

UC Application Tutorial Class of 2021

October 9, 2020

Important Information

- ❖ 9 Campuses = 1 Application
- ❖ Applying for Fall Quarter/Semester 2021 as a Freshman
- ❖ Make sure the campus(es) you are applying for has the major you are interested in, not all campuses have all majors = **do your research**
- ❖ Cost is \$70.00 PER application/campus
- ❖ May start submitting UC applications starting November 1
- ❖ Due November 30

What you Will Need

- ❖ Unofficial transcripts to list your classes & grades on application
- ❖ Test scores (if you have any) (*test optional*)
- ❖ Your social security number, if you have one
- ❖ Your citizenship & residency information
- ❖ Parent & household information
- ❖ Your list of activities & awards to put on your application
- ❖ Method of payment for application(s)

About You Section

- ❖ Personal info, contact info, citizenship & residency info, demographics, background, your household info, parent info = get correct information (no guessing)
- ❖ Use your legal name (drivers license, birth certificate, passport, etc.)
- ❖ Select an **email address** that is NOT your cusd.me account so that once you graduate you can keep using the same email address, keep your email address professional

Academic History Section

- ❖ List 7th & 8th grade courses taken, no grades will be reported here. Course name and term period (full year)
- ❖ List all high schools attended
- ❖ Carmel High School, 050475 is the school code
- ❖ List all courses taken & taking while in high school by grade level
- ❖ College courses taken in high school (examples: MPC US History, MPC Sports Medicine) - applicants will need to input college information & course title

Academic History Section (continued)

Additional Information Section: Write this.

During spring 2020, Carmel High School students were given the option to select letter grades or CR/NC.

Other items to potentially write about if it applies to the applicant:
change in curriculum, dip in grades, explanations for being unable to take a certain course or selection of courses, if you moved during high school

Test Scores - TEST OPTIONAL

- ❖ Test scores are currently TEST OPTIONAL. Scores are not required and students will not be penalized in the admissions process if they don't submit them.
- ❖ UC Berkeley is TEST BLIND. No test scores for admissions.
- ❖ The UC system is under current litigation in regards to test scores on whether they can be used at all for any type of admission selection.
- ❖ Once a final decision is made, CHS Counseling will share out via emails on what the final ruling is. To be determined.

How to Maximize Activities & Awards Section

- ❖ A.K.A. = Unofficial Resume
- ❖ 20 spaces to add activities & awards, you don't need to fill them all up
- ❖ The UC has no preference of how many or how you list them
- ❖ Select the ones that best represent yourself & your passions, all categories are valued equally
- ❖ Be clear & don't assume application readers know what the activities or awards are. Explain. Don't use acronyms.
- ❖ **The UC DOES value PROGRESSION, LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT, CONSISTENCY, & GROWTH**

Scholarships & Programs Section

- ❖ The UC Application is also a scholarship application
- ❖ Scholarships are campus specific
- ❖ A FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or CA Dream Act Application **MUST** be filed in order to be considered for these scholarships / programs
- ❖ 10 categories of scholarships: academic major/interest; affiliation with group, program, or organization; ancestry & descendants; career plans; ethnicity, national origin or religion; extracurricular activities; work experience; family circumstances & relationships; school/geographic location; health/disabilities

Personal Insight Questions (PIQ)

- ❖ Select 4 questions that you identify with the most
- ❖ All questions are given equal consideration
- ❖ Think of this section as your **“interview”** with the UC
- ❖ PIQ’s are the opportunity to give context to activities, leadership, and experiences
- ❖ UC campuses understand that distance learning has and is disturbing student’s enrichment activities due to COVID19
- ❖ FOCUS on: what activities you **DID do**, not what activities could no longer do, be reflective, give specific & thoughtful examples
- ❖ Do not write about test scores in this section at all

Additional Comments Section after PIQ

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- ❖ 550 words available
- ❖ This section may be used to provide more **context** to the application **NOT** otherwise written about in prior PIQs
- ❖ Possible Uses: How COVID19 or Social Justice movement impacted major choice, what type of changes you made to extracurriculars due to COVID19, how COVID 19 or Social Justice movement impacted decision to apply to UC, how you plan to engage with the community if admitted to UC, share personal experiences rather than comment on news or headlines
- ❖ **AVOID:** links to resumes, youtube channels, portfolios, no test scores, etc....

The UC Uses Comprehensive Review for Admission - 14 Factors

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1. **Grade point average**
 2. **Test scores (Test optional & under litigation - TBD)**
 3. **Performance in & number of courses beyond minimum a-g requirements**
 4. **UC-approved honors & advanced courses**
 5. **Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) top 9%**
 6. **Quality of senior year program of study**
 7. **Academic opportunities in CA high schools**
 8. **Outstanding performance in 1 or more academic subject areas**

Comprehensive Review - 14 Factors (continued)

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9. Achievements in special projects
 10. Special talents, achievements, & awards
 11. Improvement in academic performance
 12. Participation in educational preparation programs
 13. Academic accomplishment in light of life experiences
 14. Geographic location
- ***No single factor determines admission.***

What to Do After You Apply

- ❖ Print a copy of your application for your records
- ❖ Update your application as needed (only certain sections available to do so)
- ❖ Create and check campus portal accounts for your “To-Do” Lists
OFTEN, weekly
- ❖ Wait - Usually by March 31 admissions notifications are sent out
- ❖ Only submit official transcripts AFTER you accept an offer of admission by July 1, official AP scores due by July 15 (OR if a specific campus requests it earlier, send)

UC Application Help Center Information

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❖ Email

ucinfo@applyucsupport.net

❖ Telephone

(800) 207-1710

❖ Hours

Monday-Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. PST

Saturday & Sunday: Closed