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UC Irvine
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**PRE -
MATRICULATION
GUIDE**

Class of 2028

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Dear Rising 1L,

I can't believe that in less than 8 weeks, Team Admissions and Aid as well as our collaboration partners listed in the Pre- Matriculation Guide, the Dean, Faculty, and other members of the UCI Law community will be welcoming you to campus for Orientation and then the start of your first week of the fall semester. 6 semesters. That's all we're going to get you for and let me tell you from personal experience, it WILL go by fast!

Before you arrive, there's some information you need to know as well as Action Items you must take care of. So, to that end, we have put together this compendium of information known as the Pre - Matriculation Guide to help you set your own self up for success!

Please note that the curated information and links were double checked in the month of May and June before sending it out to you. However, some of the hyperlinks to UCI or UCI Law webpages are kept up in real time by the department that owns the page. As such, if a fee goes up or if there is a new form to fill out, THAT information takes precedence over what is presented to you here.

Moreover, we recommend you always bookmark pages such as Student Health and use those pages and information as you move forward through your time at UCI Law. As a 3L, don't refer back to this guide!

Finally, the checklist on the last few pages is slightly different in format (arranged here by month) than the online [Enrollment Checklist](#). The action items and their accompanying hyperlinks are all the same. We mostly wanted you to be able to print something out in case you are old school and really like paper and/or a kinesthetic learner like me!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself OR Dean Jennah Jones aka Dr J if you have any questions about your tasks. In some instances, we'll be able to respond but other times we may need to refer you back to someone like Director Zia or our colleagues in DSC, Parking, or Housing.

Best,

Cristina Gapasin Tortal, J.D.

She/Her/Hers

Assistant Dean of Admissions & Student Financial Services

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Welcome

Zot! Zot! You are officially an Anteater. Welcome to the University of California, Irvine School of Law community! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us, and soon, you will be on campus, sitting in a classroom, feeling proud of what you've done for the opportunity to sit in that seat. But before you do, there is a lot of information you need to be aware of to ensure your transition to enrollment is seamless. This Pre-Matriculation Guide was written specifically for you to help you prepare for your journey to Irvine.

Orientation

Orientation is an opportunity for you to meet your peers, faculty, and members of the administration who will be integral to your law school success. While primarily coordinated by the Student Affairs Office, Orientation is a community effort to ensure you have the tools and resources to be successful in your 1L year. For the most updated information, please bookmark the Orientation website. This will include a tentative schedule as well as some action items you must complete prior to your arrival.

Orientation is mandatory and will take place Monday, August 11 – Friday, August 15. All students must have their ZOTKey (UCI Digital ID Card) to attend Orientation.

Academics & Curriculum

Our faculty has developed a cutting-edge curriculum that ensures students receive an education comparable to or exceeds that found at any top law school and addresses the changing demands of the legal profession.

Office of Student Services

The Office of Student Services assists students with any academic matter, including advising on course selection and sequencing, scheduling courses and course registration, counseling on academic matters (including issues of academic performance), and scheduling courses and implementing course registration. They also inform about Academic Rules, connect to the University's Disability Services Center for accommodations, and coordinate exam administration. Student Services also maintains all official student records, functions as the Registrar, and is the primary resource to all students regarding certification for admission to the bar.

Student Services Staff

- Kyle Jones, Assistant Dean for Student Services
- Tera Holmes, Registrar
- Deryn O'Brien, Assistant Registrar

1L Schedule

All 1Ls take the same classes during their first year, except for an elective course in the second semester. Student Services will register and assign you to an academic module (MOD). This is a smaller group of peers with whom you will take most of your 1L classes. Classes may be taught in different semesters depending on the student's module. You will receive your MOD assignment and individual schedule on the first day of Orientation. Please do not buy books until you receive your schedule, as different professors use different textbooks.

Academic Policies

All [policies](#) related to academics, honor code, ABA Standards, conduct, etc. are overseen by Student Services. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with and abiding by the rules and standards contained in all applicable policies of the University of California and the University of California, Irvine campus.

