

A Resolution Calling For Equity and Excellent Education For Students in the UCLA Reduced Fee Program

WHEREAS, the UCLA Reduced Fee Program is for students with documented reasons related to occupation, home and family responsibilities, or health which prevent them from carrying full-time study loads and are presumed to be permanent in nature¹.

WHEREAS, to be eligible for the Reduced Fee Program, students must:

- Demonstrate a need for part-time study for a minimum of three consecutive quarters
- Enroll in 10 units or less in each of the three consecutive quarters

WHEREAS, to be eligible to enroll in UC-Online Courses a student must be enrolled in no fewer than 12 units². Thus, to enroll in the Reduced Fee Program is to disable you from taking courses from UC Online.

WHEREAS, as an institution that in all of our pursuits strives for excellence and diversity, recognizing that openness and inclusion produce true quality³, the Reduced Fee program is a necessary component of our mission. The fact that Reduced Fee students are needlessly put at a disadvantage and denied access to UC Online by university policy stands in abject confrontation with the mission, vision, and legal requirements of this institution.

¹ <https://caac.ucla.edu/policies/reduced-fee-program/>

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<https://registrar.ucla.edu/registration-classes/enrollment-policies/special-program-enrollment/uc-cross-campus-online-courses>

³ <https://diversity.universityofcalifornia.edu/policies-guidelines/>

WHEREAS, UC Online was created in recognition of the value it brings to students, the UC community, and world at large. As discrimination based on race, religion, sex, and other protected categories is illegal, and as equal educational opportunity is a legal mandate, a requirement to access valuable educational resources, open to all, that in effect makes it impossible for reduced fee students to access this resource is a clear and direct violation of this institutions mission, vision and legal requirements.

WHEREAS, As stands, a student mother, parental caretaker, full time employee, or for other circumstances in a position of less time privilege as the average student is being withheld their legally due rights and access. Whether it is agreed that the University stands in violation of its legal obligations, it is clear that the requirements as they stand, are a direct violation of this institution's mission, vision, and community standards. Furthermore, this policy is a clear matter of concern for its potential impact on disabled students and our standards and pursuits of DEI.

WHEREAS, Having the option to use UC Online for reduced fee students would minimize possible transportation costs for commuter students who participate in the reduced fee program;

WHEREAS, Students enrolled in the reduced fee program likely cannot adhere to traditional learning in-person methods due to employment. This inability to participate in both programs creates an educational barrier to entry;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that USAC condemns the current UC administrators' policy of denying Reduced Fee students access to UC Online.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that USAC strongly urges an immediate change in the UC administrators' policy of denying Reduced Fee students access to UC Online.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that USAC stands in support of those students impacted by these blatantly unjust and uncivil practices.

LET IT BE FINALLY BE RESOLVED, that USAC asks the

office of the district attorney and state attorney general to immediately move in support of addressing this discriminatory and anti-student-rights practice.