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Dear Bruin parents and families,

Congratulations, and welcome to the Bruin family! We are honored that your student is now officially a member of our campus community—thanks in no small part, I know, to your encouragement, love and support. Now, we will do all we can to provide inspired academic excellence and an unparalleled campus experience.

UCLA offers limitless opportunity for learning and growing, from our world-class faculty, broadly diverse student body, hundreds of student organizations and wide array of choices for serving the community. Our students can study in small-class environments, conduct groundbreaking research and collaborate with senior professors who are at the top of their fields.

We also provide a celebrated cultural environment, with more visual and performing arts on campus than in many cities, championship athletics, award-winning dining and state-of-the-art living facilities. It’s all right here.

We appreciate the trust you have placed in UCLA and the high expectations you have for your student’s experience as a Bruin. As chancellor, I am committed to ensuring that we deliver the best of the best for every single student.

Sincerely,

Gene D. Block
Chancellor
Welcome to the Bruin Family!

Admission to UCLA is a distinction that honors not only academic accomplishments but also the kind of personal growth that is achieved only with the love and encouragement of the entire family. So we’re proud to welcome you as well as your student to our vibrant and diverse community.

We know that Bruin life, with its myriad opportunities and options, can sometimes be daunting. Both of our offices—New Student & Transition Programs as well as Parent & Family Programs—are designed to help students and families as you master the transition to UCLA. We offer programs to make the process as comfortable as possible. This guide will serve as a reference tool throughout your student’s time at UCLA, whenever you need it.

Whether you are a parent or play a support role as a guardian, spouse, partner, grandparent, aunt, uncle or sibling, our New Family Orientation program is designed to provide the tools you need to partner in your student’s success at UCLA. We’ll give you direction on graduation requirements, curriculum alternatives, student services information, the environment on campus and a host of other important subjects.

During New Family Orientation, parents and family members have the opportunity to talk in person with UCLA administrators, faculty, staff and current students. Our hope is that you will leave Orientation more familiar with the university and its resources, policies and procedures, and more aware of the adjustments new students face.

Visit our Parent and Family website at www.parents.ucla.edu to stay informed, access a list of commonly contacted offices, and find advice and tips on a wide range of topics related to parenting a college student. Have a question or comment? Use our Parent & Family Helpline at (310) 794-6737 and email address at mybruinis@ucla.edu; we are here to assist you with all things UCLA.

We are dedicated to helping you support your student’s academic success and personal development while at this incredible university.

Welcome to UCLA,

Roxanne G. Neal
Director
New Student & Transition Programs

Maisha Beasley
Director
Office of Parent & Family Programs

This is UCLA

The University of California

In 1868, the governor of California signed the act that ultimately created California’s first university.

Today, the University of California is synonymous with excellence and innovation, and it spans the Golden State. There are 10 campuses in all: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and, of course, Los Angeles. Laboratories, extension centers, and research and field stations extend the reach of the UC system to even more people and locations.

The UC system has a combined enrollment of more than 240,000 students and nearly 1.6 million alumni worldwide.

As a part of this prestigious educational system, UCLA has a unique history of its own.

UCLA Then

UCLA was established in 1919 as the Southern Branch of the University of California. At the time, there was much political infighting between interests in different parts of the state. Southern California’s population had actually outstripped the Bay Area’s, but the president of the University of California was fearful that a second location would dilute resources and result in academic mediocrity.

Luckily for Southern California—and, ultimately, for the entire state—two visionaries were intent on making a Los Angeles campus a reality. Edward A. Dickson, a UC Regent, joined forces with Ernest Carroll Moore, president of the Los Angeles State Normal School. With the support of the state legislature and the governor, the Normal School campus on Vermont Avenue officially became the Southern Branch of the University of California.

As the student population of the university continued to increase, the need for a new site became obvious. A plot of undeveloped land in Westwood was chosen, and construction began in 1927. By that time, the name of the new school had changed to University of California at Los Angeles. (The “at” was replaced by a comma in 1958.)

In 1929, students, faculty and staff helped to pack up for the move. Waiting for them in the middle of 400 empty acres were the four original UCLA buildings: Royce Hall, Powell Library, Haines Hall and the Humanities Building. (Most of the buildings have undergone a name change or two over the years, but Royce Hall has always been Royce Hall.) Some 5,000 students commuted to classes that fall.

UCLA’s most spectacular period of growth occurred in the 25 years following World War II, when the pre-war enrollment of 9,000 students tripled. The temporary structures of wartime were replaced by residence halls, parking structures, laboratories, classroom and service buildings, athletic and recreational facilities, a medical school and a teaching hospital.
UCLA Now

Although UCLA will not celebrate its 100th birthday until 2019, it is already a university known around the world for its academics, research and service. The London Times, in its annual reputation survey among academic experts, ranked UCLA No. 8 in the world in 2013.

At UCLA, risks are taken, doors are opened and anything is possible. In fact, every single day, people are helped somewhere, somehow, by something UCLA students, faculty or alumni have done, discovered, inspired or improved.

The compact UCLA campus is the smallest in the University of California system. But faculty and students benefit from a layout designed to encourage collaboration and multidisciplinary thinking. Student services are clustered in the center of the campus. To the north stands the research library and the classrooms and studios dedicated to the arts, management, law and social sciences. To the south are the laboratories, libraries and classrooms of the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering and math) and the health sciences.

With a total student population of about 42,000, UCLA reflects the economic and ethnic diversity of California. Out-of-state and international students, long a part of the graduate and professional school experience, add their distinct views to the undergraduate environment as well.

In addition, UCLA is no longer primarily a commuter school. In the past 25 years, the residential population has grown from a few thousand to more than 10,000 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate and professional school students. With continual upgrades to residence halls, UCLA continues to work toward the ideal of guaranteed student housing: freshmen are already guaranteed three years.

Just five miles from the ocean, UCLA is bordered on the north by the protected wilderness of the Santa Monica Mountains and at its southern gate by Westwood Village. Movie theaters, restaurants and shops are within walking distance. The cultural treasures of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art are a few miles to the east, and just to the west is the Getty Center. In all directions are countless opportunities for student internships and service projects.

The UCLA campus has a look all its own. The rounded arches, ruddy brick and Italian Romanesque architecture of the early buildings blend with the contemporary designs of the newer structures. The activity of Bruin Walk contrasts with the serenity of the Botanical Gardens. Members of the campus community can attend outdoor rock concerts at Bruin Plaza or opera in the Schoenberg Music Building, contemplate a Rodin in the Sculpture Garden or attend a political rally in Meyerhoff Park.

UCLA is a place for serious academics in a vibrant, dynamic atmosphere. But it is also a grand adventure, a life experience unlike any other. That’s why Bruins believe anything is possible—and frequently prove it.
Parent Involvement

Whether your student is a freshman or transfer, your involvement in his or her life doesn’t end when college begins. The communication between you and your student may change slightly—or dramatically. But no matter how that communication shifts, the Office of Parent & Family Programs serves as your on-campus resource for helping your student navigate his or her experiences and needs while at UCLA.

UCLA Office of Parent & Family Programs

The Office of Parent & Family Programs is committed to helping parents and families participate in their student’s experience at UCLA. We believe an informed and supportive family plays an integral role in a student’s educational success. To that end, our office is the “one-stop shop” for all of your UCLA questions and needs. We offer resources for you to understand your student’s experience at different stages in his or her collegiate career. To do this, we communicate regularly with families via our helpline, emails, digital newsletters, Facebook and website.

Office of Parent & Family Programs
Parent & Family Helpline: (310) 794-6737
Email: mybruinis@ucla.edu

Website

Our extensive website provides your family with the resources and tools to easily navigate UCLA. Here, you can find information on what our role is as an institution and what role you may play as a parent. We provide a context for interpreting student life, academic expectations, student services and university regulations. The website is also a great resource for useful information on how to make the most of your family’s UCLA experience.

www.parents.ucla.edu

Newsletter

Bruinlink is our digital parent newsletter that is published five times a year. It is designed to inform parents of growing university trends, college student development and their role as a parent of a college student. The articles are written by campus faculty, staff and UCLA parents.

www.parents.ucla.edu/bruinlink
Facebook
Your student might not friend you on Facebook, but we will! Our Facebook page has more than 4,000 fans and is growing by the day. Our office makes frequent posts, including information on important deadlines, upcoming parent-involvement events and happenings around campus. Parents typically use Facebook as another vehicle to reach our office and connect with other Bruin families.

www.facebook.com/uclaparents

Parent & Family Association
All parents of UCLA undergraduate students are members of the Parent & Family Association. As a member of the Association, you receive:

• Our digital parent newsletter, Bruinlink, published five times during the academic year
• Invitations to participate in campus and local events
• Access to the Parent & Family Programs website with up-to-date information
• The opportunity to volunteer your time, talent or treasures at UCLA

Parents’ Council and Volunteers
The Parents’ Council is the governing body of the Parent & Family Association. These dedicated parents also represent the larger parent community to university staff, faculty and administrators. In addition to Parents’ Council meetings and Field Committee participation, typical activities include:

• Community parent events
• Assisting foster youth, veterans and students who have children
• Supporting student philanthropy events on campus

Parents who prefer to participate in smaller ways without making the time commitment required of the Parents’ Council can serve as Parent & Family Association Volunteers. These volunteers serve at events for their local community or large campus events.

www.parents.ucla.edu/council

Your Contact Information
You are part of the Bruin family, and we want to make sure you are connected to the university. If you have a change of address, email or telephone number, please contact the Office of Parent & Family Programs via the helpline or email.

Or, you can update your contact information from home by visiting:
www.parents.ucla.edu/myinfo (look for the link under the “How?” heading)
Privacy/FERPA

When your student was in elementary and high school, you were able to access his or her educational records with relative ease. At UCLA, we realize that you do not stop being a parent or family member when your student begins college. However, it is important to note that once a student turns 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level, the university cannot release information about the student to anyone. Information cannot even be released to parents or other family members because of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA’s domain includes (but is not limited to) grades, disciplinary proceedings, billing and financial aid.

