Freshman Admission Checklist

Prepare for UC Riverside

9th Grade & 10th Grade

- Set up a four-year study plan with your counselor. Meet annually to ensure that your courses meet UCR requirements.
- Begin participating in extracurricular activities.
- Plan your college finances with your family.
- Take the PSAT and/or PLAN. Visit sat.org and act.org for test dates.
- Attend college fairs and speak with UCR representatives.
- Visit admissions.ucr.edu to see when we visit your area or host a virtual event.
- Come to Highlander Day in April. Visit highlanderday.ucr.edu for details.

11th Grade

September–November
Consider taking the SAT with Essay or ACT Plus Writing early. Visit sat.org and act.org for test dates. SAT Subject Tests are not required, but encouraged for students interested in math or science programs.

January–April
Research scholarship opportunities at scholarships.ucr.edu.

12th Grade

August
Start working on your application! Access your UC undergraduate application for admission Aug. 1 at go.ucr.edu/apply.

September
Sign up to take (or retake) the SAT with Essay or ACT Plus Writing. Visit sat.org and act.org for test dates. Plan to take exams before the Dec. 31 deadline!

Research scholarship opportunities at scholarships.ucr.edu.

October–March
Apply for financial aid by submitting a FAFSA (fafsa.edu.gov) or DREAM application (dream.csac.ca.gov) between Oct. 1 and March 2 (Add UCR school code 001316).

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

After you are notified that we have received your application, create a MyUCR account at My.UCR.edu. Link it to your application to get the most up-to-date information on your admission status.

December
Take (or retake) the SAT with Essay or ACT Plus Writing no later than Dec. 31. Have scores sent directly to UCR Undergraduate Admissions.

January–March
Admission notifications begin in March. Check your admission status at My.UCR.edu.

Confirm whether your high school has filed your Cal Grant GPA verification form by the March 2 deadline. Learn more at csac.ca.gov

Notify UCR Undergraduate Admissions of any changes in academic courses or performance.

April
Come to Highlander Day in April. Learn more at highlanderday.ucr.edu.

Learn to understand and compare your financial aid award offers and other useful tips at finaid.ucr.edu/financialliteracy

May–July (If admitted):
Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and deposit online by May 1.
Submit your Housing contract by May 10. Visit housing.ucr.edu to explore your options and take a virtual tour.
Submit your Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) online by May 15.
Submit any financial aid documents requested on R’Web (RWeb.ucr.edu) by June 12.
Take Mathematics Advisory Exam (MAE) and Entry Level Writing Requirement (ELWR).
Register for mandatory Highlander Orientation by June 12. Learn more at orientation.ucr.edu.
Submit official transcripts to UCR Undergraduate Admissions by July 1.
Submit all other official supporting documents, including test scores, to UCR Undergraduate Admissions by July 15.