

YOU'VE BEEN ADMITTED TO UC MERCED!

CONGRATULATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MERCED



CONGRATULATIONS! COME BUILD THE FUTURE!

Congratulations on your admission to the University of California, Merced!

UC Merced offers you a unique range of opportunities from the moment you step on campus.

Here in the heart of California, you can conduct transformative research alongside innovative faculty members and scholars in areas ranging from human health and big-data analysis to materials science, robotics and ecology.

Whether your interests are climbing Half Dome in nearby Yosemite, competing on a sports or academic team, or engaging in an internship, you will make friends and be a part of the community. Our more than 200 clubs and organizations, along with recreational and cultural activities, will complement your academic experience at UC Merced.

This campus has rapidly gained recognition for its remarkable students and alumni, exceptional faculty and emerging areas of research prominence. As part of our visionary Merced 2020 Project, the campus and our community will continue to grow, bringing even more exceptional opportunities for academic and personal development. These efforts have led Education Dive to name UC Merced as their 2018 "University of the Year." The awards are designed to honor the industry's top disruptors and innovators.

By the time you arrive on campus in the fall, we will be in the second phase of our 2020 Project, with two new state-of-the-art buildings housing labs, classrooms and additional study areas. By Fall 2020, the size of the UC Merced campus will nearly double, with more labs, classrooms, a competition swimming pool and athletics field, and student life facilities, all designed to foster interaction between students, faculty and staff members in the spirit of an inclusive community.

Our diverse student population hails from all corners of California and beyond. Our close-knit Bobcat community emphasizes extraordinary student success and will support you in reaching your academic and professional goals.

Again, I offer my heartfelt congratulations on your admission to UC Merced, and I hope to see you on campus this fall as you initiate your journey toward success.

Fiat Lux and go Bobcats!



DOROTHY LELAND
Chancellor

SAY YES TO BECOMING A BOBCAT!

Submit your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) to secure your place at UC Merced and to embark on an incredible educational journey.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY SIR ONLINE?



- STEP 1:** Review the Conditions of Admission on the Admitted Students website at admitted.ucmerced.edu. Remember, by submitting your SIR, you acknowledge that you have read, understand and agree to the Conditions of Admission.
- STEP 2:** Visit the UC Merced student portal at my.ucmerced.edu.
- STEP 3:** Claim your **UCMNetID** and create your personal password.
- STEP 4:** Select **MyAdmissions** to view your personal application status page and follow the instructions to submit your SIR and nonrefundable \$250 deposit.
- STEP 5:** After you submit your SIR, you'll need to use 2-factor authentication to access your portal. For more information and to sign up, visit it.ucmerced.edu/2FA-Enroll.

MAY 1, 2019

Deadline to submit your SIR for first year students

JUNE 1, 2019

Deadline to submit your SIR for transfer students

NEXT STEPS AND RESOURCES

- View your Student Admissions Checklist from the Office of Admissions. admitted.ucmerced.edu
- Schedule a tour and visit campus. admissions.ucmerced.edu/visit-us
- Submit your Statement of Legal Residence.* my.ucmerced.edu
- Submit your housing preference form/application.* housing.ucmerced.edu
- Register for New Student Orientation. orientation.ucmerced.edu
- Come to Bobcat Day on Saturday, April 13. bobcatday.ucmerced.edu
- Complete the financial aid requirements.* my.ucmerced.edu
- Arrange to have official transcripts and test scores sent to the Office of Admissions. admissions.ucmerced.edu
- Submit your Student Health Insurance Waiver.* my.ucmerced.edu
- Submit proof of immunization. my.ucmerced.edu

*If applicable

**FOR DATES AND DEADLINES,
VIEW YOUR STUDENT CHECKLIST
IN THE STUDENT PORTAL AT
my.ucmerced.edu**

**SEND YOUR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS
AND TEST SCORES TO:**

University of California, Merced
Office of Admissions
5200 N. Lake Road
Merced, CA 95343-5603

For a list of participating electronic transcript providers, visit admissions.ucmerced.edu/apply/electronic-transcript-providers.

School Codes

ACT: 0450
College Board (SAT with Essay, AP): 4129
FAFSA: 041271

BOBCAT DAY 2019 SATURDAY, APRIL 13



REGISTER NOW!
bobcatday.ucmerced.edu



Submit your statement of intent to register (SIR) and join the UC Merced class of Fall 2019!
my.ucmerced.edu

Pretty pictures and impressive rankings won't tell you how it feels to be at UC Merced. A campus visit is a must, so come see us during our biggest and most spirited event of the spring.

WHAT: Bobcat Day 2019

WHO: Especially for admitted first year students and transfer students awaiting decisions

WHERE: UC Merced campus
5200 N. Lake Road, Merced, California

WHEN: Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- WHY:**
- Learn more about campus during a student-led tour
 - Learn about opportunities to get involved in clubs, research and academic programs
 - Ask Financial Aid advisors questions about your financial aid offer
 - Get Admissions information straight from the source
 - Interact with current students as they share their experiences with clubs and organizations
 - Explore the residence halls, dining facilities and Kolligian Library

2019 SPRING EVENTS

During our live and online events, presentations and discussions, you can learn about resources and opportunities available to UC Merced students, our academic programs, student life and more.

ONGOING ADMISSIONS WEBINARS

Hear from students, faculty and staff about everything from what to do after you're admitted, to financial aid, to special programs offered at UC Merced.

MARCH 18-23 VISIT WEEK

APRIL 22-26

You'll have an opportunity to interact with students and staff, tour campus, attend presentations and get answers to any questions you have about the University.

MARCH 31- APRIL 8 STATEWIDE REGIONAL ADMISSION RECEPTIONS

Learn about the remarkable opportunities that await you at the newest campus in the world-renowned University of California system during special events in Sacramento, Santa Clara, Los Angeles and Riverside.