While you as a parent/guardian understandably have an interest in your student’s academic progress, you are not automatically granted access to the student’s records without his or her written consent. We highly encourage you to develop a relationship with your student that is based on trust and conducive to the student’s sharing information with you about college life. In other words, the best way to get information about your student is from your student.

The U.S. Department of Education is responsible for overseeing FERPA. Information can be found on our website: www.parents.ucla.edu/ferpa.

In addition, policy specific to the University of California System and the University of California, Los Angeles campus can be found online at the following websites:

- UCLA FERPA policy
  www.parents.ucla.edu/financial/ferpa
- UC System FERPA policy

Third-Party Access

In order to assist students and families in working together within the guidelines of FERPA, UCLA’s MyUCLA helps students manage their own records from the time they are applicants, during their studies and even after graduation. Additionally, MyUCLA allows students and families to work together to set up access to certain information for parents or other guardians.

“Third-Party Access” allows a student to give rights to their account to another, typically to parents. Students can grant access by individual function. Third parties can view Study List, Degree Progress Report, Grades and GPA, Registration Status, Holds, BruinBill Account, Financial Aid and Address.

Students can authorize third parties to have view-only access to their student records and direct access to their BruinBill account. In addition, the student can elect to have the third party receive billing emails.
To set up Third-Party Access, students must agree that they have read and understand FERPA restrictions. In order to set up access, the third party must first create a UCLA logon account. Users create and manage their individual UCLA Logon ID and password at logon.ucla.edu. Once the UCLA logon has been established, the student logs on to MyUCLA and gives access to the third party in the settings on the top right-hand corner of the MyUCLA home page (www.my.ucla.edu).

Please be advised that being granted third-party access on MyUCLA is not equivalent to having filled out a universal FERPA waiver at UCLA. Currently, there is no universal waiver form for the campus.

True Bruin

In May 2005, the Regents of the University of California issued their “Statement of Ethical Values,” a “commitment to the core values of the University” (UCOP Statement of Ethical Conduct, 2005). This statement provided the basis from which the core values for UCLA were developed. The context for using these values was initially proposed as an ethical statement for the UCLA community that could begin with new Bruins as they began their careers at UCLA. The result was the following:

UCLA True Bruin

As a Bruin, I commit myself to the highest ethical standards.
• Respect—I respect the rights and dignity of others.
• Accountability—I am accountable as an individual and member of this community for my ethical conduct.
• Integrity—I conduct myself with integrity in my dealings with and on behalf of the University.
• Service—I will make an impact in our global community through service.
• Excellence—I conscientiously strive for excellence in my work.

The True Bruin statement of community standards has been embraced as a campus initiative. The notion of what it means to be a True Bruin is applicable to the entire UCLA community: students, staff, faculty and alumni.

To find out more about the program, please see: www.truebruin.ucla.edu.

Student Conduct

With its status as a world-class research institution, it is critical that the university uphold the highest standards of integrity both inside and outside the classroom. As a student and member of the UCLA community, your student is expected to demonstrate integrity in all of his or her academic endeavors. Accordingly, when accusations of academic dishonesty occur, the Office of the Dean of Students is charged with investigating and adjudicating suspected violations. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, multiple submissions or facilitating academic misconduct.

There are also a number of other UCLA and University of California policies that apply to students. They include policies about behavioral expectations, due process, student rights, confidentiality and participation in governance. Students are expected to make themselves aware of and comply with the law, as well as with university and campus policies and regulations.

The regulations within the UCLA Student Conduct Code have been developed to create and maintain a safe, supportive and inclusive campus community that engages students in order to foster their academic success, personal growth and responsible citizenship. Students are considered to be maturing adults who are capable of making their own decisions and of accepting the consequences for those decisions.

A copy of the UCLA Student Conduct Code can be found here: www.deanofstudents.ucla.edu/assets/documents/StudentCC.pdf

Residency

An adult student (at least 18 years of age) is a resident of California for tuition purposes if he or she is
1. a U.S. citizen OR
2. a permanent resident or other immigrant OR
3. a nonimmigrant who is not precluded from establishing a domicile in the U.S.

To establish residence, the student must have been physically present in California for more than one year and must have come here with the intent to make California his or her home. Physical presence in California solely for educational purposes does not constitute the establishment of California residence, regardless of the length of stay.

Nonresident students may apply for a change of classification to resident status once requirements have been met. Inquiries regarding residence requirements, determination and/or recognized exceptions should be directed to:

Residence Deputy
UCLA Registrar’s Office
1113 Murphy Hall
P.O. Box 951429
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1429
(310) 825-1091, option 5
FAQs—Policies

My student has granted me Third-Party Access. Can I be emailed a copy of her grades or transcript?

As a matter of policy, the university does not release confidential information over the phone or by email. Financial Aid, Housing and Student Financial Services may discuss your student’s financial account with you, provided your student has granted authorization in MyUCLA.

Third-Party Access does not extend to other campus offices or automatically grant you permission to discuss your student’s records with the university. Individual authorization forms may be available (from specific offices) for students to complete and sign to allow limited release of information to you. The university does not have a blanket release form that covers the release of all student information to you. Release forms are generally very specific, and students may be required to fill out a form each time they request that information be shared with you.

Does my Third-Party Access allow me to view my son’s or daughter’s medical and counseling records?

No, MyUCLA authorization only allows you to view the information that your student has designated you to see online.

Does FERPA allow me access to my son’s or daughter’s medical and counseling records?

While it is true that neither FERPA nor the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) imposes additional restrictions on the disclosure of medical and mental health records to parents or others (where disclosure would ordinarily be permitted under a FERPA exception), there are California state laws that do provide additional privacy protections in the areas of medical and mental health treatment records. At the university, we work with each individual on a case-by-case basis to determine whether release of information is in his or her best interest. Questions about medical records should be directed to the Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center, and questions about counseling records should be directed to Counseling and Psychological Services. For more information, see pages 42 and 43.

Will I be contacted if my student is sick or hurt? What if my child is in academic trouble or facing disciplinary action?

In most cases, the university will not contact you or provide medical, academic or disciplinary information without your student’s permission. In the case of an extreme emergency where the health of your student is in serious jeopardy, or if there is a concern that he/she poses a threat to him- or herself or to someone else, the university may contact you. As a general guideline, if your student is able to communicate about the situation, it is up to him/her to decide whether and how to discuss the issues.
The Five UCLA Colleges/Schools

UCLA College

UCLA is one of the world’s premier universities. At the core of the university’s research programs, graduate training and undergraduate instruction is the UCLA College of Letters and Science. With over 23,000 students and more than 900 faculty members, the College is the largest academic unit in the UC system. The College offers more than 100 majors leading to the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (B.A.S.) degrees, as well as to master’s and doctoral degrees.

The undergraduate programs in the College stress a liberal arts education that brings together perspectives from many fields in a unified approach to learning. Students learn ways in which issues are analyzed, questions are posed and knowledge is organized. After sampling many general subjects, they concentrate on one field or subject and are required to pursue it rigorously and in depth, according to the standards of scholars in the field.

School of the Arts and Architecture

The School of the Arts and Architecture at UCLA plays a vital role in the cultural and artistic life of the campus and community. Courses and degree programs in six departments (Architecture and Urban Design, Art, Design | Media Arts, Ethnomusicology, Music, and World Arts and Cultures/Dance) provide students with unparalleled opportunities to learn from faculty members who rank among the most innovative artists, designers, musicians, choreographers, architects and arts scholars of our time.

Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science

Over the years, UCLA Engineering has grown into one of the top engineering programs in the country. Though the school has changed in many ways, it has not wavered from its early vision of developing an engineering program with imagination and integrity. The UCLA Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science, founded in 1945, is committed to creating a better future for Los Angeles, California and the world.

The seven departments within the Henry Samueli School of Engineering—Bioengineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering—prepare undergraduate and graduate students for a wide range of professional careers in government, academia, medicine and industry.

School of Nursing

The School of Nursing enjoys a national and international reputation for excellence in teaching, research and clinical practice. A strong scientific basis underlies the teaching of nursing practice, leadership and research. Related clinical experiences are arranged within the UCLA Medical Center, its affiliates or in selected community sites.
The school has an exceptionally qualified faculty; many members have national and international reputations for excellence. The school is also consistently ranked high for its teaching and research programs. The innovative curriculum is responsive to national needs in health care and the diversity of the patient population. Graduates of the program are sought by health care institutions and educational programs, and many alumni have become leaders in the field. Education in this research university with its full range of academic disciplines provides a rich environment for preparation in the health sciences.

School of Theater, Film and Television

The School of Theater, Film and Television consists of the Department of Theater and the Department of Film, Television and Digital Media—recognized national centers for higher education in production and performance as well as in history, theory and criticism. Whether exploring the ancient and sacred roots of theater or the latest secular rituals enacted by popular films, creating a dramatic character for the bare stage or a dramatic narrative on screen, writing scripts or scholarly articles, making digital movies or designing websites, all students in the school study both the aesthetics and cultural significance of theater, film and television.

Degree Requirements for the UCLA College

To complete your Bachelor’s degree at UCLA, you MUST fulfill three types of degree requirements. (Please refer to the UCLA General Catalog for more detailed information.)

I. University Requirements—The University of California requires all undergraduates to satisfy two requirements:
- 1. Entry-Level Writing Requirement or English as a Second Language (ESL) Entry-Level Writing equivalent
- 2. American History and Institutions

II. College Requirements—The College of Letters and Science at UCLA has six requirements:
- 1. Writing I and II, ESL Writing I and II
- 2. Proficiency Requirements
  a. Quantitative Reasoning
  b. Foreign Language
- 3. General Education (GE) courses
- 4. A minimum of 180 units, of which at least 60 units must be upper division. Normal progress is to complete 45 units each academic year (average of 15 units per quarter). This unit load enables students to graduate in four years. Class standing is determined by units completed. Please refer to page 24 for a breakdown of the units.
- 5. In order to graduate, a student must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA, including work in the major.
- 6. Residence Requirements

III. Departmental Requirements—Undergraduate majors in the College are divided into four divisions: Humanities, Social Sciences, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences. Departmental requirements consist of:
- 1. Preparation for the Major: Courses required by the department before being admitted to the major.
- 2. Major Requirements: Majors in the College of Letters and Science are comprised of approximately 9–16 upper division courses (36–64) units.

