

Is ucla.edu legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 90/100

ucla.edu

Verdict

90

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

ucla.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 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official UCLA homepage and newsroom content covering admissions, academics, research, campus events, and community updates. Contains event listings, news articles, social links, and contact information for the university.

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.

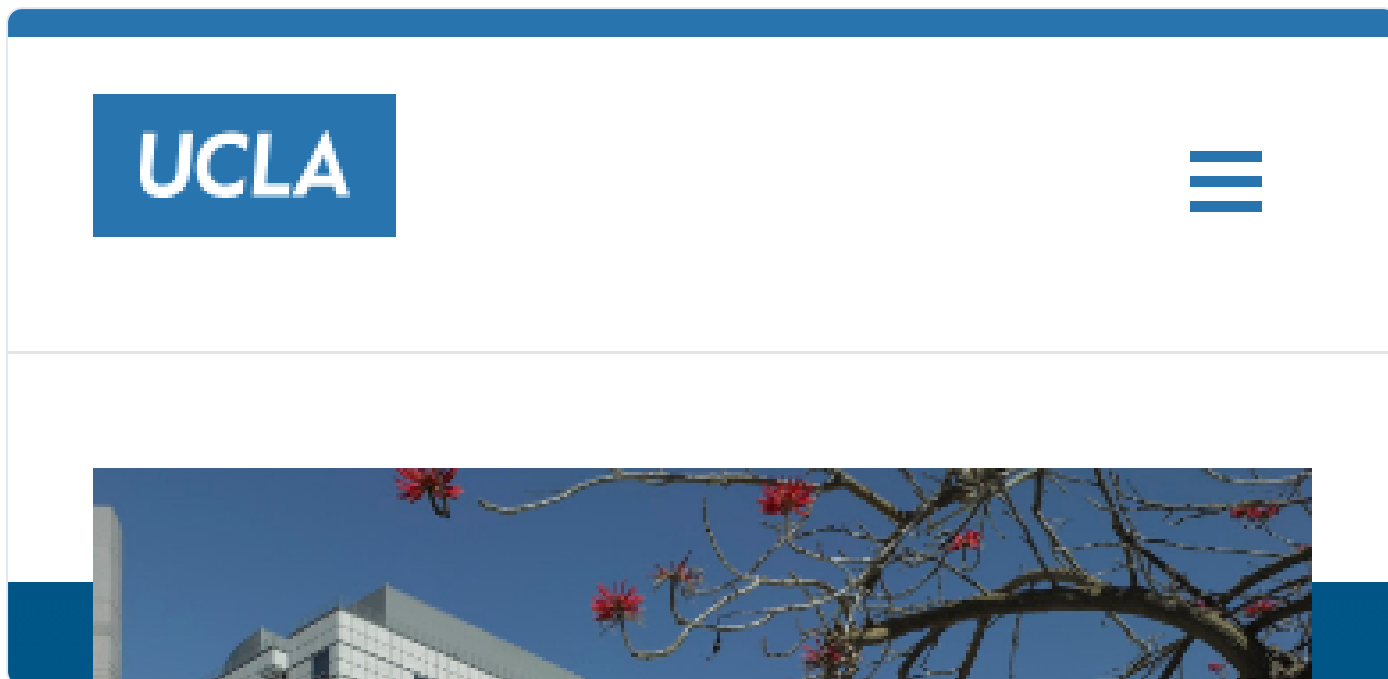
At a glance

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	Archived since 1997 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://www.ucla.edu/>



What ucla.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).
- Public web-archive history exists since 1997.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

The website presents itself as UCLA's institutional web presence, providing visitors with information about admissions, academics, research, campus life, events, newsroom content, alumni activity, and fundraising. Its apparent purpose is to operate as an established university information and engagement portal supported by tuition, grants, donations, and related services.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The site's institutional content, consistent UCLA identity, broad academic and campus information, linked social presence, long registration continuity, strong archival record, and clean external reputation are mutually reinforcing and consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. The available evidence does not independently prove the real-world operator's identity, but it provides no indication of phishing, brand impersonation, malicious content, or scam-oriented behavior.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies UCLA and links to About, Admission, Academics, Research, Campus Life, Newsroom, and Events sections; no login form, hidden sensitive form, or untrusted form destination was observed.
- The domain was registered on 1985-04-24 and is 41.34 years old.
- The web archive records 5,000 snapshots spanning 1997–2018, with 22 years tracked.
- External reputation checks recorded 0 malicious and 0 suspicious detections, with a global traffic rank of 1313.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The About, Leadership, Mission & Values, Admission, and institutional information areas present a coherent university structure and provide substantial organizational context. No specific financial-services, commercial, or other regulatory licence is claimed in the supplied content; for this education-focused model, that is a disclosure and applicability point rather than evidence of scam activity. A third-party broker dataset returned no match, which is a limited reputational signal and not a licensing determination. Available evidence is therefore consistent with an established site, while independent operator verification remains incomplete.

EVIDENCE

- The site's page classification is University / Institutional, with content covering admissions, education, research, community activity, and fundraising.
- The website is served from AS16509, Amazon.com, Inc., US.
- Its TLS certificate uses DV validation, was issued by Amazon RSA 2048 M04, and is valid to 2027-02-01.
- The homepage provides institutional navigation and contact information but does not present a specific regulatory licence number or licensing authority.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm that the relevant UCLA contact, admissions, donation, or payment channel is reached through an institutionally published route rather than an unsolicited message or redirected link. For any transaction, review the applicable terms, refund or cancellation conditions, and available payment protections; where an academic or fundraising service is involved, confirm the responsible UCLA office through an independent contact route.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage contains dedicated Admission, Tuition & Fees, Financial Aid, Give, Careers, and Contact-related navigation.
- The site links to multiple established social channels, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X, YouTube, TikTok, and Threads.
- The homepage's only detected form is a site-search form, with no sensitive submission fields identified.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, with the available evidence strongly consistent with an established, apparently legitimate institutional website. Identity confidence is substantial but not independently conclusive, so the assessment supports normal informational use while preserving a measured qualification around real-world operator verification.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is protected by CDN/WAF infrastructure and uses Amazon hosting, with observed edge servers in AS16509 and potential origin candidates identified in the underlying resolution. This layered delivery architecture is a mitigating security characteristic that reduces direct exposure of the hosting environment, but it is not by itself proof of legitimacy.

Closing Assessment

Normal browsing and ordinary institutional engagement are proportionate, subject to independent confirmation of the relevant channel and standard payment-protection and transaction-term checks before submitting credentials or funds.

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=4

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 ucla.edu.

- The request stayed on ucla.edu. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- The registration is paid up to 2027-07-31. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 1997-02-27. CLEAR
- 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	2600:9000:2045:600:b:5c6c:3200:93a1
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	Amazon RSA 2048 M04
SSL expiry	2027-02-01
Domain age	41.34 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2027-07-31
Archive first seen	1997-02-27
Archive snapshots	5000
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 ucla.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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