APRIL 13 BOBCAT DAY

This special day for admitted students, upcoming seniors and transfer applicants is our biggest event of the spring! Come see UC Merced when campus is at its liveliest.
bobcatday.ucmerced.edu

APRIL 27 SPOTLIGHT UC MERCED

This half-day introduction to UC Merced is the last event of the spring for admitted students. It serves as a valuable chance to ask any final questions you might have as you weigh your options. You can find out about housing, student life, financial aid, academic opportunities and more.

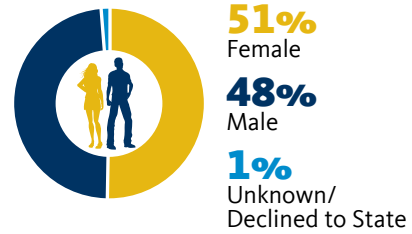
MAY 14 TRANSFER DAY

Admitted transfer students can tour campus, speak with Admissions and Financial Aid advisors, submit any supplemental documents such as transcripts, get advising from each of our academic schools, and learn about special resources available to transfer students.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER

admitted.ucmerced.edu/events

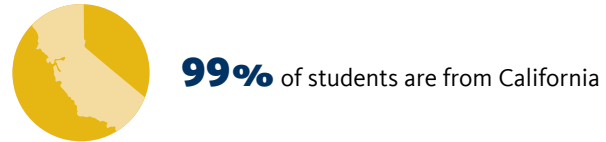
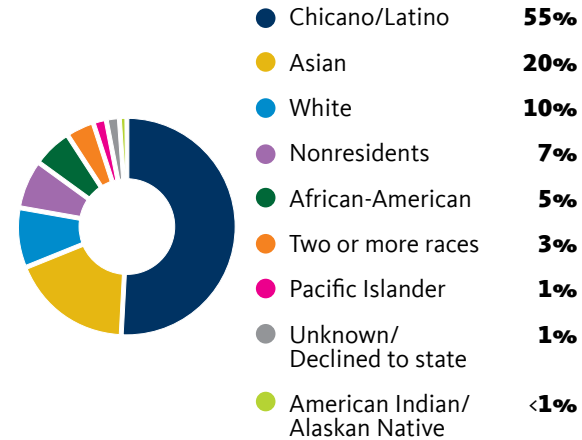
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY PROFILE 2018



8,544 Campus Enrollment

7,881 Undergraduate Students

663 Graduate Students

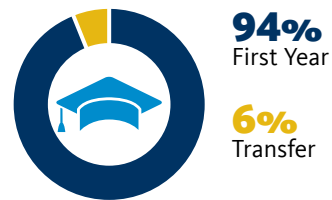


TAKE ME TO YOSEMITE!

Merced is unofficially known as the gateway to Yosemite National Park, and UC Merced students regularly take advantage of the fact that being one with nature is only a short drive away. There are amazing views everywhere you turn, such as this one of Clouds Rest and Pinnacle Peaks from the top of North Dome.



UC MERCED SNAPSHOT



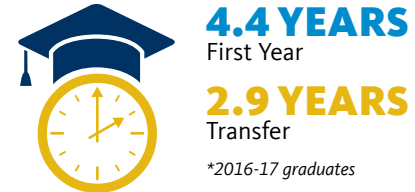
First Generation Status*

73%
All Undergraduates

74% First Year
62% New Transfer

*First generation is defined as neither parent having a 4-year college degree.

Average Time to Degree*



Retention Rate*

*Fall 2017 students who returned for Fall 2018

82% First Year

81% First Generation

93% Transfer

94% First Generation

BUILDING THE FUTURE IN THE HEART OF CALIFORNIA

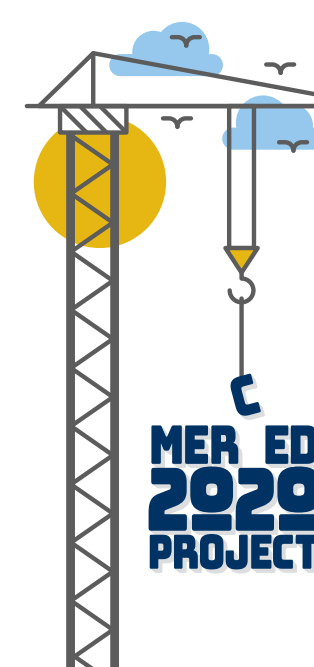
When you arrive at UC Merced in the fall, you'll notice a lot of construction taking place thanks to the Merced 2020 Project.

What to Expect in Fall 2019:

- » 2 new residence halls with 700 beds
- » 2 new state-of-the-art academic buildings

By Fall 2020:

- » New academic buildings, research facilities and labs
- » 1,700 student beds with ground-floor classrooms
- » New student life facilities and student wellness center
- » Competition swimming pool and athletics field



ONE UNIVERSITY, THREE SCHOOLS

Undergraduate Enrollment by School

3,180

School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

2,131

School of Natural Sciences

2,192

School of Engineering

378

Undeclared

PLEASE NOTE: PERCENTAGES MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.
SOURCE: UC MERCED INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH AND DECISION SUPPORT, FALL 2018

LIFE ON CAMPUS

When you first arrive at UC Merced, you might wonder how you will meet people. You can start by leaving the comfort of your room, exploring campus and following your interests, whether in dance, gaming, photography, robotics or anything else.

ACTIVITIES

There's something for everyone, and something is always happening: Movie nights, luau beach parties, spirit days, cultural events, dance crew battles, guest speakers and more.

You'll see excited faces from all over campus at our most popular annual events – the harvest carnival and concert Treats 'N Beats, CABsterical Comedy Jam, Winterball, Soul'd Out Poetry Jam, Bobcats Got Talent, and the biggest draw of the year, the Cowchella music festival.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

catlife.ucmerced.edu

The Anime Club, Black Student Union, Bobcat Theater, Pilipino American Alliance, Pre-Pharmacy Club and The Prodigy News are only a few of the more than 200 clubs and organizations UC Merced students have formed. If you can't find a good fit, you can tap into the school's pioneering spirit and start your own!

