

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I apply as a graduate student if I already have a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree?

Status is defined by the certificate. Students must meet certificate prerequisite(s). If you are applying for the Paralegal Training Program, Landscape Architecture, or the Post-Baccalaureate Program in Classics, you apply as a graduate student. If you are applying for the Pre-Medical and General Science or one of the Teaching Credential Programs listed on page 3, apply as an undergraduate student even if you already have an undergraduate degree or a graduate degree.

2. What is a professional student?

A professional student is someone doing a post-graduate program. This category does not apply to UCLA Extension students or programs. Do not check this category on any of your forms.

3. Do I need to list all schools on Form 591, even if I only registered, but never attended some of them or attended but never finished courses, or never received financial aid from them?

Yes, you must list all schools at which you have registered, even if you never attended the classes or attended and did not complete classes or are currently attending.

4. Once I am accepted for financial aid, is it good for the entire time I am taking classes in my program?

No, you must reapply for Financial Aid every year. A year is July 1 through June 30. To meet the deadlines, you should reapply by early spring each year.

5. How long does it take to be approved for financial aid?

It can take up to four months.

6. I understand that if I am 24 or older I am considered independent, but what if I am under 24 and I am independent?

You need to contact the Financial Aid Office to request the 2016-17 Independent Appeal Form.

7. Do I need to pay the school anything before receiving my financial aid?

Yes, you must pay your Certificate Fee. The payment form is available from your Program Department or UCLA Extension Registration Office. The fees are listed on page 3 in this guide.

8. What paperwork do I need to complete in order to apply?

See page 9, Step 3.

9. How is the amount of money I will receive determined and who determines it?

The amount is determined by a very complex formula set by the U.S. Department of Education.

10. Do international students qualify for federal financial aid?

No.

11. Do concurrent courses qualify for federal financial aid?

No.

12. Can I apply for an Extension Grant if I am receiving Federal Financial Aid?

No.

13. Do I need to send my SAR to the UCLA Extension Financial Aid Office?

Yes. We do not receive an electronic report of your SAR.

14. I only want to apply for the Pell Grant. Do I have to complete the FAFSA?

Yes. Since financial need is a criterion, you must complete a FAFSA.

15. I went to another college and UCLA is not listed under the school section on my SAR. What should I do?

You need to call **(800) 433-3243** and have the federal processor add UCLA's name and school code 001315 to your SAR. Request that a new SAR be emailed to you.

16. Every agency that I speak with says UCLA Extension will electronically receive all corrections I have made on my SAR. Is this true?

No. UCLA Extension does not receive anything electronically. You must wait to receive a new SAR.

17. I received my SAR. Do I need to review it?

Yes. You must review the entire document. If there are any errors, follow the directions on the first page. If you are not sure what to do, call the UCLA Extension Financial Aid Office at **(310) 825-4246** or email finaid@uclaextension.edu.

18. If I am attending two colleges at the same time, can I receive financial aid from both colleges?

No. You may only receive federal aid from one institution at a time. However, private loans may be available to meet any gap in your educational financing needs. Refer to the UCLA Extension website for more information at uclaextension.edu/financialaid.

Address:

UCLA Extension
Financial Aid Office
10995 Le Conte Avenue
Room 320
Los Angeles, CA 90024-1333

Phone:

(310) 825-4246

Office Hours:

9am-5pm (M-F)

Fax:

(310) 825-5686

19. How and when do I enroll in UCLA Extension Courses?

You may enroll in classes six weeks prior to the beginning of the quarter. You may access the quarterly catalog via our website: uclaextension.edu. To enroll in classes via our website, a valid major credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, JCB, Visa, or debit card) **is required**. In order for your financial aid check to be released, you must be enrolled in a minimum of six units in an eligible undergraduate and/or four units in an eligible graduate certificate. Note: Only courses that are part of your certificate curriculum are eligible for funding.

Special note to students enrolling in the Pre-Medical and General Science Certificate: Courses numbered in the 400, 700-900 series, as well as XLC concurrent and online courses are not eligible for funding.

Email:

finaid@uclaextension.edu

Website:

uclaextension.edu/financialaid

Appointments:

You may schedule an appointment by phone or email.

Types of Aid:

Federal Direct Loans Stafford Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized), Pell Grants, Veterans Benefits, Extension Grants, Endowed Scholarships.

