welcome
guide

Life is either
a daring adventure
or nothing.

~ Helen Keller
Dear New Anteater,

Welcome to UCI!

We are delighted that you have decided to begin your UCI experience with a Summer Session Edge Program, and are certain you will find your program to be a rewarding and exciting experience! In addition to building an academic foundation for your college career, you will build friendships and discover many of the resources the campus has to offer, including learning and academic centers, the Career Pathways center, the Anteater Recreation Center, and even faculty labs during exclusive tours. You will discover new interests, develop strategies for dealing with the intense and unique demands of a college career, and explore the unlimited potential that you possess.

KEY TO THIS GUIDE

International students: Special notations throughout this guide are indicated by a ➪ symbol.

Summer Bridge Scholarship recipients: Special notations throughout this guide are indicated by a ◆ symbol.

FALL 2019 INFORMATION & ARRANGEMENTS

This Welcome Guide only contains information pertinent to your enrollment in Summer Session. Pay close attention to your Admissions portal for any instructions related to preparations for Fall 2019. This may include your Fall 2019 arrangements regarding housing, medical insurance, new student orientation, placement tests, and financial aid.


Please remember that the Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) and University policies protect the disclosure of information from student records, including the disclosure of any information pertaining to your student record to your parents, guardians, sponsors, and loved ones. We strongly encourage you to communicate any information you receive from our office with your parents, guardians, sponsors, and/or loved ones as you prepare for the program. Our office team will only be able to communicate with you directly regarding information from your student account. Our office team would be pleased to speak to your parents and loved ones to share public information regarding the program.

SPOP FOR FRESHMAN EDGE/SUMMER BRIDGE

All Freshman Edge students are strongly encouraged to attend Freshman Edge/Summer Bridge SPOP 5, which takes place on August 2 and August 3. If you cannot attend Freshman Edge/Summer Bridge SPOP 5, please contact the Summer Session office, summer-freshman@uci.edu.

Questions? We are here to help!

Sincerely,

The Summer Session Student Life & Leadership Team

Freshman Edge: summer-freshman@uci.edu | (949) 824-7649
Transfer Edge: summer-transfer@uci.edu | (949) 824-7649
Visit us in building Summer Session A Room 101-102 Bldg. #231 on the campus map (8am-5pm, M-F)
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I. ABOUT SUMMER SESSION, NOTIFICATIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION

UCI Summer Session offers more than 800 courses across 70 academic disciplines each summer, including a wide variety of online classes. Summer Session makes it possible for students to make progress towards their degree year round, often making a difference for those who want to graduate on time or even early. More than 12,000 students attend UC Irvine each summer. Summer Session also offers numerous special programs, including summer programs for incoming freshman and transfer students and a leadership development program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

**Email**
Freshman Edge: summer-freshman@uci.edu
Transfer Edge: summer-transfer@uci.edu

**Phone**
Program questions: (949) 824-7649
Account & Enrollment questions: (949) 824-6494

**Location**
Summer Session A, #231 on the campus map

**Business Hours**
Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm

**Office Closures**
The Summer Session offices will be closed on the following dates.

- July 4 – Independence Day
- September 2 – Labor Day

**SUMMER SESSION NOTIFICATION EMAILS**

Occasionally our Summer Session Administration office will send an e-mail to students regarding their course enrollment. These e-mails typically pertain to course cancellations, changes in your status on a waitlist, or location changes for course instruction. Upon receiving any of these notifications, please contact the staff at our office for specific directions.
II. GETTING STARTED

A. ACTIVATE YOUR UCInetID

Do this prior to:
• purchasing a parking permit
• attending your program orientation

You will need your UCInetID to:
• access online services at UCI e.g. Canvas, UCI G Suite, and Student Access
• receive and complete assignments
• check your course schedule and classroom locations

Your UCInetID is for your individual use only. You should not share your password with anybody else.

Find Your UCI ID Number to Active Your UCInetID
• Your ID number is in your UCI admissions correspondence
• Your ID number may also be at the bottom of your paper Summer Session receipt

International students who do not have a Social Security Number, or have been assigned a special 999 number by the registrar’s office, can leave this field blank; otherwise you should provide this information to confirm your identity.

Go to activate your UCInetID: https://activate.uci.edu/

Questions or concerns? Please report any problems via your Admissions portal.
B. HEALTH INSURANCE: MAKE SURE YOU ARE COVERED

Enrollment in the Edge programs does NOT include medical or other types of insurance. Voluntary insurance in the summer is completely separate from any arrangements you may have made for the fall. It is strongly recommended that you enroll in a Voluntary Student Health Insurance Plan (USHIP) this summer if you will not be covered by major medical insurance. As part of your enrollment materials, you signed a Waiver of Liability indicating that The Regents of the University of California are not liable for claims of personal injury, accidents or illnesses. **More information about the 2019 Voluntary USHIP form will be communicated to program participants by email once it is available.**

Questions? View the [Student Health Center Website](https://www.uci.edu/) for more information.

C. GETTING TO THE CAMPUS

Use the UCI map to plan your next visit! Please note that specific directions for the Edge Check-in, Move-in, and Orientations will be sent to you by email. A parking permit is required at all times for both visitors and students. See “Parking” for instructions.

Full campus tours are offered at the Visitors Center, located at the Student Center, bldg. #113 on the map. The Edge Staff are located at Summer Session A, bldg. #231 on the map.

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Go to view maps and freeway directions: [https://www.uci.edu/visit/maps/index.php](https://www.uci.edu/visit/maps/index.php)

D. NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

The UCI Center for Student Leadership offers the following [Student Parent Orientation Program (SPOP)](https://studentlife.uci.edu/newstudent/):

**Transfer Students: Optional Transfer Edge SPOP or Mini-TSPOP**
Transfer students are strongly encouraged to take part in one of the Transfer orientation programs: Mini-TSPOP (July 3 half day, or July 6 half day), or TSPOP (Aug. 21-Aug. 22, a 2-day, 1-night orientation). This is separate from Transfer Edge.

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Go to UCI New Student Orientation: [https://studentlife.uci.edu/newstudent/](https://studentlife.uci.edu/newstudent/)

**Freshman Students: Attendance at SPOP is REQUIRED**
SPOP is a comprehensive 2-day, 1-night orientation for domestic and international freshmen. You are strongly encouraged to register for Freshman Edge/Summer Bridge SPOP 5 Friday, Aug. 2 – Saturday, Aug. 3. Instructions to register for Freshman Edge/Summer Bridge SPOP 5 will be sent via e-mail in May from [orientation@uci.edu](mailto:orientation@uci.edu). This is a separate enrollment and payment process from Freshman Edge. At the end of Freshman Edge/Summer Bridge SPOP 5 on Saturday, August 3, residential Freshman Edge and Summer Bridge students will check into their room in Freshman Edge and Summer Bridge Program Housing, located in [Arroyo Vista](https://www.uci.edu/). A shuttle will be available for SPOP 5 Edge students who do not otherwise have transportation.

**Summer Bridge: Scholarship recipients are REQUIRED to attend Freshman Edge/Summer Bridge SPOP 5. Summer Bridge participants will be required to**
confirm their participation in Freshman Edge/Summer Bridge SPOP 5 when their orientation reservation windows open in June.

➢ **International students:** Freshman Edge International students are strongly encouraged to register for an orientation program that does not conflict with their summer course schedule. International participants may wish to attend the International Student Parent Orientation Program (ISPOP), on September 17-19, instead of SPOP to avoid course conflicts.

E. PARKING ON CAMPUS

All students and visitors will need a parking permit to park at UCI at all times.

Your permit can be mailed to your home address if you purchase at least 10 days in advance. Otherwise, you will need to pick-up your permit at a UCI Parking Permit Kiosk/Pickup Point on the first Monday of the program, June 24 for Session I/Full Summer and August 5 for Session II. The UCI Transportation and Distribution Services office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30am-4:00pm and is building number 7 on the campus map.

Go to permits: [https://www.parking.uci.edu/permits/studentpermits.cfm](https://www.parking.uci.edu/permits/studentpermits.cfm)

i. PURCHASING A PERMIT

1) Go to [https://www.parking.uci.edu/](https://www.parking.uci.edu/) and click on ‘Permits’.
2) Select ‘Student’ and view permit types: Residential (R Resident) and Commuting (S-SUM or P-SUM)
3) Purchase a permit by logging onto “myCommute” with your UCInetID/password: [https://www.parking.uci.edu/permitshop/](https://www.parking.uci.edu/permitshop/)

Go to see pickup locations: [https://www.parking.uci.edu/kioskmap/kioskmap.cfm](https://www.parking.uci.edu/kioskmap/kioskmap.cfm)

F. SAVE THE DATES: SUMMER EDGE CHECK-IN, MOVE-IN, & ORIENTATION

Get a good night’s rest for the Edge Orientations, which will comprise campus introductions, networking activities, and information sessions about the ins and outs of the program! Details will be sent by email.

