Education, Society and Culture*  
De los Ríos’ research interests include Chicanx/Latinx adolescents’ critical readings of corridos, multimodal and translingual literacies, youth community organizing and civic literacy practices in secondary ethnic studies classrooms. She has a long history of community organizing for K-12 ethnic studies efforts nationwide.

Jennifer Nájera  
*Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies*  
Nájera’s research interests include immigration from Mexico, the education of Latinx students and grassroots social movements. Her current research project explores the intersections between activism and education among undocumented students at UC Riverside.

Louie Rodriguez  
*Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education Programs in the Graduate School of Education*  
*Associate Professor of Educational Policy Analysis and Leadership and Education, Society and Culture*  
Rodriguez’s research interests include urban schooling, students’ voices in education, Participatory Action Research (PAR), and using school culture to boost engagement, particularly among Latinx students and other youth of color. A lifelong advocate for Latinx students, he was named Outstanding Latino Faculty by the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) in 2015.
My success is the result of the *platicas* (talks) and *echar la mano* (mentorship) that I received from women-of-color scholars and UC programs. I’m grateful for that support and believe in practicing *echando la mano* and *platicar* to assist UCR students in their journeys today. UCR professors are known not only for their cutting-edge research, but also for being exceptional mentors. If this is your first time away from home, your family or your comfort zone—*no sufres en silencio*. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. We are here to help you succeed.

**DR. XÓCHITL C. CHÁVEZ**
Assistant Professor of Music
First-Generation UC Graduate
First Chicana/o Ladder-Track Faculty Member, UCR Department of Music
YOU CAN’T STUDY ALL THE TIME!

Midfielder Romario Lomeli finished his UCR career as the Highlanders’ assists leader and also led the team in goals in 2016.
Run, climb, lift weights and swim at your incredible Student Recreation Center. Learn more at recreation.ucr.edu.

Packed events, big-time athletics and crazy-fun concerts electrify student life at UCR. Learn more at rsid.ucr.edu and gohighlanders.ucr.edu.

Lambda Theta Nu host an altar honoring loved ones during the annual Día de los Muertos nooner.

Listen to KUCR-FM 88.3 Friday nights for Radio Aztlan, our award-winning Chicano/Latino program. The first of its kind in the UC, its student, staff and community leader DJs have aired interviews, news and música Chicana for more than 25 years. Check out their music festival each April. Learn more at kucr.org.
A CAMPUS OF FIRSTS

1st UC to have a Chicano chancellor (Tomás Rivera, 1979)

1st UC to be recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)

1st UC with a Chicano/Latino radio show
**UC to host a family orientation in Spanish (Orientación Familiar)**

**UC to have a Chicano/Latino graduation ceremony**

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When you live at UCR, you’re within driving distance of the best beaches, mountains, deserts and cities in Southern California. Explore UCR! Schedule a tour (or take a virtual one) at visit.ucr.edu.
ÚNETE A MUNDO
THEME HALL

Live in Únete a Mundo Theme Hall and connect with fellow Chicano/Latino students who share your goals. Attend exclusive networking events, workshops, hall dinners and field trips.

Additional theme halls and living-learning communities include Stonewall, Gender-Inclusive, Markaz, Pan-African Theme Hall (PATH), Honors, CHASS, Enginuity, SiMS and Pre-Business.
chicano student programs (csp)

visit csp.ucr.edu to see all of the chicano/latino student organizations you can join at ucr!

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chicano link peer mentor program
chicano/latino student orientation
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student leadership development
textbook loan program
undocumented student resource guide
volunteer opportunities

events

¡adelante! success series
césar e. chávez 5k run/walk
chicano/latino bienvenida
chicano/latino graduation ceremony

chicano student programs (csp)

csp.ucr.edu

as one of the first professionally staffed offices in the uc devoted to chicano/latino student services, csp has been supporting ucr students for nearly 50 years. they’ll connect you to everything from leadership opportunities and peer mentor support, to textbook lending and grad school prep.

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WE SEE YOU.  
WE HEAR YOU.  
WE SUPPORT YOU.

From our historic Ethnic and Gender Programs, to our forward-thinking Student Health and Wellness Services — you have a safety net at UCR. So many people are here for you, ready to be your advocates, your encouragers, your listeners and your guides.

Ethnic & Gender Programs
- African Student Programs
  [asp.ucr.edu](http://asp.ucr.edu)
- Asian Pacific Student Programs
  [apsp.ucr.edu](http://apsp.ucr.edu)
- Chicano Student Programs
  [csp.ucr.edu](http://csp.ucr.edu)
- LGBT Resource Center
  [out.ucr.edu](http://out.ucr.edu)
- Middle Eastern Student Center
  [mesc.ucr.edu](http://mesc.ucr.edu)
- Native American Student Programs
  [nasp.ucr.edu](http://nasp.ucr.edu)
- Undocumented Student Programs
  [usp.ucr.edu](http://usp.ucr.edu)
- Women’s Resource Center
  [wrc.ucr.edu](http://wrc.ucr.edu)

