INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION
for Undergraduate Students
The University of California, Riverside is one of the world’s finest institutions of higher learning. As a member of the prestigious University of California, we offer a world-class education, knowledgeable professors, and significant undergraduate research opportunities.

We are also known as an extremely friendly and welcoming university. We have programs available to ease your transition to college life, and we look forward to introducing you to the fun and excitement of sunny California!

Our campus has a tradition and history that will make you proud and a future to which you will want to contribute. Your journey to success begins at UC Riverside.

Chancellor Kim Wilcox

We Currently Enroll Students from Over 65 Countries!

- Learn from UC Riverside’s world-renowned faculty, including MacArthur genius winner, Uta Barth; award-winning novelist Laila Lalani, and well-known scholar of Chinese Literature, Perry Link, who translated the Tiananmen Papers.

- Enjoy UC Riverside’s extraordinary location. We are located just a short distance from Hollywood, Disneyland, Coachella, snowy mountains, picturesque deserts, and Southern California’s legendary beaches!

- While UC Riverside has grown to become one of the largest universities in California, it has retained the friendly atmosphere of a much smaller campus. At UC Riverside, professors, teaching assistants, and academic advisors do all they can to help each student succeed.

- You will hear a variety of languages spoken among the students at UC Riverside. We consistently rank among the most ethnically diverse campuses in the United States.

- There’s always something to do at UC Riverside or in downtown Riverside, California. Our vibrant campus life includes over 500 student organizations and a very active international student community.
TRANSFORMING THE WORLD

UC Riverside is truly an international university, with diverse and friendly students, faculty, and staff from around the world.

Our faculty and students have conducted studies everywhere from beneath the ice in Antarctica to the top of Mt. Everest. Ongoing efforts of our faculty and students are attempting to stop the spread of malaria, improve drought-resistant crops, and develop cleaner alternative energy sources. Our worldwide perspective prepares our students for the global marketplace.
THE UC RIVERSIDE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE

Make friends. Make plans. Make memories.

At UC Riverside, your social calendar will be full of concerts, movies, athletic events, and sightseeing in Southern California. Go surfing or snowboarding with Outdoor Excursions. Take a spin class or swim class at our huge new Student Recreation Center. Shop the Farmer’s Market or visit the UCR/California Museum of Photography. Take a peaceful walk through our Botanic Gardens.
YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

First-year students are guaranteed a place to live in our Residence Halls – if the students meet all necessary deadlines. UCR Residence Halls offer computer labs, study lounges, tutoring services, laundry facilities, nearby convenience stores and free Wi-Fi on campus! Students can also take part in more than 1,500 residential life activities, including live music, dances, sports, and cultural celebrations.
Residential Restaurants feature a wide variety of international and American cuisines.

On-Campus Restaurants, including the award-winning Scotty’s Restaurant, serve high-quality, healthy cuisine. Centrally-located restaurants and traveling food trucks serve up pizza, pasta, sushi, tacos, ice cream, and more. 

dining.ucr.edu

Campus Apartments offer comfortable living spaces from studios to four-bedroom apartments. Amenities can include swimming pools, barbecue areas, and more.

Take a virtual tour at housing.ucr.edu
RANKINGS

At UC Riverside, our students have taken their place among the world’s academic elite.

“…[UC Riverside students are] as bright and engaged as any students I’ve taught at Harvard or Berkeley, and also determined to give back to their communities and their society. I wish we could clone UCR all over America.”

Robert B. Reich (UC Berkeley professor, Former U.S. Secretary of Labor)

“Recognized nationally as one of the few public research universities with no racial disparity in graduation rates.”

(Los Angeles Times)

#1 IN CALIFORNIA (#2 IN THE NATION) FOR BLACK GRADUATION RATES

( Education Trust, 2017)

#2 IN THE WORLD FOR ENTOMOLOGY

( The Center for World University Rankings, 2017)

#3 BEST COLLEGE IN THE NATION FOR HISPANIC STUDENTS

(BestColleges.com, 2016)

#3 IN THE NATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPATION

( Washington Monthly, 2016)

#4 MOST DIVERSE UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION

(Forbes, 2016)

World University Rankings!

UC Riverside is ranked among the world’s elite universities.

SHANGHAI JIAO TONG UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC RANKING OF WORLD UNIVERSITIES (ARWU)

ARWU uses six objective indicators to rank world universities, including prestigious awards, research citations, and articles published and indexed (2016).

TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKING

Top “Golden Age” university, established between 1945-1966, for research and teaching. (2017)
ADMISSION TO UCR
Undergraduate Admissions

As one of the most prestigious universities in the United States, UC Riverside sets high admission standards. Incoming students are selected based on a wide range of criteria: academic performance, standardized exam scores, and the potential for success as an undergraduate.

We welcome over 1,000 new international students each year, and celebrate the valuable perspective they will share with faculty, students, and the worldwide community.

FRESHMAN ADMISSION
(Students who are enrolled in a secondary school or have never enrolled at a university.)

1. Complete a rigorous set of courses in High School (Grades 9-12).
2. Complete a high level of academic achievement:
   - Meet minimum requirements to be considered for UC Riverside selection, you must earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale (equivalent to an 85 percent on a 100 percent scale).
3. Meet the examination requirements by December of the student’s final year in high school.
   - Complete the ACT with Writing or the SAT with Essay Test.
4. Demonstrate English proficiency on the TOEFL (80 iBT or higher) or IELTS (6.5 or higher) exam. Visit go.ucr.edu/explore for additional ways to meet proficiency.

   - The SAT subject tests are not required. They do, however, demonstrate subject mastery, and may meet an “a-g” requirement or fulfill recommendations by UC Riverside’s Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS). Both colleges recommend Math Level 2 and either Chemistry or Physics.

   - Mastery of Mathematics should cover at least Pre-Calculus, though an advanced placement course in Calculus is recommended.
   - Take the SAT Math Subject exam.
   - Take either the Physics or Chemistry SAT Subject Exam, or the ACT Science Reasoning Test.

Applicants to the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences are strongly encouraged to take:
- The SAT Math Subject Exam
- Either the Physics or Chemistry SAT Subject Exam
- The ACT Science Reasoning Test
- An AP Calculus Exam

Applicants to the Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering are strongly encouraged to:
- Ensure strong preparation in Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics.
- Take required classes.
  - Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a minimum GPA of 2.8 out of 4.0 (equivalent to 75 percent on a 100 percent scale) or higher.
  - Admission is selective, so strive to surpass the minimum GPA. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be Pass/Not Pass.

2. Complete (with grades C or better) the UC Seven Course Pattern:
- 2 courses in English composition
- 1 course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
- 4 courses selected from at least two of the following subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, physical and biological sciences
- Each course must be transferable and worth at least 3 semester (4-5 quarter) units.

3. Meet the requirements for the major.
   - Each major has different prerequisites, required GPAs, and overall selection criteria. Performance counts. All transferable coursework is taken into account, and some majors require a GPA higher than that required for basic admission. Programs are selective. Students should work to surpass the minimum selection criteria.
   - For help regarding requirements, contact an International Admissions Counselor at internationalinfo@ucr.edu.

TRANSFER ADMISSION
(Students who have graduated from secondary school and are enrolled in a university program.)

Transfer applicants will need to complete specific course requirements and achieve high academic achievement to transfer into UC Riverside. To view our specific admissions requirements and selection criteria, visit go.ucr.edu/explore.

1. Take required classes.
   - Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credit with a minimum GPA of 2.8 out of 4.0 (equivalent to 75 percent on a 100 percent scale) or higher.
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4. Demonstrate language proficiency.
   - For more information about the University of California Admission Requirements and the selection process at UC Riverside, please visit go.ucr.edu/connect.

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS
As a freshmen applicant, you must answer four out of eight Personal Insight Questions on the UC application. As a transfer student, you must answer one required question, plus three out of seven additional questions. It is important that you express who you are, what matters to you and what you want to share with UC Riverside. Each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words. For more information on the Personal Insight Questions, visit go.ucr.edu/insight

For country-specific admission requirements, visit go.ucr.edu/explore or email an International Admissions Counselor at internationalinfo@ucr.edu.

Applications must be received online from November 1 – November 30: universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Note: UC Riverside only accepts applicants for the fall term.
ACADEMICS

Not far from the excitement of Los Angeles and the California coast, UC Riverside offers a quiet atmosphere where you can truly concentrate on your studies. Greater focus now can lead to greater success later!

Faculty

Our students work closely with award-winning faculty. Students enjoy an extremely attractive student-to-faculty ratio for a campus our size, averaging 19 students to 1 faculty member (19:1). Of our 900 scholars and researchers, 98% hold Ph.D.'s. They are ranked 6th in the nation as the faculty who received the most significant awards and recognition (Washington Monthly, 2014).

University Honors

If you value intellectual challenges and want to be a part of an innovative, diverse, and demanding learning community, consider being a part of UC Riverside’s prestigious University Honors program. Find out more at honors.ucr.edu.

