



The First Gen Student's First Year: Case Studies in Success

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Outline

- Introductions and Community Agreements
- Common Issues for First Generation, First-Year College Students
- Case Studies
- Advising Tips
- Being Undeclared at UC Irvine
- Debrief and Questions

Write Around the Room

- What do you think are common issues that first generation, first-year college students face?

Academic

Social

Personal



Fall Enrollment At A Glance

Academic Level: All
 Degree Program: All
 Source of Support: All
 Fall Term: 2018
 Campus: All
 Broad Discipline: All
 Enrollment Status: All
 Choose demographic trend: Race/Ethnicity

All Students: All Degree
280,380

California Residents



Gender



Underrepresented Minorities (URM)



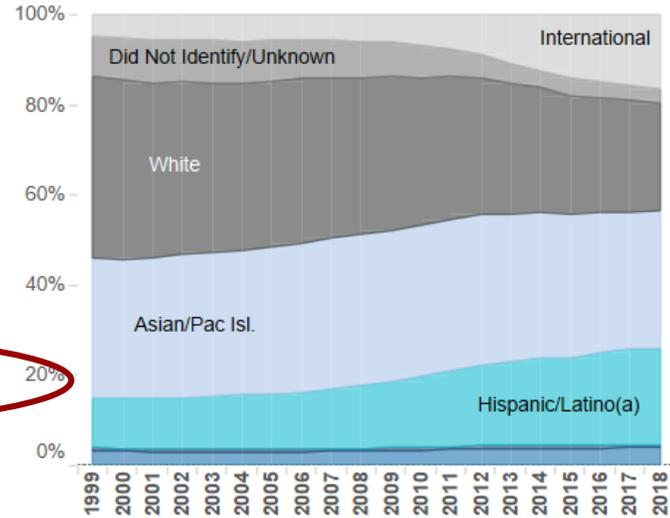
First Generation (Undergraduates only)



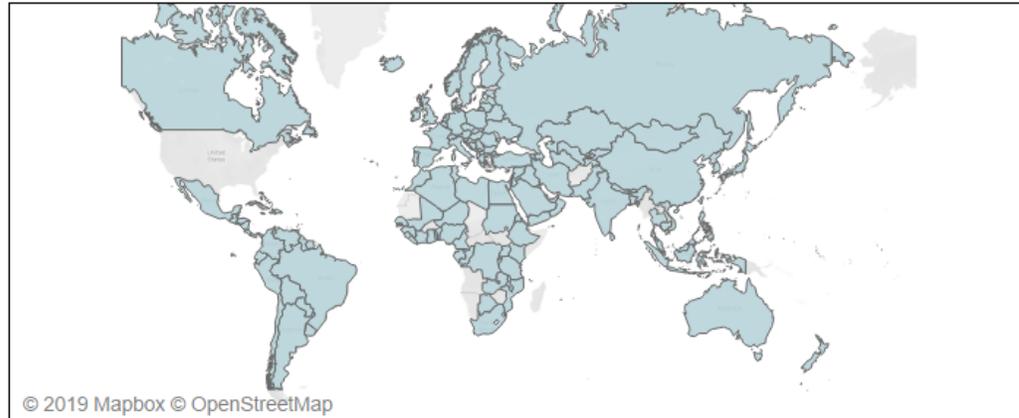
Pell Grant Recipients (Undergraduates only)



Demographic Trends All Degree: All



International Sending Countries
All Degree: All



Sending Countries for International Students
All Students: All

China	25,652
India	3,726
South Korea	2,187
Taiwan	1,456
Canada	935
Japan	614
Indonesia	595
Iran	584
Unknown	423
Brazil	416
Mexico	395
United Kingdom	368
Turkey	356
Vietnam	344

Note: Enrollments do not include health science residents (housestaff). For information on health science residents, please refer to the data tables in the next tab.

