

The University of California consists of nine general campuses and a health sciences center in San Francisco, which is not open to freshman. Each general campus offers undergraduate and graduate students a full range of academic disciplines. All of the campuses have distinguished faculties, excellent libraries, research laboratories, and high academic standards. At the same time, each campus has its own distinctive character, style, and culture.

University of California at Berkeley

University of California at Riverside

University of California at Davis

University of California at San Diego

University of California at Irvine

University of California at San Francisco

University of California at Los Angeles

University of California at Santa Barbara

University of California at Merced

University of California at Santa Cruz

To be eligible for admission to the University of California as a freshman, you must meet **Subject, Scholarship, and Examination requirements**, or qualify for admission in the local context (ELC), a path that guarantees admission to students in the top 4% of their high school classes who are on-track to meet the *Subject Requirement*. Students who meet entrance requirements are guaranteed admission, but not necessarily to the campus of choice. The University does not discriminate against students who apply “undeclared”, but applicants interested in engineering, computer science, and the life sciences are encouraged to apply directly to those majors.

For detailed information about individual campuses, including housing options, current costs, campus calendars, contact information, etc., see **Introducing the University of California**, a publication available at all MUDSD *College & Career Centers*.

Subject and Scholarship Requirements

The University requires a set pattern of courses, known as the “a-g” requirements, in which the student must earn a minimum GPA of 3.0. Semester grades of D or F are not acceptable. In calculating the grade point average for admission purposes, the University of California uses semester grades earned in “a-g” courses taken in the 10th and 11th grades and during any attached summer sessions.

- “ a ” **History** (2 years): one year of World History and one year of U.S. History, **OR** one year of World History, one semester of U.S. History and I semester of American Government
- “ b ” **English** (4 years)
- “ c ” **Mathematics** (3 years required, 4 recommended): Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II or Algebra II/Trig
- “ d ” **Laboratory Science** (2 years required, 3 years recommended): Courses to be chosen from at least 2 of 3 areas, Biology/Chemistry/Physics
- “ e ” **Foreign Language** (2 years required, 3 years recommended, in the same foreign language)
- “ f ” **Visual and Performing Arts** (1 year of a beginning or advanced course)
- “ g ” **College Preparatory Electives** (1 year): Course chosen from History, Social Science, English, Mathematics, Laboratory Science, Foreign Language, or an *advanced* Visual and Performing Art course (not level I)

Except for the ELC path to admission, a student must also attain a qualifying score on the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT with Writing, and two SAT Subject tests. See pages 2 and 3 to determine if you meet UC-eligibility guidelines.

Fill in the table below with your semester grades. Mark with an “X” any required “a-g” courses you completed in 8th or 9th grade. Grades in these courses will not be counted in your University of California grade point average. However, the courses themselves will be used to meet the *subject* requirement if you earned semester grades of C or better. At least 7 of the 15 required courses must be taken during 11th and 12th grade. Only UC approved courses will be used to calculate your GPA. UC-approved course lists are available at: www.ucop.edu/doorways/.

“ a - g ” Pattern of Subject Requirements	Enter Semester Grades Below									
	8 th		9 th		10 th		11 th		12 th	
a. HISTORY: 2 years - U.S. History and World History										
b. ENGLISH: 4 years										
c. MATH: (PCM I, II and III) 3 years required, 4 years recommended										
d. LABORATORY SCIENCE: 2 years required, 3 years recommended										
e. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2 years in the same language required, 3 years recommended										
f. VISUAL AND PERFORMING ART: 1 year of a beginning or advanced VPA course										
g. COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE: 1 additional course chosen from English, advanced math, foreign language, science, social science, or an <i>advanced</i> VPA course										

After entering your qualifying grades in the table above, compute your UC Grade Point Average using the following table. You will need to attain the minimum test score total that corresponds to your UC GPA to be eligible for admission.

CALCULATING THE “ a - g ” GPA

① NUMBER OF UC APPROVED SEMESTER COURSES taken during Grades 10, 11, and summer sessions		② GRADE POINTS EARNED		③ NUMBER OF HONORS/AP LEVEL SEMESTER COURSES Grades 10 and 11 only		DIVIDE AND CARRY TO 2 DECIMAL PLACES:
Grade		Grade Points Earned		③ Total _____		
A	X 4 =					
B	X 3 =				④ Total _____	
C	X 2 =				Bring forward and add:	
D	X 1 =			② Total _____	① Total _____	
F	X 0 =	0		③ Total _____	= Your Preliminary UC GPA	
ADD: ① Total _____		ADD: ② Total _____		④ (Total of ② and ③) Total _____		⑤ _____ . _____

Once you have computed your University of California GPA, you can use the on-line calculator at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/> to determine eligibility for admission. You will need your SAT Reasoning Test (best total score from a single sitting) or ACT with Writing score, plus two SAT Subject Test scores from different academic areas.

Examination Requirements

All UC applicants must take the following college entrance examinations:

- The SAT Reasoning Test (SAT) *or* the American College Test including the Writing test (ACT with writing).
- Two SAT Subject Tests selected from two different academic areas:
History, Foreign Language, Science, Literature or Math IIC (Math IC is not acceptable)
- More than two Subject Tests may be submitted; the University of California will use the two highest scores from two different academic areas (for example, Biology and American History, but not Biology and Chemistry).

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