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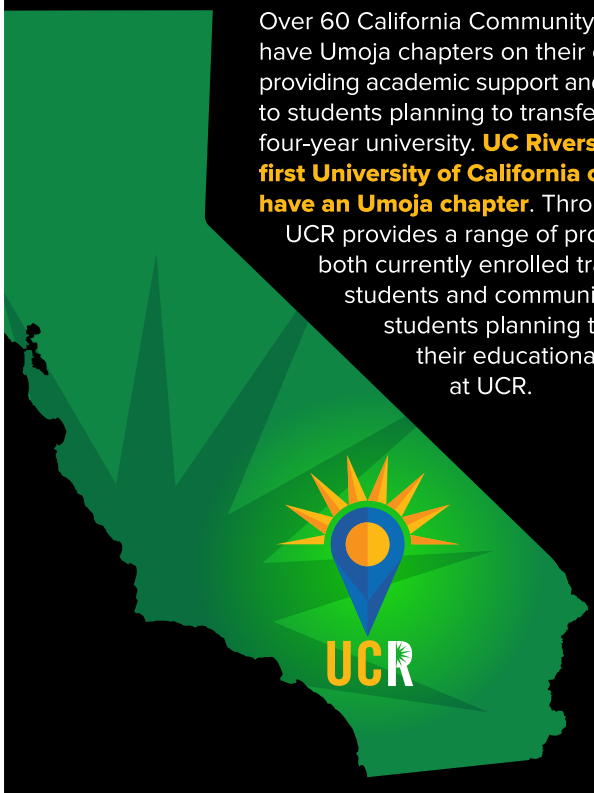
Supporting Your Academic Journey
TO DEGREE AND BEYOND

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
UCRIVERSIDE

A Community of Support

Umoja (a Kiswahili word meaning unity) is dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational experiences of African Americans and other students. We provide transfer students with the knowledge, tools and support needed to increase their academic success. Umoja helps students get transfer-ready, earn degrees and prepare for careers.

Over 60 California Community Colleges have Umoja chapters on their campuses, providing academic support and resources to students planning to transfer to a four-year university. **UC Riverside is the first University of California campus to have an Umoja chapter**. Through Umoja, UCR provides a range of programs to both currently enrolled transfer students and community college students planning to continue their educational journeys at UCR.



"[Umoja] has also allowed me to connect with faculty members as well as students in creating a *community-based relationship* and making me that much more attached to UCR."

JESSICA TROUPE
Sociology major, transferred from Moreno Valley College

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Continue Your Educational JOURNEY AT UCR

UC Riverside is among the nation's top universities for African-American graduation rates (The Education Trust, 2017). Students are succeeding thanks to supportive programs including Umoja at UCR, African Student Programs, award-winning faculty and a range of targeted resources.

VISIT the Campus

Umoja at UCR hosts a number of special events throughout the year for transfer students, including the Umoja Summer Leadership Program for prospective and admitted transfer students where you can discover the campus and meet the Umoja at UCR community.

JOIN Umoja at UCR

Through Umoja at UCR, you can develop as a student and a leader. Connect with a mentor as you adjust to life at UCR. Take part in weekly study sessions. Serve on the Umoja at UCR board and create programming for prospective transfer students. Attend workshops and presentations on topics including career readiness and financial wellness. There are even **job opportunities with Umoja at UCR!**

SECURE YOUR SPOT at UCR

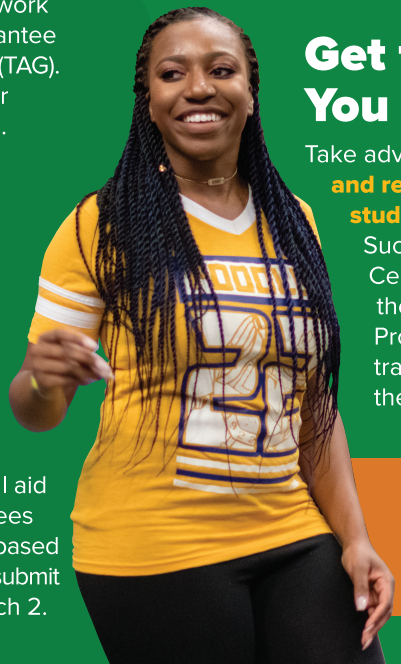
Complete certain California Community College coursework and meet major-specific eligibility requirements to guarantee your spot at UCR with the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG). Track your progress with the Transfer Admission Planner (TAP) and begin your TAG application at **go.ucr.edu/tag**.

