

The College Visit Minute

A written account of college recruiting visits to Cambridge High School Campus for those that can't attend by *The CHS College Center*

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Is the Rep a school Alum? Yes **Is the Rep involved in the admissions process?** Yes

Last year's Freshman Profile(Fall 2018 Admits) : GPA - 3.92 Avg GPA unweighted SAT - 1370-1530 mid 50% Composite Score ACT - 31-35 mid 50% composite score

GPA -How is it calculated? Includes Grades from summer prior to 9th grade through summer after Junior year, They look at through UC weighted average. Must also submit 12th grade classes you plan to take

ACT/SAT – They do not superscore and you must take the writing portion either the ACT Assessment plus Writing or the SAT with Essay. All tests must be taken no later than December of senior year.

School of Engineering and Applied Sciences applicants are strongly encouraged to take Math Level 2 subject test and a science test closely related to intended major

Rigor - What are the average AP requirements? Academics are most heavily weighted factor in admissions review; They expect students to take full advantage of the AP classes offered at their high school

Extra-Curricular Activities –What does the school look for? Admissions are a Holistic Evaluation of the Student. A major part looks at extracurriculars and awards. Highlight your contributions and role, spell out club acronyms, use active verbs. Also list things nominated for and how you maximize your resources.

Most popular majors at this school: business economics, biology, psychology, political science, psychobiology. UCLA offers over 125 majors and 90 minors

Does chosen major affect decision process? Yes, must declare a major when you apply for all professional schools

Study Abroad Programs? 160 programs in over 62 countries. year long, quarter long, summer

Internships / Co-Op Opportunities? Yes- offers competitive internships.

Quite a few opportunities near campus.

Research Opportunities? Yes- They are a R1 Institution which means they have a top research program in both STEM programs and other programs. Good for job opportunities.

Special successes the school is known for: Ranked #1 top public school in Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Ed. Most of their graduate and doctoral programs are ranked in top 10.2018 - Forbes ranked UCLA the #1 best value university (based on high education quality and low student debt upon graduation). Over 20 of their programs are ranked in top 10 nationally.

Scholarships: 4 major scholarships include: Regents (merit based), Alumni scholarships (merit based), UCLA Achievement Scholarships(merit plus need based), and University Student Aid Program Funds (need based)Are there any specific to our area or for Georgia students? Not specifically

When are scholarship deadlines? Do the FAFSA to be considered for all types of aid including Merit. March 2nd is a Financial Aid deadline. There are 4 types of financial aid - Scholarships, Grants, Student Loans and Part time Jobs

What is the Total cost of Attendance?

Out of State

Tuition & Fees

\$13,225

Room & Board

\$15,816

Transportation, Personal, Health Ins. & Books and Supplies \$5636
\$28,992 (Non-Resident supplemental Tuition)
Total per Year (Two Semesters) \$63,669

Upcoming On-Campus visit dates not to be missed? Fall Open House?

Is there a "Scholar Day" for Honors bound students? no

Applications

When are application deadlines? Application open August 1st. Application Filing period is from Nov 1-30. UCLA does not offer Early Action or Early Decision. Rep suggests submitting application by Thanksgiving.

Is an essay required for all decision options? No- On California Application there are four short answer questions. Treat these personal insight questions like an interview - pick questions that match you. These go to all UC schools you apply to. Do not approach like creative writing - describe who you are!

Are letters of recommendation required or suggested? No. They do not accept letters of recommendation

Is an in-person interview required or suggested? Not for the College of Arts and Sciences but required for some of the professional schools.

Theater/Film TV does not require recommendations or Videography.

Theatre requires an audition. Arts and Architecture also require portfolio. Music requires audition and/or interview. Nursing has a required supplement as part of application. Be sure to check email during application process to ensure submissions received and to provide an additional info UCLA may request.

What does the school look for in each "round" of decisions? N/A- Only one round of holistic application review - all applications are read twice by 2 separate independent admissions professionals.

Does the school use the Common AP? No, the UC Application is used (9 campuses in UC system)

How many applications are received per year? 113,000

How much is the application fee? \$105 Are there quotas for applicant acceptance? Yes. They can only take about 22% of their students from out of state. It is dictated each year by the Governor of CA

Campus Life

NCAA Criteria, (Division I, II, etc.)? DIV 1 (Pac 12)

Are sporting events free? Den Pass gives access to Home Football and Basketball games. They play home football games at the Rose Bowl - there is a bus to and from for games. Is there a ticket lottery?

Do freshmen live on campus? Are cars allowed? Freshman are not required to live on campus; however, 96% of freshman live on campus. Cars are allowed but parking is a lottery process in which freshman get lowest priority. Students are guaranteed housing on campus for 3 years

What are the dorms like: hall-style, suite-style, or apartment-style? Living & Learning Dorms? Include those with Sustainability Focus, Environmental science and Health

Campus Life (requirements, restaurants/cafeterias, clubs/activities, etc.)

The school is located in LA's Westwood neighborhood, near Beverly Hills and 5 miles from the Pacific Coast. Westwood Village feels like a college town. Beautiful campus, great weather. Excellent dining options including an all organic dining hall. Over 1000 Clubs and organizations, including Greek Life, Club Sports, UNICEF, Ethnic Based, Faith based

What is the undergraduate enrollment? 30,000 Total enrollment? 45,000

Percentage of male: female- Percentage of in-state: out-of-state students – about 20% out of state

Percentage of students participating in Greek Life – 13%

Where is the school located? West side of LA, Beverly Hills area- 5 miles from beach

How far is it from Milton? 2,220 miles

Other:

Rep provided and left for school several copies of 'A Guide to Paying for a UCLA education' - many resources include scholarships, grants, loans. Also www.financialaid.ucla.edu
Public Affairs = a new major

School on a quarter system, Faculty leaders in their fields -active research, some have written text book for class

Academic opportunity = interdisciplinary

Capstone programs also offered - runs all senior year - guided thesis or project