Disability Services Center (DSC)

The [UCI Disability Services Center](#) works closely with students to ensure they receive the accommodation they are entitled to. The first step in requesting accommodation is filling out the DSC Intake form. You then will be assigned a DSC staff member to help you with the process. Please note you must have activated your [UCINetID](#) to fill out the DSC Intake form.

Student Portal

Your Student Portal contains information on resources including the Student Directory, Academic Calendars, and services the Law School provides. You will receive access to your Student Portal after Orientation.

Academic Skills Program

The [Academic Skills Program \(ASP\)](#) is a resource for all students seeking to maximize their academic success through one-on-one consultation, workshops, and advising. From identifying the keys to effective class preparation, to solidifying legal analysis and legal writing skills, to demystifying the bar exam, ASP provides critical skills instruction to help students excel in all stages of their legal education. ASP will start their support during the summer before Orientation and fall classes by offering webinars and resources to prepare for law school. Throughout your three years at UC Irvine Law, they will provide instruction and support for academic success.

Academic Skills Program Faculty

- Mary Basick, Assistant Dean of Academic Skills
- Christine Francis, Associate Director of Academic Skills
- Breanne Wall, Program Assistant

Canvas Resource Page

Canvas is UC Irvine's web-based learning management system, and ASP has created a Canvas resource page for the Class of 2028. This page will be used throughout your law school journey, as ASP will update it regularly with important handouts and how-to videos to help you develop your academic skills from pre-orientation through post-graduation bar-exam studies. You must have an active [UCINetID](#) to access this page.

Summer Workshops

ASP will host two virtual Pre-Orientation workshops this summer to help prepare you for law school.

- Pre-Orientation Session #1: [Overview of Your Law School Journey](#) – Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. PT
- Pre-Orientation Session #2: [What to Know Before You Go](#) – Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. PT

JDEdge by AccessLexSM

[JDEdge by AccessLexTM](#) is a free online pre-orientation program that includes about 20 hours of content you can work through on your own (interactive online lessons, videos, webinars, and live workshops). This program focuses on demystifying the law school learning process and covers critical topics such as reading and briefing cases, engaging in class, taking effective notes, strategic studying, exam expectations, and more. JDEdge will offer three live mock classes you can attend on:

- Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. PT
- Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. PT
- Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. PT

Summer Reading Recommendations

If you are interested in summer reading, here are two books you can read online for free through the UC Irvine Law Library. Find out why we love these books and view the borrowing instructions by clicking on the links below:

- [Law School Without Fear \(3d Ed.\)](#) by Helene Shapo and Marshall Shapo
- [Expert Learning for Law Students \(3d Ed.\)](#) by Michael Hunter Schwartz and Paula J. Manning

Admissions & Student Financial Services

The Office of Admissions strives to ensure that our students have found the best place for them to pursue their professional goals. Our goal is to build an incoming class with a diversity of interests, ideas, beliefs, and backgrounds so that classrooms represent the diversity of our communities. To help us achieve this, our office partners with current UCI law students to assist us with our recruitment and yield efforts through our [Admissions Ambassadors](#) program.

Team Admissions & Aid Staff

- Cristina Gapasin Tortal, Assistant Dean for Admissions & Student Financial Services
- Liam Gillen, Director of Admissions
- Ben Kwak, Associate Director of Admissions
- Vanessa Martinez, Assistant Director of Admissions
- Colleen Roney, Assistant Director of Admissions
- Rachel Ryan, Admissions & Student Financial Services Professional
- Jennifer Terrazas, Assistant Director of Student Financial Services
- Nasreen Zia, Director of Student Financial Services

Final Undergraduate Transcripts

Official undergraduate transcripts that show the degree conferral date must be submitted to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) for inclusion in the CAS Report. All incoming UC Irvine Law students with an undergraduate degree date of 2025 must make sure their updated and final transcripts that show their degree conferral date are received in our office. The conferral date **must** be before our matriculation date, August 11, 2025.

