

GUIDELINES

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUSES

The University of California offers students a full range of academic disciplines on campuses that extend from UC Berkeley to UC San Diego. High school students may apply to any UC campus with the exception of the San Francisco campus which is a health sciences center for graduate students. All of the campuses have distinguished faculties, excellent libraries, research laboratories, and high academic standards. Each campus, however, has its own distinctive character, style and atmosphere. A UC education will not only prepare you for the career or profession you want to follow, but will also give you the knowledge and understanding to respond creatively to the challenge of tomorrow's society. This Guidelines pamphlet is designed to introduce you to the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Below are the campuses, their addresses, phone number, and approximate enrollments.

BERKELEY (510) 642-6000
Univ. of California, Berkeley, CA 94720
Enrollment: 33,065
www.berkeley.edu

DAVIS (530) 752-1011
Univ. of California, Davis
One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616
Enrollment: 29,402
E-mail: ugaos@ucdavis.edu
www.ucdavis.edu

IRVINE (949) 824-5011
Univ. of California, Irvine, CA 92697
Enrollment: 24,273
www.uci.edu

LOS ANGELES (310) 825-4321
Univ. of California, Los Angeles, CA 90095
Enrollment: 37,055
E-mail: ugadm@saonet.ucla.edu
www.ucla.edu

MERCED (310) 825-4321
Univ. of California, Merced, CA 95344
(209) 724-4482
(559) 241-7474
www.ucmerced.edu
(opening delayed until fall 2005)

RIVERSIDE (909) 787-1012
Univ. of California, Riverside, CA 92521
Enrollment: 17,296
E-mail: ugadmiss@pop.ucr.edu
www.ucr.edu

SAN DIEGO (858) 534-2230
Univ. of California, San Diego,
9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093
Enrollment: 24,105
E-mail: admissionsinfo@ucsd.edu
www.ucsd.edu

SAN FRANCISCO (415) 476-9000
Univ. of California, San Francisco, CA 94143
E-mail: oar@ssa.ucsf.edu
www.ucsf.edu

SANTA BARBARA (805) 893-8000
Univ. of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106
Enrollment: 20,847
E-mail: appinfo@sa.ucsb.edu
www.ucsb.edu

SANTA CRUZ (831) 459-0111
Univ. of California, Santa Cruz
1156 High St., Santa Cruz, CA 95064
Enrollment: 14,997
E-mail: admissions@ucsc.edu
www.ucsc.edu



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE PLANNING

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The following UC course requirements are sometimes called the "a-g" courses.

- a. HISTORY (2 years required): One year of world history. One year of United States history or one-half year of United States history and one-half year of American government.
- b. ENGLISH (4 years required).
- c. MATHEMATICS (3 years required, 4 years recommended): Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2.
- d. LABORATORY SCIENCE (2 years required, 3 years recommended).
- e. LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH: 2 years in the same language, 3 years recommended.
- f. VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (1 year required): Courses chosen from: dance, drama/theatre, music and/or visual arts.
- g. COLLEGE PREPARATORY ELECTIVES (1 year required) In addition to those required in "a-g" 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).

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT

All courses approved for admission are noted with a (P) or (HP) on the transcript. Eligibility does not guarantee admission to a particular campus.

The scholarship requirement defines the grade point average (GPA) you must attain in the "a-g" subjects and the SAT 1 (or ACT) and SAT 2 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 requirements if you achieve the test score total indicated in the Eligibility Index on the next page. 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.

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT

1. College entrance examinations:
 - a. SAT-I..Your verbal and math scores on the SAT-I must be from the same sitting. OR
 - b. ACT...Your composite test score will be used for admission.
2. Three SAT-II Subject Tests are required and must include a) Writing (for Fall 2005 only; Fall 2006 and beyond, writing will be included in the SAT I), b) Math Level 1 or 2 and, c) one test from English literature, foreign languages, sciences or social studies.
3. Your counselor has information that will help you understand the characteristics of the SAT-I, SAT-II and ACT tests. Applications for these tests are available in the Counseling Office-College/Career Center and should be mailed to the testing company at least 5 weeks before the test date, or apply on-line. It is recommended that students take these tests in the spring of the junior year or in the fall of the senior year. Months when the tests are given are noted below:

