RE: University of California fact sheet

Careful research and preparation are required for exchange at UC.

Researching UC campuses:
There are 9 campuses you can choose to study at, please note the San Francisco campus is not applicable for University of Auckland students.

UC has a unique application process where you could be placed at any of the three campuses listed in your application. If you find that only one campus is a viable option, we encourage you to look at other partner universities as UC will not be suitable if you have limited flexibility in your courses.

For specific majors (popular majors), you must demonstrate evidence of meeting UC prerequisites before you study at UC. Please check Preparation for Specific Majors to see if this applies to your major. If you do not meet the prerequisites for a particular major, it is very unlikely that you will be admitted for that major.

In addition to identifying appropriate courses, please consider the cost of insurance and living expenses at UC. The costs of living vary by campus.

Application to 360 International:
UC counts as one choice in your application to 360 International. However, you are still required to show evidence of researching courses at three campuses on your Host University Preferences and Proposed Courses Form. We will not consider applicants who do not list three campuses on your application to 360 International.

If nominated by 360 International to UC:
You will apply to UC and will be required to research three campuses and submit a study plan for each. Flexibility of campus choice is required as UC makes the final decision as to where you are placed. Your first choice campus is not guaranteed.

If you have any questions, please contact the 360 International Team at 360international@auckland.ac.nz.

360 International Office
www.auckland.ac.nz/360

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### University of California Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) Reciprocity

**Location**

UC is the major public research university in the state of California serving both undergraduate and graduate students. There are ten campus locations: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego and San Francisco (a graduate medical school).

Discover UC's campuses: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/discover-uc](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/discover-uc)

**Description**

The University of California opened its doors in 1869 with just 10 faculty members and 38 students. Today, the UC system includes more than 238,000 students and more than 190,000 faculty and staff, with more than 1.7 million alumni living and working around the world.

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**Level**

Undergraduate / Bachelor

**Deadline**

Applications for August/September (Fall quarter/Fall semester) start are due by: February 1.

Applications for January (Winter quarter/Spring semester) start are due by: August 1.

For more information, see: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-exchange/apply-undergraduate-programs/step-3-apply](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-exchange/apply-undergraduate-programs/step-3-apply)

**UC Majors**

For information on UC majors, see: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses)

**Subject Area Restrictions**

For campus-specific requirements and restrictions, see Major Specific Notes: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation)

**Major Prerequisites**

In the UC system, biology, business administration, economics, engineering, and psychology require intensive preparation for coursework taught at the upper-division level (100-199). To be approved for upper-division courses, you must demonstrate to UC departmental advisors and / or instructors that you are sufficiently prepared.

Review the UC catalogs for course descriptions and information on prerequisites; see also Major Specific Notes: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/uc-courses/major-preparation)

See also the Major Prerequisites Checklist: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/docs/Prereq-Checklist.pdf](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/docs/Prereq-Checklist.pdf)

The information on prerequisites is provided as a general guide only. Other coursework may be necessary. Enrollment in classes is not guaranteed.

**Academic Term Dates**

UCB and UCM have semester-length terms. A semester includes 15 weeks of instruction. Fall semester (mid-August–mid-December); Spring semester (mid-January–mid-May). One full academic year at UCB and UCM is two semesters for a total of 30 weeks of instruction.

UCD, UCI, UCLA, UCR, UCSB, UCSC, and UCSD have quarter-length terms. A quarter includes 10 weeks of instruction. Fall quarter (mid-September–mid-December); Winter quarter (January–mid-March); Spring quarter (April–mid-June). One full academic year at these UC campuses is three quarters for a total of 30 weeks of instruction.

