

I WILL

EXPLORE, CREATE, TRANSFORM

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED
Admissions Guide



Science
&
Engineering 2

Why UC Merced

I WILL

BUILD THE FUTURE





HANDS-ON UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH WITH WORLD-CLASS FACULTY MEMBERS IN CUTTING-EDGE FACILITIES



RANKED THE 12TH MOST DIVERSE UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION BY BESTCOLLEGES.COM IN 2015



RANKED #16 AMONG SCHOOLS NATIONALLY FOR CAREER OUTCOMES BY EDUCATE TO CAREER



ABILITY TO GET INVOLVED IN DAILY CAMPUS EVENTS OR WITH MORE THAN 220 CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS



CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH NEARBY YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK



RANKED THE #8 BEST COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FOR EARNING SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE GOODCALL 2016 BEST SCHOOLS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS REPORT



RANKED AMONG 107 TOP UNIVERSITIES IN THE COUNTRY AS A "HIGHER RESEARCH" INSTITUTION BY THE CARNEGIE FOUNDATION



STUDY ABROAD AND EARN CREDIT IN NEARLY 35 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

Majors

Anthropology, B.A.

Applied Mathematical Sciences, B.S.*

Emphases

- Applied Mathematical Sciences*
- Computational and Data Sciences*
- Computational Biology*
- Computer Science*
- Economics*
- Engineering*
- Environmental*
- Physics*

Bioengineering, B.S.

Biological Sciences, B.S.*

Emphases

- Biological Sciences*
- Developmental Biology*
- Ecology and Evolutionary Biology*
- Human Biology*
- Microbiology and Immunology*
- Molecular and Cell Biology*

Chemical Sciences, B.S.*

Emphases

- Biological Chemistry*
- Chemical Sciences*
- Environmental Chemistry*
- Materials Chemistry*

Cognitive Science, B.A., B.S.

Computer Science and Engineering, B.S.

Earth Systems Science, B.S.

Economics, B.A.

English, B.A.

Environmental Engineering, B.S.

Global Arts Studies Program (GASP), B.A.

History, B.A.

Management and Business Economics, B.S.

Materials Sciences and Engineering, B.S.

Emphases

- Nanotechnology*

Mechanical Engineering, B.S.

Physics, B.S.*

Emphases

- Atomic/Molecular/Optical/Condensed Matter*
- Biophysics*
- Mathematical Physics*
- Physics*

Political Science, B.A

Subfield

- Pre-law*

Psychology, B.A.

Public Health, B.A.

Sociology, B.A.

Spanish, B.A.

Undeclared

*TRANSFER STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE AN EMPHASIS

Minors

American Studies

Anthropology

Applied Mathematics

Arts

Chemical Sciences

Chicano/a Studies

Cognitive Science

Community Research and Service

Economics

English

Environmental Science and Sustainability

History

Interdisciplinary Public Health

Management and Business Economics

Natural Sciences Education

Natural Sciences Education with

Teaching Credential

Philosophy

Physics

Political Science

Psychology

Services Science

Sociology

Spanish

Writing

UC MERCED ACCEPTS APPLICATIONS FOR THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS FOR FIRST YEAR AND TRANSFER STUDENTS. CHECK ADMISSIONS.UCMERCED.EDU FOR OPEN MAJORS.

A group of hikers is posing on a rocky trail. In the background, a large waterfall cascades over a rocky cliff face. The scene is set in a lush, green forest under a clear blue sky. The hikers are dressed in various outdoor gear, including hats, sunglasses, and backpacks. The overall atmosphere is one of adventure and outdoor recreation.

I WILL

EMBARK ON NEW ADVENTURES

Admission Requirements

Apply at universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

AUG. 1

Get started on your admission application

NOV. 1-30

Submit your admission application for the fall semester

JULY 1-31

Apply for admission for the spring semester

First Year (Freshmen)

- High school diploma or equivalent
- GPA of 3.0 or above (nonresident: 3.4)

Required Examinations

ACT with Writing and/or the new SAT or SAT with Essay

A minimum of 15 yearlong high school courses ("a-g"):

- History/social science – 2 years required
- English – 4 years required
- Mathematics – 3 years required, 4 years recommended
- Laboratory science – 2 years required, 3 years recommended
- Language other than English – 2 years required, 3 years recommended
- Visual and performing arts – 1 year required
- College-preparatory elective – 1 year required

For more information on requirements, visit c.ucm.edu/firstyear.

2016 Admission Statistics

FIRST YEAR*

3.4 – 3.9
GPA

73.3%
ADMIT RATE

TEST SCORES

1385-1750
SAT TOTAL

19-27
ACT TOTAL

*RANGES REPRESENT THE MIDDLE 50% OF ADMITTED STUDENTS.