Graduate & Professional School Transcripts

UC Irvine Law must receive final and official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended, including graduate or professional schools. Even if a school includes summary data regarding courses from another school on its transcript, an official transcript from all institutions must be submitted.

All transcripts should be received by our office no later than July 28, 2025.

Character & Fitness - Continuing Duty to Report

Incoming students have an ongoing duty to report all character and fitness issues that may have arisen since submitting your application. If you can answer yes to any of the three character and fitness related questions that were on your application (see questions below), you must submit a statement to the Office of Admissions & Student Financial Services Office describing the situation.

If you need to amend an answer to your application to any of the questions below, even if the situation occurred prior to your application submission, you must send a statement to our office describing the situation and why it was not included in your admissions application at the time you applied.

All Character & Fitness Statements prior to your matriculation should be sent as a PDF to admissions@law.uci.edu.

The following questions were asked in your application.

- 1. Have you ever been convicted of, or is any charge now pending against you, of any crime other than a traffic violation?*
- 2. Have you ever been dismissed, suspended, placed on probation or disciplined by any college, university, graduate, or professional school, or is any such charge pending against you, or expected to be brought against you?*
- 3. Have you ever been subject to discipline by a professional organization or discharged from employment for conduct-related issues?*

Throughout the course of enrollment at UC Irvine School of Law, students have a continuing duty to report to the Assistant Dean for Student Services any legal actions taken by or against the student, or charges brought by University disciplinary offices. Such actions include arrests, lawsuits, civil actions, and administrative proceedings. At the time students apply for Bar admission, the Bar authorities in each jurisdiction will seek to determine that the information in the Bar application is congruent with the UC Irvine Law student file. Students must make any such matters known to the Assistant Dean for Student Services immediately upon occurrence.

Financing Your Legal Education:

The Office of Student Financial Services determines eligibility for institutional financial aid and ensures that eligible students are appropriately awarded federal student aid. In addition to managing the delivery of all types of financial aid funds, it offers law students financial services in the form of loan counseling, advice on maintaining financial aid eligibility, debt management workshops, web-based tools to manage an education loan portfolio and Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP).

Tuition and Fees

[Tuition and fees](#) are composed of Tuition, Professional Degree Supplemental Tuition, a Student Services Fee, and mandatory campus-based fees. Tuition and fees have been set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the Academic Year. Figures for tuition and fees represent currently approved or proposed amounts and may not be final. **Actual tuition and fees are subject to change by the University of California and will be assessed in early July 2025.**

Living Expenses and Books

The cost of living and book expenses are estimated and based on a modest but adequate standard of living. These costs are updated annually. The cost of living depends upon a student's personal situation and choices. Students have the choice to live in an on-campus or off-campus apartment. Each living arrangement has a different cost. The University of California Office of the President provides an example of typical off-campus housing costs near UC Irvine. For detailed housing information, refer to the [housing](#) webpage.

UC Graduate Student Health Insurance (GSHIP)

The University of California requires all students to have major medical health insurance. All law students are automatically enrolled in the [UC Graduate Student Health Insurance Plan \(GSHIP\)](#), and the premium for this insurance is assessed each term on the law student's registration fee statement. **GSHIP Waiver:** Students may waive this fee if they apply for and meet [waiver criteria](#). Students can apply for a GSHIP waiver on the [UCI Student Health Center](#) website no later than **July 21, 2025**. Late waivers may be approved and are subject to a \$50 late waiver fee.

ZOT Account & Tuition Deadline

A [ZOT Account](#) reflects charges billed to you, as well as credits and payments made to your account. You can view charges, disbursements, refunds, and make payments via your ZOT Account. All fees for the Fall 2025 semester must be paid in full by **August 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time**.

Scholarship Disbursements

If you have been awarded a UC Irvine Law Scholarship, Need-Based Grant, or Fellowship, these funds will be disbursed to your ZOT Account on or around **July 20, 2025**.

