

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA—RIVERSIDE

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## CAMPUS LIFE

Quality of Life Rating	62
Fire Safety Rating	85
Green Rating	96
Type of school	public
Environment	city

## STUDENTS

Total undergrad enrollment	15,708
% male/female	48/52
% from out of state	2
% from public high school	88
% live on campus	30
% in (# of) fraternities	6 (20)
% in (# of) sororities	6 (20)
% African American	8
% Asian	40
% Caucasian	17
% Hispanic	28
% international	2
# of countries represented	66

## SURVEY SAYS . . .

*Great library*  
*Athletic facilities are great*  
*Diverse student types on campus*  
*Different types of students interact*  
*Frats and sororities dominate social scene*  
*Student publications are popular*  
*(Almost) everyone smokes*

## ACADEMICS

Academic Rating	73
Calendar	quarter
Student/faculty ratio	18.5:1
Profs interesting rating	62
Profs accessible rating	65
Most common reg class size	20–29 students
Most common lab size	20–29 students

## MOST POPULAR MAJORS

biology/biological sciences  
 business administration  
 and management  
 psychology

## STUDENTS SAY “. . .”

### Academics

The University of California—Riverside is an “underrated” and “research-oriented” school with an “extensive library” and heaps of “very up-to-date” technology. There are nearly 80 majors available. Premed and the biological sciences are noteworthy strengths. Computer science, engineering, and business administration are also solid. “The honors program is fantastic.” Cutting-edge research opportunities for undergraduates are ample “in virtually any area.” If you have a passion for creepy crawly things, UCR boasts one of the best entomology departments in the nation. (The bug collection is astounding.) UCR is also a leader in agricultural research. “Lectures are huge” at the introductory level, and “overworked” teaching assistants are a fact of life. “Classes are smaller” as you get further along in your major, though, particularly in comparison to other UC schools. The academic atmosphere varies widely by department. “Fast-paced, challenging” coursework is common in the hard sciences. “Most science students are always in the libraries.” Other students report a radically different experience. “Some of my classes are a joke,” gripes a history major. Similarly, “professors are either great or awful.” There are “some very excellent teachers” here who “go out of their way to help students learn both inside and outside the classroom.” Other professors “treat teaching as just a requirement. Student opinion regarding the administration also differs. Some undergrads declare them to be “helpful” and diligent about “keeping students on track.” Others, however, assert that some administrators act as if helping the students is a burden.”

### Life

UCR students enjoy a “beautiful” campus with a lot of newer buildings and “a forest feel to it.” This campus is also as wired (and wireless) as any in the country. With nearly 300 clubs and organizations, there are “plenty of extracurricular activities.” The Greek system has a noticeable presence on campus. If you are athletic, the huge student recreation center is dreamy. Many intercollegiate athletic teams are formidable, too, though student support is generally low. The party scene isn’t very happening. Many students are commuters, and on the weekends, “the campus is empty.” The city of Riverside has a few advantages. For example, “the cost of living is cheap off campus.” Just down the street from campus, there’s also University Village, which has “a movie theater and food places.” Riverside is also a mere “40 minutes from the snow at Big Bear.” However, the general sentiment among students here is that the surrounding area is “lackluster” and “freaking boring.” “UCR needs to be transplanted to another town,” suggests one visionary student.

### Student Body

UCR is “one of the most diverse of all the UC campuses” and, for that matter, one of the most diverse campuses anywhere. “It’s hard to describe the typical student, because there are so many different types of people.” Asian and Asian American students constitute the largest ethnic bloc. There are “the fraternity freaks, the overachievers, the geeks, the recluses, the trendy people,” and many other subgroups. At the same time, UCR is mostly full of “average college students.” “Everybody is pretty relaxed and friendly.” Sure, there “weirdoes here and there, “maybe a few people with green hair,” but “no one is out of the ordinary.” Just about everyone here is from California, and it’s largely a middle-class crowd. Some 70 percent of all students receive financial aid. “Most of the students seem serious about being in college and are here for the right reasons,” though not all of them. “There are the extremely bright students who spend all day studying,” relates a sophomore. “There are also students who barely got in and do nothing at all.”

