



**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 for an appointment.
- Learn about your VA benefits and the best way to use your GI Bill at [gibill.va.gov](http://gibill.va.gov), (you may want to use it immediately, or wait until later in your academic career).
- Research your major at [admissions.ucr.edu](http://admissions.ucr.edu). Identify prerequisites and minimum GPAs.

First Year of Community College or University

September-December

- Meet with a UCR counselor to develop a plan specific to UCR and your desired major.
- Use the online UC Transfer Admissions Planner (TAP) at [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://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](http://admissions.ucr.edu) to learn more.
- Participate in extracurricular activities and internships.

March-August

- Meet with a UCR counselor to ensure you are on target with your transfer plan.
- Visit [assist.org](http://assist.org) to learn admission and selection requirements for your major.
- Complete 30 transferable semester units by the *end of summer*. Plan to complete 60 transferable semester units (90 quarter units) by the *end of the next spring term*.

- Plan to meet all prerequisites for your major.
- At the close of each term, update course work and grades in UC TAP (<http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu>).

Second Year of Community College or University

August

- Start working on your application! Access your UC undergraduate application for admission **August 1** at [universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/apply).

September

- Complete your UC TAG application (optional) online at [uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu) by **September 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 **November 1-30**.
- Add UCR Undergraduate Admissions to your email safe list. All messages will be sent to the address listed on your application.

December

- Contact [ucinfo@application.net](mailto:ucinfo@application.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.

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Visit [assist.org](http://assist.org) to find out if your course work is transferable, see prerequisites and more.

Email [transfer@ucr.edu](mailto:transfer@ucr.edu) or call (951) 827-3411 if you have questions.

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**October-March**

- Apply for financial aid annually, between **October 1 and March 2**, at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) (UCR code is 001316).
- Complete the Transfer Academic Update at [universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate) by the priority deadline of **January 31**.
- Explore campus apartments and family housing at [housing.ucr.edu](http://housing.ucr.edu).
- Admission notification begins **March**. Check your admission status at [my.ucr.edu](http://my.ucr.edu).
- Submit your Cal Grant GPA verification form by **March 2**. Learn more at [calgrants.org](http://calgrants.org).
- Notify UCR Undergraduate Admissions of any changes to your academic plan and/or D or F grades you receive during spring term.
- Attend Transfer Day in October.
- Contact UCR's Financial Aid office for Veteran Educational Benefits at [financialaid.ucr.edu](http://financialaid.ucr.edu)

**April-June (If admitted):**

- If you are planning to use your GI Bill for the first time, fill out an online application at [gibill.va.gov](http://gibill.va.gov). If you've already used part of your GI Bill, skip this step.
- Attend an information session at Highlander Day (mid-April). Meet your Veteran Support Team, discover on-campus services and learn how to use your GI Bill at UCR. Learn more at [highlanderday.ucr.edu](http://highlanderday.ucr.edu).
- Complete 60 transferable units (90 quarter units) by the **end of spring term**.
- Submit your Statement of Intent to Register by **June 1**.
- Submit your tuition deposit by **June 1**.

**July (If admitted):**

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

**August**

- Attend Highlander Orientation for Transfers. Register to attend by **August 1**. Don't miss the special Veteran Orientation session! Visit [transferorientation.ucr.edu](http://transferorientation.ucr.edu) for details.
- After you've enrolled in classes, be sure to visit Student Special Services ([specialservices.ucr.edu](http://specialservices.ucr.edu)) to finalize your paperwork and secure priority enrollment (beginning your second quarter).

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