UC and First Gen Students

- Educates more first gen students than other institutions of its caliber.
- Academic preparation and outreach programs put first gen students on an early path to college.
- First gen students *thrive* at UC. 81% graduate within 6 years.
 - National 6-year graduation rate for all undergraduates in public institutions: 60%
 - National 6-year graduation rate for first gen students: 11-50%
- A UC degree expands future earning power for first gen graduates.
- UC's commitment to first gen students contributes to an economically and ethnically diverse student body.

> The Gateway Initiative



The Gateway Initiative is a set of services designed to provide low-income, 1st generation students with the necessary resources, academic skills, and appropriate referrals that will allow them to reach their maximum personal, academic, and career potential.

- [Book and Chrome book Loan Program](#)
- [Scholarship for on campus tutoring through the LARC office](#)
- [Leadership Development Opportunities Graduate School Preparation](#)
- [Free and Discounted Printing](#)
- [Second-year Transitional Experience Program \(STEP\)](#)
- [Academic Success Plans](#)
- [The Gateway Scholars](#)

> Resources for First Generation College Students



- [Gateway Initiative](#) provides resources, support and guidance to low-income, first generation students at UCI.
- [SSI Guide to Thrive](#) for First Generation Students and First Years
- [TRIO Scholars](#) is a federally funded program designed to assist 140 eligible students throughout their undergraduate career.
- First generation Transfer Students can benefit from cohort programs in the [Transfer Student Hub](#).
- The [First Generation First Quarter Challenge](#) is designed to provide support and guidance to students who are the first in their family to attend college.

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> First Generation Faculty and Allies



- If you are a UCI First Generation Faculty member, please [contact us](#) so that we can add you to a campus wide directory.
- The First Generation Faculty Initiative hosts twice yearly lunch workshops. Meetings feature short lectures and presentations by scholars/experts on topics of importance to first-generation students. Check out some past First Generation Faculty Initiative Workshops [here!](#)
- Click [here](#) to receive more information about upcoming workshops or UCI First Gen events!

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> First Generation Profiles



- Check out our UCI [Faculty](#) members that take part in the UC-wide First Generation Faculty Initiative and read about their experience as a First Generation college student!
- UCI has over 200 [Staff](#) members throughout various departments that take part in the UCI First Generation Staff Initiative!
- Interested in learning about some of our current First Generation College [Students](#) at UCI? Take a look at their stories about being the first in their family to go to college!

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Case Studies

- Two primary documents: appeal letter and unofficial transcript
- Review the documents to yourself.
- In your group, discuss:
 - a. What are some of this student's biggest challenges?
 - b. What resources would benefit them the most?
 - c. What advice would you give to this student?