Direct Loans

If you plan to borrow Federal Direct Student Loans to apply towards tuition, fees, and living expenses, you must accept the loan offers on the [ZotAid](#). Additionally, all students are required to complete the Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling by signing into [studentaid.gov](#). This should be done as soon as possible. Loan funds will not be disbursed until this has been done.

Additional Loan Options

To cover tuition costs and living expenses that your financial aid offer does not cover, there are additional education loan options you can explore including the Federal Graduate PLUS Loan, Private Loans, and the Dreamers Graduate Loan Program. These loans all require an additional application and borrowers are encouraged to review the differences and terms for each [education loan](#) before applying.

Payment Plans

You may apply for the [PACE Installment Payment Plan](#). The PACE Plan spreads the cost of tuition and fees into three monthly installments over the semester. There is no charge to apply; however, every time you use the plan, you pay a non-refundable PACE Participation Fee. More information about the PACE Plan is described in the [Payment Instructions](#).

Refunds

By mid-July, you will have access to your [ZOT Account](#) and can set up to receive funds electronically or by mail through Disbursements Electronic Fund Transfer (DEFT). DEFT allows you to choose how you want your financial aid refund to be disbursed: mailed paper check, or direct deposit. You can enroll for

either of these in your [Zot Account](#). Refunds for living expenses and books after Fall 2025 semester tuition and fees are fully paid will be sent to students on **August 15, 2025**.

International Students

International students can make an international payment with UC Irvine's process partner, Western Union Global Pay (WUGP). Students connect with this service by clicking the "International Payment" button when viewing the Current Account webpage in [ZOT Account](#) online. Third parties (i.e., parents) should access the Western Union Global Pay webpage directly and must supply their information in addition to the student's. WUGP offers a favorable exchange rate without expensive international wire fees. You lock in the rate and receive a confirmation webpage with a unique reference number valid for 72 hours (about 3 days). You then pay at your bank using your home country's currency. To ensure timely and accurate payment, be sure your bank includes the WUGP reference number when transferring funds.

UC Irvine receives your payment in U.S. dollars, usually within two business days from the date your bank initiates payment. Your ZOT Account is credited by the next business day. Please take these processing times into account when paying by the deadline; payment must be received (not initiated) by the date on your bill.

Statement of Legal Residence (SLR)

Admitted students must complete the [Statement of Legal Residence \(SLR\)](#). The SLR assists the main campus in assessing tuition and fees for students by determining their status as a California resident or as an out-of-state resident. The Student Financial Services Office highly recommends completing the SLR by **July 6, 2025**, to ensure that fees are accurately assessed. If you need assistance adjusting your residency after fees have been assessed, please contact [Student Financial Services](#).

Career Development Office (CDO)

The Career Development Office (CDO) at UCI Law supports you every step of the way in developing your unique career plan. Each student works individually with an attorney advisor who conducts career counseling sessions, provides constructive feedback on application materials, and offers guidance to assist you in making informed career decisions and develop the professional skills necessary to enter the job market as competitive, practice-ready applicants.

Career Development Staff

- Jasminder Deol, Assistant Dean for Career Development
- John Arden, Assistant Director of Career Development, Judicial Clerkships
- Beth Maoui, Assistant Director of Career Development, Private Sector
- Alexandra Martinez, Student Affairs & Career Development Manager
- Leslie Parrish, Assistant Director of Career Development, Public Sector
- Caleb Sullivan, Director of Career Development

Information Technology Services (ITS)

The Information Technology Services team is here to assist faculty, staff, and students with their technology needs within the UC Irvine School of Law community. Our friendly staff is ready to offer helpful solutions and support. We also provide assistance with the audio and visual equipment in our classrooms.

Access via UCINetID

If you have submitted your statement of intent to register, you should have received an email regarding instructions on how to activate your UCINetID. Your UCINetID and password are your keys to access many UCI online services, including your UCI LawNet email account, your course pages via Canvas, WiFi, and other on-campus computer systems. If you have not already activated your UCINetID, please go to

<https://activate.uci.edu/activate/cgi-bin/applicant>.