Electives—Elective units are used to fulfill the minimum 180-unit requirement.

Credit for Advanced Placement—Students who passed Advanced Placement exams with scores of 3 or higher may be eligible for UCLA credit. Consult the UCLA Student Orientation Handbook for translations.

Degree Requirements for the UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture

To complete your bachelor’s degree at UCLA, you MUST fulfill three types of degree requirements. (Please refer to the UCLA General Catalog for more detailed information.)

I. University Requirements—The University of California requires all undergraduates to satisfy two requirements:
1. Entry-Level Writing Requirement or English as a Second Language (ESL) Entry-Level Writing equivalent
2. American History and Institutions

II. School Requirements—The School of the Arts and Architecture at UCLA has 10 requirements:
1. Writing I
2. Writing II
3. Foreign Language Proficiency
4. Quantitative Reasoning
5. General Education (GE) Courses (8 courses total)
6. Upper-Division Non-Major Field
7. Diversity Course
8. A minimum of 180 units, of which at least 64 units must be upper-division
9. Scholarship and Major—Maintain a 2.0 GPA overall and in major
10. Residence Requirements

III. Departmental Requirements—There are seven undergraduate majors in the School of the Arts and Architecture: Architectural Studies, Art, Dance, Design | Media Arts, Ethnomusicology, Music, and World Arts and Cultures. Departmental requirements consist of:
1. Preparation for the Major: Courses designed to prepare the student for Upper-Division study.
2. Major Requirements: Most majors in the School of the Arts and Architecture require a Senior Project related to the area of study (e.g., recitals, art exhibitions, etc.), as well as coursework in the major department.

Electives—Elective units are used to fulfill the minimum 180 units required to graduate.

Credit for Advanced Placement—Students who passed the Advanced Placement test with a 3 or higher may be eligible for UCLA credit. Consult www.registrar.ucla.edu/catalog for equivalents. For application requirements, contact the School of the Arts and Architecture, Office of Student Services at (310) 206-3564.

Degree Requirements for the UCLA Henri Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science
To complete your bachelor’s degree at UCLA, you MUST fulfill three types of degree requirements. (Please refer to the UCLA General Catalog for more detailed information.)

I. University Requirements—The University of California requires all undergraduates to satisfy two requirements:
1. Entry-Level Writing Requirement or English as a Second Language (ESL) Entry-Level Writing equivalent
2. American History and Institutions

II. School Requirements (General)—Specific requirements for each of the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) degree programs are described in detail in the SEAS announcement.
1. Writing I
2. Ethics course
3. General Education (GE) courses

III. Departmental Requirements—There are nine undergraduate majors in the School of Engineering and Applied Science: Aerospace, Bioengineering, Chemical, Civil and Environmental, Computer Science, Computer Science and Engineering, Electrical, Materials Science and Mechanical. Departmental requirements consist of:
1. Preparation for the Major: All undergraduates in the School of Engineering and Applied Science must complete courses in preparation for the major. Please refer to the major for specific requirements.
2. Major Requirements: Courses designed to prepare students for a career in the area of his/her major.
3. Unit Requirements: The minimum unit requirement in the School of Engineering and Applied Science ranges from 181 to 213 units, depending on the curriculum selected. Please consult the UCLA General Catalog for specific information.

Credit for Advanced Placement—Students who passed Advanced Placement exams with scores of 5 or higher may be eligible for UCLA credit. Consult the UCLA General Catalog or the School of Engineering and Applied Science Announcement for equivalents.

Degree Requirements for the UCLA School of Nursing
To complete your Bachelor’s degree at UCLA, you MUST fulfill three types of degree requirements. (Please refer to the UCLA General Catalog for more detailed information.)

I. University Requirements—The University of California requires all undergraduates to satisfy two requirements:
1. Entry-Level Writing Requirement or English as a Second Language (ESL) Entry-Level Writing equivalent
2. American History and Institutions

II. College Requirements—The College of Letters and Science at UCLA has five requirements:
1. Writing I and Writing II
2. Quantitative Reasoning
3. General Education (GE) courses
   - A minimum of 180 units, of which at least 64 units must be upper division
4. In order to graduate, a student must maintain an overall 2.0 GPA, including work in the major
5. Residence requirements—77 of the last 97 units must be completed at UCLA

III. Departmental Requirements—The School of Nursing has one undergraduate major. Department requirements consist of:
1. Preparation for the major: Courses required by the department before being admitted to the major
2. Major requirements: Courses required by the department after being admitted to the major; courses are designed to prepare students for a career in nursing.
An Academic Overview

All UCLA undergraduates are subject to university-wide academic regulations. We strongly recommend you refer to information in the UCLA General Catalog.

The Academic Calendar

UCLA operates on the quarter system, with the year divided into fall, winter and spring quarters and the optional summer sessions. Each quarter is 10 weeks in length plus one week for final examinations. The summer sessions vary in length from 6 to 10 weeks.

Faculty

Distinguished faculty members at UCLA include Nobel Prize winners, Guggenheim Fellows, Sloan Fellows and Fulbright Scholars, as well as numerous members of the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In fact, UCLA consistently places among the leading universities nationwide in the number of these prestigious awards granted to its faculty members.

Faculty members teach both undergraduate and graduate courses and, through their research, create knowledge as well as transmit it. At UCLA, students are taught by the people making the discoveries. They exchange ideas with faculty members who are authorities in their fields and, even as undergraduates, are encouraged to participate in research to experience firsthand the discovery of new knowledge.

Although all UCLA faculty members engage in research, they are equally dedicated to disseminating their findings in the classroom. Excellence in teaching is one of the main criteria for faculty promotion, and distinguished teaching awards are among those most highly prized by UCLA professors.

Grading System

The university uses the A–F grading scale with minus and plus notations.

A+ Extraordinary
A Superior
B Good
C Fair
D Poor
F Fail
P Passed (achievement at grade C level or better)
NP Not Passed
I Incomplete
IP In Progress
DR Deferred Report

Electives

Elective units are used to fulfill the minimum of 180 units requirement.

Credit for Advanced Placement

Students who passed Advanced Placement exams with scores of 3 or higher may be eligible for UCLA credit. Consult the UCLA Student Orientation Handbook for translations.

Degree Requirements for the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television

To complete your bachelor’s degree at UCLA, you MUST fulfill three types of degree requirements. (Please refer to the UCLA General Catalog for more detailed information.)

I. University Requirements

The University of California requires all undergraduates to satisfy two requirements:

1. Entry-Level Writing Requirement or English as a Second Language (ESL) Entry-Level Writing equivalent
2. American History and Institutions

II. School Requirements

The School of Theater, Film and Television at UCLA has eight requirements:

1. Writing I
2. Writing II
3. Literature
4. Foreign Language Proficiency
5. General Education (GE) courses
6. A minimum of 180 units, of which at least 64 units must be upper-division
7. An overall 2.0 minimum GPA in all coursework
8. Residence Requirements

III. Departmental Requirements

There are two majors: Theater, and Film and Television. Each individual department may also hold students to its own requirements.

Departmental requirements consist of:

1. Preparation for the Major: (Theater major only) Courses designed to prepare the student for Upper Division study
2. Major Requirements: Courses designed to prepare students for a career in the area of his/her major. Majors may require a senior thesis.

Electives

Elective units are used to fulfill the minimum of 180 units requirement.

Credit for Advanced Placement

Students who passed the Advanced Placement test with a 3 or higher may be eligible for UCLA credit. Consult the UCLA General Catalog for equivalents. For application requirements, contact the School of Theater, Film and Television.

Degree Requirements for the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television

To complete your bachelor’s degree at UCLA, you MUST fulfill three types of degree requirements. (Please refer to the UCLA General Catalog for more detailed information.)

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The University of California requires all undergraduates to satisfy two requirements:

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The School of Theater, Film and Television at UCLA has eight requirements:

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8. Residence Requirements

III. Departmental Requirements

There are two majors: Theater, and Film and Television. Each individual department may also hold students to its own requirements.

Departmental requirements consist of:

1. Preparation for the Major: (Theater major only) Courses designed to prepare the student for Upper Division study
2. Major Requirements: Courses designed to prepare students for a career in the area of his/her major. Majors may require a senior thesis.

Electives

Elective units are used to fulfill the minimum of 180 units requirement.

Credit for Advanced Placement

Students who passed the Advanced Placement test with a 3 or higher may be eligible for UCLA credit. Consult the UCLA General Catalog for equivalents. For application requirements, contact the School of Theater, Film and Television.

Grading System

The university uses the A–F grading scale with minus and plus notations.

A+ Extraordinary
A Superior
B Good
C Fair
D Poor
F Fail
P Passed (achievement at grade C level or better)
NP Not Passed
I Incomplete
IP In Progress
DR Deferred Report
Class Standing
Grades A, B, C and P denote satisfactory progress toward the degree, but a D grade must be offset by higher grades in the same term for students to remain in good academic standing. An F grade yields no unit or course credit.

Undergraduate classification (i.e., freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) is determined by the number of units completed, not by the number of years of attendance.

Class Completed units
Freshman 0–44.9
Sophomore 45–89.9
Junior 90–134.9
Senior 135 or more

Good Standing/Minimum Scholarship
To qualify for a bachelor’s degree at UCLA, the student must earn a minimum overall and major GPA of a 2.0 (“C” average). Individual departments may require higher standards of achievement.

Academic Probation
Students will be placed on academic probation if the overall or quarterly GPA falls between 1.5 and 1.99.

