

**2 out of 3**  
**California**  
**students who**  
**applied to**  
**UC last year**  
**got in.**

**UNIVERSITY**  
**OF**  
**CALIFORNIA**

You belong at UC.  
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# Get a remarkable education.

# A supportive community.

# And a launchpad for your dreams.



The University of California's nine undergraduate campuses make up the best public university system in the entire world—and one of the most diverse.

Each campus offers an incredible range of experiences and academic programs. Whether you want to be in a big city, nestled in a redwood forest or on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, there's a campus that's right for you.

While each school is unique, all UC campuses offer academic excellence; hands-on learning with stellar faculty; and the inspiration you need to create, explore and achieve.

**There's no better place than UC to start something big.**

**The point of a  
UC education  
isn't just to  
earn a degree.**

**It's to do something  
amazing with it.**

While it's true that getting a college degree can help you get a better job and earn more money over your lifetime, a UC education goes beyond careers and dollars. When you come to UC, doors start to open. You begin to see how you can make a real difference in the world. You meet the people who will be friends and future colleagues for life.

Any campus you choose will offer a strong academic foundation, supportive community and a wealth of programs to help you make the most of your college experience.



# What UC has that you won't find anywhere else:

UC grads have some of the **highest** starting salaries in the country

**Dozens** of support centers with easy-to-access tutors and counselors to help you succeed

More than **150** athletic teams that compete on a national level

A community where **42 percent** of undergraduate students are the first in their family to earn a college degree

**1.8 million** alumni to help you move from college to career

**Higher** graduation rates than other leading U.S. public research universities

Unmatched opportunities to work side-by-side with **hundreds** of award-winning faculty

**422** study abroad programs in **44** countries

**Hundreds** of clubs and organizations for students from diverse backgrounds

More than **750** majors to choose from



**You can afford UC.  
Cost shouldn't  
stand in the way  
of your dreams.**

**More than half of UC's California undergraduates pay no tuition and 75 percent receive grants and scholarships (money that you don't need to repay).**

UC has one of the strongest and most generous financial aid programs in the country.

That's because we believe that every qualified California student deserves the opportunity to get a UC education.

Our financial aid programs not only help you pay your tuition, but can also cover housing, food, books and other costs of attending college. There are also work-study opportunities, part-time jobs, grants and low-interest loans that can help pay for college.

And when you consider the benefits of a UC education—career opportunities, unforgettable experiences and lifelong friends—it's an investment that pays off in a big way.

**If your family's annual income is under \$80,000 and you qualify for financial aid, you won't pay any tuition or fees.**

# Get ready for greatness.

## Think UC is right for you?

### Start with the basics.

All prospective UC students need to meet the same minimum requirements to be considered for admission. The key is to start preparing early and choose the right classes.