More Student Support Services
- Academic Resource Center (ARC)
  [arc.ucr.edu](http://arc.ucr.edu)
- Career Center
  [careers.ucr.edu](http://careers.ucr.edu)
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
  [counseling.ucr.edu](http://counseling.ucr.edu)
- First-Year Programs
  [studentlife.ucr.edu](http://studentlife.ucr.edu)
- Highlander One-Stop Shop (HOSS)
  [hoss.ucr.edu](http://hoss.ucr.edu)
- International Students & Scholars Office (ISSO)
  [internationscholars.ucr.edu](http://internationscholars.ucr.edu)
- Peer Mentor Programs
  [well.ucr.edu](http://well.ucr.edu)
- R’Pantry
  [go.ucr.edu/pantry](http://go.ucr.edu/pantry)
- Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)
  [sdrc.ucr.edu](http://sdrc.ucr.edu)
- Student Health Services (SHS)
  [studenthealth.ucr.edu](http://studenthealth.ucr.edu)
- Student Recreation Center (SRC)
  [recreation.ucr.edu](http://recreation.ucr.edu)
- Study Abroad
  [studyabroad.ucr.edu](http://studyabroad.ucr.edu)
- The WELL
  [well.ucr.edu](http://well.ucr.edu)
- University Honors
  [honors.ucr.edu](http://honors.ucr.edu)
- Veterans Services
  [studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans](http://studentlife.ucr.edu/veterans)
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS/HOW TO APPLY

APPLYING IS EASY.

First-Year Students

Admission Requirements

• 15 completed “a-g” high school courses
• GPA of 3.0 or higher (3.4 out-of-state) in “a-g” (grades C or above)
• Scores from ACT with Writing, SAT or SAT with Essay. SAT Subject Tests are optional.
• Learn more about the “a-g” requirements at hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist

Transfer Students

Admission Requirements

• 60 semester (90 quarter) transferable units with minimum 2.4 GPA (2.8 out-of-state). (Some majors require a higher GPA.)
• 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be Pass/Not Pass.
• Completed (with C’s or better) UC Seven Course Pattern: two English, one math, four from two of: arts/humanities, social/behavioral science, physical/biological science. Classes must be transferable and at least three semester (four to five quarter) units. Use uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu to track your progress.
• Use assist.org to find out if your classes will transfer and see the prerequisites and minimum GPA for your major (all transferable coursework will be taken into account).
• Did you know that by meeting certain requirements you can guarantee your transfer admission to UCR? Learn more at go.ucr.edu/tag.

How to Apply (All Students)

1. Gather transcripts, test scores, income, Social Security number (if applicable), payment method, and activities and achievements notes.
2. Answer the personal insight questions.
3. Complete the UC application starting August 1. Submit it November 1-30. You may apply to waive the $70 fee.
4. Print your receipt and watch for an email about how to access your MyUCR admission portal account — the fastest way to check your admission status.

Learn more at admissions.ucr.edu!
TURN YOUR PASSION INTO YOUR PROFESSION.

Choose from nearly 100 majors, four colleges and three graduate schools — including the newest medical school in the UC system.

Find your program at admissions.ucr.edu/academics.
We’re #1 in the nation for Pell Grant performance.

That means that we admit students who meet our high standards, but aren’t necessarily wealthy. Nearly half of UCR undergrads qualify as low-income, and we enroll more low-income students than all of the Ivy League institutions combined.

UCR is a good investment.

Within five years of graduating, Pell Grant recipients typically earn more than their families. UCR students graduate with a salary potential in the top 7 percent of 568 leading public universities.

Sources: Washington Monthly, The Brookings Institution, UC Accountability Report, UC Institutional Research, UC Federal Governmental Relations, PayScale.com

Tuition & Fees: $13,917-15,675
Out-of-State: $43,689
Room & Board: $6,100-17,000

These are estimates based on average student expenses. Actual charges are subject to change. Get the details at admissions.ucr.edu/cost.
Ways to Pay

If you qualify, the Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan covers 100 percent of your systemwide tuition and fees! Learn more at universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold.

If you qualify, the Middle Class Scholarship covers up to 40 percent of your systemwide tuition and fees. Learn more at csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp.

Complete a FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov and a GPA form at csac.ca.gov to apply for the most aid.

Dreamers: If you are an undocumented student, you may complete a CA Dream Act application at dream.csac.ca.gov and a GPA form at csac.ca.gov to apply for the most aid.

You are automatically considered for scholarships when you apply to UCR, including the Regents’ Scholarship and UCR Achievement Scholarship for out-of-state students.

Learn more about UCR scholarship opportunities at finaid.ucr.edu/scholarships.

See scholarships and internships specifically for Chicano/Latino students at csp.ucr.edu.

Learn more about how to pay for school without going into debt at finaid.ucr.edu.

Dates & Deadlines

August 1
Access the UC Application.

October 1
Access the FAFSA (or CA Dream Act application) and GPA form.

November 1-30
Submit your UC Application.

November 30
Deadline to submit your UC Application.

March 1
Admission notification begins.

March 2
Deadline to submit your FAFSA (or CA Dream Act application) and GPA form.

April 2
Deadline to submit additional financial aid documents (tax forms etc.), if selected for verification.

May 1
First-Year Students: Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

June 1
Transfer Students: Deadline to submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

July 1
Deadline to send your transcripts.

July 15
Deadline to send your test scores.
Funded by a National Council of the Arts grant in 1975, Chano Gonzalez created this mural for Chicano Student Programs (CSP) to represent the history of Raza students. When CSP relocated, the UCR community protested to save the mural. They were successful, and today, the remaining 10 original panels live at CSP.
Apply now! Go to go.ucr.edu/chicano
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