Subject to Dismissal
A student will be subject to dismissal from the university under any of the following conditions:

- If his/her GPA in any one quarter is less than 1.5, or
- If he/she does not earn a 2.0 in any quarter when he/she is on probation, or
- If he/she does not end probation within two quarters.

Students who are subject to dismissal must see their academic counselor. Please consult the UCLA General Catalog for further information.

Minimum Progress
UCLA is a full-time institution, and students may be placed on progress probation or disqualified if they do not pass a specific number of units per academic year.

Withdrawal
A student may withdraw from a term if no final exams have been taken and no course work has been completed where a final grade would be assigned.

A student who withdraws from a term more than one time while in academic difficulty may be subject to a restriction on continuance in the university. Such students should see an academic counselor in their college or school prior to withdrawing.

Academic Excellence
Students who excel in their courses are eligible for a variety of honors, such as:

- Departmental Honors
- College Honors
- Latin Honors
- Dean’s Honors List
- Other honorary societies

Enrollment
Students have access to MyUCLA, which allows them to review their university academic records. www.my.ucla.edu

Students use their UCLA Logon ID to access MyUCLA.

The UCLA Schedule of Classes and General Catalog are materials that supply the information students need to select courses for the quarter and that outline all university policies, procedures and deadlines. The schedule is available online through the UCLA Registrar’s homepage at: www.registrar.ucla.edu/schedule. The catalog is available online at www.registrar.ucla.edu/catalog.

After students have chosen their courses, they may enroll using MyUCLA at a designated time. All students attending New Student Orientation will get to enroll at Orientation under the guidance of their New Student Advisor. In future terms, students may obtain their enrollment appointment time through MyUCLA. The dates of enrollment—which determine who enrolls first, second and so on—are based on class level (senior, third-year, second-year, first-year). If you are a graduating UCLA senior, for example, then you have the highest priority (or first availability) to enroll.

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Academic Counseling and Support Services

Academic Advancement Program
1232 Campbell Hall (310) 825-1481
The Academic Advancement Program (AAP), a multicultural program, represents the best of what United States society aspires to: access, equity, opportunity and excellence. AAP has a threefold mission—to ensure the academic success, retention and graduation of its more than 6,500 students; to increase the number of these students entering graduate and professional schools; and to develop the academic, political, scientific, economic and community-leadership necessary to transform our society in the 21st century. AAP encourages and promotes academic achievement and excellence by providing students with tutoring, academic programs, academic, personal and career counseling, graduate mentoring, scholarships, research opportunities and stipends; opportunities to participate in innovative science programs; and a computer lab.

ASK Peer Counselors
A316 Murphy Hall (310) 206-1661
The ASK program provides an extension to the counseling services available to UCLA College undergraduates. ASK counselors are students trained to provide academic information, advising and referral in a convenient, walk-up setting. Students can find ASK counselors at various outdoor campus locations as well as in Murphy Hall.

Counseling Assistants
A316 Murphy Hall (310) 825-3382
College Academic Mentors (CAMS) are UCLA graduate students who work in the College of Letters and Science and have been specifically trained to help new students with the transition to the university. CAMs help new students with program planning and course selection and are available throughout the academic year.

Honors Programs
A311 Murphy Hall (310) 825-1553
Honors Programs provides academic counseling and services to students eligible for the various honors programs under its jurisdiction. It also offers scholarship and research opportunities and administers the honor society Phi Beta Kappa.

Departmental Advisors
Advisors in each department offer specialized counseling for the major and advising for career opportunities in the field. Their names, locations and phone numbers are listed in the online Schedule of Classes.

Intercollegiate Athletics
Morgan Center (310) 825-8699
The mission of the UCLA Academic & Student Services Office (AS2) and its S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Program is to provide an interactive learning environment that emphasizes lifelong learning habits, goal setting, teamwork, leadership and character. Centered on the idea of self-sufficient, independent learner, the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Program features academic counseling, academic and student support services, and student-athlete development programs that support and motivate student-athletes to reach their full potential academically and personally. The AS2 team promotes a healthy balance between academics and athletics and embraces UCLA’s “True Bruin” philosophy, which sets forth the ethical standards of integrity, excellence, accountability and respect. Our commitment is to assist student-athletes in transitioning to the university, earning their UCLA degree and developing their skills and confidence to be champions in life.

UCLA College
A316 Murphy Hall (310) 825-3382
The College of Letters & Science provides professional counseling on academic regulations and procedures, selection of courses, and the options and alternatives available to enhance the student’s university education. Seminars are available throughout the quarter at “the College” and in Covel Commons on various topics, including “Improving Your Study Skills,” “Time Management,” “Choosing a Major,” etc. In addition, there are special “no surprises” senior seminars about degree-check information and other graduation procedures.

School of the Arts and Architecture
2200 Broad Art Center (310) 206-3564
The Office of Student Services provides a variety of counseling and program planning services to UCLA Arts students. The staff is available to help students navigate through the requirements to complete the undergraduate degree from the point of admission to graduation.

Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science
6426 Boelter Hall (310) 825-2826
The Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) provides academic advising and counseling for engineering undergraduate students. Their counseling and advising services include guidance with policies and procedures, advice on curriculum requirements, identification of resources for tutoring and study skill improvement, and the review of petitions. However, they also serve as a gateway to a myriad of campus resources and welcome any engineering undergraduate student to stop by 6426 Boelter Hall for help with their concern.

School of Nursing
2-200 Louis Factor Building (310) 206-8741
The School of Nursing provides a bridge for associate degree or diploma RNs who wish to prepare for advanced practice study at the graduate level.
School of Theater, Film and Television
103 East Melnitz Building (310) 206-8441
The Student Services Office provides a variety of counseling and program planning services to students. The staff members are available to help students navigate through the requirements for the undergraduate and graduate degree programs, from the point of admission to graduation.

Academic Support Materials
Textbooks, course readers and computing needs
Each quarter, UCLA professors submit their requisitions to the UCLA Store for required and optional course materials. The UCLA Store compiles these requests and ensures that all required and optional books are available by the start of classes. The UCLA Store is committed to carrying course materials for all requisitions; therefore, it is the only store committed to having all the books needed for UCLA classes. Course materials can be purchased at the Ackerman Union location, located on A-level, or ordered online at www.uclastore.com. Online orders can be shipped or picked up at the store.

The UCLA Store provides several options designed to help students realize savings on course materials, such as offering used books, digital books and textbook rental whenever possible.
In addition, the store has a Textbook Price Match program and will match a lower price for new textbooks from another commercial retailer. As an alternative to cash or credit card purchases, course materials can be purchased on the student’s BruinCard account, or parents may purchase a bookcard pre-loaded for a designated amount. At the end of every quarter, the UCLA Store will buy back textbooks for up to 50 percent of the purchase price (some restrictions apply). The buyback price varies, depending on whether the book is going to be used by professors the following quarter. For more information about course materials, call (310) 206-0791.

Computer Labs and Places to Study

Computer Labs/Learning Centers
There are many computer labs housed all over campus for students’ use. In addition to those, there are several computer labs located on The Hill that are open specifically for students living in the residence halls. These computer labs/learning centers have modern computers, scanners, CD/DVD burning and color printers. Residents get 100 pages of free black and white printing, not to mention staples, study rooms and other great resources!

Covel Commons – Second Floor, Room 227 (Study Lounge)
Covel Commons Learning Center is centrally located and is our largest learning center.

De Neve – Podium Building, Room 333
In addition to the services provided at all of the labs, De Neve Learning Center specializes in multimedia and video production software and equipment.

Rieber Hall – Lobby Floor
In addition to the services provided at all of the labs, Rieber Hall Learning Center specializes in supporting group projects and collaboration.

Places to Study
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FAQs—Academics

Is it common for students to study abroad?
The Education Abroad Program (EAP) offers a variety of opportunities for students to study in various countries while being exposed to a different lifestyle and culture. Through EAP, the University of California system offers over 140 exchange programs in more than 40 countries. Students can spend a summer, semester or year abroad. Courses taken abroad may be counted toward major, minor or GE requirements. Some programs also offer students the opportunity to do fieldwork, independent research or an internship abroad. For other study abroad options, students can attend programs through UCLA Summer Sessions and the EXPO Center.

For more information, please visit:
UCLA International Education Office
B300 Murphy Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-4995
www.ieo.ucla.edu

What is the average length of time it takes for a UCLA student to graduate?
Four years, one quarter for students entering from high school. Two years, one quarter for students entering from community college.

How does my student qualify for College Honors?
For incoming first-year students:
First, students must be admitted to the College of Letters and Science. There are two ways in which your student could have qualified:
1. Through GPA and test scores (at least a 4.1 GPA, weighted and capped; SAT score of at least 2080 or ACT score of at least 31)
2. Through class rank: Student must have ranked within the top 3 percent of his/her graduating class. If they qualified, first years must have also submitted their College Honors application along with an essay when they submitted their Statement of Intent to Register.

Students can also apply to be in the College Honors program any time after they have started at UCLA, as long as they have a 3.5 UC cumulative GPA, with at least 12 graded units taken at UCLA.

For incoming transfer students:
All incoming transfer students must be admitted to the College of Letters and Science. In order to qualify for the College Honors Program, students must have had at least a 3.75 cumulative transfer GPA (GPA reported on the UC application) and must have submitted their online College Honors application online by June 1.

Again, students can also apply to be in the College Honors program any time after they have started at UCLA, as long as they have a 3.5 UC cumulative GPA, with at least 12 graded units taken at UCLA.

How do most students decide on their first-quarter schedule?
At New Student Orientation, students receive assistance from their New Student Advisor as well as their departmental counselor (for declared majors). Students choose their classes according to personal interests, course descriptions, and GE, college and university requirements.

How does the average student adapt to the 10-week quarter system?
Initially, most students find the quarter system to be very fast-paced. However, there are many programs to assist students with their transition, including tutoring, time management and study skills workshops.

What are the average sizes of classes?
Lecture courses tend to be large (up to 500 students), but students have many opportunities to take smaller classes. For example, honors courses, labs, discussions and seminars have a smaller classroom setting of about 20 students.

