AGENDA

• UC Application Timeline
• UC Campuses
• How applications are viewed
• Personal Insight Questions (PIQs)
• After You Apply
• Questions (if time permits)
Freshman application timeline

**August 1**
UC Application opens

**October 1 – November 30**
UC application filing period

**December – March 2**
FAFSA and CADAA priority filing period

**February – March**
Freshman admission decision notifications

**May 1**
Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) deadline

**May – June 30**
Waitlist admission notification
Is UC the right fit for you?

- Quarter System (except for Berkeley and Merced)
- Research and analytical thinking skills.
- Majors are very different vs. CSU
- Transfer Admission Guarantee program (community college)
Selecting Campuses and Majors

● One online UC App for up to 9 campuses
● $80 per campus (Fee Waiver Available)
● Majors under “Colleges” (i.e., College of Engineering, College of Letters & Science, etc.)
  ○ Some colleges are smaller, thus more competitive.
  ○ Popular majors are also more competitive.
  ○ Undeclared may be impacted as well.
  ○ Can select different majors at each campus.
  ○ Some majors only admit at the freshmen level or may not be open to freshmen.
  ○ Consider alternate majors strategically.
UC Admission Review:

13 Comprehensive Factors

Examples:

- Rigor & grades in 9th - 11th A-G courses
- Strength of 12th Grade Schedule (continued rigor)
- A-G GPA (capped/uncapped; weighted/unweighted)
- # of AP/Honors/College Level courses
- # of A-G semesters beyond min requirements
- ELC Status
- Academic & Personal Achievements (based on what is available at your high school and life experiences)
Holistic Review:

All sections of the application are reviewed for intellectual vitality and contributions to community.

- Achievements in light of available opportunities.
- Experiences that prepared you for your chosen major (or a UC education if undeclared.)
Academic History

Enter Carlmont as school you are attending and courses.

- 9th - 12th A-G courses & grades from transcript(s).
  - Include repeated course(s) (Edgenuity): enter both previous and new grades.

- 12th Grade courses:
  - Fall = In Progress & Spring = Planned
  - Include Edgenuity courses planned or in progress.

Option to also enter 7th/8th Math (Algebra or higher) & World Language.

Enter Other schools or Community Colleges you attended (or are attending).

  - List the courses as they appear on their transcript.
  - Don’t enter dual concurrent enrollment courses twice
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**All 12th courses are In Progress (Fall) and Planned (Spring) Except for: Gov/Econ**

AP Gov is "In Progress" and AP Econ is "Planned" (under GE elective)
Activities & Awards

What are you most proud of outside of the classroom? Quality counts, not quantity.

Focus on leadership, how the experienced informed your perspective, etc.

Six categories:

- Awards
- Educational Prep Programs
- Extracurricular Activities (Sports, Clubs, Family Responsibilities, informal groups, etc.)
- Non A-G Courses (that had an impact and/or prepare for major)
- Community Service/Volunteer
- Work Experience
**PIQ Tips**

There's no wrong way to answer the prompts, just missed opportunities.

Grades are just one data point; doesn't tell us the whole story.

Consider value-added responses: Provide specific examples. Focus on impact it had on you and/or others.

**Not looking for:**
- Essay, song lyrics, hardship for the sake of hardship - don’t force, themes, repetition.
- Imagine the question being asked in person (like an interview).
- If repeating information in 2 different questions - be specific about the topic related to the question.
- Don't have reader figure out analogies and metaphors.

**3 steps of responses**
- 1. Present idea
- 2. Answer the question.
- 3. Share the impact, “so what”
What UC’s DON’T need:

• Don’t send official transcripts yet
  ○ Unless requested by a certain campus

• SAT or ACT Scores are NOT accepted

• Don’t send AP Score Report YET
  ○ Enter your AP scores on the application
  ○ Send later to the campus you will attend

• Recommendation Letters NOT accepted
  ○ Unless directly requested by a campus
Closing Tips

DEADLINE to Submit - Nov 30th

After you Apply

- Print out a copy for your records
- Check emails for messages from campuses.
- Any academic changes to your submitted application, should be reported to each campus you applied to.
  - Examples: dropping or adding a class, level changes, fall grade is lower than C, etc.
- All admission decisions ARE CONDITIONAL
  - Verified when the campus you plan to attend receives your FINAL Official transcript in July.