Arts and Humanities

UC Riverside’s College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) is home to some of the most acclaimed alumni, including two-time Pulitzer Prize winner Steven Breen and two-time U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins. chass.ucr.edu

Engineering

UC Riverside’s Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering (BCOE) continues to be ranked first in the country among engineering schools of its size by U.S. News and World Report. Seventy percent of graduates have jobs within six months of graduation. engr.ucr.edu

Life and Physical Sciences

The historical roots of our College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS) date back over 100 years to California’s landmark Citrus Experiment Station. Today, CNAS degree programs encompass the life, physical, mathematical, and agricultural sciences. cnas.ucr.edu

Business

UC Riverside’s School of Business offers the UC system’s largest and most established business program, and develops world-class managers, leaders, entrepreneurs, and scholars. soba.ucr.edu

School of Medicine

The UC Riverside School of Medicine offers a four-year graduate degree program that leads to a doctor of medicine (M.D.) degree. The school’s mission is to expand and diversify the region’s physician workforce and improve the health of medically underserved populations. medschool.ucr.edu

Public Policy

UC Riverside is one of the few national universities to offer a School of Public Policy for undergraduates. We are also the only UC campus to offer public policy as a major. spp.ucr.edu
UCR UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

Marlan and Rosemary Bourns College of Engineering

- Bioengineering T
- Computer Science and Business Applications T
- Chemical Engineering T
- Computer Engineering T
- Computer Science M T
- Electrical Engineering T
- Environmental Engineering T
- Materials Science and Engineering T
- Mechanical Engineering T

Combined B.S. plus M.S. five-year programs are offered in Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. A combined B.S. Computer Engineering plus M.S. Computer Science five-year program is also offered.

College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

- African American Studies M
- Anthropology M
- Art (Studio)
- Art History M
- Art History/Administrative Studies
- Art History/Religious Studies
- Asian Studies M
- Business Economics
- Chicano Studies M
- Creative Writing M
- Dance M
- Economics M
- Economics/Administrative Studies
- English M
- Ethnic Studies M
- Gender and Sexuality Studies M
- Global Studies M
- History M
- History/Administrative Studies

Languages and Literatures

- Chinese M
- Classical Studies M
- Comparative Ancient Civilizations
- Comparative Literature
- French M
- Germanic Studies M
- Japanese M
- Languages
- Russian Studies M
- Latin American Studies
- Liberal Studies
- Linguistics
- Media and Cultural Studies M
- Middle East and Islamic Studies M
- Music M
- Music and Culture
- Native American Studies M
- Neuroscience M T
- Philosophy M
- Political Science M
- Political Science/Administrative Studies
- Political Science/International Affairs
- Political Science/Public Service
- Psychology M T
- Public Policy M
- Religious Studies M
- Sociology M
- Sociology/Administrative Studies
- Spanish M
- Sustainability Studies
- Theatre, Film and Digital Production M

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

- Biochemistry T
- Biology T
- Cell, Molecular, and Developmental Biology T
- Chemistry M T
- Earth Sciences T
- Entomology M T
- Environmental Sciences M T
- Geology M T
- Geophysics T
- Mathematics M T
- Mathematics for Secondary School Teachers T
- Microbiology T
- Neuroscience M T
- Physics M T
- Plant Biology M T
- Statistics M T

The School of Business Administration

- Business Administration M T

You can specialize in one of the following areas:
- Accounting and Auditing
- Finance
- Management
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management

Students are admitted to the Business Administration major after successful completion of a series of prerequisites with the minimum required GPA.

Freshman applicants should apply as Pre-Business in the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences; transfer applicants should apply as Business Administration in the School of Business Administration.

M = Academic minors are also available for these majors
T = Transfer Selecting major. If applying as a transfer student, specific, pre-requisite courses must be completed. For more information on transfer selection majors, visit admissions.ucr.edu

Graduate School of Education

- Education, Society, and Human Development T

Additional Minors

In addition to the minors listed with their corresponding major, the following minors are also available at UCR:

- Asian American Studies
- Chicano Bilingual-Bicultural Studies
- Education
- Global Climate Change
- International Relations
- Journalism
- Labor Studies
- Languages and Literatures/Arabic
- Languages and Literatures/Italian
- Languages and Literatures/Korean
- Law and Society
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Intersex, and Transgender Studies
- Marxist Studies
- Peace and Conflict
- Science Fiction and Technoculture Studies
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Urban Studies
- Western American
PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST

UC Riverside employs a student-centered philosophy. Our goal is to give our students the climate, the tools, and the emotional support necessary for success. We provide a wide variety of student services and programs to support students’ overall success.

