New Freshmen and Transfers

ADMISSIONS
- Freshmen: 72,697
- Transfers: 18,923

Applied: 15,982
Admitted: 5,621
Enrolled: 22%
Yield (% admits enrolled): 35%

INCOMING GPA
- Average: 4.21

TEST SCORES
- 25th %-ile: 560
- 75th %-ile: 680

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS
- Freshmen living in UCLA housing: 94%
- Transfers living in UCLA housing: 34%

ETHNICITY
- Asian: 30%
- White: 24%
- Hispanic: 19%
- African American: 2%

AGE
- Average: 18.5

FIRST LANGUAGE
- English only: 37%
- English and another: 28%
- Other language only: 35%

GEOGRAPHIC ORIGIN
- Southern California: 48%
- Los Angeles County: 28%
- Orange County: 8%
- Riverside County: 4%
- San Bernardino County: 2%
- San Diego County: 5%
- Rest of California: 24%
- Rest of U.S.: 10%
- International: 19%

FIELDS OF STUDY: NEW UNDERGRADUATES
- New freshmen:
  - Engineering and applied science: 11%
  - Nursing: 1%
  - Theater, film, and television: 1%
  - Arts and architecture: 4%
- New transfers:
  - Engineering and applied science: 4%
  - Nursing: <1%
  - Theater, film, and television: 1%
  - Arts and architecture: 2%

First-year experience

New students can expect an exciting first year. Few universities offer the range and variety of study options found at UCLA. Freshmen can sample previously unexplored subjects in innovative courses such as the Freshman Clusters, while at the same time mapping out a path to graduation. New transfers, already in their fields, find advanced instruction that further hones and focuses their expertise.

UCLA is also an exciting and diverse student community, bringing together individuals from different backgrounds who are highly motivated to complete a course of study at one of the world’s top research institutions. Most freshmen meet with academic advisers for the first time during New Student Orientation, where more than 95% of new freshmen sign up for their first classes.

New students embark on a journey of intellectual, academic, and personal growth beginning in their first year. It’s a time for meeting new friends in the residences and in classes. It’s a time to start organizing the academic major—approximately 60% of freshman entrants earn a degree in the major they choose in the first year. It’s a time to become part of a community—97% of freshmen and 96% of transfers return for their second year. Most of all, it’s a time to envision the future and take the first steps toward achieving it.
Most of the students in the freshman class of 2013 will be in the graduating class of 2017. Making sure they can get the courses they need to finish in four years is among UCLA’s highest priorities.

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In 2012-13, UCLA offered 130 undergraduate majors. The most popular are listed below:

**MOST POPULAR MAJORS**

- Psychology: 6%
- Business Economics: 6%
- Biology: 6%
- Political Science: 6%
- Psychology: 4%
- Physiological Science: 3%
- Biochemistry: 3%
- English: 3%
- History: 3%
- Economics: 3%
- Anthropology: 3%
- Electrical Engineering: 3%
- Sociology: 2%
- Neuroscience: 2%
- Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics: 2%

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UCLA's Volunteer Day is the nation's largest community participation event for new students. It's a great way for new Bruins to meet each other—working side-by-side on restoration and beautification projects at schools, beaches, homeless shelters, nature trails, parks, and community organizations across Los Angeles.
The Pathways initiative will also work toward increasing the number of available student internships and service-learning opportunities. This will offer students the invaluable experience of applying knowledge they acquire in the classroom to “real world” projects and responsibilities.

From the first day they enroll at UCLA, students start thinking about what they want to achieve by the time they graduate. Many seniors complete capstone projects—assignments that challenge them to “create knowledge” by applying what they’ve learned to an advanced task. Nearly half of UCLA majors culminate in a capstone experience—such as design in engineering, honors theses in the humanities and social sciences, creative work in the arts, and laboratory research in the sciences.

**Undergraduates**

Every class was enjoyable, and every class spilled over into other areas of my life. I never once took a class at UCLA that failed to teach me something fascinating and enlightening—something I would then share with my friends and family. Being in the Honors Program and being a sociology major really made my academic experience special and enriching.

**Time outside the classroom**

In a 2012 UC survey, UCLA undergraduates reported how they spent time outside the classroom:

- 75% participated in student clubs or organizations; 34% were active more than 5 hours a week
- 62% performed community service or volunteer activities; 23% spent more than 5 hours a week on service activities
- 88% engaged in some form of physical exercise or recreational sports; 39% exercised more than 5 hours each week
- 49% worked for pay; 26% did paid work related to their academic interests

In a 2012 UCLA survey, students reported on interaction with peers outside of class:

- 88% interacted with peers as part of a club or organized activity
- 91% discussed class material with peers outside of class
- 79% discussed diversity with peers from different backgrounds

**Undergraduate research**

UCLA makes research experience available to undergraduates through specialized research courses, seminars, tutorials, and departmental honors programs. The Undergraduate Research Center—Sciences and the Undergraduate Research Center for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences help students gain access to undergraduate research projects, scholarships, and other opportunities.

From their first day at UCLA, new freshmen and transfers can participate in research or creative projects under the direction of a faculty mentor through the Student Research Program. More than half of UCLA bachelor’s degree recipients graduate with research experience.

**“Participating in laboratory research has taught me so much and has made me value my academic experience here at UCLA. It made me feel a sense of belonging and meaning and dignity in my work.”**

**Financial aid**

In the 2012-13 academic year, more than 14,500 undergraduates (over 53%) received need-based scholarship or grant aid, with an average gift award of $17,369. Of UCLA’s 2011-12 graduating class, 54% had no student loan debt, and the 46% who did borrow had an average debt of $20,049—well below the national average of about $25,000.

Thanks to UCLA’s Blue + Gold Opportunity Plan, California residents whose family income is less than $80,000 are guaranteed grants (Institutional/Federal/State) to cover fully their system-wide tuition and fees. More than 38% of undergraduates receive a Federal Pell Grant, and more than half work part time to help meet college costs.

**Expenses**

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*Academic year budget for students living on campus.*
Summer Sessions classes continue to be popular with UCLA students—more than 10,000 undergraduates attended Summer Sessions in 2012. Overall, nearly 80% of undergraduates complete at least one Summer Sessions course as part of their studies, and they participate in summer programs all through their undergraduate careers.

From the College Summer Institute, which enrolls participating freshmen in classes for credit prior to their first Fall Quarter, to popular upper division courses attended by juniors and seniors, summer courses provide flexibility and variety. More than 850 courses are offered in summer, including classes from every UCLA College division and every professional school with an undergraduate program.

"Studying abroad in Shanghai for the Global Studies summer abroad requirement was the single most fulfilling thing I’ve done at UCLA. It was there that I formed lifelong friendships with people in my major, and I actually got to apply theoretical concepts instead of just sitting in a classroom to learn them. Overall, the program was a great experience."