Transfer

Junior Level Requirements

- Complete at least 60 semester (90 quarter) units of UC-transferable credit
- Earn at least a 2.4 GPA in UC-transferable courses (nonresident: 2.8)**
- Complete the 7-course pattern by the end of the spring term prior to fall enrollment
- Complete the courses required for your major

Lower Division Requirements

- Enrollment at a college or university after high school graduation and fewer than 60 semester (90 quarter) UC-transferable units completed prior to enrollment at UC Merced
- Met requirements for the University of California upon high school graduation (required GPA, examinations and all "a-g" courses)
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in all UC-transferable coursework (nonresident: 2.8)**
- UC Merced major-specific selection courses (recommended)**

**SOME MAJORS REQUIRE A HIGHER GPA FOR ADMISSION SELECTION.

For more information on requirements, visit c.ucm.edu/transfer.

TRANSFER*

2.9 – 3.49
GPA

53%
ADMIT RATE

88%
OF APPROVED
TAGS
were admitted for the
fall 2016 semester

Scholarships and Financial Aid

88%
OF UC MERCED
STUDENTS RECEIVED
FINANCIAL AID*

ABOUT \$18,000
IS THE AVERAGE ANNUAL
GIFT AID OFFERED TO ELIGIBLE
UC MERCED STUDENTS

Visit financialaid.ucmerced.edu

BLUE AND GOLD OPPORTUNITY PLAN: Covers your systemwide fees if you are a California resident whose family makes less than \$80,000 a year and you qualify for financial aid. universityofcalifornia.edu/blueandgold

MIDDLE CLASS SCHOLARSHIP: Applies to undergraduate students with family incomes up to \$150,000 who don't already qualify under the Blue and Gold program. financialaid.ucmerced.edu/middle-class-scholarship

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT: As a public state institution, UC Merced provides aid to students who qualify under the California Dream Act. financialaid.ucmerced.edu/CADreamAct

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE): Students in 14 Western states and one territory can enroll at reduced tuition levels: 150 percent of UC Merced's regular resident tuition. admissions.ucmerced.edu/wue

*2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR

Estimated Costs 2016-17*

California resident tuition and fees: \$13,262

Room and board (on campus): \$15,933

Books and supplies: \$1,446

Transportation: \$598

Personal expenses: \$1,893

Health insurance**: \$2,452

ESTIMATE YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD

WITH THE FINANCIAL AID NET PRICE CALCULATOR

Visit finaidcalc.ucmerced.edu

* ACTUAL TUITION, FEES, AND CHARGES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND COULD BE AFFECTED BY INCREASES OR REDUCTIONS IN STATE FUNDING OR OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

** THE CAMPUS MEDICAL HEALTH INSURANCE CHARGE WILL BE WAIVED FOR STUDENTS WHO PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE.

Housing

Residence halls at UC Merced are modern and comfortable, with rooms available in multiple configurations. Live in a community of friendly student scholars like yourself.

To review housing options, visit housing.ucmerced.edu.

UC MERCED'S
HOUSING RECEIVED AN

"A" GRADE
IN NICHE'S 2016
BEST COLLEGES RANKINGS



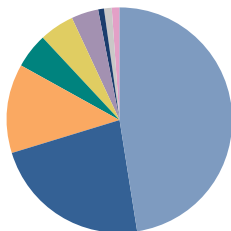
I WILL

MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS

Who We Are

ETHNICITY

- CHICANO/LATINO – 48%
- ASIAN – 23%
- WHITE – 13%
- AFRICAN-AMERICAN – 5%
- NONRESIDENT ALIEN – 5%
- TWO OR MORE RACES – 4%
- PACIFIC ISLANDER – 1%
- UNKNOWN – 1%
- DECLINED TO RESPOND – 1%



TOP 5 MAJORS

- BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- PSYCHOLOGY
- COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
- MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
- MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS

LEVEL

FIRST YEAR	5,946
TRANSFER	291
GRADUATE	448
TOTAL HEADCOUNT	6,685

PERCENTAGES ARE ROUNDED

SOURCE: UC MERCED INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND DECISION SUPPORT DIVISION, SUMMER 2016

ATTRACTIONS NEAR MERCED

- 1 LOS ANGELES
- 2 SACRAMENTO
- 3 SAN FRANCISCO
- 4 SANTA CRUZ
- 5 YOSEMITE



WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Get started on your application Aug. 1 at universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Visit Campus:
tours.ucmerced.edu

Take a Virtual Tour:
admissions.ucmerced.edu/virtualtour

Join Our Contact List:
c.ucm.edu/moreinfo

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