ELAC Transfer Center
2012-13 UC Application Tips

UC Application Available at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Application Filing Period: November 1st – 30th

Things to do before you start the application

● Decide on your major and the UC campuses where you will apply.
  • The University of California website has information to help you explore UC's: http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/
  • Research your major options:
  • The ASSIST website at www.assist.org has an “Explore Majors” tool and this is also where you can find the required courses for the major you select.

● Obtain copies of all your college transcripts and AP or IB Exam results.
  • In the UC application you are required to enter all college courses that you have taken. Don’t enter classes and grades from memory. Misrepresenting your academic record can jeopardize your admissions.
  • If you have only attended ELAC you can obtain your unofficial transcript from the Student Information System. Select “Register for Classes” on the top right hand corner of the ELAC web page, log onto the Student Information System SIS and then click on “Transcripts”

● Identify the courses you will be enrolled in for Spring 2013
  • UC admissions is very competitive, therefore make sure you have completed the courses required for your major.
  • If you are not sure about what courses you need, meet with an ELAC counselor

● Additional Information you will need.
  • Activities and awards – Prepare concise descriptions of your most significant awards and activities and the length of time involved. This includes employment, family responsibilities and special circumstances.
  • Annual Income (optional but necessary if you would like to apply for an application fee waiver) – If your parent’s claim you as a dependent on their tax return or if you are under age 24 and single, you’ll need to know their annual income (pre-tax) for 2011. Refer to tax records or pay stubs.
  • Parent’s residency (optional) – Know the date they moved to the state where they legally reside.
  • Social Security Number (If you have one.) – Otherwise leave blank.
  • Citizenship Status – If you’re not a U.S. citizen, know your immigration status and the type of visa you hold (such as F1).
  • Credit Card information – If you are going to pay for the application by credit card; know the account number, expiration date, cardholder’s name and billing address.
• **Apply broadly.** Students who apply to several campuses are more likely to be admitted to a campus they know they want to attend. Do not limit yourself to only one option.

• **Don’t send transcripts until they are requested.**

• **You can apply to all 9 UC campuses by completing only 1 application.**

**Starting the Application**

- Review the information and links on the first page before you begin the application.
- Go to www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply and click on the “Start Your Application” link located on the top right of the web page. Then create your username & password.

**NEED HELP?**

- Read the Questions and Answers section located on the right side of each page.
- Click on “Help” link at the bottom of the page for whom to contact.
- Attend one of the UC Application Workshops in the ELAC Transfer Center.
- Drop by the ELAC Transfer Center, E1 176.

**Tip for Entering Courses Correctly**

- The application will ask you to list all the courses that appear on your transcript. For courses that do not appear on the list, you will need to click on the “I don’t see all of my courses” at the bottom of the page and then type in the information. You will need to enter the department, course number (not section number), title of the course, and the number of units, and your grade (this includes W, INC, NP, and Repeated Courses).

**UC Personal Statement**

- The UC Application requires a Personal Statement.
- Attend a UC Personal Statement Workshop or Personal Statement Writing Seminar offered by the Transfer Center.

**Made a Mistake on Your Application?**

- You can log in to the application and correct any mistakes.

**Update Your Application**

- In January, you must update your application and report your final grades you received for the Fall 2012 semester and any additional coursework you will be taking in Spring 2013. Update your application online.

**Dates and Deadlines**

**2012**

**November 1-30:** Filing period for applicants for Fall 2013

**2013**

**January**

1st: Filing period opens for applicants for all terms to submit FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form (filing period open through March 2).

7th: (Date tentative) Transfer applicants report final fall grades and any in-progress or planned coursework online.

**March**

1st: Notification of Fall 2013 admission decisions begins; continues through May 1st for transfer applicants.

2nd: Deadline for applicants for all terms to submit FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form.

**June**

1st: Deadline for admitted transfer students to submit Statement of Intent to Register.

**July**

15th: Final official transcripts due at campus admissions office for students admitted for fall 2013.