**Transfer Edge Check-in/Orientation**
- **Session I/Full Summer Participants:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 (includes Transfer Edge housing move-in and Orientation for all Session-I/Full summer Transfer Edge students)
- **Session II Participants:** Saturday, August 3 (housing move-in, if applicable) and Monday, August 5, 2019 (Orientation for all Session-II Transfer Edge students)

**Freshman Edge Check-in/Orientation:**
- Saturday, August 3 (housing move-in, if applicable) and Sunday, August 4, 2019 (Orientation for all Freshman Edge students)

G. THE VETERAN SERVICES CENTER (VSC)
The center is responsible for submitting entitlement requests for new and continuing students to the V.A., answering any questions veteran students or dependents may have concerning their educational benefits, and providing resources and programs to assist veterans in navigating their transition to civilian and student life.

Go to the Veteran Services Center: https://veteran.uci.edu/

H. THE DISABILITIES SERVICES CENTER (DSC)

Students who need accommodations that must be planned or arranged in advance of the start of classes should contact the Disability Services Center as quickly as possible after confirmation of enrollment in UCI Summer Session courses. Failure to do so may delay or in some cases preclude Disability Services Center’s ability to provide certain accommodations. (Examples of accommodations: reading assistance, textbook conversion including e-text and Braille, American Sign Language interpreting services, real-time captioning services, and adaptive computing technology in campus laboratories.)

Go to the Disabilities Services Center: https://www.disability.uci.edu/

I. COURSE BOOKS AT THE HILL: UCI’S BOOKSTORE

The Hill bookstore is located in the Student Center. Search your course books online by going to the bookstore website. Click “TEXTBOOKS” from the links at the top of the page, then select the “Term,” “Department,” “Course,” and “Section”. Select “Find Materials”. You can do a price match. For more information, click here.

❖ Summer Bridge Scholarship recipients will be issued a preloaded Zotbucks card at program check-in, intended for purchasing course books and on-campus meals.

Didn’t find a course book listed for your class? Not all classes will have books listed. Some professors may not require a book or may not have registered with the bookstore. Course book information may be given out on the first day of class or in the course syllabus.

Go to the bookstore: https://uci.bncollege.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/BNCBHomePage?storeId=88256&catalogId=10001&langId=-1

J. UCI STUDENT ID CARD

You should carry your UCI student ID card at all times. This card holds library information, allows access to your meal plans, Zot Bucks, the Anteater Recreation Center (ARC) and many other resources.

It is recommended you obtain your Student ID Card prior to attending the program. Otherwise, you should obtain your Student ID Card during the first week of the program.

UCI ID cards are created and distributed at The Hill: UCI’s Bookstore, located in the UCI Student Center. You will need to bring a photo ID and you will be taking your picture at the time of retrieving your UCI ID card.
III. ENGAGE WITH THE PROGRAM

A. PROGRAM ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Through a dynamic series of events, you will learn about research, tips for navigating campus-life, and fellow students. All events are subject to change so please monitor calendars regularly. Here is what you need to know:

- **Never miss class to attend an event.** If you are having trouble attending events due to course conflicts, contact the program immediately, **no later than week 3 of your session**, to determine an alternative plan to support your attendance requirements for the program.
- **ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:** All Edge students are required to attend a minimum number of events, as outlined in your UNI STU 83/84 or SOC SCI 89 program course syllabus.
- **Do not be late to events!** Please be respectful of the presenter’s time by practicing good event etiquette.
- **Some events require RSVPs.** Instructions will be provided in advance by e-mail.

Go to Transfer events:
https://summer.uci.edu/programs/transfer/advantages/events.aspx

Go to Freshman events:
https://summer.uci.edu/programs/freshman/advantages/events.aspx

B. UNDERGRADUATE MENTORS

You will be able to network with the Summer Session Mentors who function as peer leaders during your time in the program. Each of the mentors has attended a Leadership Development Program and is certified in CPR & First Aid. They are excited to meet you and help guide your first steps at UCI!

The Summer Session Mentors will plan activities primarily on weekdays and evenings. Their goals are to create a welcoming environment for your academic and social success!
IV. COMPUTING & STUDYING AT UCI

A. REGISTER YOUR DEVICE

You can access Internet from anywhere on-campus or in residential housing ("ResNet") by registering the hardware (MAC) address of either your mobile device (smartphone, laptop or tablet) or Ethernet card (wired connection in some computers).

Go to registration instructions: https://www.oit.uci.edu/mobile/registration/

B. UCI GMAIL (UCI’s E-Mail Portal)

Once you activate your UCInetID and create a password, start checking your UCI e-mail! The Office of Information Technology is your one-stop shop for everything related to your UCI account setup including your login information for UCI websites including your email.

Go to setup instructions: https://www.oit.uci.edu/email/start-students.html

C. RESNET: Residential Network Services

UCI Residential Network Services (ResNet) offers networking and Cable TV assistance as well as other services to housing residents. Please read the Residential Network Services policies to ensure responsible use of the internet while on campus: https://www.oit.uci.edu/policy/

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Note:
- Your picture will be taken for the card.
• You MUST bring your UCI ID number to receive your UCI Student ID Card. Your UCI ID number is in your UCI admission correspondence as well as at the bottom of your paper Summer Session statement.
• A second form of identification (i.e. driver’s license) is also required.
• The first UCI Student ID card is free. A replacement card will cost $20.

E. ACCESSING YOUR COURSE SCHEDULE, WEBSITE, AND ASSIGNMENTS: Canvas

Canvas is the UCI website for accessing your course schedule and class websites, and allows you to contact your professors. When you are enrolled in a course, you are automatically enrolled in Canvas to receive messages and grades from your professors.

How to Login to Canvas:
1) Go to: https://canvas.ece.uci.edu/
2) Login with your UCInetID and password. You will sign into Canvas with the same UCInetID and password from your webmail.

How to View your Course Schedule:
1) Login to Canvas with your UCInetID and password.
2) Your course schedule will be posted on the main dashboard of the webpage.
3) If your course has a website, you will see the link in your course schedule.

Note: Not all classes have a website. Some professors will give out course information on the first day of class in a course syllabus.
V. SUMMER SESSION ACADEMICS

A. 2019 IMPORTANT DATES

i. Academic Dates Including Refund Deadlines and Final Exams

Go to the Transfer calendar: https://summer.uci.edu/programs/transfer/enrollment/important_dates.aspx

Go to the Freshman calendar: https://summer.uci.edu/programs/freshman/enrollment/important_dates.aspx

B. ADAPTING TO COLLEGE LIFE

We are confident that your time at UCI will be challenging and rewarding. UCI has world-class faculty who are experts in a huge variety of fields. We hope that you will discover what questions engage them, what complex research issues fascinate them, what stimulates their creative energies, and in what ways their research contributes to the creation of new knowledge. With the faculty as your guide, you will have an opportunity to explore new disciplines, be exposed to new ideas, develop your creativity, hone your critical skills, and develop a keener sense of the world around you. Your involvement here at UCI will lay the foundation for life-long learning.

While at UCI, we encourage you to explore the wide range of academic programs and services available to you. These include campus-wide academic assistance programs, peer academic advising, honors programs, undergraduate research opportunities, academic advising for undergraduate/undeclared students, freshman seminars, international study abroad programs, and opportunities to intern and study!

C. ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS AT UCI

On the first day of class, professors will reference their course syllabus, which is like a contract between the student and the faculty member. It will usually spell out dates for examinations, projects, papers and lab reports. The syllabus will also describe the attendance policy in that class. Class attendance is an extremely important part of the grading in most classes. It is possible to fail if a student misses too many classes.

Students who are ill may need to contact the professor before the class. This is the student’s responsibility. If a student regularly misses class, the professor could interpret the absence as the student not caring about their grades. Class absences can often result in lower grades than might normally be assigned.

Keep in mind that Summer Session courses span just 6 weeks. This short amount of time to learn makes it difficult to miss classes. Show up on time and try to attend all classes. You are responsible for work missed because of absences.

As with most things in life, the quality of your educational experience at UCI depends largely on your effort and initiative.
Students should also pay attention to the late assignment policy. If a student turns in an assignment after the deadline, the professor is not obligated to give that work a grade. The student could be given an “F” for that assignment. One good way to show respect for your professor is to be an active participant in class. Do not be afraid to ask questions!

Professors expect students to attend “office hours” — time set aside by faculty members for students to discuss course materials, leniency with grades, and to build a relationship with them. Look at your course syllabi and find out when your professors have their office hours and make an effort to go see them.

Here’s why you should visit the “office hours” of your instructors:
- To have a deeper understanding of the course material.
- To establish a relationship with your professors.
- If you are not doing well in class, to learn how you can improve.
- To learn what you are doing wrong, as well as what you are doing right.
- To get professional advice.
- To learn about research opportunities.

If you are not doing well in class and you choose to not see your professor to discuss the problem, the professor is likely to assume that you are not interested in the class. In other words, most professors will have a negative or at least indifferent evaluation of a student who never raises a question or challenges them in class, or who does not visit them outside class to discuss academic difficulties they are experiencing.

Even if you do not have a problem or a concern, but simply would like to introduce yourself to your professor and say “hello,” visiting them during their office hours is the perfect time to start building a relationship with them. Office hours are the most convenient way to interact with professors and their teaching assistants (TAs).

The designated times are opportunities for students to discuss issues, receive extra help, and a convenient way to get to know the professor and TAs at a professional level. Any time you feel unsure of what is expected of you in a class, or of some aspect of the material being presented, ask the professor and some of your fellow students about it.

