

UC Application Prompts



There are 4 “Personal Insight Questions “

The response to each question is limited to maximum of 350 words

The following question is required and must be answered by all Transfer students

Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university?

Select & answer 3 of the following 7 questions

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.
2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.
3. What would you say is your greatest talent or skill? How have you developed and demonstrated that talent over time?
4. Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
5. Describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this challenge affected your academic achievement?
6. What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?
7. Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admissions to the University of California?



Directions:

Transfer applicants must answer the one required question plus any three of the seven additional questions. Applicants also cannot use the additional comments section as a place to answer more than the four personal insight questions.

The purpose of the “Personal Insight Questions” of the UC admission application is for students to express themselves and speak to what matters to them. For instance students may include:

- How you became interested in your major
- Unique personality and traits
- Accomplishments, volunteer work, extra curricular activities, and the significant to you
- How you face challenges and opportunities
- How you impact your communities (on and/or off campus)

Note:

- ◆ The question that is required to be answered by all transfer students is about major preparation. This question is required because all campuses review transfer students specifically with consideration to their major.
 - ◆ All questions will have equal value in the admissions selection process. There is no advantage or disadvantage for choosing certain questions over others.
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Tips:

- Make sure your writing is organized in a clear and thoughtful manner.
- Give yourself plenty of time to prepare, carefully compose and revise the answers
- Check typos, grammatical or spelling errors as they can be distracting to the application readers and get in the way of what you are trying to communicate.
- There is no right or wrong answer, so be honest, and be yourself

For more information: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/>