

### UC Personal Statement

- ◆ The UC Application requires a Personal Statement.
- ◆ Most UC campuses admissions websites have tips on writing the Personal Statement. This is especially important if you are applying to UC Berkeley and/or UCLA
- ◆ Have your Personal Statement reviewed by the Transfer Center. The Transfer Center Director is available to review Personal Statements for students applying to UC Berkeley and/or UCLA. The Transfer Center Adviser is available for students applying to the remaining UC campuses
- ◆ For additional assistance with the Personal Statement check out the following resources on the Transfer Center website at: [www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter](http://www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter).
  - ◆ Writing the College Admission Essay and UC Personal Statement PowerPoint
  - ◆ Workbook for Writing the College Admission Essay and UC Personal Statement

**Before you hit the “submit” button, drop by the Transfer Center to have your application reviewed for accuracy!**



### After You've Submitted Your Application

- ◆ **If you made a mistake on your application**—Notify each campus by email immediately to correct the information.
- ◆ **UC Application Update Required** - In January, you must update your application and report the final grades you received for the Fall 2009 semester and any additional coursework you will be taking in Spring 2010 and Summer 2010. Update your application online at: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/appupdate).
- ◆ **Check your email regularly for notices from the campuses.**
- ◆ **Meet all the required deadlines**—failure to respond to inquiries and/or submit required documents can result in your admission being denied
- ◆ **Admissions Notification** -You should start to receive admissions decisions in February/ March through May 2010 (for Fall 2010). UCLA notifies students by late April and UC Berkeley has a May 1st notification date
- ◆ Many campuses have websites where applicants can check on their application status.

*Advisory: It is strongly recommended that you complete and submit your application in early November.*

## 2010– 2011 UC Application Tips



Applications Available At:  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply)  
On October 1st



### Priority Filing Period:

**November 1st -  
November 30th, 2009**



**Contact Us:**

**Student Services Bldg., Room 140**

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## Things to do before you start the application:

- ◆ **Choose your major and the universities you are applying to.**
  - ◆ Research your major options – There may be different degree programs at several UC campuses that can help you meet your educational/career goal. The UC website has information to help you explore UC's:  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad\\_adm/selecting\\_camp.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/selecting_camp.html)
  - ◆ ASSIST has an "Explore Majors" function and also has lower division courses required for your major: [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
  - ◆ SBCC Career Center counselors can assist you with choosing a major. Visit SS 270 in person and/or check out the Career Center website:  
[www.sbccc.edu/careercenter/ChooseAMajor.php](http://www.sbccc.edu/careercenter/ChooseAMajor.php)
  - ◆ SBCC Transfer Center has Powerpoint presentations and workbooks which can be found online at:  
[www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter/events\\_workshop.php](http://www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter/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. Do not 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."
  - ◆ If you have had your transcripts from your other colleges sent to SBCC, the Admissions Office will make a copy of those transcripts for you (minimal fee required).

- ◆ **Identify the courses you will be enrolled in for Spring 2010 and Summer 2010.**
    - ◆ If you are not sure about what courses you need, meet with a SBCC counselor in the Academic Counseling Center (SS120) to make sure that you will meet the requirements for admission.
  - ◆ **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 FI)
    - ◆ Credit Card information – If you are going to pay by credit card; know the account number, expiration date, cardholder's name and billing address.
  - ◆ **Additional Tips**
    - ◆ 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.
    - ◆ Do not send transcripts until they are requested.
- Starting the Application**
- ◆ You can apply to as many UC campuses as you want by completing one application.
  - ◆ Review links on the first page before you begin the application—The information provides important admission information, procedures and deadlines, like when you have to submit transcripts.

- ◆ Go to [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply) and click on the "Begin" link located under "Start Your Application." Then create your username, password and pick an email address.

**Tip:** Stick with the **e-mail address** you picked. Campuses e-mail applicants regularly to request or clarify information; they often need a quick response. Provide an e-mail address that you'll regularly check and keep until you enroll.

**Tip:** Use the **SBCC course number** not the CRN #.

- ◆ The application will ask you to list the courses you are currently enrolled in and the courses you are planning to take. You will need to enter the department, course number, title of the course, and the number of units. All of this information is on your college transcripts.
- ◆ For example, if you are currently enrolled in English 110:
  - ◇ Department = English
  - ◇ Course number = 110
  - ◇ Title = Composition and Reading
  - ◇ Units = 3

*Do not confuse the 5 digit CRN# found on your class schedule with the course number.*

**Tip:** The UC application also allows you to apply for **UC Scholarships**. Make sure and complete this section.

### **Applying for a Fee Waiver**

- ◆ The Fee Waiver application is part of the UC online application.
- ◆ The \$60 admission application fee may be waived for a limited number of applicants from low-income families for whom payment would be an undue financial hardship.
- ◆ The information provided in the application will determine your eligibility.
- ◆ If you are approved for a fee waiver, you can use the fee waiver for up to 4 campuses. If you apply to more than 4 campuses you will have to pay the \$60 application fee for campuses 5+.