Again, if you do not ask, it will be assumed that you understand everything or that you are not interested.

i. Responsibility

College is a choice and is expensive. You will need to manage your own time, decide whether to participate in co-curricular activities, and set your own priorities. You might even have to make decisions that you never made before. Schedules often tend to look lighter than they really are, even with several free hours between classes.

You are expected to take responsibility for what you do and do not do, as well as for the consequences of your decisions.

ii. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students enrolling in the University are expected to assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the University's function as an educational institution. A handbook is available which sets forth standards of conduct expected of UCI students. “University of California Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations, and Students” lists rules concerning conduct and related matters, as
established by the policies of the Regents and the President of the University and also incorporates campus regulations. These policies are available at https://aisc.uci.edu/students/academic-integrity/index.php

iii. Success

Classes may be larger (or smaller) than you are used to. You will need to study at least 2 to 3 hours outside of class for every one hour spend in class. Make sure to review class notes and text material regularly.

You might be assigned substantial amounts of reading and writing which may not be directly addressed in class. Because of that, make sure to review your course syllabi.

**It is up to you to read and understand all course related materials.**

iv. Instructors & Professors

Instructors may not always check your homework or remind you of an assignment that needs to be completed. But should you need their assistance, contact them via email, and attend their scheduled office hours. They have been trained as experts in their particular field and may not follow the textbook. Often they may lecture continuously, expecting you to identify the important points. Writing on the board adds to the lecture, but does not summarize it. Good notes are a must. Instructors expect you to read, save, and consult the course syllabus (outline) which spells out exactly what is expected of you, when it is due, and how you will be graded. Instructors may not take roll, but are likely to know whether or not you attend class.

**College is a learning environment in which you take responsibility for thinking through and applying what you have learned.**

v. Studying at a University

- Active classroom participation is expected.
- Time pressures are strong - often there are many small assignments due each week and time management is a crucial skill to develop.
- Critical thinking (the objective analysis of facts to form a judgment) is emphasized and highly regarded.
- Independent thinking is highly valued.
- Presenting ideas concisely in class is expected.
- Assignments (reading, writing, homework, tests) can seem numerous but are essential to understanding course materials.
- Competition is a common mind-set.
- Achievement and hard work are highly valued; the finished product is most important.
- Students are responsible for themselves.
- Equality. All students should be treated equally.
- Direct and straightforward communication is expected.
- Friendship is usually based on doing things in common—sports, studying, etc.
- Combining theory and practice—the practical application of ideas—is emphasized.
• Problem-solving orientation — “If it’s broken, we ought to be able to fix it!”
• The scientific method and the use of logical proof are emphasized academically.

Developed by Dr. R. M. Paige and S. L. Smith, University of Minnesota, October 1988; revised by R. Stuck, 1993.

D. COURSE CHANGES AND REFUNDS

Please be aware that these are the campus policies associated with course changes and refunds. **Financial aid recipients should be aware that any changes in enrollment, including dropping units or changing sessions may result in the student being billed for funds received.**

- **Summer Bridge Scholarship recipients** should contact Financial Aid if they are considering dropping a course as the Summer Bridge Scholarship may be negatively impacted by any changes in course enrollments.

- **International students** should contact the UCI International Center if they are considering dropping a course as they must remain enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 6 units in Summer Session) to satisfy the requirements of their F-1 student visa.

i. **How to Drop a Course**
All course changes including Drops, Adds, or Grade Option changes must be done by **paper form** and submitted to Summer Session A (bldg. 231 on the campus map). Do not submit your form to the “Student Services” windows. Ensure that the staff is aware that you are in one of our programs.

Go to learn more: [https://summer.uci.edu/services/registration/refunds.aspx](https://summer.uci.edu/services/registration/refunds.aspx)

ii. **How to Request a Refund**
All course changes including Drops, Adds, or Grade Option changes must be done by **paper form** and submitted to Summer Session A (bldg. 231 on the campus map). Do not submit your form to the “Student Services” windows. Ensure that the staff is aware that you are in one of our programs.

Go to learn more: [https://summer.uci.edu/services/registration/refunds.aspx](https://summer.uci.edu/services/registration/refunds.aspx)

iii. **Non-refundable Mandatory Campus Fee and Course Materials Fee**
The Mandatory Campus fee required of all students and course materials fees are not refundable.

E. **UNIVERSITY CREDIT (E.G. GRADE OPTIONS, FINAL GRADES)**

At UCI, courses are assigned a unit value determined by the number of hours of work required of the student, rather than the number of class meetings. Normally, two hours of preparation are required for one hour of lecture.

Learn about grades not reported, classification and numbering of courses, and grade options:
a. STUDENT ACCESS & GRADES
The University Registrar’s Student Access system allows you to view your academic records via the internet. Students may log-in with their UCInetID to view their course grades beginning August 8, 2019 for Summer Session I and September 19, 2019 for Summer Session II.

VI. FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS: LIVING ON CAMPUS

A. ARROYO VISTA HOUSING INFORMATION

Edge Program housing is located in the on-campus undergraduate community of Arroyo Vista: https://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Arroyo_Vista.html

If you are not sure if your completed contract was received, you may contact the Housing Accounts Receivable at (949) 824-6811. When calling, be sure to let the staff know you are calling regarding Accounts Receivable for Summer Edge.

Per Arroyo Vista’s contract: Residency under [their] agreement is limited to participants under the age of 25. Residency for participants 25 years of age or older is subject to administrative review and approval by UCI Student Housing. You may search for other housing options through the UCI Housing Office.

By choosing to live on campus during the program, you will be grouped with other students in your program, and will be able to best take advantage of the many student life opportunities organized exclusively for Edge students. You will also have the unique opportunity to learn from the Resident Advisors (UCI students responsible for supervising and assisting residential students), some of whom are last year’s Edge participants, who will be living with you in the dorms and guiding you as you begin your life at UCI.

Each “House” in Arroyo Vista contains a main living room with a TV, a full-sized kitchen, and laundry facilities. A Resident Advisor (RA) is assigned to every two halls. The RA is responsible for overseeing the two halls and is available to assist and guide residents in their transition to university life.

The Arroyo Vista Community Center houses the administrative offices for the community as well as a recreation room, computer lab (with free internet access), meeting room, and poster-making station (for resident use only). There is a large screen cable TV, change machine, along with foosball, pool, and ping-pong tables. Residents can also check out a variety of board games and sports equipment. In addition to these features, the Arroyo Vista community has two outdoor basketball courts (one full length and one-half court), and the Anteater Recreation Center (ARC) is right next door!

Your bed space in a double occupancy room is reserved for you as long as space remains available and your summer contract and payment are submitted by the deadline. Please note that this is a different contract than the one you may have submitted for fall housing.
You will receive your mailing address and roommate’s name (if you have a double-occupancy contract) on move-in day.

**MOVE-IN DATES:** Housing move-in will take place during your Program Check-in:

- **Transfer Edge Check-in**
  - **Session I/Full Summer:** Sunday, June 23, 2019
  - **Session II:** Saturday, August 3 (move-in, if applicable) and Monday, August 5, 2019 (Kick-Off/Orientation)

- **Freshman Edge Check-in:**
  - Saturday, August 3 (move-in, if applicable) and Sunday, August 4, 2019 (Kick-Off/Orientation)

**B. ARROYO VISTA HOUSING POLICIES**

In order to create a safe and comfortable living environment, UCI Housing has established a number of Housing Policies that you will be expected to follow as an undergraduate student. You can view the full list of *Undergraduate Housing Policies* online.

**Quick Links to General Housing Websites**

- UCI Housing Website with General Information: [https://www.housing.uci.edu/](https://www.housing.uci.edu/)
- AV Housing Website: [https://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Arroyo_Vista.html](https://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Arroyo_Vista.html)
- UCI Housing: Policies and Student Conduct: [https://www.housing.uci.edu/communityLife/Policies.html](https://www.housing.uci.edu/communityLife/Policies.html)

**C. ADDRESS + RECEIVING AND SENDING MAIL**

While attending Summer Session you can rent a mailbox at the U.S. Post Office (located at the University Center) or at a Mail Boxes store (see locations listed below) to receive mail. If you are staying at Arroyo Vista, you may receive mail at the Arroyo Vista Housing Office during regular business hours. This option is only for students staying at Arroyo Vista.

**Your address is:**

Your Name
1000 Arroyo Drive
Irvine, CA 92617
Attention: Summer Session Freshman [or] Transfer Edge

Sending mail: There are four major shipping service providers in the U.S.: United States Postal Service (USPS), Federal Express (FedEx), United Parcel Service (UPS), and DHL. Each service provider has its own drop-off locations and service centers. In addition, third party companies like Mail Boxes Etc. will facilitate the services of more than one provider at a single location. The shipping service centers closest to UCI are listed below.

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D. PACKING SUGGESTIONS

Please note that this is a comprehensive list of items for you to consider. You will be moving out of your summer housing prior to moving into your fall housing, so you may want to pack as lightly as possible.

