

Is uci.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

uci.edu

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

uci.edu appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-17 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official university webpage for UC Irvine providing navigation to academics, admissions, research, campus life, news and events, with links to social profiles and institutional contact information.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

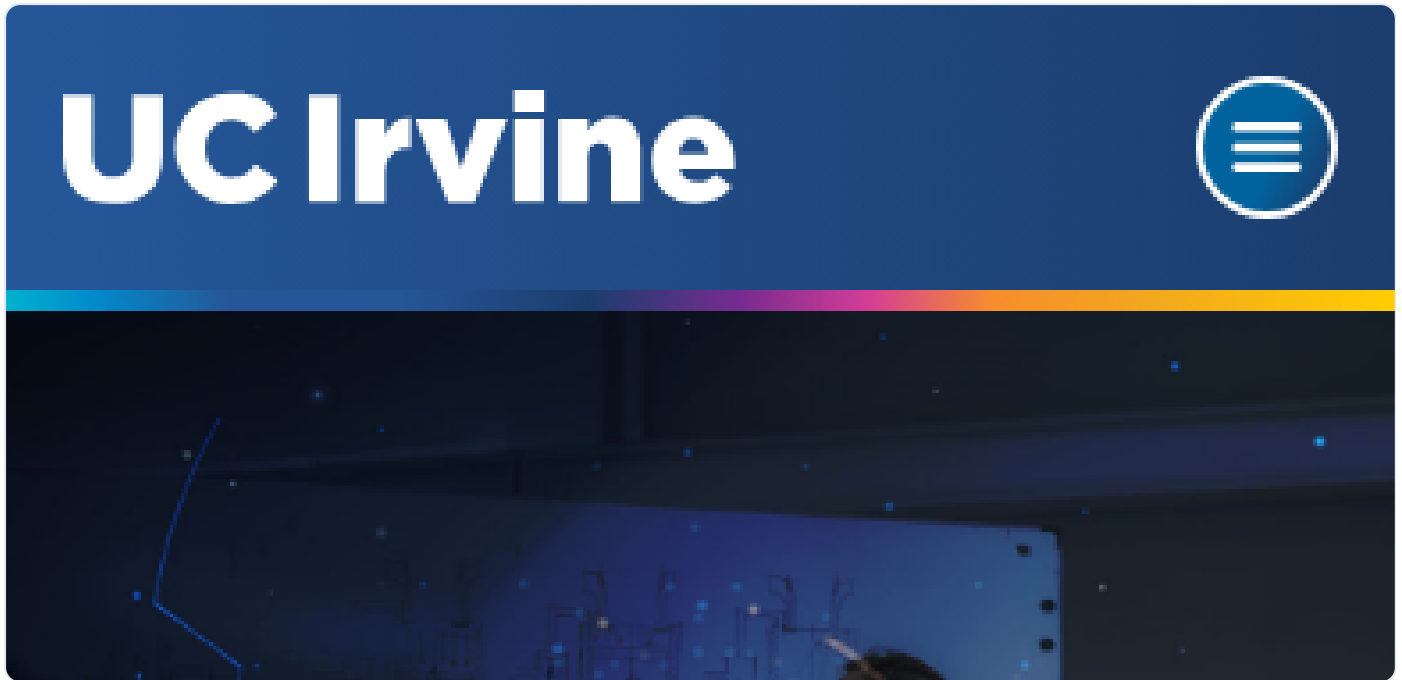
At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	41 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://uci.edu/>



What uci.edu served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-17. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website presents itself as UC Irvine, a public university providing information on academics, admissions and financial aid, research, campus life, community programs, news, events, alumni and giving. Its apparent purpose is institutional communication and education rather than direct consumer commerce or financial services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage has the structure and content of an established university site, including organized academic and admissions information, institutional contact pathways, and links to recognized social platforms. The site does not present phishing, impersonation, cryptocurrency, wallet, or high-pressure commercial indicators, and the available external reputation checks were clean. The domain's long registration continuity, top-tier global traffic footprint, and established page authority further support an evidence-consistent assessment that this is an apparently legitimate institutional website, although the real-world operator identity is not independently proven by this assessment.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies “UC Irvine” and provides sections for academics, admissions and financial aid, research, campus life, community, news and events, alumni, and giving.
- The homepage contains institutional contact information and links to Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn; behavioral inspection found no login form, hidden sensitive form, wallet connection, or credential-exfiltration behavior.
- The domain was registered in 1985 and is approximately 40.91 years old.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no phishing or blacklist match identified.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available content describes a public-university informational model rather than a financial or investment service, so the absence of a financial-services licence claim is not, by itself, a scam indicator. The site's institutional identity is presented clearly on the homepage, but independent linkage to a specific real-world operator remains unverified. A minor transparency point is that the available page evidence does not present a separate regulatory registration number or licence disclosure; this should be treated as a scope and verification matter rather than an adverse legitimacy finding.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage's stated functions are academic programs, admissions, research, community engagement, and institutional communications rather than regulated financial activity.
- The site's hosting infrastructure is Amazon-02, served from AS16509 in the United States.
- The site uses a valid DV TLS certificate issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M01, expiring on 2027-01-12.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, an organization should independently confirm the university identity and official contact routes through a known institutional channel rather than relying solely on links encountered on the site. For admissions, donations, or other payment-related activity, the relevant page should be checked for the applicable privacy, refund, payment-protection, and transaction-recipient terms. Any externally supplied request that differs from the institution's normal process should be validated through an independently sourced contact route.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides the institutional navigation and contact pathways that can be compared with independently known UC Irvine information.
- The admissions and financial-aid areas identify the pages relevant to any application, credential, or payment process.
- The homepage links to multiple social profiles that can be cross-checked against independently established institutional accounts.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is high trust and low risk, with the available evidence consistent with an established, apparently legitimate university website. No scam, phishing, impersonation, or identity-conflict indicators were identified, while operator identity remains a qualified rather than proven conclusion.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site is protected by AWS CDN/WAF infrastructure, with Cloudflare also detected; observed addresses belong to edge infrastructure and no origin candidate was identified. This layered hosting posture is a mitigating security signal that reduces direct exposure of the origin environment, but it is not independent proof of organizational legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal informational use is proportionate to the assessment; credential or payment activity should proceed after the ordinary independent identity, transaction-terms, and payment-protection checks described above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-17 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	80%

- Identity verified on page
- Trusted social count=5

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of uci.edu.

- The request stayed on uci.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- It is hosted on AMAZON-02, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	AMAZON-02 - Amazon.com, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	52.33.114.235

Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M01
SSL expiry	2027-01-12
Domain age	40.91 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about uci.edu at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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