

YOU'VE BEEN ADMITTED. NOW WHAT?

CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome you to the University of Houston-Clear Lake Family.

Situated on a 524-acre wildlife preserve, **UHCL** has become a cornerstone of higher education in Texas. Since opening its doors in 1974, the university has awarded more than 75,000 degrees, each resulting in expanded employment prospects, brighter futures and changed lives.

In U.S. News and World Report's 2020 rankings of western regional four-year universities, University of Houston-Clear Lake is the No. 1 public university in Texas, according to the magazine's Best Colleges report released today. For the entire 13-state region, UH-Clear Lake placed 18th on the Top Public Schools list.

What's Next?

1. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee at www.fmjfee.com.
2. Apply for your visa if you live outside of the United States
3. Register for courses
4. Locate housing
5. Sign up for New International Student Orientation
6. Learn about transitioning to UHCL and Houston

Applying for Visa

If you reside outside of the United States, you will need to obtain a visa before entering the country. More information about obtaining a student visa can be found at <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students>

Packing Checklist

1. Passport
2. Original I-20
3. Acceptance letter from the University
4. Supporting financial documents such as bank statements, awarded scholarship documents, etc.
5. Always have the name and contact information of the person you will be staying with and the Designated School Official as listed on your I-20. You should also keep the campus police phone number with you for an emergency situation. They can be contacted 24/7 by calling 1-281-283-2222.



NEXT STEPS TO ENROLL

1 Orientation – Sign up for [New Student Orientation](#)

2 Transcripts

Send final transcripts & test scores to the Office of International Admissions and Programs.

3 E-Services

You received a Student ID number that serves as your login for your E-Service portal. Keep Track of your progress, documents, and tuition payments.

4 Hawk Card (after you arrive at UHCL)

Your Hawk Card will be the most important piece of student identification on campus. You can print documents, buy food, and attend campus events.

5 Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine

Get your Bacterial Meningitis vaccine (Under 22 years of age), at least 10 days before the first day of class. Without the vaccine you will not be able to register for classes.

6 Register for Classes in [E-Services](#)

7 Housing

There are plenty of benefits to living on campus, including, being within walking distance to class, campus events, saving money on gas, and food.

8 Get Connected



Founded 1974



13 Research Centers and Institutions



43 Countries Represented

University of Houston-Clear Lake

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WE WELCOME INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE.



The choice is clear.

ONLINE RESOURCES

UHCL Scholarship Information - www.uhcl.edu/scholarships



University
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Clear Lake



A PLACE OF CELEBRATED DIVERSITY

Founded in 1974, University of Houston-Clear Lake has become a premier university for undergraduate and graduate students alike.

Nestled on a beautiful 524-acre wildlife and nature preserve, the university is located in southeast Texas, approximately halfway between downtown Houston and Galveston Island. The wooded campus sits adjacent to NASA Johnson Space Center in the heart of a leading high-tech community that offers an array of corporate, recreational, and cultural amenities.

UHCL enrolls over 8,100 students, more than 1,000 of whom are citizens of other nations. International students choose UHCL for its highly respected upper-level and graduate curricula that lead to numerous degrees. Most programs of study are approximately two years long.

CLEARLY BETTER

UHCL takes pride in its accomplishments and the accomplishments of its students.

- Ranked by the Institute of International Education as one of the top 40 Master's Institutions for international students enrolled in the United States.
- Ranked by Modern Healthcare Magazine as the top business school for executive-physicians in 2010-2011.
- Winner of the 2009 Christa McAuliffe Award for Excellence in Teacher Education by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.
- Named by the Corporation for National and Community Service to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in 2013. This is the fourth time the university has received the honor, which is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.
- One of only ten U.S. universities with computing programs accredited under three different curriculum guidelines: computer engineering, computer science, and computer information systems.
- AACSB accredited programs in the School of Business.
- Top 10 Best Buys in Online MBA's for AACSB accredited universities.