How often should students speak with their instructors?
Instructors on campus try to make themselves very accessible to their students. All instructors are required to hold office hours at least once a week. This time can be used to ask questions about a lecture, an assignment or even something outside of class. Office hours are the best way to get to know a professor on a one-on-one basis.

What role does a TA take in a student’s education?
Teaching Assistants mainly lead discussion sessions. They are often the mediators between the professors and the students, helping students understand course material and what the professor might expect from them. Under the direct supervision of the professor, TAs help grade papers and tests.

Do most students know their major when starting UCLA?
About half of incoming first-year students have a declared major before entering UCLA, but many of those students may end up changing their major during the course of their UCLA career. The remainder are undeclared. In order for transfer students to be accepted to UCLA, they must declare a major on their application.

How many times do students change their major?
On average, first-year students will change their major 2.5 times during their UCLA career.

Do students usually confide in their parents about their academic records?
Grades are available after each quarter to students through MyUCLA. No formal report is mailed home. Family members and students should talk about expectations regarding this topic before the student begins in the fall.
Housing at and Around UCLA

First-year students are guaranteed three consecutive years of on-campus housing so long as they submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) along with the housing application and meet all necessary deadlines.

Transfer students are guaranteed one year of single-student university housing so long as they submit their Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) along with the housing application and meet all necessary deadlines.

Many students, especially those in their first year, choose to live in on-campus housing. Others opt for a university-owned apartment or a private apartment in one of the many surrounding communities.

On-Campus Housing/UCLA Housing Services

UCLA’s on-campus housing is situated at the heart of university life and is just a short walk away from classrooms, laboratories, libraries and sports facilities. With housing and dining needs met, students are free to concentrate on being a full-time student.

As part of a diverse community of more than 11,000 undergraduates, students have many opportunities for interactions that contribute to their academic success and personal growth. Studies show that students who live on campus perform better academically, have more contact with faculty and are happier with their college experience than students who commute. Students can choose from several on-campus housing options, all of which encourage discovery and emphasize community. To get more information about the different options, such as classic or deluxe residence halls, residential plazas and suites, please go to: map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1000293.

Housing Services Office
360 De Neve Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1383
www.housing.ucla.edu/ask

On-Campus Housing Contract Rates and Payment Plans

On-Campus Housing contract rates are determined by both the building/room type and meal plan chosen. On-Campus meal plans are included in the On-Campus Housing rate. All students living on campus are required to have a meal plan. For this year’s rates, please refer to the Contract Housing Rates and Payment Plans page at www.housing.ucla.edu/rates.
On-Campus Resident Meal Plans
UCLA Dining meal plans are designed to make your student's life easier while providing convenient, healthy and delicious options!

On-Campus Meal plans are included in the On-Campus Housing rate. On-campus residents are required to select a meal plan from one of the five different meal plan options offered. For a description and additional information on the meal plans offered, please visit www.dining.ucla.edu and select the Meal Plans icon.

Non-Resident Meal Plans
UCLA Dining Services offers four non-resident meal plans for students who live off campus. These meal plans provide convenience, flexibility and a variety of food choices. Non-resident meal plans are valid at any of our Residential Restaurants or Quick-Service Restaurants.

Non-resident meal plans may be purchased online by visiting the My Housing website at www.housing.ucla.edu/myhousing. From there, select the “Purchase a Non-Resident Meal Plan” icon to continue.

University-Owned Off-Campus Housing
Conveniently located within walking distance of campus, University Apartments offers single undergraduates a variety of furnished units. Five miles south of campus, UCLA’s University Village is designed especially for married students with or without children, students with same-gender domestic partners and single parents. For more information about the University Apartments, please refer to:

University Apartments for Single Students – map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1001723
University Apartments for Married Students and Families – map.ais.ucla.edu/go/1001376

Privately Owned Off-Campus Housing
Students who prefer more independent living can also choose from a variety of privately owned off-campus living options. The UCLA Community Housing Office (CHO) provides non-university-owned rental listings and rental resources. The office maintains a database of rental listings that include shared and vacant apartments, rooms in private homes, guest houses and short-term sublets in neighborhoods close to campus.

The UCLA Community Housing Office also provides information on different types of housing, neighborhood profiles, landlord/tenant responsibilities and current rental listings. Most of the rentals are available for immediate occupancy, but it usually takes between two to five days to choose an apartment and be accepted as a tenant. Students may also visit the CHO, where a helpful staff member will assist with a wide array of information and services.

Listings are available online at www.cho.ucla.edu (UCLA Logon ID and password required). For more information, contact the Community Housing Office at (310) 825-4491.

Cooperatives
Cooperatives provide a community atmosphere similar to residence halls except that a student must work four to six hours per week as partial payment for room and board. There is one privately owned, nonprofit group within walking distance of campus. Rates include food and utilities; updated rates can be found online at the University Cooperative Housing Association’s website, www.uchoonline.com.
Fraternities and Sororities

Fraternities and sororities have been a part of the university since the early 1920s, and today, UCLA is home to more than 60 national and local Greek-letter organizations that make up UCLA's largest multi-faceted community and one of the largest and most diverse Greek communities on the West Coast.

Interfraternity Council fraternities and Panhellenic sororities are managed and maintained by established alumni housing corporations that own the properties and take care of major upkeep and repairs. There are a variety of amenities, such as meal plans, study areas, computer rooms and even laundry facilities at a much lower cost than traditional living. About 1,000 students live in Greek housing, and members traditionally move in during the second year after they join.

Fraternity and Sorority Relations UCLA
105 Kerckhoff Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1607
(310) 825-6322
www.greeklife.ucla.edu

Living at Home

Proximity and finances are among the reasons many students decide to live at home. If a student lives within 20 miles of UCLA and has no problem commuting, living at home while attending UCLA is a feasible option.

Office of Residential Life (ORL)

The mission of Residential Life is to create safe, supportive and inclusive living-learning communities that engage residents in order to foster their academic success, personal growth and responsible citizenship.

Helpful Information and Resources for Adjusting

Moving In and Adjusting

Our residence halls are far more than a place to sleep. We firmly believe that a student's living experience can have a positive impact on his/her academic success and overall college experience. Studies indicate that students who live on campus:

• Participate in more extracurricular activities
• Report more positive perceptions of the campus social climate
• Tend to be more satisfied with their college experience
• Report more personal growth and development
• Engage in more frequent interactions with peers and faculty members (Blumling, 1993, as cited in Pascarella & Terenzini, 2005)

Safety and Security

The safety and security of your student is a top priority of the Office of Residential Life. We consider physical and emotional safety foundational to a productive living-learning environment for all those who live and work in the residential community. The Office of Residential Life staff maintains an active and responsive presence within our buildings (24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a professional staff member on duty at all times) and provides programs that educate residents about individual and community safety. We continually evaluate our decisions, actions and strategies to mitigate and respond to conditions within or surrounding the On-Campus Housing community that may jeopardize the physical security, property or well-being of students, staff and faculty.

The safety section of the website we have designed for students outlines the policies we have in place to keep them safe, as well as assists them in taking individual responsibility for their choices. We invite you to visit the website to learn about the policies we are sharing with your student.

www.orl.ucla.edu/safety

Healthy Living

Naturally, you will be concerned that your student stays healthy and well throughout the year. Several on-campus resources are available to support your student in developing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle:

• Programs and information in the residence halls, sponsored by your student’s RA and the Office of Residential Life
• Our award-winning residential restaurants
• State-of-the-art fitness facilities and programs at John Wooden Recreational Center
• Comprehensive medical services through the Ashe Center
• Workshops, information and confidential counseling available through Counseling and Psychological Services

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First Year Experience Program (FYE)

The mission of the First Year Experience Program (FYE) is to support the academic mission of the university, contribute to the creation of safe environments, promote responsible citizenship and foster student development for all new and continuing Bruins. Additionally, FYE will facilitate access and outreach to the broad variety of campus resources available to students. In service to this mission, FYE will:

• Serve as a clearinghouse for campus resources, programming and information for all first-year and transfer students
• Facilitate partnerships and linkages between the Office of Residential Life (ORL), Student Affairs, Undergraduate Education, the Graduate Division, the different colleges, schools and professional schools, External Affairs and other primary stakeholders
• Establish year-specific experiences in line with leading best practices and within the framework of ORL’s Core 4 and UCLA’s Principles of Community and True Bruin Values (i.e., first-year experience, second-year experience, transfer-year experience, etc.)
• Foster student success through the synthesis of FYE, ORL, Division of Student Affairs and university goals and priorities with an emphasis on the overall Student Experience Goals

FYE also houses larger programs targeted to first-year students, including UCLA’s Common Book Program.

UCLA’s Common Book Program

The Common Book experience was created for all new undergraduate Bruins. By reading a common book over the summer and then coming together to discuss the book during True Bruin Welcome, students engage in an intellectual and community-building activity that introduces them to the UCLA experience. All incoming UCLA first-year and transfer students are provided a book to read during summer orientation. During True Bruin Welcome Week (Week Zero of fall quarter), they participate in discussions of the book and related issues; the discussions are facilitated by Resident Assistants. We also encourage faculty and staff to incorporate themes and ideas from the Common Book in their courses and programs.

Students will have an opportunity to:

• Share and understand diverse perspectives in a respectful way
• Build a community of intellectually engaged learners
• Explore their role in creating a just society
• Consider critical action steps that can be taken in response to their Common Book experience

For more information on the FYTCSP unit, please visit us at www.studentexperience.ucla.edu

FAQs—UCLA Housing

Can my student and his/her friend request to be roommates?

Although Housing is unable to guarantee a specified roommate, they will do their best to accommodate roommate requests. Students may indicate a preference for a roommate(s) on the housing application.

How are roommates selected?

If you haven’t already requested a roommate, you will be assigned one based on the information you provided on your application. Students who wish to be roommates must mutually request each other in writing, as well as indicate the same residence and facility-room type on the application. While every effort is made to fulfill these requests, there are no guarantees.