UCI LawNet Email Account

All UCI and UCI Law related email will be sent to your UCI LawNet email account. After activating your UCINetID, please be sure to check your [LawNet email account](#) for important updates.

For more information regarding the information technology services and how to contact us, please visit our [website](#).

Law Library

The [UC Irvine Law Library](#) has developed research and instruction services to help law students learn and succeed. The collections provided are curated for the Law School community by recognized experts in the field. The library not only provides course reserves, research services, and creative use of technology, they also have study rooms, study aids, and more.

Law Library Staff

- Amy Atchinson, Acting Director of the Law Library
- Ellen Augustiniak, Head of Collection Services
- Christina Tsou, Head of Public Services
- Mari Kroll, Library Senior Admin Officer

Student Affairs & Campus Resources

The Office of Student Affairs is a point of contact for students and serves as a resource and referral office for all students. This dedicated team works with students to counsel on all non-academic matters such as inclusive learning environments, stress reduction, academic performance, and time management. They also assist with personal or family matters like illnesses or bereavement. Throughout the year Student Affairs sponsors programs that promote health and wellness, serve as a liaison to the Student Bar Association (SBA) and all student organizations, coordinate programming that supports matters on diversity, equity, and inclusion, and celebrates student successes through the annual Pro Bono & Student Life Awards.

Student Affairs Staff

- Dr. Jennah Jones, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Inclusive Excellence
- Alexandra Martinez, Student Affairs & Career Development Manager
- Debbie Mondares, Student Life Program Manager
- Cynthia Ryan, Operations Assistant

Campus ID Card - ZotKey

A [Zotkeys](#) is your Campus ID is your key to services such as the library, the campus shuttle, student discounts, and more. You need to upload a photo for your ID to [UCI OneCard Account Manager](#). **Having your ZotKey is mandatory for Orientation, so photos should be uploaded no later than August 1, 2025.**

Community Fellows

The [Community Fellows](#) program was created to assist first-year students with the transition to law school and the culture at UCI Law. During new student orientation, each first-year student is matched up with an upper-class Dean's Fellow that will be a source of support and guidance throughout the first year.

Health & Wellness

There's no denying that law school will be challenging. Your physical and mental health will be critical to your success. When problems begin to interfere with your emotional or physical health, your relationships, your work — or life in general — you may need to talk with someone who can help. UCI

Law has many in-house, on-campus, and off-campus [resources](#) to assist you in your law school journey.

The [UC Irvine Student Health Center \(SHC\)](#) is a comprehensive outpatient clinic staffed with licensed primary care physicians, psychiatrists, licensed clinical social workers, dentists, physician assistants, registered nurse practitioners, and registered nurses. Medical specialists from various disciplines including orthopedics/sports medicine, gynecology, and internal medicine provide on-site consultation regularly. SHC uses health provider student trainees such as fellows, residents and/or student interns, with licensed professionals, to deliver services to UC Irvine students.

Housing

Law students can take advantage of [seven on-campus communities](#) to live in while attending law school. The benefit of on-campus housing is that it is generally more affordable than off-campus, within walking distance of the law school, and law students will live amongst other graduate and professional school students. Assuming housing eligibility is maintained, the guaranteed housing offer includes priority lease renewal for a student's second and third years.

International Student Center

The International Center facilitates international engagement at UC Irvine to enhance the academic and personal experience of the international community. The International Center staff is committed to serving campus constituents through advising, immigration services, programming, advocacy, and outreach. All international incoming JD students must review the [International Center New Student Checklist](#) and follow all necessary requirements.

Student Organizations

[Student organizations](#) are a vital part of student life at UC Irvine Law. There are a variety of student organizations that actively produce activities and events for the campus community. The Law School is committed to freedom of expression and protection of the right of all members of the faculty, staff, and students to express ideas and views.