The International Student & Scholar Office (ISSO)

Each year, The International Student & Scholar Office (ISSO) welcomes students from over 65 countries. The ISSO offers a safe environment in which students can receive support and advising as well as participate in fun events, intercultural programs, and discussion groups.

Campus Resources to Help International Students Succeed

With over 500 student organizations, life at UC Riverside offers a variety of cultural activities and programs, including the Chinese Student Association, Indian Students Association, Pacific Islander Student Alliance, Muslim Student Association, and the Korean Student Association Han Noo Ri.

Spend time in one of our seven professionally-staffed ethnic and gender programs:
- African Student Programs
- Asian Pacific Student Programs
- Chicano Student Programs
- LGBT Resource Center
- Middle Eastern Student Center
- Native American Student Programs
- Women’s Resource Center

Health and Wellness

UC Riverside maintains a culture of mental, emotional, and physical wellness. On-campus services range from our on-campus health center and pharmacy to personal counseling to high-quality medical and dental care. The mission of UCR Student Health Services is to provide accessible and comprehensive medical care to all students with a focus on health education and prevention.

Transportation

Getting around Riverside is easy. Many students ride bicycles, or walk around our large park-like campus. Our Campus Mobility Service provides curb-to-curb transport services for those with special needs. UC Riverside students can also ride the public bus for free within the local areas. For a small fee, students can rent a car from Zipcar, a national car-sharing network.

UC Riverside is conveniently located 20 minutes from the Ontario International Airport (ONT), or just 70 miles from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Riverside is connected to major California cities and surrounding counties by the Metrolink Rail Train Service.

Campus Safety

UC Riverside provides the safest and most secure campus environment possible. Our full-service, on campus police force is always available. Safety escorts are available to guide pedestrians to their car or meeting place after dark. Most buildings and parking lots are outfitted with video surveillance, and blue emergency call boxes and emergency phones are stationed around campus. Should a problem arise, our Emergency Notification System alerts students, faculty, and staff immediately.
COSTS AND FEES

The cost of attending UC Riverside is extremely competitive with private institutions and other University of California campuses. Expenses associated with living in Riverside are considerably less than those of nearby metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego.

### Estimated Tuition and Fees*

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* Estimated UC SHIP (Student Health Insurance Plan) = $1,757.75
Undergraduate fees including UC SHIP = $15,674.99; fees if UC SHIP is waived = $13,917.24

**UC SHIP** is a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan, which means that students have access to a network of participating doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers. UC SHIP also includes dental and vision care. The plan provider is Personal Insurance Administrators (PIA), and it is underwritten by AIG.

* Amounts above are estimates subject to Regental approval and may change.
Fees are as of August 2017 and are subject to change.

Visit [financialaid.ucr.edu/ucr-cost](http://financialaid.ucr.edu/ucr-cost) for updates.

### Resources for Applicants

For more information on UC Riverside’s application process and the student experience, visit [go.ucr.edu/explore](http://go.ucr.edu/explore).

Email: [internationalinfo@ucr.edu](mailto:internationalinfo@ucr.edu)
Housing: [housing.ucr.edu](http://housing.ucr.edu)

Guided Campus Tours

For online and in-person tours, visit [tours.ucr.edu](http://tours.ucr.edu)

Social Media

- [facebook.com/ucradmissions](http://facebook.com/ucradmissions)
- [twitter.com/ucradmissions](http://twitter.com/ucradmissions)
- [ucrinternational +1 (951) 827-4410](http://ucrinternational +1 (951) 827-4410)
- [instagram.com/lifeatucr](http://instagram.com/lifeatucr)
- [ucradmissions](http://ucradmissions)
- [renren.com/ucriverside](http://renren.com/ucriverside)
- [weibo.com/ucriverside](http://weibo.com/ucriverside)
- [blog.sina.com.cn/ucriversideadmissions](http://blog.sina.com.cn/ucriversideadmissions)

### CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

**AUGUST**
Access the UC application at [universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply).
List all courses and grades as they appear on the student’s transcripts.
Research and apply for scholarships in the student’s home country or in the United States.

**NOVEMBER**
International Admissions Application Period for admission to the following fall term: November 1 – November 30

**DECEMBER**
Take all required exams by the end of December.

**MARCH**
Admission notification begins for freshman applicants. Visit the student’s MyUCR account to view admission status.

**APRIL**
Admission notification begins for transfer applicants. Visit the student’s MyUCR account to view admission status.
At UC Riverside, our goal is to have a positive impact on human lives. Starting with yours.