**Health and Grooming**
- Shower sandals
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner and grooming/cosmetic items). Consider smaller sizes to save space.
- Shower caddy to carry shower items
- Bathrobe (Optional)
- Prescription medicines and copies of prescriptions
- First Aid kit (basic adhesive bandages, disinfectant, aspirin, etc.)

**Bath and Bedding**
- Towels: bath, washcloths, hand towels and pool towel
- Extra Long Twin bed-sheet set
- Comforter and/or, blankets, etc.
- Pillow
- Alarm clock

**Clothes and Laundry**
- Weather-appropriate outer clothes. You will probably be walking to class; be sure a coat or jacket is right for the climate (light weight)
- Swim suit for pool and/or beach
- A few clothes hangers (no hangers provided)
- Sewing kit, including black and white thread, scissors, and needles. If you do not know how to sew on a button, now is the time to learn.
- Laundry basket or bag
- Clothing for approximately 2.5 weeks
- Laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, stain remover
- Iron and small ironing board, or a small steamer (Optional)

**Study**
- A sturdy backpack or book bag
- Computer and any necessary supplies/accessories/peripherals
- Ethernet cable (for internet)
- Laptop charger
- Printer: with ink and paper
- Computer lock (Optional, recommended for laptops)
- School supplies (calendar or planner, pens, paper, pencils, notebooks)
- Dry-erase message board and marker (Optional)
Furnishings
- Trashcan and trash bags
- Lamp(s), if you bring a halogen lamp, it must be UL approved and have a safety shield over the bulb
- Fan (box or floor), and/or clip-on for desk – STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
- Under-bed storage (Optional, one under-bed drawer usually provided)
- Other storage or organization units. A few stacking plastic crates will come in handy. (Optional)

Kitchen Items
- A few Tupperware containers for food storage
- A few dishes: plastic cups, microwave-safe bowl, plate, and silverware
- A small bottle of dish soap, sponge, small dishtowel
- If you plan to cook: A cooking pot, pan, and optional cookie sheet
- Pot holders, cooking spoons, spatula, tongs
- Snacks: Top Ramen, Cup o' Noodles, Mac & Cheese, popcorn, chips, sodas, granola bars, cereal, pop tarts, etc.
- You will be given cabinet and refrigerator space so pack accordingly and LABEL EVERYTHING

Electronics and Equipment
- Multiple outlet surge protectors and extension cords
- Cell phone and charger (Optional)

Miscellaneous
- Batteries and flashlight
- A small and inexpensive tool kit
- Ear plugs (Optional)
- Message board for you door
- Postage Stamps (Optional)
- Clorox Wipes
- Checks from your bank
- Camera (Optional, but recommended)

E. LIVING WITH A ROOMMATE

All summer housing is double occupancy. This may be your first time sharing your living space with someone else. While having a roommate inevitably has its challenges, it can also be a great part of the college life experience. Here are some tips to make sure you and your roommate keep things pleasant and supportive throughout the program.

1. Be clear from the beginning. Are you a neat person? Do you need time to yourself before talking to anyone after you wake up? Let your roommate know as soon as you can about your quirks and preferences. It's not fair to expect them to pick up on them right away, and communicating what you need is one of the best ways to eliminate problems before they arise.

2. Address things when they're little. Is your roommate always forgetting their stuff and taking yours? Addressing things that irritate you can help your roommate be aware of something they may not otherwise know. Addressing little things is much easier than addressing them after they've become big.

3. Respect your roommate's belongings. This may seem simple, but it's probably one of the biggest reasons why roommates experience conflict. Do not borrow, use, or take anything without getting permission first.
4. **Be cognizant of who you bring into your room and how often.** You may love having your study group in your room but your roommate may not. Be mindful of how often you bring people over. If your roommate studies best quietly, and you study best in a group, alternate who uses the library and who uses the room.

5. **Lock the door and windows.** This may seem like it has nothing to do with roommate relationships, but how would you feel if your roommate's iPhone got stolen during the ten seconds it took you to run down the hall? Locking your door and windows is a critical part of safety on campus.

6. **Be friendly, without expecting to be best friends.** It may happen, but expecting it sets both of you up for trouble. You should be friendly with your roommate but also make sure you have your own social circles.

7. **Be open to new things.** Your roommate may be from someplace you've never heard of or may have a religion or lifestyle that is completely different from your own. Be open to new ideas and experiences, especially as it relates to what your roommate brings into your life.

8. **Be open to change.** You should expect to learn, grow, and change during the program, and the same applies to your roommate. Realize things will change for both of you. Be comfortable addressing things that unexpectedly come up, setting new rules, and being flexible to your changing environment.

9. **Follow the Golden Rule.** Treat your roommate like you'd like to be treated.

10. **Ask for help.** If you feel you cannot (or would rather not) handle a situation with your roommate, or you just need advice on “how-to”, the Resident Assistants are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you and to ensure that the program runs smoothly.

**F. IMPORTANT HOUSING AND EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

Arroyo Vista Housing Office
1000 Arroyo Drive
Irvine, CA 92697
https://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Arroyo_Vista.html

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**After-hours support or lock out**

In a life-threatening emergency, call 911

(949) 351-4228

**G. ARROYO VISTA HOUSING CHECK-OUT**

Arroyo Vista Housing move-out dates are Friday, August 2, 2019 (Summer Session I) and Thursday, September 12, 2019 (Summer Session II and Full Summer) at 10am. A room condition report will be completed prior to turning in your room key.
VII. FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

A. I-20 DOCUMENTATION AND STUDENT VISAS

International students on F-1 and J-1 visas are required to report to the International Center upon arrival on the campus.

- **International Students** will receive I-20 documentation, which is necessary to apply for the F-1 student visa, processed by the UCI International Center. Students are responsible for following the instructions given in their UCI Admissions correspondence and completing the necessary steps to obtain visa and immigration documents, including, but not limited to, submitting the online Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to UCI Admissions, and their Confidential Financial Statement (CFS) to the UCI International Center. As long as you have submitted all required documents as listed in your MyAdmissions Profile, the Office of Admissions will request an I-20 document on your behalf with a start date that will allow you to attend an Edge Program.

- **International students are required to check-in and attend a mandatory immigration orientation to complete the SEVIS reporting requirement with the International Center.** This orientation will take place during the first week of the program. Reference your e-mail correspondence for date, time, and other details. Make copies of the following listed documents AFTER you arrive in the U.S. (your documents should have been stamped by U.S. officials when you entered the U.S.):
  a. Passport, Biographical Page (page with your information and picture)
  b. Visa page (this was issued by the U.S. Embassy)
  c. CBP Admissions stamp in your passport
  d. I-20 document with signatures

The International Center promotes and facilitates international education and exchange by providing services and information to the UCI international population, affiliated offices, and the general campus community. Services include immigration advising and workshops for international students and scholars, employment processing for all non-immigrant employees, and immigration advising and consulting for campus departments.

All international students must be aware of their responsibility of maintaining their non-immigrant visa status. Additionally, these students must maintain updated records with the International Center for the entire time of their stay at UCI to be in compliance with immigration regulations.

Learn about the UCI International Center: [https://www.ic.uci.edu/](https://www.ic.uci.edu/)

The International Center is located on the third floor of the Student Center G302, (building 113 on the [campus map](https://example.com/campus_map)).

B. PROGRAM HOUSING

*(In addition to the information below, also read the section in this guide, “FOR RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS”.)*

Living on campus during the program is a highly recommended aspect of the program.

- Your housing contract must be submitted with payment directly to Housing Accounts Receivable. View the information below for submission details.
SUMMER SESSION EDGE PROGRAMS

- Summer Session is unable to accept your housing contract or payment.
- Summer housing contracts are completely separate from any arrangements you may make for Fall freshman housing.
- If you no longer plan to utilize Edge Program Housing, it is important that you let us know immediately so we can update our records accordingly and offer your space to another interested student.

**International Edge Program housing is available for the dates August 3 – September 12, 2019 (Freshman Edge); and August 3 – September 12, 2019 (Transfer Edge: Session II), and is located in the on-campus undergraduate community of Arroyo Vista. Housing contracts and payment are due no later than May 24, 2019 for Session I and June 28, 2019 for Session II.**

To secure your space in Program Housing, review the text in your Welcome E-mail correspondence for directions.

Per Arroyo Vista’s contract: Residency under [their] agreement is limited to participants under the age of 25. Residency for participants 25 years of age or older is subject to administrative review and approval by UCI Student Housing. You may search for other housing options through the UCI Housing Office.

International Freshman Edge students who will be living in an on-campus housing community in the fall (Mesa Court, Middle Earth, Arroyo Vista, Campus Village, Vista del Campo Norte, Camino del Sol) may be eligible for a Pre-Fall Contract Addendum – more information will become available in August. Please contact our office via email (summer-freshman@uci.edu) to inquire for more information.

C. **FLIGHTS**

Once you have secured your F-1 student visa, we suggest you start looking for flights to the U.S. You should fly into Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) or John Wayne Airport, Orange County (SNA). It is important to arrive on time and stay for the duration of the program: August 3 – September 12, 2019. **It is recommended that you choose a flight that lands early in the morning on Saturday, August 3 to avoid delays in your move-in process for Arroyo Vista Housing.**

You are responsible for making your own transportation arrangements to Irvine, CA and accommodation arrangements. Making your own travel arrangements will allow you to travel with your family and friends to enjoy more sights of California before and/or after the program dates per the conditions of your visa.

