

The University considers you a freshman applicant if you are applying for UC admission and are either still in high school or have graduated from high school and have not enrolled in a regular session at any college or university. If you attend a summer session immediately after graduating from high school, you are still a freshman applicant.

### California Residents

There are three pathways to satisfying the University's minimum admission requirements for freshman students: Eligibility in the Statewide Context, Eligibility in the Local Context and Eligibility by Examination Alone.

### Eligibility in the Statewide Context

Eligibility in the Statewide Context is the pathway by which most students attain UC eligibility. To be eligible in the statewide context, you must satisfy the Subject, Scholarship and Examination requirements described on the following pages.

### Subject Requirement

To satisfy this requirement, you must complete the 15 units of high school coursework listed in the box on this page. (A unit is equal to an academic year, or two semesters, of study.) These courses are also known as the "a-g" subjects or requirements.

At least 7 of the 15 units must be taken in your last two years of high school.

#### California High School Students

If you attend high school in California, the courses you take to fulfill the Subject Requirement must be certified by the University as meeting the requirement and must be included on your high school's UC-certified course list. Your counselor or principal will have a copy of this list. In addition, the lists are available online at [www.ucop.edu/doorways/list](http://www.ucop.edu/doorways/list).

## "A-G" SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

### "a" HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE — 2 years required.

Two years of history/social science, including one year of world history, cultures and geography; and one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government.

### "b" ENGLISH — 4 years required.

Four years of college preparatory English that include frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. Not more than two semesters of ninth grade English can be used to meet this requirement.

### "c" MATHEMATICS — 3 years required, 4 years recommended.

Three years of college preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement, as may math courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades that your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.

### "d" LABORATORY SCIENCE — 2 years required, 3 years recommended.

Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in two of these three core disciplines: biology (which includes anatomy, physiology, marine biology, aquatic biology, etc.), chemistry and physics. The final two years of an approved three-year integrated science program may be used to fulfill this requirement. Not more than one year of ninth-grade laboratory science can be used to meet this requirement.

### "e" LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH — 2 years required, 3 years recommended.

Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. Courses in language other than English taken in the seventh and eighth grade may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

### "f" VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (VPA) — 1 year required.

One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music or visual art.

### "g" COLLEGE PREPARATORY ELECTIVES — 1 year required.

One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in "a-f" above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or two years of another language).

### Changes to Subject Requirement

The Subject Requirement now includes one unit of coursework in visual and performing arts (dance, drama/theater, music or visual arts). The visual and performing arts (VPA) requirement is also referred to as the "f" requirement.

Beginning with applicants for fall 2004 and fall 2005, students must satisfy the "f" requirement by completing two semesters of approved arts courses from a single VPA discipline.

Beginning with applicants for fall 2006, students must satisfy the "f" requirement by completing a single year-long approved course from a single VPA discipline.

### Scholarship Requirement

The Scholarship Requirement defines the grade point average (GPA) you must attain in the "a-g" subjects and the SAT I (or ACT) and SAT II test scores you must earn to be eligible for admission to the University.

If your GPA is 2.8 or above, you satisfy the

minimum Scholarship Requirement if you achieve the test score total indicated in the Eligibility Index on page 35.

The University calculates your GPA in the "a-g" subjects by assigning point values to the grades you earn, totaling the points, and dividing the total by the number of "a-g" course units. Points are assigned as follows: A=4 points, B=3 points, C=2 points, D=1 point and F=0 points.

Only the grades you earn in "a-g" subjects in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades are used to calculate your GPA. Courses you take in ninth grade can be used to meet the Subject Requirement if you earn a grade of C or better, but they will not be used to calculate your GPA.

### Honors Courses

The University assigns extra points for up to four units of University-certified honors level and advanced placement courses taken in the last three years of high school: A=5 points, B=4 points, C=3 points. No more than two years of UC-approved honors level courses taken in the 10th grade may be given extra

## ELIGIBILITY INDEX

CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS				NONRESIDENTS			
"a-g" GPA	Test Score Total	"a-g" GPA	Test Score Total	"a-g" GPA	Test Score Total		
2.80 - 2.84	4640	3.20 - 3.24	3408	3.40 - 3.44	3152		
2.85 - 2.89	4384	3.25 - 3.29	3320	3.45 - 3.49	3128		
2.90 - 2.94	4160	3.30 - 3.34	3248	≥ 3.50	3120		
2.95 - 2.99	3984	3.35 - 3.39	3192				
3.00 - 3.04	3840	3.40 - 3.44	3152				
3.05 - 3.09	3720	3.45 - 3.49	3128				
3.10 - 3.14	3616	≥ 3.50	3120				
3.15 - 3.19	3512						

**Test Score Total equals:** [SAT I composite score] + [2 x (SAT II Writing score + SAT II Mathematics score + third required SAT II score)]. SAT I composite is highest combined mathematics and verbal scores from a single sitting. Highest individual SAT II scores, from any sitting, will be considered. An ACT score may substitute for a SAT I composite. An ACT to SAT I conversion table is provided.