UC Immunization and TB Requirements

The University of California is committed to protecting the health and well-being of our students, the campus community, and beyond. All incoming graduate students must follow University TB Test & Vaccination Requirements. Information about these requirements can be found on the [UC Irvine Student Health Center](#) website. Incoming law students must comply by the first day of instruction.

CAMPUS RESOURCES:

Below is just a sample of the many resources available to UCI Law students on the main UCI campus.

Anteater Recreation Center (ARC)

Let's get physical! UC Irvine Law students can use the [ARC](#) to work out, join an intramural league, take a fitness/cooking class, and more! There is a wealth of opportunities beyond just the gym available through Campus Rec. ARC fees are assessed with your tuition bill.

Basic Needs Center

The [UC Irvine Basic Needs Center](#) supports student's financial stability by ensuring equitable access to basic needs through student empowerment, community collaboration and institutional integration. Services include a student needs assessment, a food pantry, and financial consultations.

Campus Assault Resources & Education (CARE)

[UCI CARE](#) provides free and confidential support services to members of the UC Irvine community who

have been impacted by sexual assault, relationship abuse, family violence, and/or stalking. Programs and services are available to people of all identities and regardless of status. UCI CARE aims to end these forms of power-based personal violence by engaging the campus community in education, programming, and transformative action.

Center for Black Cultures Resources & Research

The mission of the [Center for Black Cultures, Resources, and Research \(CBCRR\)](#) is to provide a just, safe, vibrant, inclusive, culturally supportive, and socio-ecologically sustainable space – a home away from home – where Black students can thrive and reach for their highest potential. Their focus is on health, wellness, vitality, and academic success.

Childcare

UC Irvine provides [accredited childcare services](#) to all UC Irvine students. There are several centers available for families to choose from around campus. Please note, childcare services correspond with the quarter system instead of the Law School's semester system. Beyond UC Irvine, the City of Irvine also provides [child services options](#).

Cross Cultural Center

The [UCI Cross-Cultural Center](#) is committed to fostering the holistic development of students by providing an affirming and inclusive space where they can explore their intersectional social identities, raise their critical consciousness, build a socially just community, develop meaningful relationships, and encourage life-long learning beyond their time at UC Irvine.

Dining Services

For the Anteater on the go, there are convenient spots around campus to stop and eat or even pick up a quick snack. You can stop by one of the many on campus restaurants, request boxed meals for a student event, or even sign up for a meal plan. More information can be found on [UCI Dining's website](#).

DREAM Center

The [UCI DREAM Center](#) strives to serve the needs of AB540 and undocumented students with a holistic approach. The DREAM Center recognizes that our students have a unique set of experiences, challenges, and responsibilities as first-generation, low-income, and undocumented. Their services help students manage the academic demands of UC Irvine, gain professional experience, and pursue personal development in a confidential environment.

Latinx Resource Center

The [Latinx Resource Center \(LRC\)](#) was founded in 2019 to raise awareness of social, political, economic, historical, and cultural realities of the Chicanx/Latinx communities. They accomplish this mission by offering resources, programs, and a space where culture, art, and academia are interconnected. Their vision is that these efforts will broaden access, increase retention, and ensure a clear pathway to graduation through the empowerment of Chicanx and Latinx students.

LGBT Recourse Center

The [UCI Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center](#) provides a wide range of education and advocacy services supporting intersectional identity development. They foster community, wellness, and an open and inclusive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex, transgender, queer, asexual, ally, and questioning students, faculty, staff, and the larger campus community. They strive to develop an atmosphere of acceptance and well-being in which the campus community can support the university's academic mission.

Parking & Anteater Express

If you plan to park on the UC Irvine campus, a valid permit must be displayed. Student permits are

available online at [myCommute](#) by logging in with your UCInetID. All available zones and permit options will appear and may be purchased on a first-come-first-serve basis. Medical, motorcycle, and car permits may be purchased directly from the Transportation Office. Most student parking permits are virtual, so upon successful vehicle registration within your account, your license plate will serve as your permit.