SAT-I: Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., March, May, June

ACT: Sept., Oct., Dec., Feb., April, June

SAT-II: Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., May, June

SUBJECT A EXAMINATION FOR FRESHMEN

As a University undergraduate you must demonstrate proficiency in writing. Students who plan to enroll in the University as a freshman may meet this requirement, known as Subject A, in one of the following ways: 1) Score a 3 or higher on the AP Exam in English Language or English Literature; 2) Score 680 or higher on the SAT II: Writing; or 3) Achieve a composite score of 8 or higher on the University's writing proficiency exam, called the Subject A Exam. Students take the exam in May of the senior year. The exam is offered at test centers throughout the state and you will receive information about the exam by mail.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER

If you are not eligible upon graduation from high school, you must earn at least a 2.4 GPA in 60 semester units of college work. The UC system encourages students to consider the Community College system as an alternative to freshman admission. Priority is given to students transferring from California Community Colleges. Diablo Valley College is a California Community College that students may attend before transferring to a UC campus. Please check individual campuses for details on transfer policies and requirements.

APPLICATION GPA

The UC application asks for a self-reported grade point average (GPA) that is based on all the a-g courses taken in the 10th and 11th grades. These are courses that are listed on the student transcript with a (P), which indicates that they are college prep courses accepted by UC.

ADMISSIONS TABLE AND ELIGIBILITY INDEX

To be eligible for admissions to the University of California as a freshman, you must meet the Subject, Scholarship and Examination requirements. The work sheet below will help you to determine whether you meet these requirements. Since most campuses cannot accept all eligible students, supplemental criteria are used to determine which students will be admitted. If you have any questions or need help in determining your eligibility, you should contact your high school counselor.

SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

You must complete high school courses in the subjects listed below with at least a grade of C in each semester. These required courses are often called the "a-g" subjects. The courses taken to fulfill the "a-g" requirements must be included on your high school's UC certified course list available from the Counseling Office or the College/Career Center (For further information go to www.ucop.edu/pathways/infoctr/). Only courses identified with the letter (P) or (HP) on the student transcript may be used.

Fill in the table below with your grades. Mark with an X any required "a-g" courses you took in the 9th grade or earlier. Grades in these courses will not be counted in your grade point average (GPA). However, the courses themselves will be used to meet the subject requirement if you completed them with at least a C grade.

"A-G" Pattern of Subject Requirements	Enter Semester Grade Below				
	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
a. HISTORY 2 years required					
b. ENGLISH 4 years required					
c. MATHEMATICS 3 years required, 4 years recommended					
d. LABORATORY SCIENCE 2 years required, 3 years recommended					
e. LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH 2 years required, 3 years recommended					
f. VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (VPA) 1 year required					
g. COLLEGE PREPARATORY ELECTIVES 1 year required Courses from visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English					

ELIGIBILITY INDEX			
"a-g" GPA	Test Score Total	"a-g" GPA	Test Score Total
2.80 - 2.84	4640	3.20 - 3.24	3408
2.85 - 2.89	4384	3.25 - 3.29	3320
2.90 - 2.94	4160	3.30 - 3.34	3248
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.

IMPORTANT: At least 7 of the 15 required courses must be taken during the last 2 years of high school. To earn additional grade points for Honors or AP courses, the course must be taken during the last three years of high school.

ABOUT GRADE POINT AVERAGE, OR CALCULATING THE "a-g" GPA

The UC campuses use a variety of other GPA's in the admissions process—all including grades earned in the "a-g" subjects completed in grades 10 and 11, some capped at 4.00, some uncapped, some with a limit of the number of extra points allowed for UC--certified honors, and some with no limit on honors points. *Grade 9 grades are not included in these GPA's.* Regardless of the particular GPA or GPA's the campuses use in the selection process, they are based on the same indicators or preparedness and achievement—courses taken beyond the minimum required in the "a-g" requirements, honors coursework taken, and grades earned. You can use the worksheet below to calculate this GPA for your own reference, but keep in mind that there is no single "UC GPA" and the campuses you apply to may use a different GPA or GPA's during evaluations.