GREEK LIFE

UC Merced's fraternity and sorority community has many recognized chapters on campus. Collectively, Greek Life provides a wide range of academic, social and community service activities.



FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY!



ATHLETICS AND RECREATION

ATHLETICS

ucmercedbobcats.com

Whether you're an athlete or fan of college athletics, you can get involved by showing up and teaming with Rufus to cheer on the blue and gold!

MASCOT

Rufus

SCHOOL COLORS

Blue and gold

AFFILIATION

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)

CONFERENCE

California Pacific (CalPac)

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VARSITY TEAMS

Basketball, cross country, soccer, volleyball

ATHLETICS FACILITIES

Joseph Edward Gallo Recreation and Wellness Center; Student Activities and Athletics Center

RECREATION AND WELLNESS

recreation.ucmerced.edu

If your idea of wellness is fresh air and fun outside, an energetic place to do lifts and reps, or a chance to push, pull, run and pedal in matchups with other students, you're in luck!

Sports clubs

Archery, baseball, Bobcat Strength, cheer, cycling, dance, golf, martial arts, softball, tennis, water polo, wrestling

Outdoor Experience Program

The OEP is UC Merced's hub of all things outdoors. There are activities like Week of Wilderness, and you can even rent outdoor equipment and kayaks. Outdoor Adventure trips include skiing and snowboarding in the Sierra, rafting the American River, kayaking in the San Francisco Bay and surfing in Santa Cruz.

Intramural sports teams

Futsal, basketball, dodgeball, indoor and grass volleyball, flag football, soccer, ultimate Frisbee

Fitness

You'll find state-of-the-art cardio, fitness and group exercise equipment in our recreation center. Group fitness classes range from cycling to yoga, and personal trainers are always an option.

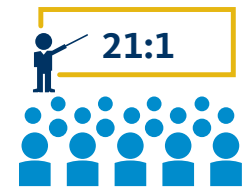
TRAINING YOUR MIND TO THINK

Learning at UC Merced involves more than memorizing syllabi and taking endless notes. Our innovative professors find ways to turn real-world problems into teachable moments that can spark ideas for inspired solutions and ignite curiosity you never knew you had.

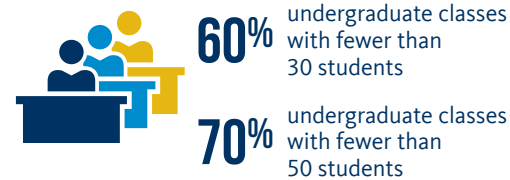
Although your major will fall into one of our three academic schools, your choice of classes will never be limited. UC Merced's approach to learning is interdisciplinary, which means that you might take a human biology class in the morning and attend an anthropology lecture at night, all while working toward your degree.

And, of course, there are the unique research opportunities that UC Merced is known for. As an undergraduate, you can conduct research alongside accomplished faculty members who are experts in their fields, and get broader perspectives on the facts you learned in the classroom.