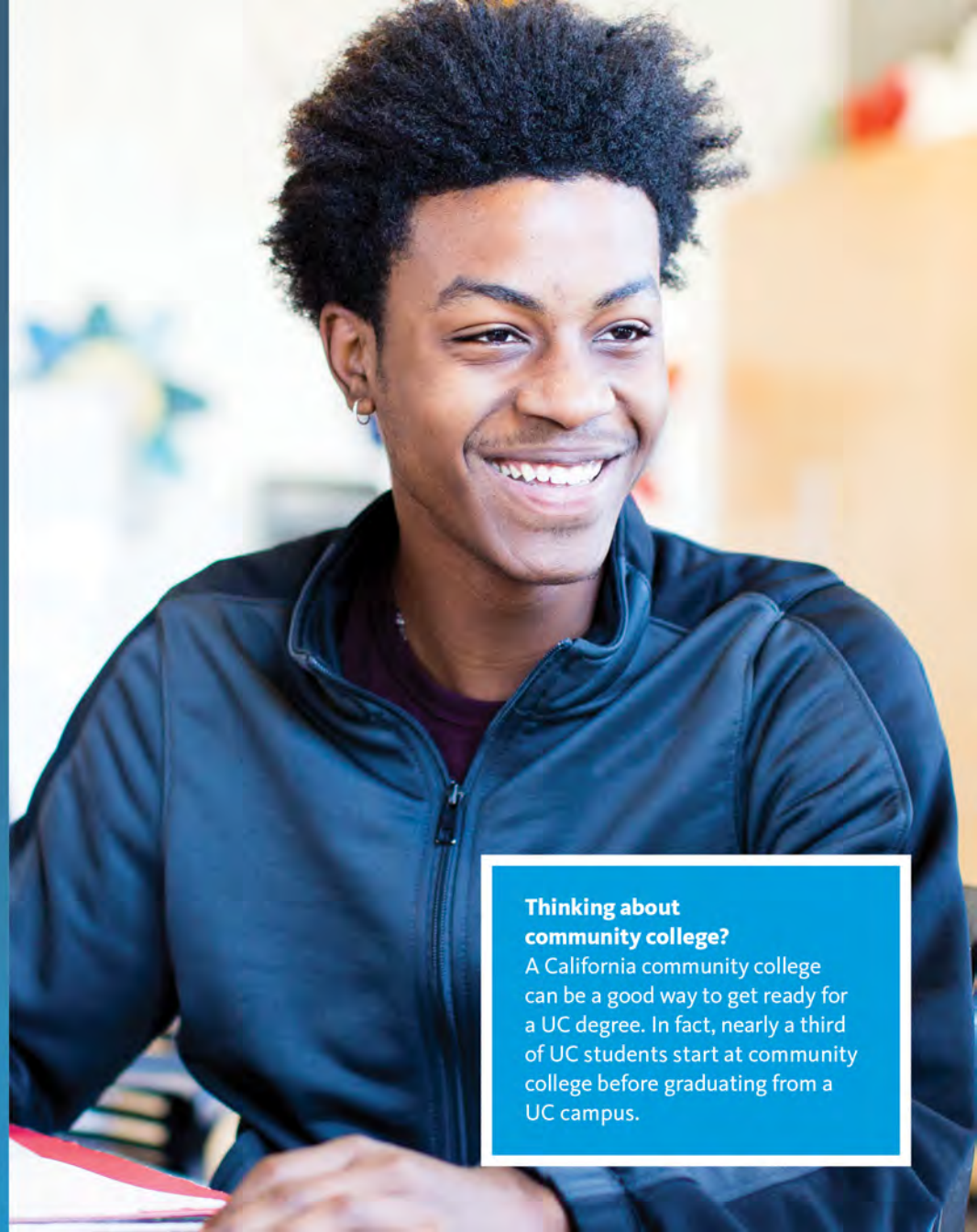
Begin by following these three steps:

1. Complete 15 “A-G” courses; 11 of them should be completed by the end of your junior year. Ask your counselor or teachers to help you plan.

- A. 2 years of history/social science
- B. 4 years of English
- C. 3 years of math
- D. 2 years of lab science
- E. 2 years of a language other than English
- F. 1 year of visual and performing arts
- G. 1 year of college-prep elective from “A-G”