When will my student receive a room assignment and roommate(s)?

Single undergraduate students living on campus or in University Apartments during the upcoming academic year will be sent an email in late August, which will provide them a link to the Move-In Reservation System. From this site, residents will be able to view their assigned room and roommate(s). Students who are offered a space after this date will be required to accept their offer and make the designated initial payment by the stated deadline before a specific room and roommate(s) are assigned. Students will be sent an email directing them to the Move-In website after payment is received.

When can my student move in?

The fall move-in dates for single undergraduate students assigned to live on campus and in University Apartments are scheduled each year to begin six to seven days prior to the first day of instruction. Students will receive an email in late August that will provide them a link to the Move-In Reservation System. From this site, residents will be able to view their assigned move-in date and time.

Students who are unable to move in during their assigned date and/or time due to personal time conflicts or to observation of religious holidays may select an alternate Move-In date and/or time through the Move-In Reservation System. The Move-In Reservation System will be available online after students receive notification of their assigned room and roommate(s).

What happens if my student doesn’t get along with his/her roommate(s)?

We recognize that sharing a room with people you don’t know can be challenging. We encourage roommates to discuss expectations at the beginning of the year and to communicate openly about being roommates. Resident Assistants (RAs) live on each floor to assist with roommate mediation.

How long does it take most students to get to campus?

Students living on or near the campus usually walk to UCLA. This can take anywhere from 10-20 minutes. For students commuting to campus, travel can take as long as an hour, depending on traffic, parking availability, etc. For students who commute, it is recommended that they explore carpool, vanpool and public transportation options because of limited parking permits.
The Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center (The Ashe Center) is devoted to providing quality, accessible, state-of-the-art health care and education to support the unique development of UCLA students. Our comprehensive services include primary care, women’s health, immunizations, travel medicine, physical therapy, specialty clinics, optometry, acupuncture and massage. Students can schedule appointments online, in person or by phone and can communicate with their primary care providers via secure electronic messaging. For more immediate concerns, urgent care is available during business hours, and after hours, students can access our 24/7 Nurseline for advice and information by phone. The Ashe Center also houses its own full-service pharmacy and radiology units.

The Ashe Center is committed to helping students “shine, inside and out.” From eating well and staying active to managing stress, The Ashe Center focuses on student well-being by providing ongoing wellness workshops, participating in health-related outreach events on campus and offering “Student Health 101,” a monthly interactive online magazine. The center’s website has a robust health resource library and a virtual wellness lounge linking students to many other campus wellness services.

Health Insurance
Health insurance is a condition of enrollment for all students at UCLA. The cost of the Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP) will be automatically assessed as part of registration fees each term and includes medical, vision, dental and behavioral health coverage. Please visit the “Insurance” page of The Ashe Center website for more detailed information about coverage and benefits, rates and deadlines.

Eligibility and Fees
All currently registered UCLA students are eligible to use The Ashe Center’s services. For students who are enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP), most visits to The Ashe Center are prepaid. For students who waive UC SHIP, there are nominal fees associated with visits and services. BruinCare is a valuable option available for students who waive UC SHIP but wish to have prepaid access to core services at The Ashe Center. Please reference the Services section of The Ashe Center website for more information about fees.

Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center
221 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-4073
www.studenthealth.ucla.edu
Waiving UC SHIP
Waiving UC SHIP is an online process that can be done through the Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center. Students who have comparable health insurance may waive out of UC SHIP. On the “Insurance” page of The Ashe Center’s website, students can find the helpful Pre-Waiver Worksheet to gather their plan information and other requested information before they begin the online waiver application.

To access the UC waiver application, please follow: www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/custpages/insurance.aspx and click on the UC SHIP Waiver link. Students can waive UC SHIP for the year ONLY in fall quarter. Otherwise, they will need to complete the waiver before the start of each quarter if they would like to opt out of UC SHIP.

Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD)
The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) has services that are designed to meet the unique educational needs of regularly enrolled students with documented permanent or temporary disabilities. The philosophy and mission of the program are to encourage independence, assist students in realizing their academic potential, and facilitate the elimination of physical, programmatic and attitudinal barriers. The OSD staff is here to assist students in meeting their educational challenges successfully. A good introduction to the OSD explaining how the OSD works and how to obtain services is available in the OSD Student Handbook: www.osd.ucla.edu/docs/Handbooks/OSDStudent.htm

To register with OSD, students can call (310) 825-1501 to make an appointment to meet with a disability specialist.

Office for Students with Disabilities
A242 Murphy Hall
Box 903426
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-1501
www.osd.ucla.edu

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
The cornerstone of Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is confidential individualized therapy and psychiatric care, provided by a diverse and multiculturally competent professional staff. CAPS has a warm, welcoming environment and is located centrally on the UCLA campus.

In addition to individualized services, CAPS provides a range of programs to promote mental health, emotional resilience and wellness throughout the campus community. Counselors meet with faculty, staff and students across the campus to provide training on emotional health and wellness and to identify and to refer students with compromised stress resilience. Their online resources are designed to allow students, faculty, staff and parents to easily access wellness resources.

Their 24-hour telephone access line (310-825-0768) allows students, parents and other members of the campus community to receive counseling and consultation.

Counseling and Psychological Services
John Wooden Center West, 221 Westwood Plaza
Box 951556
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1556
(310) 825-0768 – Crisis Counseling available 24 hours a day by phone.
www.counseling.ucla.edu

Bruin Resource Center (BRC)
The Bruin Resource Center (BRC) helps students make the most of their educational experience at UCLA. BRC helps by providing information, referrals and support to navigate the university and to connect with the right campus resources or person.

BRC also provides specialized services and programs to address the particular concerns and needs of Bruins who are transfers, veterans, former foster youth, parenting students or AB 540 students. This center focuses on easing the transition to UCLA, helping students access needed resources and supporting students within the many and diverse social and academic communities of campus.

Bruin Resource Center
Student Activities Center, Suite B44
220 Westwood Plaza
Box 951453
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1453
(310) 825-3945
www.brc.ucla.edu

Safety at UCLA
UCLA Police Department
The UCLA Police Department is a professional organization providing quality public safety services and innovative programs to serve the university community. UCLA PD sets a standard of excellence in law enforcement and serves a multicultural educational environment of more than 75,000 faculty, staff and students in Los Angeles. It is part of the statewide UC police system of about 410 sworn personnel. They take pride in their cultural and ethnic diversity, and strive to employ a broad cross-section of the community. The department employs about 62 sworn officers, 46 civilians and 130 students.
BruinAlert Text Messaging

BruinAlert is a UCLA system used to communicate official information during an emergency or crisis situation that disrupts normal operation of the UCLA campus or threatens the health or safety of members of the campus community.

UCLA students with current email addresses in the URSU student database have been automatically enrolled in BruinAlert to receive email alerts. Short Message Service (SMS) text messaging via BruinAlert is also available to UCLA students on a voluntary self-subscription basis via the BruinAlert website.

BruinAlert delivers messages to student subscribers on a “best effort” basis to email and SMS text-capable wireless devices, such as most cellular phones.
FAQs—Health, Safety and Well-Being

Who is eligible to use The Ashe Center?
- All currently registered UCLA students
- A UCLA student who was registered or who graduated in the previous academic term. This information applies to the academic year, not the summer period.
- Other UC students who provide proof of registration from their home school

Can my student use The Ashe Center if he/she is a registered UCLA student but is waiving the UC SHIP insurance?
Yes; all registered UCLA students can take advantage of The Ashe Center services.

If my student is a registered UCLA student but is waiving the SHIP insurance, how much does it cost for him/her to use The Ashe Center services?
The Ashe Center Fees and Eligibility webpage lists some of The Ashe Center’s most frequently ordered services and their fees. Please note, the column that reads “w/o UC SHIP” references the applicable charges for a student who is registered but does not have the UC SHIP insurance during the fall, winter and spring quarters; the section that reads “Full Cost” references the applicable charges for the same type of student during the Summer.

Who is eligible to use CAPS?
UCLA students who are registered for the current quarter are eligible for all services offered by Student Psychological Services. Visits to CAPS by students who have paid for their Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) are prepaid.

Students retain limited eligibility for CAPS services for one quarter following their final registered quarter, primarily for limited follow-up and referrals.

Is UCLA a safe campus?
The safety of the campus community is our priority. We believe our campus is generally safe; however, we are part of a large urban community and a public institution, so individuals must do their part to prevent victimization. UCPD has many resources to help you determine whether UCLA meets your expectations of safety.

Please visit the Reports & Statistics section on the UCPD website for the UC Annual Report & Jeanne Clery Reports for crime information and statistics occurring on and around the UCLA campus.

Please visit the Crime Prevention section for information on crime prevention programs. For campus safety tips, see: www.ucpd.ucla.edu/brochure/campustips.pdf

For personal safety tips, see: www.ucpd.ucla.edu/2008/personalsafety.pdf

How can my student protect his/her property from theft?
Many of the thefts that occur on campus can be prevented by securing your property and never leaving your property unattended.

UCPD has many brochures on personal safety as well as property protection. Please visit www.ucpd.ucla.edu and click on “Crime Prevention” for literature regarding safety and prevention.

The S.T.O.P. Plate program is offered as a service by the UCPD, through the CSO Programs, as a crime reduction initiative. Laptop theft, and the theft of other highly portable and easily resellable electronic items, is one of the most persistent crime threats on campus. By encouraging the use of theft deterrent systems like the S.T.O.P. program, UCPD hopes to reduce the number of thefts on campus and discourage opportunistic laptop thieves. Please see: map.ais.ucla.edu/go/100070

How can I get information in the event of an emergency?
In a crisis, parents and family members can look for critical information from the following sources:

UCLA Newsroom
www.newsroom.ucla.edu

UCLA Police Department
www.ucpd.ucla.edu

Emergency Information Hotline
1-800-900-UCLA
FINANCIAL MATTERS

BruinBill
All students are assigned a BruinBill account, which records all charges and payments associated with registration (e.g., quarterly tuition and fees), along with other service charges (e.g., health insurance, Summer Session, housing, parking and even ASUCLA textbooks) that are assessed to students. Your student’s BruinBill is produced monthly and can be viewed on MyUCLA.