**Reference your Welcome E-mail correspondence for details about your move-in time and check-in information for Freshman Edge.**

D. **MANDATORY IMMIGRATION ORIENTATION: SEVIS REPORTING**

International students are required to check-in and attend a mandatory immigration orientation to complete the SEVIS reporting requirement with the International Center. This orientation will take place during the first week of the program. Reference your e-mail correspondence for date, time, and other details. Make copies of the following documents. Be sure to make copies of the following listed documents AFTER you arrive in the U.S.; your documents should have been stamped by U.S. officials when you entered the U.S.:

- Passport, Biographical Page (page with your information and picture)
- Visa Stamp (this was issued by the U.S. Consulate)
- I-94 card; front and back side (white card stamped when you entered the U.S., usually stapled in your passport)
- I-20 document
E. CELL PHONES

Below is information and a list of resources to assist you with telephone or cell phone service while you are in the U.S. We do not specifically recommend any services or plans, but we provide this list as a resource. It is your responsibility to research these resources and determine suitability for your needs.

Calling Cards
A good option for keeping in touch with family and friends just after arrival is with a pre-paid international phone card. A pre-paid phone card can be purchased at many different locations including grocery stores, drug stores, or on-line. The nearest location to purchase a calling card is Albertson’s grocery store in the Campus Plaza shopping center near Arroyo Vista Housing. Make sure you compare rates before you buy one of these cards. You may want to check if there is a connection fee. This site offers phone cards with no hidden charges: https://www.internationalstudent.com/phone-cards/

Cell (Mobile, Wireless) Phone Service
Cell phones in the U.S. work on different frequencies than in most other parts of the world; therefore, even if you have a cell phone in your home country, it may not work here.

Tri-Band Phones & SIM Cards
If you have a tri-band cell phone (a GSM phone that supports three of the four major GSM frequency bands, which work in most parts of the world) you will need to buy a new SIM card from a U.S. cellular company. A SIM card is a removable card that stores a user's service information as well as personal contacts. It allows users to change phones by simply removing the SIM card from the cell phone and replacing it with another.

Contract Plans and Prepaid (To-Go) Plans
All phone companies in the U.S. offer Contract Plans – this means, you have to sign a contract with the company in which you state that you will use their service for a pre-determined length of time (usually two years), and pay a monthly fee plus the charges for the services according to your rate-plan. However, companies may require that you have at least a year of credit history on your credit card, which must be obtained in the U.S., and a Social Security number. Without one of these, you may be required to make a deposit, from $300-$600 (depending on the company), which will be returned to you upon completion of the contract. A better option may be to apply for a Prepaid Plan, which is offered by most major companies and is also available through electronic retail stores (Best Buy, Radio Shack). A Prepaid Plan means you have to pay a fee (according to your rate-plan) a month in advance. You can terminate the service any time you like. However, you still need at least a debit/ATM card to be able to use this service. The company charges your card automatically, on the same date every month, unless you call to terminate your service. No subscription fee is required; you only pay the sum of your rate-plan.

Cell Phones
If you want to buy a new cell phone, buying one along with a service plan directly from the company whose service you will use can get you a huge discount. Some phones are offered only together with the service, making them significantly cheaper than their original price. Below is a list of the major cell phone companies. Research the companies through their websites or in person before you make a decision.
SUMMER SESSION EDGE PROGRAMS

- **AT&T**  [https://www.wireless.att.com/](https://www.wireless.att.com/)
- **Sprint**  [http://www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com)
  — No prepaid plans
- **T-Mobile**  [http://www.t-mobile.com](http://www.t-mobile.com)
- **Verizon Wireless**  [http://www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com)
Prepaid Plan Information: [https://www.verizonwireless.com/prepaid/](https://www.verizonwireless.com/prepaid/)

**Other Phone Resources:**

**Consumer Reports**
A reputable magazine and online resource regarding expert testing of products, including phone services, in the United States. [http://www.consumerreports.org](http://www.consumerreports.org)

**10-10 Phone Number**
You do not need to sign up for a plan, and the charge will be included in your regular phone bill. [http://www.1010phonerates.com](http://www.1010phonerates.com).

**SKYPE**
With the free download from [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com), you can talk to family or friends who are also online with no charge using your computer. You will need to install SKYPE, and set up a microphone and headset/speakers. You can also call from your computer to regular phones (including international calls) with reasonable fees. Services include free online chat and free video calls (webcam required).

**Instant Messenger Applications**

**F. MONEY AND BANKING**
In the U.S. you can charge Traveler’s Checks, use credit cards (Visa and MasterCard are the most common) or use an ATM (Automatic Teller Machine) card to withdraw money from your bank account in your home country.

**The following banks have Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) at the UCI Student Center:**
- Bank of America, Chase, Orange County Teacher’s Federal Credit Union (OCTFCU)* and Wells Fargo*. Requirements for opening an account will vary from bank to bank. Please contact the bank or visit the bank website to find its specific requirements for opening an account. The following are commonly required:
  - U.S. address
  - Foreign address
  - U.S. phone number
  - Two forms of identification
    - Government issued photo ID (passport, driver’s license or state ID card)
    - UCI ID or I-20 (foreign driver’s licenses and foreign ID cards not accepted)
Banks on campus or very near:

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<td>4101 MacArthur Blvd, Newport Beach</td>
<td>(949) 760-4504</td>
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<td>18022 Culver Dr, Irvine</td>
<td>(949) 786-7220</td>
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*The banks listed above have multiple locations. Only the locations nearest UCI are shown. Please contact the bank or visit the bank web site to find the location nearest you.*

G. CULTURAL ADAPTATION

Living in a new culture can be exhilarating, personally rewarding, and intellectually stimulating. It can also be frustrating. It is one thing to visit a country, and it is quite another to live there and function according to a different, and sometimes mysterious, set of norms. Participation in Summer Session not only provides a rare opportunity to know another society from within, but also involves certain responsibilities. The most obvious one is to adapt one's behavior to the customs and expectations of the U.S. This is not to deny one's own culture, but to respect that of others. Another, even more subtle responsibility is to be aware of similarities and differences, to learn rather than to judge. This can be the most rewarding experience in your education.

i. Culture Shock

People usually experience many emotions while adapting to a foreign culture, changing from excitement and interest in the new culture to depression and fear of the unknown. The difficulties that you experience as you integrate into a new society can be a result of what is termed “culture shock.” Most experts agree that culture shock, although often delayed, is inevitable in one form or another. However, the benefit of adjusting to a foreign culture and living through difficult times of change can be a satisfying experience, though accompanied by occasional discomfort and effort.

Attitudes come in a wide variety of species, ranging from broad and pervasive cultural attitudes to the most specific and personal attitudes. Due to the scope of this subject, it is probably the most difficult to discuss. However, because the attitudes you take with you to the U.S. and those you form once here will have such a great effect upon your perception of the people and ways of American culture, it is very important for you to be aware of the role attitudes play in your overseas experience.

Normally, attitudes exist on a more or less subconscious level. When faced with a new situation, most people will recognize their reaction to it, but not necessarily the underlying attitude responsible for that particular reaction.

When we deal with people who share the same basic cultural attitudes as ourselves, the system works well: the differences in attitude between two Americans, broadly speaking, are far more likely to be of the specific and personal kind than of the cultural kind. When we
interact with people of different nationalities, problems can arise. Communications break
down because their cultural attitudes are fundamentally different than ours, and the results
are often feelings of confusion and hostility on both sides. This situation is called “culture
shock.” This can be a misleading term, however, so let’s explore it a little further.

An underlying cause of negative reactions to another culture is the tendency to judge
something that is different as inferior. It is important to be open toward the culture into
which you are going, to try to discard stereotypes, and to read as much as you can about
the culture before your departure. If you educate yourself on the many aspects of the
country in which you will be living, you will better understand and appreciate your new
surroundings. Before departing from your home country, learn about U.S. history, natural
resources, social customs, religions, art, and political structures. Find out the culture’s set of
manners, expected behavior, and unspoken rules. Read up on the U.S. and its current
national issues. Learning about current affairs will help you to get a sense of how people
evaluate events from different perspectives. Talk to other students who have been to the
U.S. or specifically California and Orange County (or even UCI!) to gain an understanding or
perspective you might not have heard before.

Even with this preparation, it is inevitable that you will experience some symptoms of
culture shock. You may be unaware that the frustrations and emotions you are experiencing
are related to culture shock; in retrospect, this becomes apparent. If you understand the
phenomenon and its possible causes, you can decrease its effects. Try to acquaint yourself
with the signs of culture shock. For more information about cultural differences and culture
shock, come visit us in the Summer Session Office and our staff will assist you.

ii. Phases of Cultural Adjustment

Recent studies have shown that there are distinct phases of culture shock which virtually
everyone who lives abroad goes through. Each phase has a number of characteristic
features, one of which is usually predominant. These stages include:

1. Preliminary stage: This phase includes awareness of the host culture,
preparation for the journey, farewell activities.

2. Initial euphoria: The initial euphoria phase begins with the arrival in the new
country and ends when this excitement wears off.