BECOME A UHCL HAWK!



HOUSTON: A DIVERSE CITY WITH MUCH TO OFFER

Houston's abundant Vietnamese, Chinese, Iraqi, Hispanic, Indian, European, and African communities make our city unique. Progressive, beautiful and filled with friendly people, Houston is the fourth-largest city in the United States and the largest city in Texas.



THE HOUSTON AREA IS HOME TO:

- NASA's Mission Control and the astronaut training facility;
- Numerous ethnic communities that contribute to more than 500 cultural, visual, and performing arts organizations;
- The world's largest medical center;
- The Houston Technology Center, one of the top 10 technology incubators in the United States;
- The nation's third largest consular corps with 91 nations represented;
- 25 foreign banks, 42 international chambers of commerce and trade associations;
- 4 professional sports teams: the Texans (American football), Rockets (basketball), Astros (baseball), and Dynamo (soccer).

Furthermore, Houston is the perfect place to begin your post-graduate job search! In 2010, Houston was ranked as the number one city for:

- Recent college graduates by *Bloomberg Businessweek*;
- Young professionals by *Forbes*;
- Starting new careers by *The Daily Beast*.



A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND PLAY

Top to bottom: Have fun at Kemah Boardwalk, just 5 minutes from campus. Miles of beaches in Galveston are a short drive from UHCL. Houston offers festivals and world-class art museums..

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

No matter where you're from, Houston will feel like home! This is a city known for its cultural diversity and hospitality. Whether you want to explore or reconnect with familiar languages, news, music, cultural celebrations or food, UHCL's convenient location makes it all possible.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Houston International Festival
WorldFest-Houston Film Festival
Houston Symphony
Contemporary Arts Museum
Houston Museum of Natural Science
Museum of Fine Arts
Houston Ballet

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Galveston Island area
Houston Zoo
Kemah Boardwalk
Miller Outdoor Theater
Bicycling
Water Parks
Fishing
Aquariums

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Houston Rockets (basketball)
Houston Texans (American football)
Houston Astros (baseball)
Houston Dynamo (soccer)
Houston Museum District
Space Center Houston
Discovery Green Park
Kemah Boardwalk
Galveston Island



HOUSTON'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

Information technology is a driving force for Houston business. Houston is home to more than 400 software development companies. Nine companies of the 2010 Deloitte Technology Fast 500 list have their headquarters in Houston.

If you think the combination of energy and Houston only means oil, it's time to think again. Because today, the "Energy Capital of the World" is the center for all things energy from petrochemicals to wind power. Houston is one of two locations of the Institute for Energy Research.

Houston has more than 160 biotechnology companies, as well as academic partnerships, hospitals, health clinics, and some of the country's top research facilities. In 2009, the state of Texas was ranked "the strongest" in biotechnology growth by *Business Facilities Magazine*.

TRAINING IN HOUSTON

Work authorization off-campus can be granted for internships, cooperative education opportunities or practicum. Work authorization off-campus can also be granted for Optical Practical Training (OPT). This temporary employment can provide you with work experience directly related to your area of study. Most students qualify for 12 months of OPT; some students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields can qualify for 17 additional months of work authorization. Here are just a few of the companies that our students have worked for:

Baylor College of Medicine
ERP Analysts
Hewlett Packard
Elite Software
Google
City of Galveston
Reliant Energy
Tax Masters
T-Mobile
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center
Houston Chronicle
Larsen & Toubro InfoTech, Ltd.
Methodist Hospital
XBITECH Corporation
Methodist Hospital Research Institute
Sage Environmental Consulting
University of Texas Health Science Center
Bank of America
IT America, Inc.
Aerotek
Evantage Technologies
Accel North America





STUDENT ASSISTANCE

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS AND PROGRAMS
OIAP caters to the exclusive needs of international students, from immigration advising to providing dedicated assistance to students throughout their transition to the United States and UHCL.