Students must pay all charges in full by the 20th of the month following the posting date of the charge. Registration fee payment deadlines are as follows:

- Fall Term: September 20
- Winter Term: December 20
- Spring Term: March 20

If the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the last business day prior to the 20th. After the payment deadline, students are assessed a delinquent fee.

If registration fees are not paid in full by the payment deadline, a late registration fee is assessed, and classes are dropped in accordance with the drop class deadline.

Failure to settle financial obligations with the university may result in a hold being placed on the student’s record. Such a hold could affect registration, enrollment, financial aid, campus services and release of academic transcripts.

Students with a valid email address receive twice-monthly courtesy email reminders prior to payment deadlines.

Students can give select access to parents, guardians or other third parties whom they want to have view their student information and even make BruinBill payments. For instructions on how to set up Third-Party Access, please see page 11.

Methods of Payment

e-bill
BruinBill accounts are administered electronically (e-bill) through MyUCLA. Monthly financial activity is displayed for the current month, along with account activity for the last 24 months. MyUCLA also provides a link to important communications from the university regarding registration and university policies. Students can pay their BruinBill account electronically using electronic checks; Star, Pulse and NYCE debit cards; or MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit cards. UCLA converts checks into electronic payments. Those who wish to opt out of this process should send an email to: askfs@finance.ucla.edu.
BruinPay Plan (BPP)
- New monthly payment plan in which the student will pay fees on the 20th of each month
- Does not carry over; the student MUST enroll separately for each quarter
- The first installment and a non-refundable administrative fee are required at the time of enrollment (Fee: $35 for the majority of students, but can vary)
- Students will still have the ability to waive SHIP
- All eligible students will be given the option on MyUCLA. If student does not see the BPP option, then he/she is not eligible due to one of the following reasons:
  - Prior term balance is not zero (they still owe money)
  - Three or more returned checks
  - Sufficient financial aid to fully cover fees, or received a deferral for the current term
  - Unpaid short-term loans
- Credit cards are NOT accepted. Payments are restricted to e-Check (debit) transactions through automatic deductions (AutoPay process) from your checking account. These deductions will automatically occur each month on the 20th.

In-Person Payment
Students may make payments in person by check, cash or debit card only at the Administrative Main Cashier Office, located at 1125 Murphy Hall. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and telephone hours are from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Fax payments are not accepted.

Financial Aid Distribution
The Financial Aid System automatically credits BruinBill accounts of students who receive financial aid. Registration fees and other outstanding UCLA debts, such as student health or laboratory fees, are deducted. Students must be enrolled at least half-time to receive financial aid disbursements.

Fees
Although the exact cost of attending UCLA will vary according to personal habits, preferences and financial resources, all UCLA students must pay mandatory term fees. See fee amounts and information at www.registrar.ucla.edu/fees/.

The Student Services Fee (formerly University Registration Fee) covers services that benefit the student and that are complementary to, but not part of, the instructional programs. The fee supports operating and capital expenses for services related to the physical and psychological health and well-being of students, social and cultural activities and programs, services related to campus life and campus community, and educational and career support services.

If the student has approval from his or her college or school to enroll in 10 units or less, he or she may qualify for a fee reduction in the term fees based on the total of enrolled fees as of Friday of the third week of classes. Non-resident students pay only half of the Supplemental Nonresident tuition fee; residents pay half of the Special Services fee. Students must file the Request for Fee Reduction form with their college or school by Friday of the second week of the term.

It is important that students observe all fee and add/drop deadlines as outlined in the Schedule of Classes at www.registrar.ucla.edu.

Reduced Fee Programs
UCLA recognizes the need for part-time study in special circumstances. If a student has family or employment responsibilities or health problems that preclude full-time study, he or she may qualify for part-time enrollment.

For more information, students should visit their College advising unit:
- College Academic Counseling (CAC)
  A-316 Murphy Hall, Window 2
- Academic Advancement Program (AAP)
  1205 Campbell Hall
- Honors Program
  A-311 Murphy Hall
- Student Athletics
  Morgan Center, Suite 127

Living Expenses
Expenses cover the three regular session quarters of the academic year and do not include Summer Session. The budget for the current academic year can be viewed at www.admission.ucla.edu/prospect/budget.htm.

Financial Support and Aid
It is not required that students come from a low-income family in order to qualify for financial aid. Students must, however, demonstrate “financial need,” which is defined as the difference between the cost of attending UCLA and the amount that they and their family are able to contribute. The university expects that students and their families will bear as much of the necessary cost of a student’s education as their circumstances will permit.

The mission of the UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships office is to help remove financial barriers to assist students in meeting the rising cost of attendance at UCLA. The role of this office is to fill the gap that exists between the cost of attendance and funds available from a student’s family, savings and other resources. The office will assist students in completing their application for financial aid, determining the level of need and offering financial aid to meet educational expenses. The staff is available to answer any questions you may have regarding financial aid or to address your eligibility concerns.
The deadline for filing all undergraduate financial aid applications for the upcoming academic year is March 2. Because of the limits being placed on financial aid funding, meeting deadlines is more crucial than ever. Applications submitted after this date will be considered late and will limit your eligibility for federal aid (Pell Grant, Federal Stafford and Parent Loans) only.

The UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships office offers several publications for students and families that provide more complete information. Please contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships office.

Financial Aid Types
In order to apply for any financial aid, you will need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the deadline.

Please visit www.financialaid.ucla.edu to get more information about the different types of financial aid that are available.

Scholarship Resource Center
The Scholarship Resource Center (SRC) was established at UCLA in 1996 to provide scholarship information, resources and support services to all UCLA students, regardless of financial aid eligibility. Although SRC primarily assists UCLA’s undergraduate students, the center also offers resources for graduate students.

SRC offers free resources to help students find scholarships, along with services to assist students in applying for scholarships. The center offers individual counseling, one-on-one writing assistance and workshops, and it also publishes a quarterly newsletter.

Scholarship Resource Center
233 Covel Commons
330 De Neve Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90024
(310) 206-2875
www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/src

Common Financial Aid Terms/Abbreviations

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FAQs—Financial Matters

What if my Bruin cannot pay on time?
If your Bruin is not able to make a payment on time, your student should contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office as soon as possible to discuss options.

Do students have to apply for financial aid every year?
Yes, the priority deadline is March 2nd of every year. Your financial situation must be evaluated every year.

Do students have jobs during the academic year?
The decision to take a job during the school year usually is based on financial need, the desire for career experience and/or the goal of preparing for graduate school. To that end, there are many jobs available both on and off campus. The convenience of location and flexibility in scheduling are the concerns for most students, and on-campus jobs are generally more sensitive to these needs.

How many hours per week do students work?
The maximum a student can work on campus during the school year is 20 hours. A reasonable work schedule is 10–15 hours per week.

What percentage of a student's expenses is for non-necessities?
About 10% of a student’s budget is for non-school related items (based on the financial aid estimate). For an on-campus student, this is about $1400 per year.

How can a student open up a bank account?
There are a number of banks in Westwood Village that provide checking and savings accounts, along with the University Credit Union.

What are the major expenses for a student?
Expenses include books, food, housing, tuition and entertainment.
Your student will spend a lot of time in a classroom, studying and building a great academic foundation. At UCLA, the staff and faculty will also encourage your student to "take it beyond the classroom" and join one of our 900+ campus clubs and organizations. By participating in extracurricular activities, students gain experiences and opportunities that will not only give them an edge after graduation, but will also help them to be contributors and leaders in their communities for the rest of their lives.

Associated Students UCLA
Every registered UCLA student is a member of the Associated Students UCLA. The Associated Students UCLA, often called "ASUCLA" for short, is the not-for-profit organization that operates the Student Union, Bookstores, Restaurants and Trademarks & Licensing at UCLA. ASUCLA operates and maintains Ackerman Union, Kerckhoff Hall, Lu Valle Commons, the North Campus Student Center and other campus locations. ASUCLA proudly employs more than 1,500 students each year.

www.asucla.ucla.edu/index.asp

Center for Community Learning
The Center for Community Learning exists to promote civic engagement among UCLA undergraduates and faculty through the integration of teaching, research and service alongside community partners. The Center actively promotes good citizenship, leadership and social justice through service learning, internships and other community-based learning experiences. In collaboration with campus academic departments, the Center offers UCLA undergraduates the opportunity to participate in civic engagement through a variety of structured, rigorous academic courses that link theory with practice. Students can find out more on how to get involved by visiting the website or contacting the Center at (310) 825-7867.

www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/communitylearning

Student Organizations, Leadership & Engagement (SOLE)
Student Organizations, Leadership & Engagement (SOLE) advises more than 1,000 campus organizations. Services include registering newly formed and continuing organizations; helping organizations develop, implement and evaluate their programs; aiding organizations in planning fundraisers and arranging for use of facilities; encouraging cooperation between organizations with similar projects and long-term goals; and helping groups interpret and monitor campus regulations. SOLE also oversees the Bruin Leaders Project.

www.studentactivities.ucla.edu

Bruin Leaders Project
The Bruin Leaders Project is UCLA’s nationally renowned campus-sponsored leadership development program, open to all UCLA undergraduate students. It is a hands-on, seminar-based leadership development program that strives to make its participants better students, better leaders and better citizens. The seminars offered throughout the year cover a wide range of topics, from public speaking to self-realization to conflict resolution.

www.bruinleaders.ucla.edu
Community Programs Office
The mission of the Community Programs Office (CPO) is to build a solid partnership with students, parents and key stakeholders within underserved communities and communities of color to promote access to higher education through academic achievement, personal development, leadership and community investment. The Community Programs Office serves as an umbrella to the Student Retention Center (SRC) and Student Initiated Access Committee (SIAC) – programs designed to help students with academic difficulties and cultural and social transitions.

www.uclacomunityprograms.org

Fraternity and Sorority Relations
Fraternities and sororities have been an integral part of the University of California, Los Angeles campus since the early 1920s. Today, UCLA is home to more than 68 national and local Greek-letter organizations, which collectively constitute the largest membership-based and multifaceted community on campus. Additionally, UCLA’s fraternity and sorority organizations represent one of the largest and oldest Greek communities on the West Coast.

