

2011-12 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.
 - SBCC Career Center counselors can assist you with choosing a major. Visit SS 270 in person or check out the Career Center website: www.sbccc.edu/careercenter/ChooseAMajor.php
 - SBCC Transfer Center has power point presentations and workbooks which can be found online at: http://www.sbccc.edu/transfcenter/events_workshop.php.
 - Selecting Your Perfect University
 - My Perfect University Workbook
 - Choosing Your Transfer Major
- ◆ **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 SBCC you can obtain your unofficial transcript from Pipeline. Select "Student Records link" and then click on "Academic Transcript."
- ◆ **Identify the courses you will be enrolled in for Spring 2011 and Summer 2011 (if applicable).**
 - ◇ **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 a SBCC counselor in the Academic Counseling Center (SS120) or in the Transfer Center (SS 140).
- ◆ **Additional Information you will need.**
 - ◇ **Activities and awards** – Prepare concise descriptions of your most significant awards and activities and the length of time involved
 - ◇ **Annual Income** (optional) – If your parent's claim you as a dependent on their tax return, you'll need to know their annual income (pre-tax) for 2004 and 2005. 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 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 and pick an email address.

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 who to contact.
- ◆ Drop by the SBCC Transfer Center, SS140.

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, title of the course, and the number of units, and your grade (this includes W, and NP) For example, if you are currently enrolled in English 110:
 - ◇ Department = ENGL; Course number = 110; Title = Composition and Reading; Units = 3**Do not confuse the 5 digit CRN# found on your unofficial transcript with the course number.**

UC Personal Statement

- ◆ The UC Application requires a Personal Statement.
- ◆ For assistance with the Personal Statement check out the following resources on the Transfer Center website www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter/events_workshop.php :
 - ◇ Workbook for Writing the College Admission Essay and UC Personal Statement
 - ◇ Writing the College Admission Essay and UC Personal Statement PowerPoint
 - ◇ UC Personal Statement Tips

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 2010 semester and any additional coursework you will be taking in Spring 2011. Update your application online at: www.admissions.ucop.edu/wip/login.do

Dates and Deadlines

2010

November 1-30: Filing period for applicants for Fall 2011

2011

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 2010 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 2011