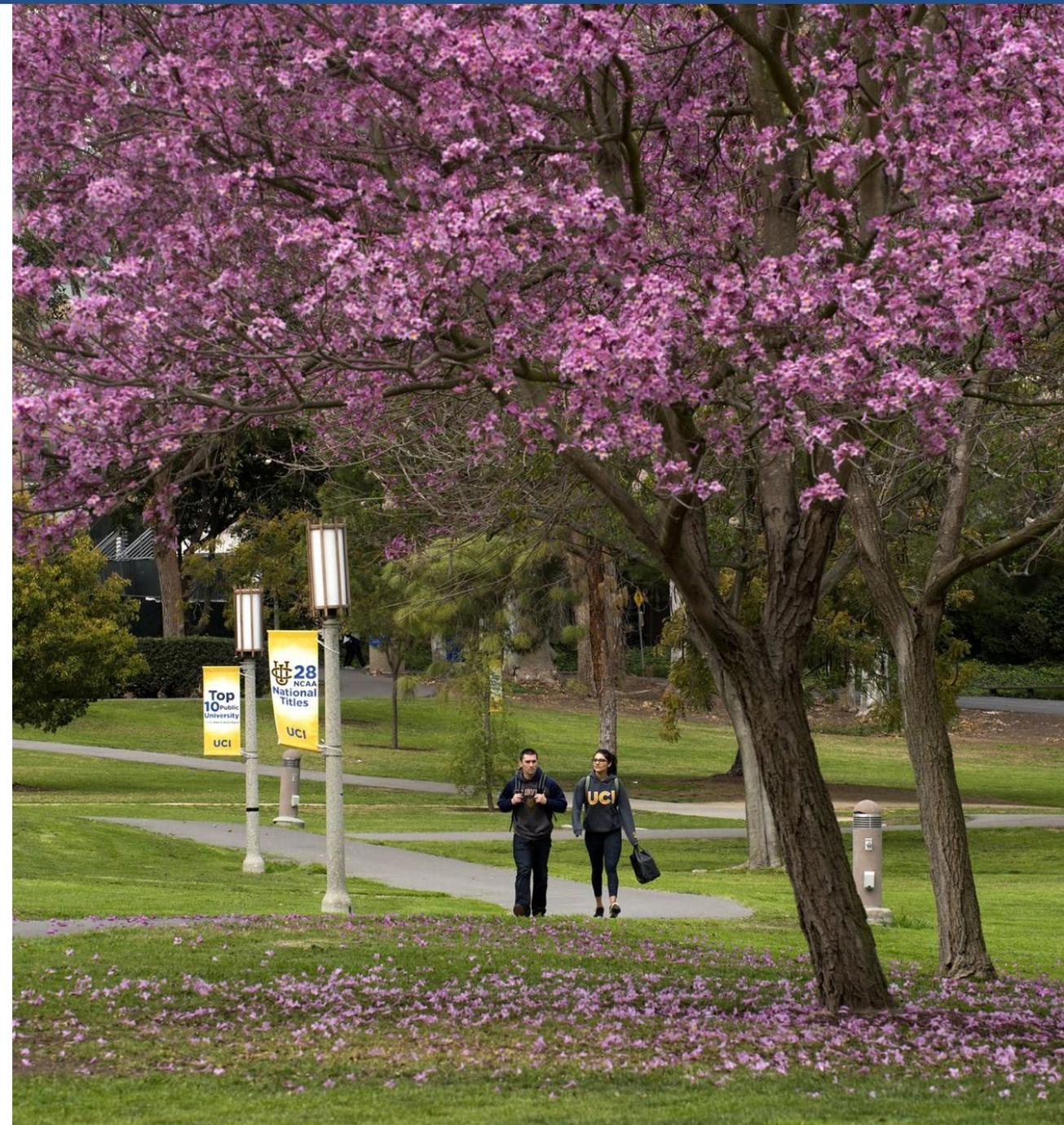
Will you accept this student's appeal?

- You are the newly formed committee that will make a decision regarding this student's appeal to stay at UCI.
Discuss:
 - a. Whether you would accept the appeal. Why or why not?
 - b. If applicable - on what conditions would you accept the appeal?
- The majority of your group must agree on a decision.



The Work Ahead of Us

- What can you do as an individual to help better support first gen, (future) first year college students?



Advising Tips: Protecting a Student's Record

- Part-time enrollment status
 - Can be approved for an entire academic year
 - Valid reasons: occupation, family responsibilities, health
- Receiving an “Incomplete”
 - The grade Incomplete (I) may be assigned when a student's work is of passing quality but is incomplete for good cause. The student must make arrangements with their instructor to complete the coursework within a period of no more than 12 months following the term in which the grade Incomplete was originally awarded, or prior to the end of the quarter immediately preceding award of the degree, whichever comes first.
- Withdrawal
 - Good standing vs. not in good standing
 - Readmission

Undergraduate/Undeclared at UCI

- First Years
 - Emphasis on completing GE requirements and major exploration
 - Mandatory fall advising
 - Outreach to Academic Probation (GPA 1.9 - 1.5) students
 - Outreach to Disqualification (GPA 1.5 and below) students
 - Outreach to students with GPAs 2.0 - 2.5
 - First Year Excellence Program - themed housing
 - University Studies 1: The Freshman Experience

Undergraduate/Undeclared at UCI

- Second Year Plus
 - Required plan to declare - goal is to get students in the right major before the complete 90 units!
- Change of Major Students
 - U/U as a pathway to graduation for students exiting STEM majors
 - Past 365 days - 150 students changed their majors to U/U
 - Changed from Bio Sci, Engineering, Information & Comp Sci, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physical Sciences