STUDENT-FACULTY RATIO



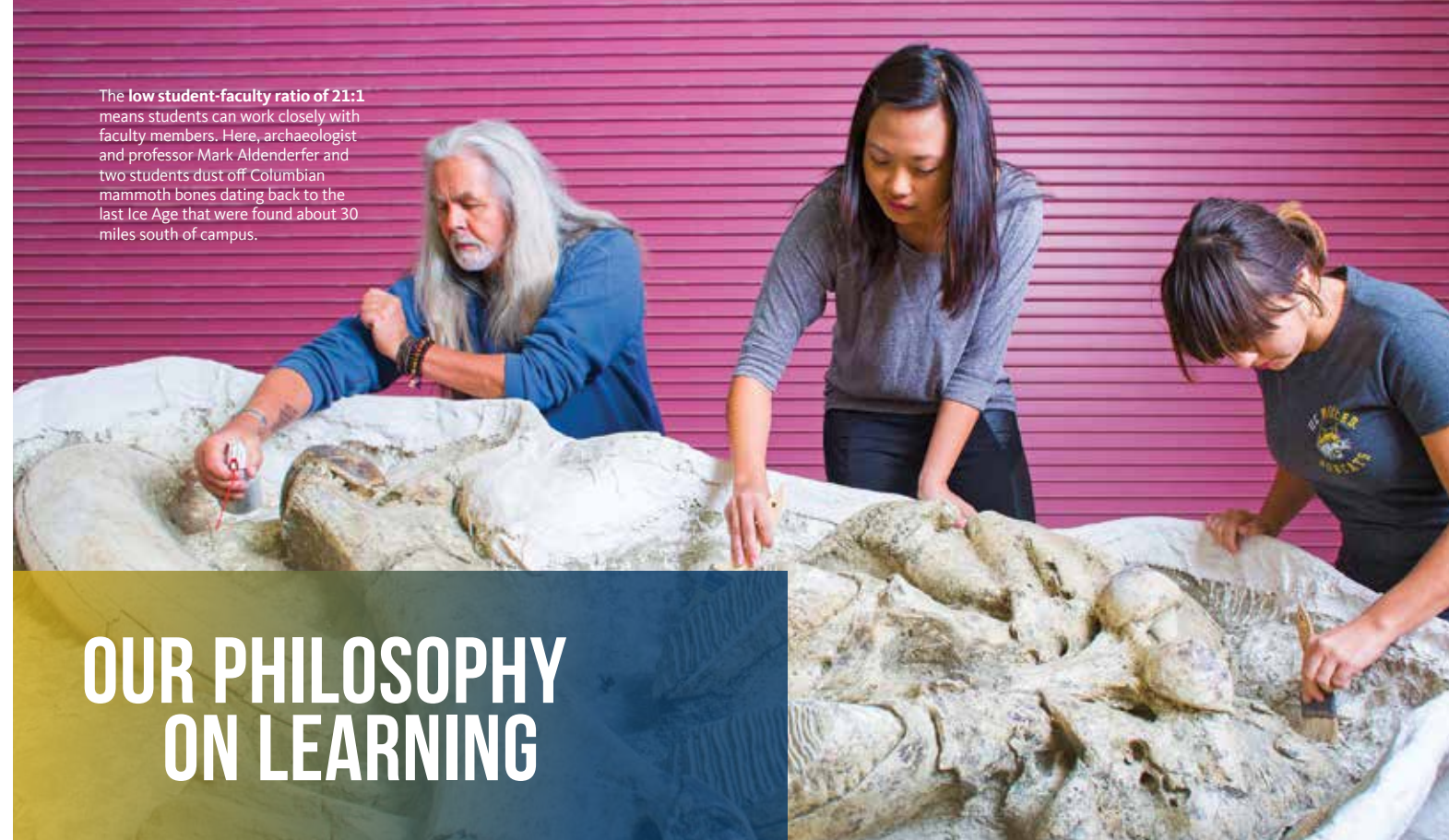
SMALL CLASS SIZES



RESEARCH INSTITUTES, CENTERS AND FACILITIES

- » Blum Center for Developing Economies
- » Center for Cellular and Biomolecular Machines
- » Center for Computational Biology
- » Center for Early Cognition and Language
- » Center of Excellence for the Study of Health Disparities
- » Center for Human Adaptive Systems and Environments (CHASE)
- » Center for the Humanities
- » Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS)
- » Health Sciences Research Institute (HSRI)
- » Imaging and Microscopy Facility
- » Light Microscopy and Crystallography Modeling Center
- » Merced Nanomaterials Center for Energy and Sensing (MACES)
- » NSF-CREST Center for Cellular and Biomolecular Machines
- » Sierra Nevada Research Institute (SNRI)
- » Stem Cell Instrumentation Foundry (SCIF)
- » UC Solar
- » UC Water

The low student-faculty ratio of 21:1 means students can work closely with faculty members. Here, archaeologist and professor Mark Aldenderfer and two students dust off Columbian mammoth bones dating back to the last Ice Age that were found about 30 miles south of campus.



OUR PHILOSOPHY ON LEARNING



UC Merced is **#17 in the nation** for best undergraduate teaching among public universities - *U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings, 2019*

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING engineering.ucmerced.edu

- » Bioengineering, B.S.
- » Computer Science and Engineering, B.S.
- » Environmental Engineering, B.S.
- » Materials Science and Engineering, B.S.
Optional Emphasis: Nanotechnology
- » Mechanical Engineering, B.S.
- » Undeclared School of Engineering

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES naturalsciences.ucmerced.edu

- » Applied Mathematical Sciences, B.S.
*Emphases: Computational and Data Sciences
Computational Biology
Computer Science
Economics
Engineering
Environmental
Physics*
- » Biological Sciences, B.S.
*Emphases: Developmental Biology
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Human Biology
Microbiology and Immunology
Molecular and Cell Biology*
- » Chemical Sciences, B.S.
*Emphases: Biological Chemistry
Chemical Sciences
Materials Chemistry*
- » Earth Systems Science, B.S.
- » Physics, B.S.
*Emphases: Atomic/Molecular/Optical/
Condensed Matter
Biophysics
Mathematical Physics
Physics*
- » Undeclared School of Natural Sciences

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS ssha.ucmerced.edu

- » Anthropology, B.A.
- » Cognitive Science, B.A., B.S.
- » Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, B.A.
- » Economics, B.A.
- » English, B.A.
- » Global Arts Studies Program, B.A.
- » History, B.A.
- » Management and Business Economics, B.S.
- » Philosophy, B.A.
- » Political Science, B.A.
Subfield: Pre-law
- » Psychology, B.A.
- » Public Health, B.A.
- » Sociology, B.A.
- » Spanish, B.A.
- » Undeclared School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION learning.ucmerced.edu

- » Undeclared

MINORS

- » American Studies
- » Anthropology
- » Applied Mathematics
- » Chemical Sciences
- » Chicano/a Studies
- » Cognitive Science
- » Community Research and Service
- » Economics
- » English
- » Global Arts Studies Program
- » History
- » Management Analytics and Decision-Making
- » Management and Business Economics
- » Natural Sciences Education (NSED)
- » Natural Sciences Education Minor with Teaching Credential (NSEC)
- » Philosophy
- » Physics
- » Political Science
- » Psychology
- » Public Health
- » Sociology
- » Spanish
- » World Heritage
- » Writing

FOCUSING ON FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES AND ENTERPRISE

The hallmarks of UC Merced's School of Engineering are innovation, diversity, sustainability and personal interaction.

World-class faculty, staff and students collaborate to delve into such innovative topics as gauging the impacts of climate change on water resources, researching multi-robot systems for urban search and rescue, and understanding individual stem cell behavior and how it affects tissue regeneration.

The School of Engineering champions the advancement of women in STEM fields, and you will find a driven community of female engineers at UC Merced. Twenty-seven percent of our ladder-ranked engineering faculty members are women, well above the national average of 17%, according to the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE).

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- » A team of UC Merced engineering students won first place in the Innovate to Grow Grand Challenge for developing prototypes of small, portable machines that can be used to diagnose diseases within 20 to 30 minutes of testing.
- » Bioengineering student Harkanwalpreet Sodhi started a campus organization called Engineers for COVE, which paired engineering students with the Merced Center of Vision Enhancement (COVE) to develop new assistive technologies based on visually impaired clients' needs.
- » The federal Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) recognized a team of UC Merced undergraduate engineering students for their design of a device that cools high-powered electronics aboard military aircraft. The team worked on the project during the yearlong Field-Reversible Thermal Conductor (RevCon) Challenge to develop novel field-reversible, low-resistance thermal connectors that improve on the design now being used.

This solar-powered tractor is designed to transport the campus's compost in an eco-friendly manner by not emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.



SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Innovate to Grow is a yearly celebration of student ingenuity. In a way, it's a science fair for college students, where they pitch their ideas to businesses and nonprofit organizations to help solve the challenges they face.
innovatetogrow.ucmerced.edu

» **Innovation Design Clinic:** Teams of graduating seniors and organizations collaborate, discover solutions to common problems, create and streamline networking, and increase both radical and incremental innovation.

» **Engineering Service Learning:** Teams of students work on real-world projects for nonprofit community partners. Past teams have used drones to detect illness in crops and made students in Merced County excited about the sciences.

» **Mobile App Challenge:** Over the course of three months, students design, prototype and pitch their ideas for mobile applications that address a need in society. Apps in the 2018 competition included Quaint, which offers e-commerce solutions for microbusinesses, and Off the Grid, a phone lock app that rewards users points for staying off their phone.

ENGINEERING.UCMERCED.EDU



The Mechanical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, and Materials Science and Engineering programs are accredited by the engineering accreditation commission of ABET.



FACULTY PROFILE

**Christopher Viney, Professor
Ph.D., University of Cambridge**

Professor Christopher Viney is one of the founding faculty members of UC Merced and its School of Engineering, and is the chair of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering. **His interdisciplinary research interests include biomolecular materials (using nature to inspire innovation in materials science);** the relationship between the molecular structure and physical behavior of novel polymers (including studies of how light can be used to change the shape of a material); and fundamental research on the crystallization of materials, which can be applied to processes in the pharmaceutical industry. This work has led Viney in some unexpected directions – for example, an off-the-grid adventure with a National Geographic TV crew in Zambia and attempting to collect sweat samples from hippos. **Viney is a fellow of the Institute of Physics, the Royal Society of Chemistry and ASM International.** He is deeply committed to interdisciplinary and general education, as well as to science outreach. His less formal interests include professional-level photography, the history and design of musical instruments, and extremely spicy cuisine.

SOLVING PROBLEMS AFFECTING CALIFORNIA, THE NATION AND THE WORLD

At any given moment, a student in the School of Natural Sciences could be studying climate change ... conducting biological research ... testing a mathematical theory ... preparing for a career ...

Top-tier programs form the foundation for continued success in recruiting the best faculty members and inspiring students. Together they delve into such innovative topics as identifying mobile elements in bacteria, fighting disease, researching DNA sequencing and creating sustainable energy sources. Using the most technologically advanced equipment in state-of-the-art labs, students gain practical experience to match the foundation of theoretical knowledge amassed during their college careers.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- » Physics students investigated the transport that occurs in biological systems across different levels of organization and scales in complex settings, such as the crowded interior of cells.
- » Three UC Merced undergraduates were the recipients of a fellowship under University of California President Janet Napolitano's Sustainability Student Fellowship/Internship Program. The students – two Earth Systems Science majors and one Biological Sciences major – each received \$2,500 toward research projects that bring the campus closer to meeting carbon neutrality goals.



The Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve, part of the UC Natural Reserve System, provides unique and important opportunities for student and faculty research at UC Merced. The reserve, one of the largest of its type in the world, is a habitat for some of California's rarest, most-endangered plants and animals, such as the extremely rare Conservancy Fairy Shrimp.

SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES



CALTEACH

The University of California Science and Math Initiative, also known as CalTeach, is a special program that prepares and supports students who are interested in becoming K-12 math and science teachers. calteach.ucmerced.edu

CalTeach Minors

» Natural Science Education Minor with Teaching Credential (NSEC)

Graduate with both a bachelor's degree in science, math or engineering from UC Merced and a teaching credential in science or mathematics from UC Berkeley.

» Natural Sciences Education (NSEd)

NSEd minor coursework counts toward a post-baccalaureate teaching credential from UC Merced or Fresno Pacific University through the Central Valley Teacher Preparation Partnership (CVTPP).

NATURALSCIENCES.UCMERCED.EDU



FACULTY PROFILE

Linda S. Hirst, Professor
Ph.D., University of Manchester,
United Kingdom

Professor Linda Hirst's research interests focus on soft condensed matter, a branch of physics that looks at the structure and function of all kinds of soft materials including liquid crystals, complex fluids, polymers and biological materials. The lab uses mainly experimental techniques to investigate how structure at the molecular level in soft systems translates to macroscopic properties. Recently the lab has focused on developing nanoparticle/liquid crystal composites for applications in information display and sensing. Hirst also has worked extensively in biophysics, publishing on lipid self-assembly (the molecules that form biological membranes) and biopolymer network formation. Hirst is a member of the board of directors of the International Liquid Crystal Society and author of the undergraduate text "Fundamentals of Soft Matter Science."

PREPARING FOR ROLES AS RESPONSIBLE, INFORMED CITIZENS AND LEADERS

In the School of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, you will explore the current and historical dimensions of human existence, from the concepts of citizenship and community, to artistic and literary expression, diverse global and local institutions and cultures, the acquisition and the functions of language, the nature of the mind, the principles of economics and management, and the improvement of public health. This means that the fields of study in SSHA will help you understand the world and our place in it. They also will teach you to write convincingly about your ideas and to engage in respectful, thoughtful dialogue with those who might disagree.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Research in SSHA varies widely, including everything from the dynamics of language processing to 20th- and 21st century Latin American narratives and cultures to voter turnout and behavior.

Undergraduate Research in the Humanities (UROC-H) uroc.ucmerced.edu/uroc-h

The goal of the UROC-H program is to engage promising undergraduate students each year in faculty-mentored research and prepare them for advanced education in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. As a student, you will benefit from:

- » Mentorship by a professor and graduate student
- » Funding, including a research stipend, and money for conference travel and research activities
- » Graduate school preparation and career coaching
- » Participation in UROC's 9-week Summer Undergraduate Research Institute (SURI)



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND ARTS



FOREIGN LANGUAGES

UC Merced offers four foreign languages for students: Chinese, French, Japanese and Spanish. All lower-division courses strive to promote cultural awareness of the countries and communities where the languages are spoken.

NEWEST SSHA MAJORS

Critical Race and Ethnic Studies

Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) is an interdisciplinary field of study that seeks to understand the ways society is culturally and institutionally constituted by ideas of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class and nation.