## ACT TO SAT I Conversion Table

ACT Score	Equivalent SAT I Score	ACT Score	Equivalent SAT I Score
36	1600	23	1070
35	1580	22	1030
34	1520	21	990
33	1470	20	950
32	1420	19	910
31	1380	18	870
30	1340	17	830
29	1300	16	780
28	1260	15	740
27	1220	14	680
26	1180	13	620
25	1140	12	560
24	1110	11	500

points. A grade of D in an honors or advanced placement course does not earn extra points.

The courses must be in the following "a-g" subjects: history, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and foreign language, and they must be certified as honors courses by the University. In these fields, as well as in the fields of computer science, social science and the visual and performing arts, courses that are designed to prepare students for an Advanced Placement Examination of the College Board or a Higher Level Examination of the International Baccalaureate and college courses that are transferable to the University are acceptable honors level courses.

### D and F Grades

D and F grades in the "a-g" courses must be repeated or validated. Consult your counselor to determine how these grades can be improved and how the University will use them in evaluating your scholarship record. Grades for repeated courses in which you initially earned a grade of C or better will not be used.

### Examination Requirement

You must submit the following test scores:

- ▶ Either the Scholastic Assessment Test I: Reasoning Test (SAT I) or the ACT. The verbal and mathematics scores on the SAT I must be from the same sitting. The ACT composite score must be submitted.
- ▶ Three Scholastic Assessment Test II: Subject Tests (SAT II), including Writing, Mathematics Level 1 or Level 2, and one test in one of the following areas: English literature, foreign language, science or social studies.

### Eligibility in the Local Context

Under the Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) pathway, the top 4 percent of students at each participating California high school

are designated UC-eligible and guaranteed admission to one of UC's nine undergraduate campuses.

To be considered for ELC, you must complete 11 specific units of the Subject Requirement by the end of your junior year. With the assistance of each participating high school, the University will identify the top 4 percent of students on the basis of GPA for UC-approved coursework completed in the 10th and 11th grades.

The 11 units include: 1 unit of history/social science, 3 units of English, 3 units of mathematics, 1 unit of laboratory science, 1 unit of language other than English and 2 units chosen from among the other Subject Requirements.

The University will notify ELC students of their status at the beginning of their senior year. If you are designated UC-eligible through ELC, you must submit the University's undergraduate application during the November filing period and complete remaining eligibility requirements — including the Subject and Examination Requirements — to enroll.

ELC students are guaranteed a spot at one of UC's nine undergraduate campuses, though not necessarily at their first-choice campus.

Additional information about ELC is available online at [www.ucop.edu/sas/elc](http://www.ucop.edu/sas/elc).

### Eligibility by Examination Alone

If you do not meet the requirements for Eligibility in the Statewide Context or Eligibility in the Local Context, you may be able to qualify for admission to the University by examination.

To satisfy the minimum requirements for Eligibility by Examination Alone, you must achieve a composite score of 31 or higher on the ACT or a total score on the SAT I of at least 1400. In addition, you must earn a total score of 1760 or higher on the three SAT II:

Subject Tests with a minimum score of 530 on each test.

You cannot qualify for admission by examination alone if you have completed 12 or more units of transferable coursework at another college or university following high school graduation, or if you have taken transferable college courses in any subject covered by the SAT II: Subject Tests.

### Nonresidents

There are two paths to UC eligibility for nonresidents at the freshman level. The first is the same as described under Eligibility in the Statewide Context and the second is the same as described under Eligibility by Examination Alone, with the following exceptions:

**Scholarship Requirement:** If your GPA is 3.4 or above, you satisfy the minimum Scholarship Requirement if you achieve the test score indicated in the Eligibility Index under nonresidents (listed above).

**Eligibility by Examination Alone:** You must earn a composite score of 31 or higher on the ACT or a total score on the SAT I of at least 1400. Your total score on the three SAT II: Subject Tests must be at least 1850 with a minimum score of 530 on each test.

### Minimum Eligibility vs. Selection

*If the number of applicants exceeds the spaces available for a particular campus or major — as is often the case — the campus uses criteria that exceed the minimum requirements to select students. (See the discussion of freshman selection criteria beginning on page 38 for more information.) Meeting the minimum requirements, therefore, is not enough to gain admission to many UC campuses and programs.*