3. Irritability: During the irritability phase you will be acclimating to your setting.
This will produce frustration because of the difficulty in coping with the elementary
aspects of everyday life when things still appear so foreign to you. Your focus will
likely turn to the differences between the host culture and your home, and these
differences can be troubling.

Sometimes insignificant difficulties can seem like major problems. One typical
reaction against culture shock is to associate mainly with other students from your
same country, but remember, you are going abroad to get to know the host country,
its people, culture, and language. If you avoid contact with nationals of the host
country, you cheat yourself and lengthen the process of adaptation.

4. Gradual adjustment: As you become more used to the new culture, you will
slip into the gradual adjustment stage. You may not even be aware that this is
happening. You will begin to orient yourself and be able to interpret cultural clues.
The culture will become familiar to you.
5. Adaptation and biculturalism: Eventually you will develop the ability to function in the new culture. Your sense of “foreignness” diminishes significantly. Not only will you be more comfortable with the host culture, but you may also feel a part of it. Once abroad, you can take some steps to minimize emotional and physical ups and downs. Try to establish routines that incorporate both the difficult and enjoyable tasks of the day or week. Treat yourself to an occasional indulgence such as a magazine or newspaper (the UCI book store might have them from your country!), a favorite meal or beverage, or a long talk with other international students experiencing the same challenges. Keep yourself healthy through regular exercise and eating habits. Accept invitations to activities that will allow you to see areas of the host culture outside the university and meet new people. Above all, try to maintain your sense of humor.

6. Re-entry phase: The re-entry phase occurs when you return to your homeland. For some, this can be the most painful phase of all. You will be excited about sharing your experiences, and you will realize that you have changed, although you may not be able to explain how. One set of values has long been instilled in you, another you have acquired in the host country. Both may seem equally valid.

iii. Tips to Ease Cultural Adjustment

Here are some general tips for traveling and interacting with Americans and other cultures, which, if kept in mind, may help ease cultural adjustment:

- Explore: Get familiar with your environment. Become familiar with the UCI campus and neighborhood and speak with other students, staff, and faculty.

- Learn about cultural norms: Do people in Southern California greet people differently than in other parts of the U.S.? Ask other students about how people interact in professional settings like offices, classrooms, stores and on the street.

- Be slow to judge. Ask “why” people do what they do to gain an understanding and viewpoint that you might not already have known.

- Go to events where you can meet new people. UCI has numerous speakers, workshops, seminars, sporting events, student groups and organizations that can keep you active, but also help you gain a much broader perspective of American culture. The Summer Session Office also encourages you to be active by volunteering. Come visit us to learn how.

- Do not expect to find things as you have them at home.

- Read your Welcome Guide carefully. Students who come prepared will get the most out of the experience.

- Realize that other people may have thought patterns and concepts of time which are very different than yours - not inferior or better, just different.

- Read local newspapers, magazines and books about American culture and etiquette.

- Be open to start conversations with other students, faculty, staff and even people that you meet in the community and during your travels in California. However, just as in any large city around the world, use appropriate discretion and wise judgment when starting a conversation with a stranger. Making a new friend can be a very rewarding experience and starts with a simple “hello”.
iv. Living Among Americans

Who is an American? Early Americans from Europe came to the New World seeking social, economic and religious freedom. To this day, new Americans continue to enter the U.S. from every corner of the globe. This history has probably shaped many of the values Americans hold today. Below are some values that many Americans have. However, please keep in mind that Americans are an extremely diverse population, so do not assume that all Americans are alike. Diversity can be defined by ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, socio-economic status and U.S. regional differences.

**Individualism**
As you may experience in the classroom, Americans value individualism and the right to free expression is guaranteed in the Constitution. From an early age, Americans are encouraged to shape their own opinions. Students are expected to participate in classroom discussions and share their views.

**Equality**
From the very beginning, equality has been an American value as drafted in the US Declaration of Independence, “…all men are created equal…with certain unalienable Rights… Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Many people see the United States as the land of opportunity. Americans admire people who work hard and achieve their dreams.

**Time**
You may have heard the saying, “Time is money.” Time, highly valued by Americans, is used as the basis for organizing all the different activities that Americans are involved in, whether it is studying, playing on a sports team, volunteering or spending time with family and friends. Being “on time” is a sign of respect because it shows that you are considerate of people’s time. If people are “running late” it is common courtesy to let the other person know that you will be arriving late.

**Politeness**
Americans seem to be very open and friendly. However, do not be surprised when Americans greet you with, “Hi. How are you?” and quickly walk away. This is merely a way to be polite, which Americans highly value. Any strong relationship takes time to develop, so do not get discouraged and misinterpret politeness for insincerity.

**Communication**
American values can be seen in the way people communicate. Usually when Americans communicate, they are polite by speaking one at a time. Direct eye contact shows their interest and attentiveness, and international students will notice an assertive and direct style.

v. Studying at an American University

The U.S. cultural values listed in the previous section shape the academic environment in the following ways (please keep in mind that these are generalizations):

- Active classroom participation is expected.
- Time pressures are strong - often there are many small assignments due each week - and time management is a crucial skill to develop.
- Critical thinking is emphasized and highly regarded.
• Independent thinking is highly valued.
• Presenting ideas concisely in class is expected.
• Assignments (reading, writing, homework, tests) can seem numerous.
• Competition is a common mind-set.
• Achievement and hard work are highly valued; the finished product is most important.
• Students are responsible for themselves.
• Equality. All students should be treated equally.
• Direct and straightforward communication is expected.
• Friendship is usually based on doing things in common—sports, studying, etc.
• Combining theory and practice—the practical application of ideas—is emphasized.
• Problem-solving orientation—“If it’s broken, we ought to be able to fix it!”
• The scientific method and the use of logical proof are emphasized academically.

Developed by Dr. R. M. Paige and S. L. Smith, University of Minnesota, October 1988; revised by R. Stuck, 1993.

H. INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

VIII. TRANSPORTATION FOR LOCAL TRAVEL

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The Anteater Express campus shuttle runs a Summer Combined route between the UCI and some UCI housing communities. Routes are limited during the summer, compared to the fall, winter and spring. Check the website for information about the summer shuttle schedule, fares and routes.

Go to the “Anteater Express”: https://www.shuttle.uci.edu/

NOTE: Summer shuttle information may not be available until mid-June.

B. TAXIS

**How to Call a Taxi:**
Dial one of the below numbers to request a ride and notify the Operator of the pick-up point. Note the exact pick-up, and drop-off locations (include address and/or major cross-streets). The initial taxi fee is a flat rate of $2.50 and an additional $2.25 for each additional mile.

**Lotus Transportation:** (888) 568-8740  
**Super Taxis:** (949) 653-8294  
**Star Taxi Company:** (949) 653-9449  
**VIP Taxis:** (949) 256-2222

C. PUBLIC BUS – Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA)

You can purchase a bus pass from the UCI Transportation & Distribution Services Office. It is good for one calendar month. There are single ride tickets for $2.00 available on each bus. Exact change is needed.

Go to OCTA: https://www.octa.net

D. TRAINS (Amtrak and Metrolink)

Trains leave frequently for Los Angeles (northbound), inland, and San Diego (southbound).

Go to Amtrak: https://www.amtrak.com/home.html

Go to MetroLink: https://www.metrolinktrains.com/
Additional notes on Amtrak:

- A dining car or snack car is typically on each route.
- You may bring two pieces of luggage as long as they are less than 50 lbs (22kg) each and have labels with your name and address.
- You may bring a music player, laptop, cell phone, etc. aboard the train for your enjoyment.
- Bring a form of ID, such as your passport, to purchase or pick-up your ticket (if purchased online) at the Amtrak ticket counter. Tickets purchased several days before the departure date are typically cheaper than purchasing on the day of travel. Tickets can also be purchased on the train, but this option is more expensive.

IX. FOOD (MEALS PLANS & DINING OPTIONS)

A. ON CAMPUS DINING

Whether you want a quick bite, a cup of coffee or tea, simple groceries, or a hardy meal, you will be sure to find what you are looking for through UCI Dining! UCI Dining offers a plethora of delicious and convenient dining options all over campus. On the Dining website you will learn about MEAL PLANS, HOURS OF OPERATION, LOCATION, MENUS & more!

- **Summer Bridge Scholarship recipients** will be issued a preloaded Zot Bucks card at program check-in, intended for purchasing course books and on-campus meals. Zot Bucks can be used at on-campus dining locations, like a debit card. More information will be provided during the program orientation.

   Go to UCI Dining: https://food.uci.edu/

B. OFF CAMPUS DINING
(Neither Flex Dollars nor Meal Plans accepted)

**University Town Center (UTC)**
For a complete list of stores: http://www.shoptheirvinecompany.com
Click on the “Centers” tab at the top of the screen. Then, under “Neighborhood Centers” on the left, find the “Irvine” sub-header and click “University Center”.

**Campus Plaza**
For a complete list of stores: http://www.shoptheirvinecompany.com
Click on the “Centers” tab at the top of the screen. Then, under “Neighborhood Centers” on the left, find the “Irvine” sub-header and click “Campus Plaza”.