Global Arts Studies Program

The Global Arts Studies Program combines the study of visual arts and music, as well as the interactions of sight and sound in film, television, dance, theater, video games and other multimedia. Undergraduates study these arts in historical and cultural context all around the world, learning about their place in society.

Philosophy

Students in the Philosophy major study issues of basic human importance, such as the nature of the mind and thinking, how we should treat others, what constitutes the best form of government, and what makes for a good and flourishing life. There is an emphasis on the incorporation of scientific data and methods such as computer modeling and experimental methods into philosophical arguments.

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FACULTY PROFILE

Maria Martin, Assistant Professor Ph.D., Michigan State University

Professor Maria Martin, a native of Cleveland, holds a Ph.D. in African American and African studies with a concentration in history and women's studies. Her research interests include African women and gender, the 20th-century intellectual history of African women, inductive development of Black feminist theory, African nationalism and transnational Black experiences. **She has both taught gender studies and conducted research in Nigeria, using oral histories and archives to help build an intellectual history of Nigerian women's activism in the nationalist movement.** Dr. Martin is a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Scholarship alumna, has won several Fulbright Scholar Awards, and received an honorable mention from the Ford Foundation for her research. She also mentored with a nonprofit organization that serves young girls from the inner city of Detroit for six years.

UNDECLARED

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE UNDECLARED AT UC MERCED

If you are one of the nearly one-third of first year students entering UC Merced without declaring a major, you've made a decision that has the potential to promote both personal passion and your academic success. Often, students who find the greatest success are those who choose majors based on their strengths and interests. Guided by dedicated academic advisors, being "undeclared" at UC Merced provides a safe and open space to explore one or more fields of study.

Whether you're conflicted about deciding on a major, or open to the possibilities, you will have access to resources that allow you to explore the range of academic programs available. While satisfying degree requirements, enrollment in first year courses will provide an introduction to the breadth of UC Merced majors and engagement with our accessible and dedicated faculty.

UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- » Bristol-Myers Squibb
- » Cedars Sinai Medical Center
- » Boeing
- » Gamma Scientific
- » Hetch Hetchy Water and Power
- » JPMorgan Chase and Co.
- » Juniper Networks
- » LEGO Robotics
- » Microsoft
- » Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- » NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL)
- » National Park Service
- » National Science Foundation
- » PayPal Holdings Inc.
- » San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- » Sandia National Laboratories
- » Siemens Corp.
- » Stanford University Medical Center
- » Thermo Fisher Scientific
- » U.S. Attorney's Office
- » U.S. Department of Agriculture
- » U.S. House of Representatives



Get out into the world and learn. Network with politicians such as California Congressman Jim Costa, like these UC Merced interns did in the UCDC program.

NOT ALL CLASSROOMS HAVE FOUR WALLS



"UC Merced is the type of campus that lets you explore personal growth if you are willing to demand change within yourself. One of the beauties of our campus is that it finds itself at a stage where we can easily leave a legacy that causes positive change in future students long after we are gone."

- Jose Marcelino Garcia, '14



WILDFLOWERS, NOT WHITE BOARDS

We are quite proud of something that gives us an edge over every other university – proximity to Yosemite National Park. This allows us to offer resources that are truly unique to UC Merced.

YOSEMITE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Regardless of your major or previous outdoor experience, you can gain the skills to lead, advocate for the environment, make informed ethical decisions and create social change during the two-year program. yjp.ucmerced.edu

YOSEMITE FIELD STATION

The Yosemite Field Station is ideally situated inside the park to support field research projects in Yosemite and the Sierra National Forest, along with workshops, retreats and presentations from artists and writers. It is dedicated to facilitating links between science, art, education and natural resource management. snrs.ucmerced.edu

Sure, you could have a perfectly respectable college career attending classes and lectures, studying in your room and sticking close to campus. But you don't have to. UC Merced has many opportunities for you to leave your comfort zone and learn out in the field.

UCDC

You can combine an internship in your area of academic interest with field research and coursework taught by University of California professors for a semester in Washington, D.C. Network with lawmakers, work in legislative offices, attend debates and hearings, and more. ucdc.ucmerced.edu

UC EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAM

There are opportunities in nearly 40 countries through scores of partner institutions for summer, semester and yearlong study, research and training programs. studyabroad.ucmerced.edu

WORLD HERITAGE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Create digital maps and GIS databases of culturally relevant places; build 3D visualizations and reconstructions of ancient cities and monuments; and design virtual exhibits and museums to support heritage tourism in this program that focuses on preserving natural and cultural heritage. uroc.ucmerced.edu/where



BRANDING YOURSELF FOR THE FUTURE

UC Merced's Office of Leadership, Service and Career will help you build skills and experiences to shape your personal brand and forge a pathway to your future professional and career goals. For internships and career opportunities, visit hire.ucmerced.edu.

CAREER PREPARATION

Customized programs will empower you to create your best professional self.

- » Resume assistance and digital brand development
- » Company and graduate school information sessions
- » Treks to businesses in Silicon Valley, Los Angeles and San Francisco
- » Career, internship and graduate school fairs
- » Networking socials with professionals in multiple fields
- » Leadership development and community service opportunities

AFTER GRADUATION

Recent employers who have hired UC Merced graduates:

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| » Apple | » Google | » Northrop Grumman |
| » California State Assembly | » Intel | » Goldman Sachs |
| » CBS Interactive | » Kaiser Permanente | » Peace Corps |
| » Chevron | » Lawrence Livermore | » Teach for America |
| » E. & J. Gallo Winery | » National Laboratory | » Twitter |
| » Facebook | » LinkedIn | » Vanguard |
| » Genentech | » National Park Service | » Yelp |

Recent graduate schools UC Merced students have been accepted to:

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| » Northeastern University | » UC Hastings College of the Law |
| » Santa Clara University School of Law | » UCLA School of Public Health |
| » UC Davis School of Public Health | » University of Southern California School of Social Work |