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## THE PRINCETON REVIEW SAYS

### Admissions

*Very important factors considered include:* academic GPA, rigor of secondary school record, standardized test scores, state residency. *Important factors considered include:* Application essay, first generation. *Other factors considered include:* talent/ability, SAT Subject Tests required; SAT or ACT required; ACT with Writing component required. TOEFL required of all international applicants. High school diploma is required and GED is accepted. *Academic units required:* 4 English, 3 mathematics, 2 science, (2 science labs), 2 foreign language, 2 history, 1 visual/performing arts, 1 academic electives. *Academic units recommended:* 4 mathematics, 3 science, (3 science labs), 3 foreign language.

### Financial Aid

*Students should submit:* FAFSA, state aid form Regular filing deadline is 3/2. The Princeton Review suggests that all financial aid forms be submitted as soon as possible after 1/1. *Need-based scholarships/grants offered:* Federal Pell, SEOG, state scholarships/grants, private scholarships, the school's own gift aid. *Loan aid offered:* Direct Subsidized Stafford, Direct Unsubsidized Stafford, Direct PLUS, Federal Perkins, college/university loans from institutional funds. Applicants will be notified of awards on a rolling basis beginning 3/1. Federal Work-Study Program available. Institutional employment available. Off-campus job opportunities are excellent.

### The Inside Word

The UC—Riverside admissions process is based heavily on quantitative factors. Applicants who have strong GPAs and standardized test scores should have no problem gaining acceptance. There is a priority filing period, so students should apply as early as possible.

## THE SCHOOL SAYS “. . .”

### From The Admissions Office

“The University of California—Riverside offers the quality, rigor, and facilities of a major research institution, while assuring its undergraduates personal attention and a sense of community. Academic programs, teaching, advising, and student services all reflect the supportive attitude that characterizes the campus. Among the exceptional opportunities are the UC—Riverside/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences, which provides an exclusive path to UCLA's Geffen School of Medicine; the University Honors Program; an extensive undergraduate research program; UC's only oldest and most comprehensive undergraduate degree program in business administration in Southern California; and UC's only bachelor's degree in creative writing. More than 300 student clubs and organizations and a variety of athletic and arts events give students a myriad of ways to get involved and have fun.

“All applicants must take the ACT plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. In addition, all applicants must take two SAT Subject Tests in two different subject areas. (If a math SAT Subject Test is chosen by the applicant, he/she must take the math Level II exam.)”

### SELECTIVITY

<b>Admissions Rating</b>	<b>99</b>
# of applicants	21,453
% of applicants accepted	78
% of acceptees attending	26

### FRESHMAN PROFILE

Range SAT Critical Reading	450–560
Range SAT Math	470–610
Range SAT Writing	450–570
Range ACT Composite	19–24
Minimum paper TOEFL	550
Minimum computer TOEFL	213
Average HS GPA	3.44
% graduated top 10% of class	94
% graduated top 25% of class	100
% graduated top 50% of class	100

### DEADLINES

Regular	
Deadline	11/30
Notification	rolling
Nonfall registration?	no

### APPLICANTS ALSO LOOK AT

#### AND OFTEN PREFER

University of California—Berkeley  
University of California—San Diego  
University of California—Los Angeles

#### AND SOMETIMES PREFER

University of California—Irvine  
University of California—Santa Barbara  
University of California—Davis

#### AND RARELY PREFER

University of California—Merced  
University of California—Santa Cruz

### FINANCIAL FACTS

<b>Financial Aid Rating</b>	<b>80</b>
Annual in-state tuition	\$7,126
Annual out-of-state tuition	\$27,734
Room and board	\$10,850
Required fees	\$720
Books and supplies	\$1,700
% frosh rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	60
% UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid	59
% frosh rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	1
% UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid	1
% frosh rec. need-based self-help aid	54
% UG rec. need-based self-help aid	49
% frosh rec. athletic scholarships	1
% UG rec. athletic scholarships	1
% frosh rec. any financial aid	80
% UG rec. any financial aid	75
% UG borrow to pay for school	62
Average cumulative indebtedness	\$15,414