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. (you may want to use it immediately, or wait until later in your academic career).
- Research your major at 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 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 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 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.

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.

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

- 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 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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October-March
- Apply for financial aid annually, between October 1 and March 2, at fafsa.ed.gov (UCR code is 001316).
- Complete the Transfer Academic Update at universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate by the priority deadline of January 31.
- Explore campus apartments and family housing at housing.ucr.edu.
- Admission notification begins March. Check your admission status at my.ucr.edu.
- Submit your Cal Grant GPA verification form by March 2. Learn more at 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

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. 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.
- 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 for details.
- After you’ve enrolled in classes, be sure to visit Student Special Services (specialservices.ucr.edu) to finalize your paperwork and secure priority enrollment (beginning your second quarter).