Representing 11% of the student population, fraternity and sorority members are committed to their academics, volunteer time in the community, develop and strengthen leadership skills, form a campus and cultural support network and have access to affordable housing on campus. To find out more about Greek life on campus, visit the Fraternity and Sorority Relations website or contact the office by phone at (310) 825-6322.

www.greeklife.ucla.edu

Student Alumni Association
The Student Alumni Association (SAA) is a student volunteer group working on behalf of the UCLA Alumni Association to enhance the student experience at UCLA. SAA works to foster connections between students, alumni and the university. Throughout the year, SAA volunteers plan dozens of social, career-oriented and school-unifying events, including popular campus traditions such as:

• I Love UCLA Week
• Dinners for 12 Strangers
• Spring Sing
• Interview with a Bruin

Students don’t need to wait for commencement – they can enjoy the strong UCLA Alumni Network today!

www.alumni.ucla.edu/leadership/saa/default.aspx

Student Media
For those interested in getting involved with journalism, UCLA offers a variety of opportunities for media experience, including the nationally recognized Daily Bruin newspaper and DBTV video-journalism program, seven community-oriented newsmagazines, UCLA Radio and the Bruinlife yearbook.

apply.studentmedia.ucla.edu

Undergraduate Students Association Council
The Undergraduate Students Association Council (USAC) is the governing body of the Undergraduate Students Association, whose membership consists of the entire UCLA undergraduate student body. The USAC is composed of 13 student officers and commissioners, elected by members of the Undergraduate Students Association at an annual election held during Spring Quarter.

The Undergraduate Students Association’s programs offer an invaluable service to the campus and surrounding community and provide an opportunity for thousands of students to participate in, and benefit from, these endeavors. Programs include AIDS Awareness, Blood Drives, and CPR/First Aid Training.

www.usac.ucla.edu/index.php

Volunteer Center
The UCLA Volunteer Center’s mission is to inspire the more than 400,000 members of the extended UCLA family, as well as the community at large, to create social change through lifelong participation in volunteer programs and civic engagement. The UCLA Volunteer Center is your student’s first stop to find out how to get involved in community service work as a student. Whether they choose to lead or be led, there are a myriad of opportunities to enrich their experience as a Bruin.

www.volunteer.ucla.edu
Cultural Centers

Ralph Bunche Center for African American Studies
The Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies, founded in 1969, was established as an Organized Research Unit (ORU) with the mission of developing and strengthening African American Studies through five primary organizational branches: research, academic programs, library and media center, special projects and publications. The Center supports research that (1) expands the knowledge of the history, lifestyles and sociocultural systems of people of African descent and (2) investigates problems that have bearing on the psychological, social and economic well-being of persons of African descent.

www.bunchecenter.ucla.edu

American Indian Studies Center
The beginnings of the American Indian Studies Center date to 1969. The core goals and objectives of the American Indian Studies Center (AISC) are to facilitate research and research collaborations; disseminate research results through research conferences, meetings and other activities; strengthen graduate and undergraduate education by providing students enrolled in the American Indian Studies program with training opportunities and access to facilities; seek extramural research funds; and carry out university and public service programs related to the Center's research expertise.

www.aisc.ucla.edu

Asian American Studies Center
The UCLA Asian American Studies Center was established in 1969-1970. The Center's original mission has been to enrich the experience of the entire university by contributing to an understanding of the long neglected history, rich cultural heritage and present position of Asian Americans in our society.

www.aasc.ucla.edu

Chicano Studies Research Center
The UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC) was founded in 1969 with a commitment to foster multidisciplinary research efforts as part of the land grant mission of the University of California. The CSRC serves the entire campus and supports faculty and students in the social sciences, life sciences, humanities and the professional schools. Its research addresses the growing Chicano and Latino population, which now constitutes nearly one-third of California's and one-half of Los Angeles's population. The CSRC houses a library and special collections archive, an academic press, research projects, community-based partnerships, two competitive grant/fellowship programs and the Los Tigres del Norte Fund.

www.chicano.ucla.edu

Undergraduate Student Research

One of the benefits of attending a world-renowned research university is having the opportunity to participate in cutting-edge research and creative activity. UCLA offers undergraduate students many ways to take advantage of this opportunity, from the entry-level Student Research Program (SRP-course 99), through research courses and seminars, research tutorials and departmental honors programs.

Undergraduate Research Centers
The staff of the two Undergraduate Research Centers are here to help students define their place in the larger university research community, as well as to provide information about undergraduate research programs, scholarships, celebrations and publications.

The Undergraduate Research Center for Sciences, Engineering and Mathematics and the Center for Academic and Research Excellence function as a single entity to promote, develop and celebrate undergraduate student research with the overall goal of enhancing undergraduate education. They enhance the visibility of, and support for, participation in undergraduate research in all disciplines of science.

Research in the humanities and social sciences takes many forms and can occur in a variety of settings, from archival work in the library or online to observational studies of social interactions, and from fieldwork to data analysis. UCLA’s Undergraduate Research Center for Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences serves all students in the arts, humanities, social sciences and behavioral sciences.

www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/ugresearch

The Arts
At UCLA there is a wealth of opportunity for students to explore the arts in the context of a research university. Students frequently take advantage of programs provided by one of our three internationally acclaimed public arts institutions, the Hammer Museum, the Fowler Museum at UCLA and the Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA. These institutions offer rich access to leading anthropological, historical and contemporary visual arts exhibitions and collections, as well as presentations by the world’s most outstanding performing artists.

Further, Los Angeles is an international hub for entertainment, culture, media and fashion. The city continues to attract pioneers and connoisseurs in the arts. Tickets to both on- and off-campus performances and visual arts exhibits are available at UCLA’s Central Ticket Office.

www.cto.ucla.edu
UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History

The Fowler Museum explores global arts and cultures with an emphasis on works from Africa, Asia, the Pacific and the Americas, past and present. The Fowler seeks to enhance understanding and appreciation of the diverse peoples, cultures and religions of the world through highly contextualized interpretive exhibitions, publications and public programming, informed by interdisciplinary approaches and the perspectives of the cultures represented. The Fowler provides exciting and informative exhibitions and events for the UCLA community and the people of greater Los Angeles and beyond.

www.fowler.ucla.edu

UCLA Hammer Museum

The Hammer Museum explores the capacity of art to impact and illuminate our lives. Through its collections, exhibitions and programs, the Hammer examines the depth and diversity of artistic expression through the centuries with a special emphasis on art of our time. At the core of the Hammer’s mission is the recognition that artists play a crucial role in all aspects of human experience. The Hammer advances UCLA’s mission by contributing to the intellectual life of the university and the world beyond.

www.hammer.ucla.edu

Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA

As one of three public arts units of UCLA under the School of the Arts and Architecture (including the Fowler and Hammer museums), the Center for the Art of Performance at UCLA (CAP UCLA) takes advantage of the potential that comes from being housed in a major educational and research institution. CAP UCLA engages with the performing arts and the artists who create these, as well as students, scholars, artists and the community. Visit the CAP UCLA website to view the complete program guide.

www.cap.ucla.edu

Student Committee for the Arts at UCLA

Founded in the summer of 1962 by Chancellor Franklin Murphy, the Student Committee for the Arts (SCA) at UCLA is the student branch of the world-renowned Center for the Art of Performance (CAP UCLA). The committee provides student tickets to CAP UCLA events, making available some of the best seats in the house at amazing prices. SCA works frequently with the CAP UCLA staff in departments ranging from Education to Artist Relations, continually promoting the performing arts on campus. SCA is also proud to produce its own series of shows that bring great artists and events to students, in addition to showcasing the various talents of UCLA student artists.

www.sca.ucla.edu

Sports and Recreation

Athletic Events

The university’s mission to provide a well-rounded education both in and out of the classroom is well exemplified by the achievements of our student-athletes. For the spectator, athletics is a source of entertainment and Bruin spirit as UCLA continues its reputation as a national leader in intercollegiate sports. The men’s and women’s athletic teams have a combined record of 22 National All-Around Excellence Awards as the country’s top overall program. UCLA was the first university in the country to win five National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) men’s and women’s championships in a single year (1981-82). As a school, UCLA now leads the nation with 111 NCAA team championships.

Tickets may usually be purchased at the game or event. For more information on sporting event tickets, please contact the Central Ticket Office at (310) 825-2011.

www.uclabruins.com

In 2012, Greatist declared UCLA the healthiest college in the United States, and The Princeton Review ranked our student health services #1. It’s no surprise, then, that reflecting the varied leisure and wellness needs of the university community, UCLA Recreation provides extensive access to a broad range of recreational activities and services. The department offers programming that encompasses the competitive, passive, social, cultural and instructional aspects of recreational activity. In addition, UCLA Recreation manages 14 of the university’s recreational and athletic facilities offering recreation, sport and numerous multi-use options for student and university events.

UCLA students, through their tuition and fees, have access to recreation facilities and may purchase additional services. Explore all UCLA Recreation has to offer by visiting www.recreation.ucla.edu/sitepdfs/explore.pdf.
FAQs – Student and Campus Life

What activities do students participate in?
There are more than 900 groups and organizations on campus, with a range of focuses including social, cultural, academic and religious. There are activities fairs during New Student Orientation and True Bruin Welcome Week, where students can get information from groups they are interested in joining.

How much time do students spend participating in activities?
In order to get a well-rounded education and college experience, becoming involved on campus is important. Students can do this through joining student groups, volunteering in a community service or working in a campus department. The level of involvement depends on how much the student wishes to put in, as well as on the demands of the group or organization.