TIMOTHY TRISNADI '18

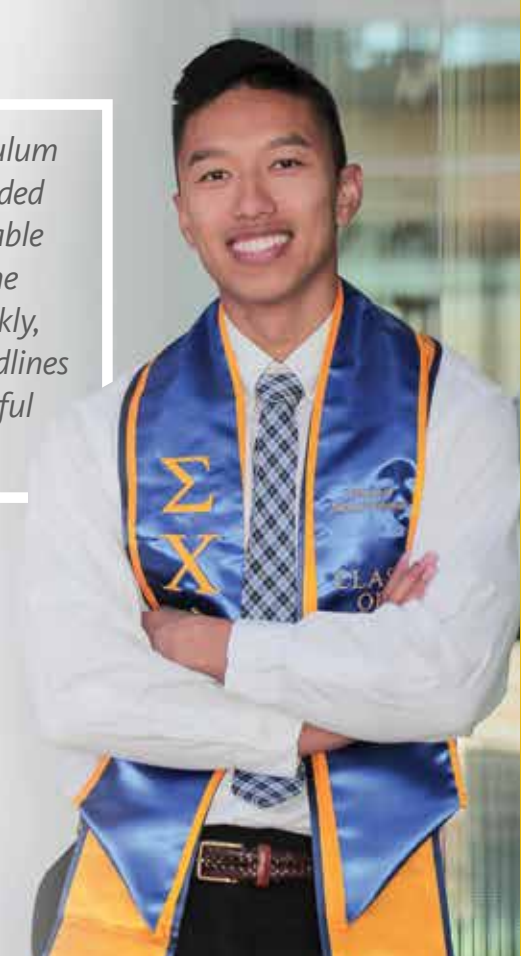
Degree: B.S., Applied Mathematics
Hometown: La Verne, Calif.
Employer: Analyst, Goldman Sachs

- President, UC Merced Investment Club
- Director of Finance and Strategy, Student Sustainability Council
- Philanthropy chairman, Sigma Chi
- Student associate, Center for Career and Professional Development
- Philanthropy service projects for the Huntsman Cancer Foundation and Service or Sight
- Research projects with Data Enabled Sciences, Computational Analysis, Research, Training, and Education for Students (DESCARTES) and Merced Nanomaterials Center for Energy and Sensing (MACES)
- Internships with Worknet Merced County and the Sierra Nevada Research Institute

UC Merced is ... surrounded with endless opportunities budding from the ground – a place to sprout your interests, nurture your leadership and grow to your fullest potential.

What is your dream for the future of UC Merced? I dream of a future where students can grow without limitations at an institution that will continue to support and foster opportunities, opening doors for generations to come. A future where we will continue to bridge the gap between the campus and the community, building a legacy in the heart of California.

The academic curriculum at UC Merced provided me with an impeccable work ethic, and the ability to learn quickly, manage multiple deadlines and build meaningful relationships.



GRADS TALK ABOUT SUCCESS



UC Merced graduates talk about why they will always have the University in their hearts, and the experiences and opportunities at the newest University of California campus that helped them find success.



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UC MERCED HOUSING

Research studies and both campus and national statistics have found that living on campus increases student academic success. Based on this knowledge, UC Merced requires ALL incoming first year undergraduate students to live on campus for two academic years, unless they qualify for a residency exemption waiver. Residency exemption requests are due June 1.

For a complete list of residency exemptions, visit housing.ucmerced.edu/housing-requirement.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Residence halls offer computer labs with printers, study lounges, a laundry facility with an Internet notification system, a gaming center, a dance and music room, kitchens, outdoor barbecues and more.

Our themed Living Learning Communities offer an enhanced living experience that integrates an academic field of study and living with similar-minded student scholars.

- » Afro Hall
- » Fiat Lux Scholars
- » Natural Sciences Learning Communities
- » Leadership and Service Learning Community
- » Social Justice Learning Community
- » Gender Inclusive Housing

Take a virtual tour:
housing.ucmerced.edu/tour

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

Transfer students living in our Heritage community will reside in one- or two-bedroom apartments with two to four people in the Merced community while maintaining many of the conveniences of on-campus housing. Apartments will include paid utilities, be furnished with bedroom and living room furniture, and include kitchens.

Find more information:
housing.ucmerced.edu/heritage

HOW DO I APPLY FOR HOUSING?

- 1 Submit your SIR and payment by May 1 for first year students and June 1 for transfer students.
- 2 Wait 24 hours.
- 3 Visit housing.ucmerced.edu and submit your housing preference form/application. First year students must submit the form by June 1, and transfer students must submit the application by June 5.

HOUSING COSTS

ESTIMATED 2019-20 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- » Quadruple-Occupancy Room: **\$14,300**
- » Triple-Occupancy Room: **\$15,433**
- » Double-Occupancy Room: **\$16,154**
- » Single-Occupancy Room: **\$17,533**
- » Apartments (Double-Occupancy Bedrooms): **\$13,658**
- » Apartments (Single-Occupancy Bedrooms): **\$14,688**

Please note the following:

1. Rates are guaranteed not to exceed this estimate by more than 4 percent. Rates are charged per semester at the start of each new term.
2. First year students will pay their room rate (see above), which includes the required residential dining plan and the purchase of CAT Dollars. Additional CAT Dollars also are available for purchase. Single rooms are available for approved accommodations. Accommodation requests should be submitted by June 1. For more information, visit housing.ucmerced.edu/apply/housing-accommodations.
3. Transfer and continuing students who live in the Heritage community will pay the apartment rate (see above), which includes the required residential dining plan and the purchase of CAT Dollars.
4. All new first year, transfer and returning students are eligible to live on campus as space permits. Only new transfer and returning students are eligible to live in the Heritage Apartments community.
5. Heritage Apartments and the Valley Terraces suites have common-area furnishings such as a kitchen table, study table, and living room chairs and soft seating. Staff members work closely with residents and student staff to provide activities, advising, and other amenities and housing services.
6. All room rates include Internet and utilities except telephone. Each resident is provided with an extra-long twin bed, desk, chair, and drawer and closet space.
7. We'll help you navigate the process.

