

FALL 2020 FIRST YEAR/FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

Before you say “Yes” to UC Merced

- BY MAY 1 – Submit Your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) by the deadline, or the date shown on your portal.**
 1. Visit the UC Merced student portal at my.ucmerced.edu.
 2. Claim your UCMNetID and create your personal password.
 3. Submit your SIR and, if applicable, your nonrefundable \$250 deposit. Do this by following the instructions on your “myAdmissions” personal application status page.
- BEFORE MAY 5 – Confirm your California residency (if required).** If shown as required on your checklist, submit the Statement of Legal Residency (SLR) on the my.ucmerced.edu portal. Confirming your residency will ensure that you will pay the correct tuition.
- AS SOON AS YOU CAN –** You are encouraged to **visit our campus**. Come see what’s new! To schedule a tour, visit tours.ucmerced.edu, or join us on April 18 for Bobcat Day. For information about the event, visit bobcatday.ucmerced.edu.

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- 24 HOURS AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR SIR – Enroll in Dual Authentication.** Within 24 hours of submitting your SIR, you will be prompted to enroll in 2-factor authentication upon signing in to any UC Merced service that requires you to log in via the Single Sign-On page (email, the my.ucmerced.edu student portal, etc.). Duo 2-Factor Authentication is designed to ensure that you are the only person who can access your UC Merced account, even if someone gets your password. For more information and to sign up, visit it.ucmerced.edu/2fa.
- MAY 9 – Save the date for the UC Analytical Writing Placement Examination (AWPE).** You can learn more about the AWPE at ucop.edu/elwr.
- BY JUNE 1 – Apply for housing.** Submit your housing preference form to select your preferred housing option and meal plan (only possible 24 hours after you submit your SIR). As an incoming first year student, you are required to live on campus your first two years unless you qualify for a residency exemption waiver, which must be submitted by June 1. Visit housing.ucmerced.edu to apply and for more information.
- BY JUNE 1– Take the Chemistry and Math Placement Exams (if required).** Your placement exam scores, combined with your other academic data, determine your level of readiness in math and chemistry. These scores allow your academic advisor to place you in the math and/or chemistry class in which you will be most successful at UC Merced. Visit ns-advising.ucmerced.edu/placement/chemistry-math for more information.
- BY JUNE 1– Register for Orientation.** At mandatory New Student Orientation, you will learn about important information and resources to help you successfully transition to UC Merced. To sign up for Orientation, you must first submit your SIR. For more information and to register, visit orientation.ucmerced.edu.
- JUNE 24-26 – Register for classes.** You will register for classes on the my.ucmerced.edu portal prior to attending Orientation. Your advisor will recommend courses based on your intended major, provide how-to resources for navigating the online system, and alert you to other requirements to ensure you are prepared for registration.

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- BY JULY 1 – Send your final transcripts.** Ensure that final, official transcripts from all high schools and higher education institutions are submitted to the Office of Admissions. **Transcripts must be postmarked or electronically submitted on or before July 1.** We recommend that you request your transcripts as soon as possible. Arrange for all documents to be sent to **UC Merced Office of Admissions, 5200 N. Lake Road, Merced, CA 95343-5603.** (For a list of participating electronic transcript providers, visit admissions.ucmerced.edu/apply/electronic-transcript-providers.) Be sure to notify us if you are having difficulties getting your transcripts sent. Check the my.ucmerced.edu portal frequently to confirm that we have received your official documents and to review your checklist for any unresolved items.

- BY JULY 15 – Submit your official test scores.** Ensure that official scores for ALL examinations you have taken are submitted to the Office of Admissions. You can confirm that we received your official ACT and/or SAT scores by logging in to your UC application at apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login. Do this frequently until you have confirmed that all official test scores have been received. Official scores for other tests, such as Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations, must be sent directly to the Office of Admissions. If you are an international applicant and have attended school outside of the U.S., please visit the my.ucmerced.edu portal to view any external exam scores the Office of Admissions requires. These include A-level exams or English language proficiency exams such as TOEFL or IELTS. We recommend that you contact test agencies now to have your official scores sent to our office.

- KEEP IT UP – Maintain your academic program.** You must earn grades of C or better. If you receive a D, F, W, NP or NC for any class or change your course schedule from what you listed on your admission application, notify the Office of Admissions immediately by visiting the my.ucmerced.edu portal and selecting “myCourseUpdates.”