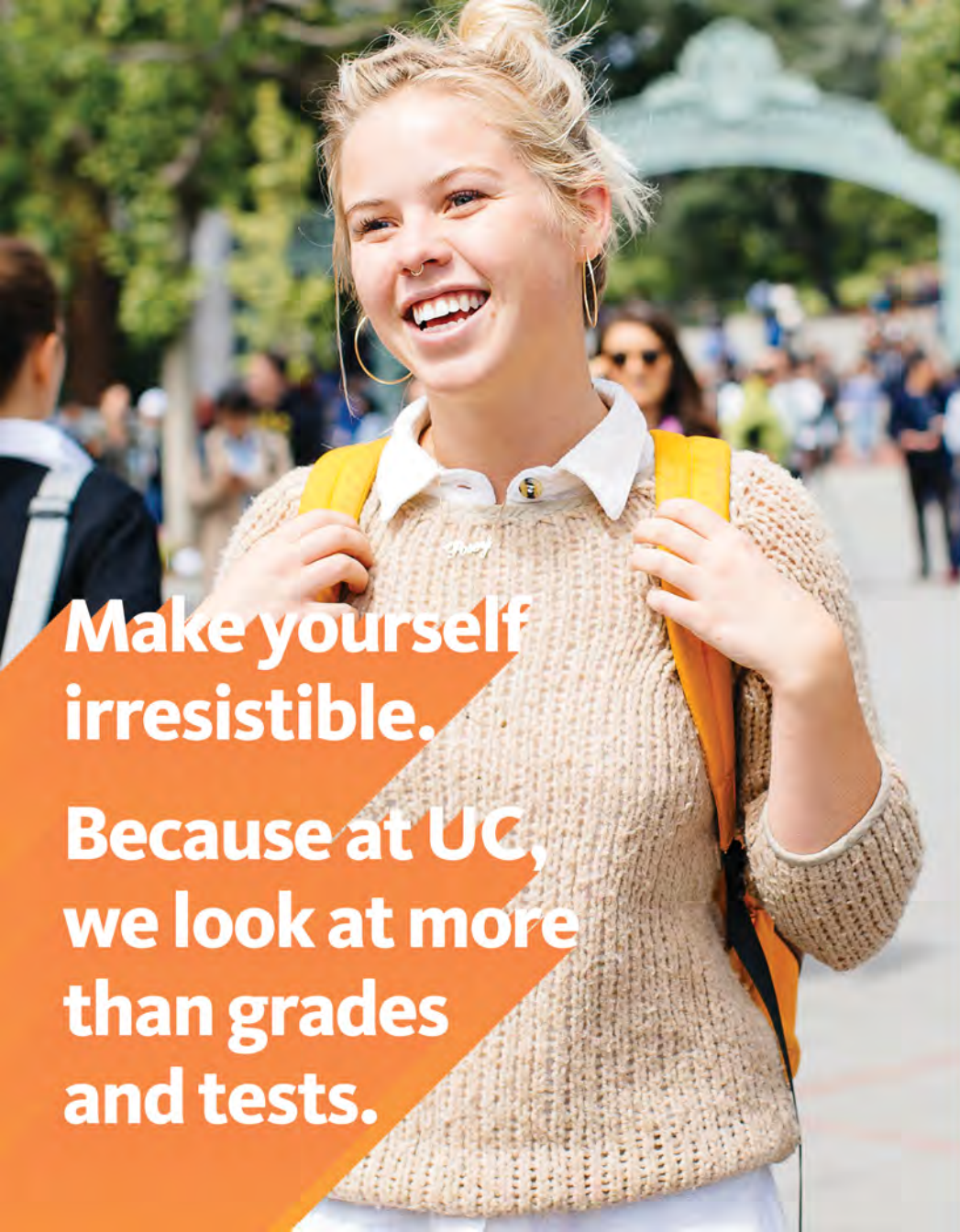
2. Maintain a 3.0 GPA in the “A-G” courses

3. Take the SAT or ACT exam



#### Thinking about community college?

A California community college can be a good way to get ready for a UC degree. In fact, nearly a third of UC students start at community college before graduating from a UC campus.



**Make yourself irresistible.**

**Because at UC, we look at more than grades and tests.**

**We want students who are bright, engaged and passionate about contributing to our amazing community. So, beyond your grades and test scores, we look at how hard you've worked to take advantage of the opportunities you've had to excel at school, in your favorite extracurricular activities and in your community.**

**Here are some things you can do to be as competitive as possible:**

**Pursue your passions.**

It's better to focus on a few activities that are important to you, rather than participating in many that aren't. Remember, quality over quantity.

**If your school offers AP, IB or honors classes, take advantage of them when you can.**

It's not so much about the number of advanced classes you take, but that you've made the most of what's being offered at your school.

**Strive for the best grades you can.**

Though grades aren't all we look at, they are important. Start a study group with friends. Ask your teachers for extra help. Ask a counselor about finding a tutor.

**Prepare for college entrance exams.**

Take the ACT or SAT early so you can retake it if you're not happy with your score. Practice for free here: [www.khanacademy.org/sat](http://www.khanacademy.org/sat).

**Apply broadly.**

We recommend you apply to more than one campus to give yourself the very best chance of being admitted. You might be surprised by which UC campuses turn out to be a good fit.

**Don't go it alone.**

Your teachers, counselors, family and all of us here at UC are rooting for you and are ready to help.

# It's go time.

## Nine campuses, one application.

You can apply to all nine UC undergraduate campuses with just one application. If you qualify, you can apply to up to four campuses for free. (That saves \$280!)