NUMBER OF ACADEMIC SEMESTER COURSES—GRADES 10 AND 11

Grade	Number of Courses	Grade Points Earned
A	_____	x 4 = _____
B	_____	x 3 = _____
C	_____	x 2 = _____
D	_____	x 1 = _____
F	_____	x 0 = _____
TOTAL	Courses _____ (1)	Grade Points _____ (2)

NUMBER OF SEMESTERS OF UC-APPROVED HONORS AND TRANSFERABLE COLLEGE COURSES COMPLETED IN GRADES 10 AND 11

	_____ (3)	+	_____ (2)	=	_____ (4)
TOTAL GRADE POINTS + TOTAL HONORS	{ (2) + (3) }				
PRELIMINARY GRADE POINT AVERAGE	_____ (4) ÷ _____ (1) = _____				
{Grade Points + Honors}	Total Courses		GPA		

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

INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUAL CAMPUSES

CROWDED FIELDS OF STUDY – Many students want to study business, computer science, and engineering. You are encouraged to apply for the major of your interest, but some fields of study tend to be over-crowded. While in high school you should plan carefully by taking appropriate courses, earning good grades, and applying to more than one campus. Also consider a second choice of college major to achieve your goal.

HOUSING – Every UC campus has housing for students but admission does not guarantee student housing on the campus you plan to attend. You are encouraged to contact the Housing Office on each campus for information about the availability and cost of housing.

COST FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS – The cost of attending a University of California campus involves fees, books, food, housing, transportation and personal expenses. To find the costs for the current year check the current campus publications or ask in the Counseling/Career Center.

UC CALENDAR – UC Berkeley is on the semester system. You must file your application in the month of November for the fall semester of the following year.

All other campuses are on the quarter system. File in November for the fall quarter of the following year. File in July for the winter quarter, and file in October for the spring quarter.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CHECK LIST FOR SENIORS

This UC check list is designed to help seniors realize what must be done in order to apply for admission to a UC campus.

- _____ 1. Complete the UC eligibility worksheet to check if you will qualify for admission to UC.
- _____ 2. Access the UC application online in October.
- _____ 3. Mail your completed UC application in November.
- _____ 4. Mail your transcript when requested.
- _____ 5. Be sure that your testing is completed by December and that your scores are sent to your UC campus by the testing company. The university will not accept this information from the high school transcript.
- _____ 6. Investigate the housing opportunities available at your UC campus(es).
- _____ 7. Begin planning now for how you will pay your college expenses, including fees, books, room, board, transportation and personal expenses.
- _____ 8. Try to be patient while you wait to hear from your UC campus. You should have a response e-mailed to you in March.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UC

You are encouraged to find out more information about the University of California campuses by using the resources noted below.

1. COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES. Representatives from UC campuses will visit your high school. Listen for the announcements and sign up to attend the meetings.
2. COLLEGE CATALOGS. A copy of the catalog from each UC campus is available to read in the Counseling Office/ Career Center.
3. ON THE INTERNET. All UC campuses maintain web sites with comprehensive information. check the Pathways site at www.ucop.edu/pathways for systemwide information and links to each campus.
4. COLLEGE PLANNING AWARENESS NIGHT. College Planning Awareness Nights, designed to give parents information about college planning, are scheduled throughout the year.
5. COLLEGE FAIR. A College Fair will be held at St. Mary's College on Saturday, April 30th, 2005. Students and parents may talk with representatives from over 150 colleges, including some campuses of the University of California.
6. CAMPUS TOURS. Each UC campus offers the opportunity for a student-conducted tour for students and parents who visit the campus.
7. TALK TO UC STUDENTS. You are encouraged to talk with friends, neighbors and former students at your high school who are now attending a UC campus.
8. SPECIAL DAYS. Some UC campuses have special days to welcome high school students. Some examples are Preview Day at UC Davis and Open House at UC Berkeley.
9. UC APPLICATION. Seniors are encouraged to read the information about each campus that is contained in the Introducing the University of California booklet.
10. COLLEGE/CAREER CENTER. Check in the College/Career Center at your high school for catalogs from the UC campuses and other informative references.
11. CONTACT YOUR COUNSELOR. You are encouraged to talk with your counselor who can help you learn more about the University of California.