X. HEALTH AND SAFETY ON CAMPUS

If you need individual assistance, stop by the Summer Session office to speak to the staff. We are here to provide support in a safe area and will direct you, if necessary, to another professional.

K. HEALTH INSURANCE: MAKE SURE YOU ARE COVERED

Please be aware that your enrollment in an Edge Program does not include medical or other types of insurance. Students may enroll in the Voluntary Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP). Students who will not be covered during the program by a major medical health insurance should strongly consider enrolling in Voluntary UC SHIP.

See “GETTING STARTED” at the top of this Welcome Guide for steps to enroll.

L. STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

The Student Health Center is a comprehensive outpatient clinic staffed with licensed primary care physicians and medical specialists, dentists, a certified physician assistant, registered nurse practitioners, a registered dietitian, and nurses certified in college health.

Make sure you are covered (see the section on “Health Insurance” above).

As part of your enrollment materials, you signed a Waiver of Liability, indicating that The Regents of the University of California are not liable for claims of personal injury, accidents or illnesses. To that end, they provide:

- Comprehensive primary care for health and wellness with an emphasis on personal sensitivity and attention to individual patient needs
- Convenient consultation and treatment in selected medical specialties
- First aid and basic urgent care for the campus community
- Medical surveillance and recommendations for the campus on a range of health promotion and disease prevention initiatives
- Crisis consultation and outreach services to the campus community

Go to the Student Health Center: https://shc.uci.edu/

M. LOCAL HOSPITALS

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**N. THE COUNSELING CENTER**

The Counseling Center is the primary counseling and mental health service for the university community. The Counseling Center offers a variety of programs through which students can learn cognitive, affective, and behavioral skills, which will enable them to function more effectively in an educational environment. Individual, group, couple, and family psychotherapy are available to students, as well as crisis intervention services when needed. The Counseling Center's services are free of charge to currently enrolled students.

Go to the Counseling Center: [https://counseling.uci.edu/](https://counseling.uci.edu/) | (949) 824-6457

The Counseling Center is located across Ring Road from Starbucks, in Student Services 1 next to the Career Center (203 Student Services 1, Irvine, CA 92697-2200).

**O. THE CENTER FOR STUDENT WELLNESS & HEALTH PROMOTION**

The Health Education Center strives to improve the health of students by reducing risk for injury and illness, and to equip the UCI community with the necessary knowledge and skills to support that goal. Students can consult with experts in sexual health, alcohol and other drugs, tobacco cessation, and nutrition. The Health Education Center offers a wide array of printed and media-based resources. Students interested in health-related leadership opportunities can serve as Peer Health Educators.

Go to the Center for Student Wellness & Health Promotion: [https://studentwellness.uci.edu/](https://studentwellness.uci.edu/)

The Center for Student Wellness & Health Promotion is located on the third floor of the Student Center, Room G319.

**P. THE CAMPUS ASSAULT RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

Campus Assault Resources and Education (CARE) provides direct services and campus education for issues related to sexual assault, intimate partner violence, relationship health, and personal safety. CARE provides consultation, individual counseling, advocacy through the reporting process, and support groups for survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence, and conducts campus wide educational programs, academic courses, and passive programming campaigns.

Go to the CARE Center: [https://care.uci.edu/](https://care.uci.edu/)

CARE is located on the third floor of the Student Center, Room G320A.

**Q. EMERGENCY BLUE LIGHT PHONES and CSO SAFETY ESCORT SERVICES**

Emergency Blue Phones are available throughout the campus for a direct emergency line to the UCI Police Department. These phones, once activated, can monitor callers from a long range, and also automatically let the police dispatcher know the location from which you are calling.
Do you have a night class? The CSO (Community Service Officers) Safety Escort program is a free service to members of the community. The objective of the program is to provide a safe alternative to walking alone at night. CSO’s are equipped with radios that allow them to keep in constant contact with the Police. When requesting an escort, please provide the dispatcher with the following information:

- Your name
- Your location
- A phone # where you can be reached
- Your destination

A uniformed CSO will then meet you and escort you to your destination. The Safety Escort Program is not a taxi service, it is meant to provide a safe alternative to walking alone at night.

Go to learn more:
http://www.police.uci.edu/police/safety_brochures/Bluelight_Phone.pdf

R. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

If you encounter an emergency where an individual needs immediate medical attention, call the police at 911. The police will quickly alert paramedics. If there is a non-life-threatening emergency that does not require the police or paramedics, you can call the Summer Session Office from 8:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday at (949) 824-7649.

i. DURING A FIRE

Upon discovery of a fire, alert others, leave the area, and close all doors behind you. Please pull the nearest fire alarm box and dial 911 to report the fire. The procedures for evacuating from a classroom or dorm are similar and as follows:

- Close the door and exit the building immediately through the nearest and safest path.
- Once you are out of the building, go to the designated assembly area.
- Re-enter the building only after receiving instructions to do so from fire officials or from UCI authorities.

ii. DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

In an attempt to ensure safety of our Summer Session students in case of an earthquake or other natural disaster, UCI (including Campus Housing) has developed an emergency preparedness plan. In an emergency such as an earthquake, gas leak, or natural disaster, follow the procedures listed below. As Summer Session students live both on and off campus, we encourage all students to gather their own personal supplies and make their own plans in case of an earthquake. Summer Session staff will be happy to assist you with designing an adequate supply of materials for your apartment or room, as well as offer ideas for how you can be best prepared. If you are living on campus, check with your RA/HA for specific instructions and guidance for emergency preparedness. Detailed instructions about UCI Emergency Procedures for a variety of situations are found in every UCI office and classroom.
Of course, it is best to be familiar with them before anything happens!

Listen to instructions from campus staff or follow your Zot Alert messaging to the best of your abilities.

- If you are indoors, get under a table or desk, or against an inside corner of the room. Get away from glass or heavy objects that may fall on you.
- Do not run outside during the earthquake. The risk of being injured by falling bricks or breaking glass is much higher when you are outside.
- If you are outdoors, try to remain in an open area away from tall trees, building or electrical lines.
- Evacuate after the shaking has stopped — DO NOT EVACUATE AUTOMATICALLY. Evacuate the building only if told to do so by emergency responders, or if you feel it is unsafe to remain inside. Lock your door, wear shoes for protection and take your keys and emergency supplies.
- Do not light a match or turn on a light because of possible gas leaks or electrical shortages.
- If evacuated, proceed to the designated evacuation assembly area and follow instructions from the UCI campus authorities. Emergency evacuation procedures and the evacuation assembly areas are posted prominently in each hall and public facility on the UCI campus, including the dorms. Please become familiar with the instructions in advance of an emergency or drill.

XI. RESOURCES AND SUPPORT OFFICES

A. STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES (SSI)

Student Success Initiatives (SSI) is an academic support program dedicated to helping transfers, first-generation college, Pell eligible/low-income, and/or disabled students succeed and thrive at UCI. The goal of SSI is to help students successfully transition to UC Irvine and make the most of their academic experience. SSI offers drop-in counseling and advising, provided by professional staff, faculty, and student peers, organizes weekly workshops on academic and social opportunities at UCI, and coordinates summer academic programs for incoming students.

SSI also offers year round programs and opportunities for SSI Eligible (including but not limited to Transfer Edge and Summer Bridge Pathway) students.
Student Success Initiatives is located on the second floor of the Student Services II building across from the Student Center, Room 2200 (bldg. #105 on the campus map).

B. THE TRANSFER STUDENT HUB

Housed within the Student Success Initiatives Office, the Transfer Student Hub (TSH) works with new and returning transfer students to facilitate their transition and overall success at UCI by directing them to appropriate sources of advice and campus services, weekly workshops, formal and informal mentoring, and providing a space for study!

Transfer Student Hub (TSH) will work closely with Summer Session and Student Success Initiatives to help you make the best transition to UCI. The program began in recognition of transfer student’s special circumstances that place unusual demands on their time and call for specialized assistance. Some of your events will be co-hosted by and/or at TSH!

TSH counselors and peer educators are on hand to help assist you with your transition into UCI. In conjunction with SSI, the TSH offers weekly workshops, mentoring programs along with other programs.

The Transfer Student Hub is located on the second floor of Student Services II, Room 2200 (bldg. #105 on the campus map). Summer hours are M-F, 9-5.

Go to the Transfer Student Hub: http://transferhub.uci.edu/

The Transfer Student Hub is located in the Student Success Initiatives Office, on the second floor of the Student Services II building across from the Student Center, Room 2200 (bldg. #105 on the campus map).

C. The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship is the place to go for student loans, grants, scholarships, and any further financial aid questions and concerns. Information about current scholarships and programs to help pay for college could be found in this office.

Go to the OFAS: http://www.ofas.uci.edu/content/

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarship is located on the first floor of Aldrich Hall in 102 (bldg. #111 on the campus map). Aldrich Hall is located on the right hand side of the campus flag poles.