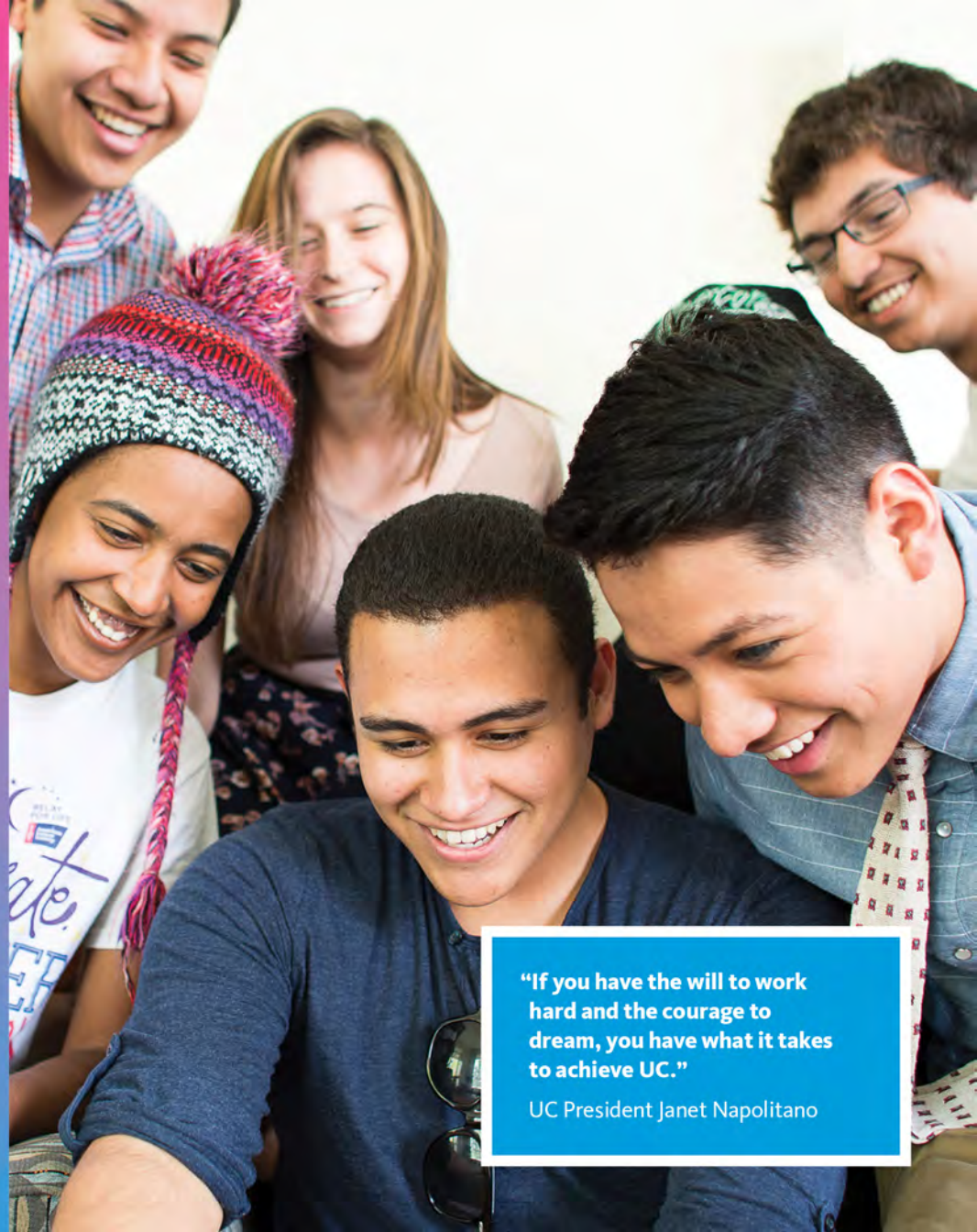
### Apply on time.

Start working on your application as early as August 1, and submit it by November 30.

### Come visit!

UC campuses offer free tours led by current students who can answer your questions about what it's really like to be a student at UC. Most campuses also have virtual tours that are easy to access on our website.

Get tour info:  
[ucal.us/achieve](http://ucal.us/achieve)



**"If you have the will to work hard and the courage to dream, you have what it takes to achieve UC."**

UC President Janet Napolitano





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