STUDENT LIFE
Student Life provides services, programs, and leadership training designed to help you achieve your full potential and enhance your academic experiences. Typically, 50 percent of the Student Government Association's Executive Council is comprised of international students.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Included among the 60 student organizations at UHCL are numerous ethnic and cultural associations, such as those for Indian, Muslim, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Latin American students.

CULTURAL EVENTS

The university provides many opportunities to connect with culture and the arts. During the school year, you can look forward to our Global Expo, Cultural Extravaganza, and Voices of Colour as well as many musical performances, art exhibits, film screenings, and speaker series.



CAMPUS RESOURCES

UHCL provides services such as academic tutoring, assistance for those with disabilities, networking opportunities, immunizations and health screenings, personal counseling, and career support. Career Services offers a variety of online and in-person services designed to match students and alumni with employment opportunities and employers to qualified candidates. Their goal is to help you successfully connect with employers.

FITNESS ZONE

Our Fitness Zone offers cardiovascular and resistance training equipment, lockers, showers and fitness testing. There is no additional charge for UHCL students to become members!

SAFETY AND SECURITY

In 2011, StateUniversity.com ranked UHCL as one of the safest campuses in the state of Texas and the nation. Among campuses offering bachelor degrees or higher, UHCL is ranked #1 in Texas and #7 across the United States.





LIVING ON CAMPUS

ON-CAMPUS LIVING

The University Forest Apartments (shown at right) are conveniently located on campus, just a short walk from UHCL classes and campus events.

Living here means choosing an apartment environment that meets your academic, social, and professional needs. University Forest Apartments' responsibility extends beyond just providing a bed for its residents. They strive to create a total residential living experience that enhances university life and creates a supportive community in which to live, learn, and grow.

University Forest accommodates approximately 290 students. They offer apartment-style accommodations with one, two, and four bedroom floor plans. Each apartment includes bedroom and common area furnishings as well as a kitchen equipped with a refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, and oven.

COMMUNITY FEATURES AND AMENITIES:

- Clubhouse with big screen TV
- Free Wi-Fi in the clubhouse
- Limited gate access
- Study room
- High-speed Internet access
- Fully furnished units
- Swimming pool & spa
- DVD library
- Water/sewer/Internet costs included
- Electricity allowance
- On-site laundry facility
- Sand volleyball court & Barbecue pavilion
- Pet-friendly

For more information about on-campus student accommodations, visit www.universityforestUHCL.com or call 281-286-5959. Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/UniversityForest.



GETTING AROUND

METRO PARK AND RIDE BUS SERVICE

For downtown destinations, including the business district and Texas Medical Center.

UHCL SHUTTLE SERVICE

For local destinations on and off campus.

RIDESHARE

For students interested in carpooling to events.

RESTAURANTS

There are numerous restaurants within walking distance from the University. You can choose from Vietnamese, Mediterranean, Indian, Japanese or American cuisine.

AFFORDABLE TUITION

Your education is one of the most important investments you will ever make. That is why UHCL strives to keep the cost of your education both accessible and affordable. With our reasonable tuition rates, we offer an excellent education that is well within reach.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UHCL offers competitive scholarships for new international students that make you eligible for in-state tuition. On average, 40 percent of our international students receive scholarships. For information on the “Hawk Scholars Scholarship” competitive scholarship program and application deadlines, visit www.uhcl.edu/finaid. Other scholarships are also available to international students who meet certain eligibility requirements.

ON-CAMPUS JOBS

Many departments on-campus offer employment opportunities for students. Possible tasks range from clerical and reception work to assisting professors with grading or the development of course materials. Teaching and research assistant positions are also available. In addition to receiving an hourly wage, assistantships can qualify students for in-state tuition and fees. These positions typically are available to students who have been enrolled for at least two semesters. We recommend you begin your job search in the Career and Counseling Office. They will have a listing of all available jobs on campus.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSIONS PROCESS

In order to make this process as smooth as possible, it is important that you submit the items listed at right to University of Houston-Clear Lake’s Office of International Admission and Programs. See our website for admission requirements.



FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS (FRESHMEN) MUST SUBMIT:

First year students are those who have less than 29 hours of transferrable university credit

1. Online application (available at www.applytexas.org)
2. Non-refundable application fee
3. All official transcripts: mark sheets from all secondary institutions and higher education institutions previously attended in the original language and an official translation by an accredited agency
4. Official TOEFL, IELTS, or Pearson Test score report
5. Official SAT or ACT score report
6. Copy of passport ID page(s)
7. Statement of Understanding*
8. Sponsor’s Affidavit of Support & Bank statement*
9. Copy of I-20/DS-2019 (if in F-1/J-1 status)**
10. Copy of I-94 admission stamp**

* If student wants to be in the U.S. in student or exchange visitor status

** If in the U.S.

UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:

Undergraduate Transfer students are those who have more than 29 hours of transferrable university credit

1. Online application (available at www.applytexas.org)
2. Non-refundable application fee
3. All official transcripts: mark sheets from all higher education institutions previously attended in the original language and an official translation by an accredited agency
4. Official TOEFL, IELTS, or Pearson Test score report
5. Copy of passport ID page(s)
6. Statement of Understanding*
7. Sponsor’s Affidavit of Support and Bank statement*
8. Copy of I-20/DS-2019 (if in F-1/J-1 status)**
9. Copy of I-94 admission stamp**

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GRADUATE STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT:

- Online application (available at www.applytexas.org)
- Non-refundable application fee
- All official transcripts/mark sheets from all higher education institutions previously attended in the original language and an official translation by an accredited agency
- Official proof of bachelor’s degree in the original language and an official translation by an accredited agency
- Official TOEFL, IELTS, or Pearson Test score report
- Graduate test scores (depending on program)
 - School of Business: GMAT
 - School of Education: GRE or MAT
 - School of Science and Computer Engineering: GRE
 - School of Human Sciences and Humanities: GRE
- Copy of passport ID page(s)
- Statement of Understanding*
- Sponsor’s Affidavit of Support & Bank statement*
- Copy of I-20/DS-2019 (if in F-1/J-1 status)**
- Copy of I-94 admission stamp**

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Programs may have additional requirements; applicants should refer to departments’ websites for complete list of other required documents

ADMISSION DEADLINES:

To apply to our institution, you must complete and submit the required items to the following address:

University of Houston-Clear Lake
Office of International Admissions and Programs, Box 85
2700 Bay Area Blvd
Houston, TX 77058

Deadlines for international first year student (freshmen) applicants
Fall: April 1 Spring: October 1

Deadlines for international students outside the U.S.
Fall: April 1 Spring: October 1 Summer: March 1

Deadlines for international students in the U.S.
Fall: June Spring: November 1 Summer: March 1

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



“UHCL provides the perfect blend for students to gain experience in the classroom and beyond. Classrooms here are a place to create and share knowledge, enhanced by our diverse student profile. My door is always open for questions about classes, finding a job or other concerns.

When students look back to their years at UHCL they will remember what they learned in and outside of class -- their friends, the books, the late night studies, the bayou -- and realize what a difference those experiences made in their (and our) lives.”

Ipek Bozkurt, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Engineering Management
(Originally from Turkey)

STUDENT DIVERSITY AT UHCL

41.7 % Caucasian
25.7 % Hispanic
12.3% International
9.6 % Black
6.6 % Asian
4.1 % Other

TOP 10 MAJORS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UHCL

Computer Science
Management Information Systems
Biotechnology
Computer Engineering
Business Administration
Accounting
Healthcare Administration
Finance
Engineering Management
Computer Information Systems

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR

Once you add up all of the benefits of attending UHCL, we believe the choice is clear. In addition to all of the university's accolades, our faculty and staff genuinely care about your success. We look forward to helping you achieve your educational goals!

