

Dear Class of 2022,

As the Director of Education at your new college I'm very much looking forward to welcoming you to UCR on Friday 16 August at 10.00 a.m. at the main UCR building (Townhall on market square).

Faculty, staff and students are organizing an orientation program filled with events aimed at students getting to know each other, to make the transition to university and to explore what it means to think like a Liberal Arts and Sciences scholar at an International Honors College. We expect all new students to take part in Orientation.

In order to prepare for your start at UCR and for orientation in particular, we would like you to do some preparatory reading, thinking and writing:

1. The first activity is to watch Adichi, C.N. *The danger of a single story*, TEDX (https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story)

After watching, consider the following and write about it: what is your story? What do you want people to know about you? Which courses or topics are you interested in studying at UCR and how do these interests form part of your story? We will all share our stories during Orientation.

2. The second thing we ask you do is think about the following questions: What assumptions do you have about learning? What kind of student are you and what strategies do you have for dealing with challenges?

3. The theme of this year's orientation is Sustainability (one of the college's six thematic fields). A major project in which UCR is participating this coming Fall semester is YESC (Young Energy Society Challenge) <https://www.yesc.nl/home.html>. Many of you will have learned about climate change and sustainability at school, but we ask you all to read the booklet available at <http://www.oce.global/en/resources/climate-science/ST1.5-EN> (click on the green button to download the resource) to refresh your knowledge. Then think of what question(s) you have about climate change or about the transfer to sustainable energy as it relates to a discipline you're interested in. For example, I teach rhetoric and journalism and have questions relating to those. But equally, there are questions and issues pertaining to human rights, technology, history, economics, politics, life science, etc., etc.

Some of the activities we will do on the afternoon of 16 August will involve using a computer. If you have a laptop, please bring it with you. If not, you can use the ICT facilities of UCR.

A week before Orientation starts, there'll be an overview of the full program on the UCR website, along with a practical information booklet prepared by our Student Office as well as information from RASA, [Roosevelt's All Student Association](#) and the activities they have in store for you during the week.

I look forward to seeing you all on 16 August.

Sincerely,

Anya Luscombe
Director of Education