[https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/timeline](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/timeline)

See also the UC academic calendar for term dates by academic year: [https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/uc-calendar](https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/uc-calendar)
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<td><strong>Schedule of Classes</strong></td>
<td>Schedule of Classes (list of course offerings) will not have been published yet for the academic term for which prospective students will apply. The Schedule of Classes is announced midway through the preceding academic term. There is no guarantee that a course you are interested in taking will be offered during your proposed UC exchange studies, however you may research current Schedule of Classes to get an idea of the likelihood of a course being offered. For links by campus, see: <a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/discover-uc">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/discover-uc</a></td>
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<td><strong>Course Load Requirements</strong></td>
<td>Full-time enrollment (at least 13 units each term at most UC Berkeley colleges, at least 12 units each term at all other UC campuses) is required of both U.S. and non-U.S. citizens. If your first language is not English, consider limiting your first-term enrollment to the minimum number of course units required by your UC college or department.</td>
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<td><strong>Course Numbering</strong></td>
<td>Enrollment in courses is subject to meeting prerequisites and available space in the class. Undergraduate Courses (1-199) Lower-division courses numbered 1 - 99 are introductory and are often taken by UC students in their first two years of study. Undergraduate upper-division courses numbered 100 - 199 are usually taken by UC students in their last two years of study. Upper-division courses numbered 198 - 199 are usually taken by students working on a thesis or research. Graduate courses are numbered 200 and above. Some campuses and / or departments do not allow undergraduates to enroll in graduate courses. You must respect any restrictions that apply. Professional Schools Some majors at UC are taught only at the graduate level in what are called professional schools. Examples of these majors are education, medicine, veterinary medicine, law, management, information management, and journalism. Undergraduate reciprocity students generally cannot enroll in professional schools.</td>
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<td>UCEAP reciprocity students do not pay tuition, student services or campus-wide fees. UCEAP reciprocity students are responsible for payment of orientation, housing, utilities, UC health insurance, books and laboratory, materials/technology, studio fees, document fees, optional leisure activities, travel and any personal expenses incurred while on the exchange. Students are also responsible for the shipping cost of their DS-2019 visa certificate and any other fees associated with the issue of their US visa. For general information, see: <a href="https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/budget">https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/plan-your-studies/budget</a></td>
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### Insurance

All UC students, including UCEAP reciprocity students, are required to have health insurance and will be automatically enrolled in the host UC campus’ student health insurance plan. The cost of insurance will be applied to your student billing account for each term of participation.

The student health insurance office will review health insurance exemption (waiver) requests they receive, if they are received by the stated deadline.

There is no guarantee that a waiver request, if submitted, will be approved. If you submit a request for waiver and it is not approved, you must be prepared to pay the cost of the UC student health insurance plan. The student health insurance office will review health insurance exemption (waiver) requests they receive, if they are received by the stated deadline.

General information about Insurance is available at:  
https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/insurance

Detailed information is posted on the Campus Specific Instructions pages when it becomes available at:  
https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/campus-specific-instructions

### Health Requirements

Students must be prepared to submit proof of their immunization records and TB screening by the stated deadline of their host UC.

For more information, see:  

### Housing

UCEAP reciprocity students are eligible to apply for UC university-owned housing. UC housing is not guaranteed.

https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/housing

Housing information is posted on the Campus Specific Instructions pages when it becomes available at:  
https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/before-you-arrive/campus-specific-instructions

### US Visa

UCEAP reciprocity students will receive instructions after their host UC campus placement is determined on how to submit financial documentation required for DS-2019 request. Students must have a DS-2019 before they can apply for their US J-1 visa.

For the minimum Estimated Living Expenses required for DS-2019 issuance, see:  
https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/visa-resources/financial-requirements

For Visa Resources, see:  
https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/after-you-apply/visa-resources

U.S. citizens and valid U.S. permanent residents do not need a DS-2019 to enter the United States; a U.S. passport or permanent resident card is sufficient.

### Application Review

UC is a systemwide program with 9 undergraduate campuses. Students must be willing to attend any UC campus where their major is offered.

Applicants are required to submit 3 study plans for UC campuses where their area of study is offered. These will help staff in our office to better understand the applicant’s study objectives and place the applicant at a UC campus that will be a good match.

For more information, see:  
https://reciprocity.uceap.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-exchange/apply-undergraduate-programs/step-1-explore