

Welcome to UCR!

Here are important information to help you prepare for your first quarter as a Highlander!

1. Before Arrival to the U.S.

□ Pay the SEVIS Fee

The SEVIS fee payment validates your SEVIS record and I-20/DS-2019 Form. You will need UCR's school code (LOS214F00177000) and your SEVIS number, located on the top of your document. Bring the printed payment confirmation to the visa interview. More info at fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.htm

□ Schedule Your Visa Interview

Schedule your Visa appointment with your local consulate or embassy. All locations have individual reopening plans and different appointment availability. Student visas can be issued 365 days before your program start date.

□ Check Your Program Start Date & Plan for Travel

Arrive no more than 30 days prior to the program start date. The earliest arrival date is on your I-20/DS-2019 (if applicable to you).

□ Submit the Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) to the Registrar's Office

The SLR will determine your tuition residency status. More info registrar.ucr.edu/tuition-fees/residency-for-tuition

□ Register for the Mandatory International Student Orientation

Register for the International Student Orientation. international.ucr.edu/students/orientation

□ Complete Health Screenings and Immunizations

Obtain required screenings and immunizations. Submit proof to Student Health Services. More info at studenthealth.ucr.edu/immunization-requirements

□ Research Housing Options

Campus housing is limited and is first-come, first-serve. More information at housing.ucr.edu/ucr-housing-options

2. Getting to UCR

□ Keep Your Documents with You

Store immigration documents in your carry-on luggage to present at the U.S. Port of Entry.

□ Arrange for Transportation

Reserve train, bus, or car services from nearby airports to UCR. More info at international.ucr.edu/students/get-started-ucr#getting_to_ucr

3. After Arriving at UCR

□ Attend International Student Orientation

Make new friends, learn about UCR, and meet helpful staff. More info at international.ucr.edu/students/orientation

□ Complete Your SEVIS Check-In

All F-1 and J-1 students must provide their U.S. contact information to the International Students and Scholars (ISS) office after arrival to be registered as an active student. More info at international.ucr.edu/students/get-started-ucr#new_student_checkin

□ Print Your I-94 Travel Record

Verify your personal information and visa type and print a copy for your records. More info at international.ucr.edu/students/get-prepared-ucr#i94

□ Connect with ISS & embrace the UCR Experience

Get involved with ISS events to meet other UCR students! More info at international.ucr.edu/students/programs-and-activities

We are here to help!

UCR International Students and Scholars Office

Contact us with questions or emergencies regarding immigration, visa, and U.S. entry matters. Our office is operating on a hybrid model, with some meetings held remotely on Zoom.

Our Working Hours:

Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;
closed for lunch from
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
(Pacific Time)

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Contact Information for Other Questions You May Have About UCR:

Questions about **on-campus housing**: Email housing@ucr.edu

Questions about **transcripts, test scores, admission status, or transfer credits**:

- **Undergraduate Admissions**:

- Phone: +1 951-827-3411

- Email: admissions@ucr.edu or internationalinfo@ucr.edu

- **Graduate Admissions**:

- Phone: +1 951-827-4302

- Email: graddiv@ucr.edu

Questions about the **Statement of Legal Residence**: Email reghelpdesk@ucr.edu

Questions about your **degree plan and course registration**: Contact your academic department

Questions about **immunizations**: Email immunization@ucr.edu

Questions about **health insurance**: Email health@ucr.edu

Questions about **NetID, SSO, or other technology concerns**: Email bearhelp@ucr.edu