D. THE DREAMER’S RESOURCE OFFICE

The Dreamers’ Resource Office is dedicated to serving the AB540 and undocumented student population through advocacy, guidance, and support. The programs and services are designed for students to achieve academic, personal, and professional excellence. The Dreamers’ Resource Office forms part of the Student Outreach and Retention (SOAR) Center.
E. THE UCI STUDENT CENTER

The UCI Student Center (UCI campus map) is the destination for anyone at UCI looking for a place to study, surf the web, relax, shop, be entertained, play billiards, video games, or eat. One can walk through the Center and purchase books, use bank ATMs, or make travel arrangements. Study Spaces and Lounges can be found throughout the building. These lounges range from quiet study lounges to recreation and television lounges.

Go to the Student Center: http://www.studentcenter.uci.edu/

The Student Center is located at bldg. #113 on the campus map.

F. THE HILL: THE UCI BOOKSTORE

“The Hill” is UCI’s bookstore, located in the UCI Student Center. Here you will find stocks of required and recommended course books for classes taught at UCI. In addition, The Hill features an extensive selection of general and technical books, medical books, periodicals, computers, software, school supplies, UCI clothing and insignia items, gifts, and greeting cards.

Go to the bookstore: http://uci.bncollege.com/

The Hill bookstore is located in the Student Center, bldg. #113 on the campus map.

G. LIBRARIES

There are two libraries on campus, Langson Library (building #102 on the campus map) and the Science Library (building #520 on the campus map). The Langson Library contains the collections and services that support research and teaching in the Arts, Humanities, Education, Social Sciences, Social Ecology, and Business & Management. The Science Library houses books and journals from Engineering, ICS, and Physical Sciences and Biological Sciences. Hours vary. Check website for most current information.

Go to the libraries: https://www.lib.uci.edu/

H. THE ANTEATER RECREATION CENTER (ARC)

Once you activate your UCInetID and receive your UCI Identification card, you will have access to the Anteater Recreation Center (ARC). Access to the ARC is permitted to all UCI enrolled students, including Summer Session students. The ARC offers everything from work out facilities to classes and clinics, club and intramural sports, and outdoor activities.
I. JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS (DIVISION OF CAREER PATHWAYS)

Students are strongly encouraged to visit the Division of Career Pathways early in their academic career. The Division of Career Pathways assists undergraduate and graduate students with career decision-making and career planning through individual counseling, workshops, career programs, career fairs, employment opportunities, and graduate and professional school information. Vocational interest inventories are also available on a fee-for-service basis. The Division of Career Pathways provides students many opportunities to connect with employers, alumni, and professional and graduate schools. The Division of Career Pathways assists students seeking part-time and full-time employment opportunities, teaches job search skills and interviewing techniques, provides job listings, and offers an on-campus interview program (OCI). The Division of Career Pathways' Internship Program provides UCI students with opportunities to obtain career-related work experience in business, industry, and government.

Students may easily access all job listings using their student ID number via Handshake on the Division of Career Pathways' website at http://www.career.uci.edu.

For undergraduate research opportunities, see "Undergraduate Resource Opportunities Program (UROP)".

J. The LEARNING AND ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER (LARC)

The Mission of the Learning and Academic Resource Center (LARC) is to promote the academic success of UCI’s students by helping them to grow intellectually, develop effective oral and written communication skills, and build the self-esteem necessary to become confident, independent learners. To this end, LARC offers an extensive series of tutorials, workshops, and drop-in consulting services. During the Edge Programs there will be several workshops offered by LARC. They may include: Study Skills, Time Management, and other helpful topics. Be sure to attend some of these and get to know what LARC has to offer.

✔ Summer Bridge Scholarship recipients may be eligible for free LARC tutorials during the academic year. Inquire at SSS to see if you qualify and, if so, for how many per quarter.

LARC is located on the second floor of Rowland Hall, Room 284. Summer hours are M-F, 8:30am-5:00pm.
K. THE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (UROP)

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) encourages and facilitates faculty-mentored research and creative activities by undergraduates from all schools and academic disciplines at UCI.

UROP offers assistance to students and faculty through all phases of the research process, including: proposal writing, developing research plans, providing grants to fund research projects, scholarly journal writing, and presenting research results. Conducting research and creative activities should be an integral component of the education undergraduates receive at UCI, regardless of their career choice.

Be sure to attend a UROP workshop to learn more about how you can become involved in research while you are at UCI.

UROP is located on the second floor of Student Services II (SSII), Room 2300. SSII is right across from the Student Center.

Go to UROP: http://www.urop.uci.edu/

L. THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

Student Life & Leadership supports the intellectual, personal, social and professional development of all students. Student Life & Leadership offers education and skill development opportunities that enhance academic success and prepare students for their leadership roles in a diverse, dynamic, and global society. Student Life & Leadership is a family of departments including the following:

- Office of Academic Integrity & Student Conduct
- Office of Campus Organizations & Volunteer Programs
- Center for Black Cultures, Resources, & Research
- Cross-Cultural Center
- Office of the Dean of Students
- Greek Life
- International Center
- Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center
- New Student & Leadership Programs
- Veterans Services Center

Information about student conduct and our Principles of Community are available from the Office of the Dean of Students (949) 824-5590.

Go to the Office of Student Life & Leadership: https://studentlife.uci.edu/

The Office of Student Life and Leadership located on the third floor of Student Center South in G308.

M. THE CROSS CULTURAL CENTER (CCC)

The Cross-Cultural Center (CCC) (bldg. #103 on the campus map), established at UCI in 1974, was the first multicultural center instituted at any of the UC campuses. CCC offers a
friendly atmosphere and supportive environment for UCI's diverse student body. It provides meeting space and serves as "home base" for more than 70 registered multicultural organizations. Cross-Cultural Center facilities include a conference room for group meetings, a lounge for socializing, a study room, and a computer work station. The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium and the Rainbow Festival and Conference, both three-day programs that recognize and reinforce UCI's commitment to ethnic diversity, are major programs administered by CCC. The Cross-Cultural Center also supports a variety of annual special events such as African Consciousness Quarter, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, Mez de la Raza, American Indian Culture Days, and Filipino American History Month.

The Cross-Cultural Center (CCC) is located near the Counseling Center and Langson Library, bldg. #103 on the campus map.

N. THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER RESOURCES CENTER (LGBTRC)

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center (LGBTRC) promotes an open, safe, and inclusive campus environment for UCI's diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and ally communities. LGBTRC provides programs, resources, topic discussions, and support services to raise awareness about the LGBT community. Some of its goals include eliminating heterosexism, homophobia, and gender identity oppression, and to support the academic mission of the University.

The LGBTRC is located on the third floor of the Student Center South in G301 (location on campus map).

O. THE STUDY ABROAD CENTER

The mission of the Study Abroad Center is to foster a culture at UCI in which study abroad is expected and achievable for all students. SAC assists students in participating in programs abroad that allow them to progress toward their UCI degree while developing the academic, personal, and professional skills necessary to be well-informed, engaged members of the global society.

While you’re at UCI, be sure to attend a Study Abroad workshop to learn more about opportunities for you to study abroad. It is not too early to begin planning!

The Study Abroad Center is located on the first floor of Student Services II (SSII), Room 1100 (bldg. #105 on the campus map), up a few steps on the left after you enter the building. SSII is right across from the Student Center.
A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your student embarks on a journey into the next phase of life, we want to assure you that your student's success and well-being are of prime importance to us at UCI. Summer Session Edge Programs provide a unique opportunity for students to explore UCI with other, matriculated college students, during the summer. While taking rigorous, engaging undergraduate classes, students enjoy studying at a top ranked research university in the comfort of a small cohort program. UCI’s Edge Programs give students the experience of living and studying with peers from around the world, whether their goal is to get a taste of university life, strengthen their resumes or simply to learn.

The credits earned are recorded on an official UCI transcript. Edge Programs are not just about earning college credit; these programs are about preparing your student for the rigors of collegiate life. We offer a number of activities that will help your student navigate the transition to a major research university. In addition, by starting their UCI courses early, your student will be able to get a sense of what to expect from UCI academia.

This program also provides opportunities for your student to have a great time and make new friends. Students are invited to participate in social events, study groups, field trips and many other activities. This combination of academics and fun ensures a well-rounded experience that prepares your student for life. Edge Program workshops and social activities give students a preview of the opportunities and experiences they will encounter at UCI. These experiences will be guided by Summer Session mentors, who are UCI undergraduate students and former participants in Edge Programs. These mentors will plan social events, serve as a resource, and support the students. Each mentor has completed formal leadership development training to refine their leadership skills. They are very positive role models for your student.

Collegiate life and study workshops are available to Edge Program students to support their academics during their studies at UCI. The Summer Session mentors will also provide perspective as to what UCI coursework entails. Students are also encouraged to spend time speaking with class instructors.

Your student should read this welcome guide, which outlines student responsibilities in such areas as conduct, attendance, and academic integrity.

UCI cannot release information relating to the student’s enrollment to entities outside of UCI, including family members or guardians. This is in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), to provide students with certain protections concerning the confidentiality of their educational records.

After completing a Summer Session Edge Program, your student will have matured both as a student and as a person. We look forward to seeing your student on campus this summer!

The Summer Session Student Life & Leadership Team
Freshman Edge: summer-freshman@uci.edu | (949) 824-7649
Transfer Edge: summer-transfer@uci.edu | (949) 824-7649
Visit us in building Summer Session A Room 101-102
Bldg. #231 on the campus map (8am-5pm, M-F)

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