APPLY to UCR

Transfer students can apply to UCR for **fall admission Nov. 1–30** and for **winter admission July 1–31**. Don't forget to identify as an Umoja member on your admissions application!

Apply for FINANCIAL AID

At UCR, 86 percent of transfer students receive financial aid and about 68 percent of those students have their full fees covered with grants and/or scholarships, like the needs-based Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan. To qualify for financial aid, submit your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application by March 2.



Get the SUPPORT You need to SUCCEED

Take advantage of the multitude of **programs and resources available to transfer students at UCR**, including the Transfer Success Zone at the Academic Resource Center, the Transfer Career Plan through the Career Center, the First-Year Mentor Program offered by Student Life, and the transfer outreach programs offered by the schools and colleges.

Learn more
about transferring to UCR at TRANSFER.UCR.EDU.

With You on YOUR Journey

From your first day at community college to the day you earn your degree and begin your post-graduate life, you can count on the support of your Umoja community.

"Umoja is a one-stop shop, you just need to go and ask your questions and they'll help you. Whether it's from an *educational perspective* or if you just are looking for *community*, it's all there at Umoja."

SAVANNAH RICHARDSON
Sociology major
Transferred from Las Positas College

"Umoja at UC Riverside is about *getting our scholars to that next level.* Whether that be Graduate School, Medical School, a Career, or starting their own business we want to support them every step of the way. Our board of student leaders have an incredible vision for the future of Umoja at UCR, it is my pleasure to support."

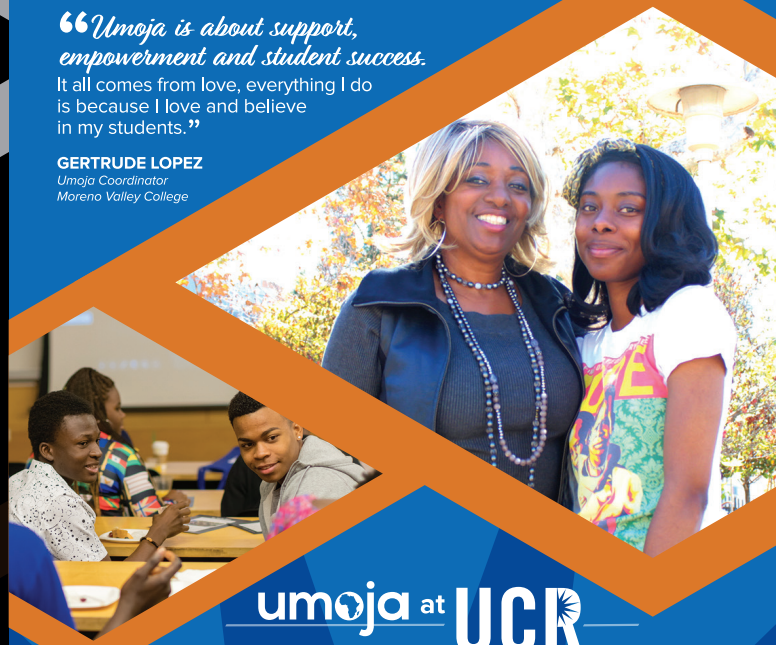
DE'VON T WALKER
UC Riverside Admissions Counselor & Umoja Advisor

"It's allowed me to *gain experience* here and *help other transfer students* who will come in the upcoming quarters."

DANIELLE DIVINITY
Sociology major
Transferred from El Camino College

"*Umoja is about support, empowerment and student success.* It all comes from love, everything I do is because I love and believe in my students."

GERTRUDE LOPEZ
Umoja Coordinator
Moreno Valley College



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