University of California—Riverside

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Campus Life
Quality of Life Rating 75
Fire Safety Rating 86
Green Rating 93
Type of school public
Environment city

Students
Total undergrad enrollment 18,537
% male/female 48/52
% from out of state 1
% frosh from public high school 90
% frosh live on campus 75
% ugrads live on campus 31
# of fraternities (% ugrad men join) 20 (6)
# of sororities (% ugrad women join) 20 (7)
% African American 7.1
% Asian 38.8
% Caucasian 15.1
% Hispanic 34.3
% Native American .4
% international 2.3
# of countries represented 100

Academics
Academic Rating 79
% students graduating within 4 years 42
% students graduating within 6 years 69
Calendar Quarter
Student/faculty ratio 19:1
Profs interesting rating 71
Profs accessible rating 72
Most classes have 20–29 students.
Most lab/discussion sessions have 20–29 students.

MOST POPULAR MAJORS
business administration and management; biology; biochemistry; mechanical engineering; psychology

Special Study Options
Accelerated program, cross-registration, double major, English as a Second Language (ESL), honors program, independent study, internships, student-designed major, study abroad, teacher certification program. Special programs offered to physically disabled students include note-taking services, reader services, voice recorders, tutors.

About the School
Although perhaps not as famous as some of the other schools in the UC system, the University of California—Riverside (UCR) has much to boast about. For starters, this research university offers state-of-the-art facilities in genomics and nanotechnology. Its top-ranked entomology department draws insect-loving students like the proverbial moths to a flame. For those not inclined towards the sciences, UCR provides the largest undergraduate business program in the UC system, as well as the only undergraduate creative writing program among the UC schools. The school’s “fantastic” honors program is another highly praised asset. With an emphasis on ethnic diversity and social consciousness, the school attracts a student population that stands out among other campuses across the country. As a primarily commuter school, UCR faces the challenge of keeping the social scene on campus lively and interesting despite having many of its students gone on the weekends. With more than 400 student organizations, the school strives to have a steady stream of events on and off campus, including concerts and movie screenings.

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Bang for Your Buck
More than 70 percent of undergrads at UCR receive some form of financial aid, and the school also offers a Blue and Gold Program for California applicants with a family income of up to $80,000 which covers the full cost of tuition through a combination of grants and scholarships. Merit-based scholarships are also offered to freshmen with excellent academic qualifications, regardless of financial need. In addition to various forms of financial aid, UCR also provides additional services through its Internship Program, which places many students in paid positions with Fortune 100 companies as well as through its Student On-Campus Employment Program (SOCEP).
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STUDENT BODY
UCR is “one of the most diverse of all the UC campuses.” “It’s hard to describe the typical student, because there are so many different types of people.” There are “the fraternity freaks, the overachievers, the geeks, the recluses, the trendy people,” and many other subgroups. At the same time, UCR is mostly full of “average college students.” “Everybody is pretty relaxed and friendly.” Just about everyone here is from California. Some 70 percent of all students receive financial aid. “Most of the students seem serious about being in college and are here for the right reasons,” though not all of them. “There are the extremely bright students who spend all day studying,” relates a sophomore. “There are also students who barely got in and do nothing at all.”

WHY STUDENTS LOVE UC—RIVERSIDE
The student population at UCR recognizes that its ethnic diversity is a major strength of the school. It is the most diverse in the UC system and one of the most diverse schools in the entire nation. Students are also appreciative of the school’s approach to preparing their students for more than just academic life. According to a student, “The school for UCR is all about making sure the students are prepared for life after college.” Although many students do not seem to be particularly excited about their school’s social scene, they do acknowledge that there are opportunities out there to get involved in CAMPUS LIFE. Says one student, “What I do know is that there is an attempt by many clubs and organizations to always have events on and off campus.” UCR students are also able to carve out their own niche and find enjoyment in various ways. One busy student explains, “For fun I like to do random things, anything from bowling, to community service, to going into workshops or watching DVDs. Riverside is not too far from LA and Fullerton and Long Beach, so I hang out there when I can.”

GENERAL INFO
Activities: Choral groups, concert band, dance, drama/theater, jazz band, literary magazine, music ensembles, musical theater, pep band, radio station, student government, student newspaper, student-run film society, international student organization.

BOTTOM LINE
For students who are California residents, the cost of tuition is about $11,200, which makes the school a good value for the price. For any out-of-state students, it is a different story. The tuition reaches up to around $34,000 plus another $13,000 for room and board. Whether you’re an in-state or out-of-state student, do not forget to factor in the additional required fees and cost of books and supplies, which add up to a little bit over $3,500.

SELECTIVITY
Admissions Rating 93
# of applicants 30,395
% of applicants accepted 63
% of acceptees attending 21
# offered a place on the wait list 3694
% accepting a place on wait list 52

FRESHMAN PROFILE
Range SAT Critical Reading 470–580
Range SAT Math 500–630
Range SAT Writing 480–590
Range ACT Composite 20–25
Minimum paper TOEFL 550
Minimum web-based TOEFL 80
Average HS GPA 3.6
% graduated top 10% of class 94
% graduated top 25% of class 100
% graduated top 50% of class 100

DEADLINES
Regular deadline 11/30
Nonfall registration No

FACILITIES
Housing: Coed dorms, gender-neutral housing, special housing for disabled students, special housing for international students, apartments for married students, apartments for single students, theme housing. Special Academic Facilities/ Equipment: Art gallery, photography museum, botanical gardens, audio-visual resource center/studios, media resource center, statistical consulting center.

FINANCIAL FACTS
Financial Aid Rating 82
Annual in-state tuition $11,220
Annual out-of-state tuition $34,098
Room and board $13,200
Required fees $1,740
Books and supplies $1,800
% needy freshman rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid 95
% needy UG rec. need-based scholarship or grant aid 94
% needy freshman rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid 2
% needy UG rec. non-need-based scholarship or grant aid 1
% needy freshman rec. need-based self-help aid 78
% needy UG rec. need-based self-help aid 78
% freshman rec. any financial aid 78
% UG rec. any financial aid 78
% UG borrow to pay for school 72
Average cumulative indebtedness $21,373