The [Anteater Express](#) is a free bus system for UC Irvine affiliates, that serves a large part of the Irvine community on weekdays. For more information, visit the Anteater Express webpage.

Professional Headshots

To help prepare you for your professional development, The UC Irvine Division of Career Pathways (DCP) is pleased to offer a **complimentary** headshot via the [Professional Photo Booth](#). This is a walk-in service at the DCP office offering free professional headshots for all UCI students, staff, and faculty.

Veteran Services

The [UCI Veteran Services Center](#) assists military connected students to ensure they receive support and are connected to resources that will help them thrive. The VSC provides information on additional scholarship opportunities and hosts various events throughout the semester.

DATES & DEADLINES

Things to do in June

- ☐ Activate your UCInetID, if you haven't already done so.
- ☐ Apply to waive your Graduate Student Health Insurance (deadline July 22).
- ☐ Attend ASP's Pre-Orientation Workshop #1 on Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. PT.
- ☐ Review your housing offer and sign the lease. Offers will begin to be sent mid-June and sent according to when you applied. Lease deadlines will be specific to you.
- ☐ Explore off-campus housing options.
- ☐ Start exploring JDEdge, attend at least one live mock class, and check out recommended summer reading.

Things to do in July

- ☐ Submit your Statement of Legal Residency (SLR) (deadline is July 6).
- ☐ Set up your Disbursements Electronic Fund Transfer (DEFT) for any excess financial aid funds to be refunded to you for living expenses (can be done when fees are assessed in mid-July).
- ☐ Review financial aid award and sign all required documents.
- ☐ Purchase a parking permit.
- ☐ Submit all records to follow the UC Immunization and TB Requirements (deadline is August 11, but this should be done as early as possible).
- ☐ Attend ASP's Pre-Orientation Workshop #2 on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. PT.
- ☐ Submit all final undergraduate and all graduate/professional school transcripts (deadline is July 28).
- ☐ Submit your photo for UCI ZotKey (Campus ID Card) (deadline is August 1).
- ☐ Register with Disability Services.
- ☐ If you live out-of-state and you intend to [petition for CA residency](#) for your 2L and 3L year, consider moving to California in early August.
- ☐ Watch mandatory Pre-Orientation sessions.
- ☐ International Students:
 - Become familiar with UCI International Center Services and Programs
 - Review I-20 Immigration Documents
 - Pay the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee

- Schedule visa appointment with US Embassy or Consulate in home

Things to do in August

- ☐ Start your legal career! Mandatory Orientation begins Monday, August 11 and ends Friday, August 15.
- ☐ Settle your fall tuition bill (deadline is on Thursday, August 15 at 4:00 p.m. PT).
- ☐ Apply for a law locker.
- ☐ Begin law school classes. The first day of instruction is Monday, August 18.

Academic Calendar

2025-2026 - UC Irvine School of Law Academic Calendar	
Fall Semester 2025	
Orientation	August 11-15, Monday - Friday
Instruction Begins - Standard Term	August 18, Monday
Labor Day Holiday	September 1, Monday
Mid-Semester Review Week	October 6 - October 10, Monday - Friday
Veterans Day Holiday	November 11, Tuesday
Classes End	November 26, Wednesday
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 27 - 28, Thursday - Friday
Reading Period	December 1 - 4, Monday - Thursday
Examination Period	December 5 - 17, Friday - Wednesday
Fall Semester Ends	December 18, Thursday
Spring Semester 2026	
Instruction Begins - Short Session	January 5 - 8, Monday - Thursday
Instruction Begins - Standard Term	January 9, Friday
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	January 19, Monday
President's Day Holiday	February 16, Monday
Mid-Semester Review Week	March 2 - 6, Monday-Friday
Cesar Chavez Holiday	March 27, Friday
Instruction Ends	April 20, Monday
Reading Period	April 21 – 24, Tuesday - Friday
Examination Period	April 27 – May 7, Monday - Thursday
Commencement	May 8, Friday

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