Read more about housing costs: housing.ucmerced.edu/apply

DINING OPTIONS

Residents can use their residential dining plan to enjoy the variety of contemporary restaurant-style meals in the Dining Pavilion at Little Lake. Foods such as Asian, Italian, Mexican, grilled items, vegetarian, gluten-free items, salads and much more are available.

CAT Dollars also allow a resident to purchase food and convenience items at other on-campus locations such as the Yablokoff-Wallace Dining Center, the Summits Marketplace, Campus Store, Lantern Café and food trucks.

Dining plan options are coming soon. Visit housing.ucmerced.edu in mid-April for more information.



In 2017, The Student Loan Report ranked UC Merced as the **#1 public college for the amount of financial aid** offered to freshmen.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

UC Merced is firmly committed to making a college education affordable for all students. With financial aid and scholarship resources, attending UC Merced is more affordable than you might think!

IF YOU'VE RECEIVED A FINANCIAL AID AWARD

- Visit the **MyFinancialAid** section of the UC Merced student portal at my.ucmerced.edu.
 - » View your award(s) online.
 - » Review messages from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.
 - » View your checklist and satisfy outstanding requirements.
 - » Accept the terms and conditions of your award(s).
- Check your email often. We will use the email address you submitted on your financial aid application.
- If selected for verification, follow the instructions on **MyFinancialAid** to complete outstanding requirements by June 1.
- Visit financialaid.ucmerced.edu for more information about receiving your aid.

IF YOU HAVEN'T APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID

Visit financialaid.ucmerced.edu to explore your options. Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov or California Dream Act application at dream.csac.ca.gov as soon as possible. As long as your FAFSA or CA Dream Act application are submitted by the deadline of June 30, 2020, you will be considered for federal grants and loans.

Learn more about financial aid: financialaid.ucmerced.edu

RESEARCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

There are two types of scholarships available to new undergraduate students at UC Merced:

Institutional scholarships

If you completed a FAFSA or California Dream Act application, you don't need to do anything further! You were automatically considered for all institutional scholarships upon your admission to UC Merced. financialaid.ucmerced.edu/institutionalscholarships

Outside scholarships

There are many privately funded scholarships that do not need to be repaid. They can be based on merit or financial need, or can be geared toward specific types of students. For a list of databases, visit financialaid.ucmerced.edu/outsidescholarships.

For information about scholarships available specifically to undocumented students, visit undoc.ucmerced.edu/resources/office-financial-aid-uc-merced.

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

WUE students pay substantially less tuition than a traditional nonresident student and can save thousands of dollars per year. WUE notifications will be emailed to qualified admitted applicants by late March. admissions.ucmerced.edu/wue

STUDENT SERVICES

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Advisors in the **Bobcat Advising Center (BAC)** assist all first year and undeclared students in planning their academic program, adjusting to the academic rigor of a research university and accessing resources tailored to the student's needs. Students attend regular appointments throughout their first year with a personal academic advisor who is committed to their individual success.

The **Calvin E. Bright Success Center (BSC)** is the hub of academic advising and learning support services on campus. Programs include:

- » Guardian Scholars (Support services for former foster youth) guardianscholars.ucmerced.edu
- » Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS) learning.ucmerced.edu/programs/tutoring
- » Strengthening Talents and Exploring Pathways (STEP) (Career preparation for undocumented, income-eligible and disabled students) learning.ucmerced.edu/programs/step
- » Success Mentor Program (One-on-one upper-division help for first year students) mentoring.ucmerced.edu
- » Transfer, Returning and Veteran Program (TRV) trv.ucmerced.edu

Read about additional BSC services: learning.ucmerced.edu

SUPPORT SERVICES

- » Campus Advocacy, Resources and Education (CARE) prevent-violence.ucmerced.edu
- » Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) counseling.ucmerced.edu
- » Services for Undocumented Students undoc.ucmerced.edu
- » Student Accessibility Services access.ucmerced.edu
- » Student Health Services health.ucmerced.edu
- » Veteran Services veteranservices.ucmerced.edu



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STUDENT SUCCESS



#1 public university in the nation for
FINANCIAL AID
given to first year students
- 2019 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings

UC Merced is one of the
MOST ETHNICALLY AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE
of all of the University of California campuses




Made the Princeton Review's list of the
MOST ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE COLLEGES
for the fourth consecutive year in 2018



COOL SCHOOLS
6 YEARS
on the Sierra Club's "Cool Schools" list




UC Merced is in
THE TOP 20
in the Western U.S.
for affordability
- Washington Monthly Best Bang for the Buck Colleges 2018



The Carnegie Foundation ranks UC Merced
AMONG 107 TOP UNIVERSITIES
in the country as a "higher research" institution



100% of UC Merced's buildings are
LEED-CERTIFIED,
the only institution in the nation with that distinction



UC Merced was recognized in 2019 as one of the
BEST PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION
in U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges Rankings




UC Merced has been
RANKED #1 IN THE NATION
for percentage of undergraduates awarded need-based aid



UC MERCED IS #2 IN THE U.S.
for outperforming graduation rate expectations
- 2019 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings



#13 IN THE U.S.
for the performance rate of first-generation students
- Washington Monthly 2019 College Rankings



UC MERCED IS #17 IN THE NATION
for best undergraduate teaching among public universities
- 2019 U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Rankings



Housing received an
"A" GRADE IN NICHE'S
2019 Best Colleges Rankings



COME VISIT UC MERCED AND FIND OUT WHAT MAKES OUR CAMPUS SO SPECIAL.

Schedule a tour online at admissions.ucmerced.edu/visit-us, or call us to arrange a guided tour of the campus any weekday and on most Saturdays during the year. Visiting UC Merced will give you first-hand knowledge of our academic programs, housing and student life.

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