



ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS NONRESIDENT APPLICANTS

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED



Admission Timeline

Date/Deadline	Task
August 1	UC Application Opens
November 1– 30	Submit UC Application Online
Mid-January	Self-Report December Test Results
February – March	Notification of Admission
May 1	Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) Deadline
Mid-May – July	Waitlist Admission Notification

Starting Points

- You should report your coursework and grades exactly as it appears on your academic record.
- If studying outside the U.S., you should not attempt to convert grades to the U.S. grading scale.
- All applicants should be prepared to send copies of their academic records to UC upon request.
- Official academic records will only be required at the campus that students have selected to attend.



First Year Admissions Requirements

1. “a-g” courses

a.	History/social science	2 years required
b.	English (Language of Instruction)	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	1 year required
g.	College-preparatory elective	1 year required

2. Nonresident: 3.4

Calculated from summer after 9th grade – summer after 11th grade

3. ACT with Writing, the SAT Reasoning or New SAT with Essay

4. Personal Insight Questions



A closer look at “a-g” requirements



a. History/ Social Science

- 2 years required

One year of World History

AND

One year of U.S. History

or

Half-year of U.S. History and half-year of Civics or American Government

***International courses:** In lieu of U.S. history, the history of the home country is acceptable. When no course in the history of the home country is available, students should complete other history or social science courses for this requirement.

b. English

- 4 years required

***International courses:** use courses in composition and literature in the language of instruction in the area “b” requirement



c. Mathematics

- 3 years required, 4 years strongly recommended
 - Geometry is required

International courses:

- Many international high schools use an integrated method of curriculum instruction.
- Math courses may be listed *as integrated math, general mathematics, or simply mathematics, etc.* **All of these titles are appropriate listings of mathematics courses from an integrated-style program.**
- At least **three years of integrated math** are required to satisfy the subject area.

Meeting Geometry Requirement with Integrated-Style Math Courses

- Students must complete one yearlong course as part of an integrated mathematics sequence that includes sufficient geometry, (e.g., Math II).
- Requires at least three years of “integrated/general math/math” to satisfy the “c” subject area.

d. Laboratory Science

- 2 years required, 3 years strongly recommended

(2) of the following: biology, physics, chemistry

OR

(1) year of biology, physics, or chemistry

AND

(1) year of environmental science or another interdisciplinary science course

Integrated Science

- **International courses:** if multiple science subjects are covered in a single course, this is considered “integrated science” and students must complete at least three years of the “integrated science” (IS) sequence to fulfill the subject area requirement.

e. Language other than language of instruction

- 2 years required, 3 years strongly recommended

International:

- Per UC Policy: Students who have completed two years of formal instruction in a school where a language other than English was used as a medium of instruction beginning in grade six or later have met the LOTE requirement. *Consecutive enrollment is not required.*
- Use English courses taken outside the U.S. to satisfy this requirement; it is also acceptable to use another language other than the language of instruction to satisfy this requirement. Two years of the same language are required.

f. Visual and Performing Arts (VPA)

- 1 year or 2 semester courses from the same discipline required

Disciplines: dance, music, theater, or visual arts

International students: UC understands that some educational systems that follow a strict curriculum do not allow flexibility in choosing courses, so completing VPA coursework may not be an option.

- Any VPA-type coursework completed outside the U.S. is acceptable. One year is required.



High School Attendance & Reporting Coursework

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Enter Your High School

In California US (not CA) Outside the US

Specialized Curriculum (if applicable)

- Magnet Independent Study
 Career Pathway/Academy Home School
 Year Round Other

Please enter your school name.

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ADD

- ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 051520-1, LOS ANGELES, CA, United States
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 052667-1, RIVERSIDE, CA, United States
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 052910-1, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, United States
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL, 053075-1, SAN JOSE, CA, United States
- ABRAHAM LINCOLN SCHOOL, 051928-1, MARYSVILLE, CA, United States

**Must list every school attended since 9th grade*



HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Provide basic information about your high school

During what dates did you attend this high school?

Start date: Month Year (yyyy)
Aug 2013

End date: Month Year (yyyy)
Jun 2015

What grades did you attend here?
Select the academic year(s) and the grade(s) attended. If you repeated a grade, you must indicate each academic year(s) of attendance for the repeated grade level.

Academic Year	Grade	
2013-2014	11th	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.
2014-2015	12th	<input type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.
Select	Select	<input type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.
Select	Select	<input type="checkbox"/> I took summer courses after this grade.

[Add Another Academic Year and Grade](#)

Is this or will this be the high school you graduated from?
 Yes No

Degree, diploma, or certification received or to be received.
High/Secondary School Diploma

Date received or to be received.
Month Year (yyyy)
Jun 2015

What is your school's grading system?
A B C D F

What is your school's term system?

- Full (1 final grade per year)
- Semester (2 final grades per year)
- Trimester (3 final grades per year)
- Quarter (4 final grades per year)



HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK

I don't see all of my courses.

Add any courses you took that aren't in the list above.

Subject Area/Course Category	Course Name	Honors Type	Grade Term 1	Grade Term 2	Grade Term 3	Grade Term 4	
Biological Sciences <input type="button" value="v"/>	Botany	NH <input type="button" value="v"/>	A <input type="button" value="v"/>	NO <input type="button" value="v"/>			Clear
Select <input type="button" value="v"/>		-- <input type="button" value="v"/>	-- <input type="button" value="v"/>	-- <input type="button" value="v"/>			Clear

ADD ANOTHER COURSE

Enter academic courses that do not appear on the UC-approved course list



English Proficiency Requirement

If a student is studying in the U.S., but they have less than 3 years of instruction in English, they are required to demonstrate English proficiency.



How to meet English Language Proficiency requirement

- TOEFL – Internet Based Test (IBT) score 80 or higher; 550 or higher on Paper Based Test (PBT)
- IELTS – score 6.5 or higher
- Combined ACT English/Writing – score 24 or higher
- SAT Reasoning (Writing section) – score 560 or higher
- New SAT with Essay – score of 31 or higher on Writing and Language

All Examinations must be completed by December of the last year of secondary school, and official scores must be submitted by the following January.



PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

- You will have 8 questions to choose from
- You only need to respond to 4 of the 8 questions
- Each response is limited to 350 words
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you, but you should select questions that are most relevant to your experience and that best reflect your individual circumstances



Exams, Application Tips & Reminders



ACT & SAT Test Scores

ACT & SAT

Check which test(s) you have taken.

Please note: UC accepts scores only from exams taken before high school graduation.

- ACT Assessment SAT Reasoning Test
(before Mar. 2016) SAT 2016
(after Feb. 2016) None

Report your ACT/SAT scores below. Please remember:

- Record your scores **exactly** as they were reported by the testing agency.
- If you have taken a test more than once, record the scores from the date on which you earned the highest overall (composite) score. Do not mix scores from different dates.
- Tests taken before February 2005 will not meet UC's Examination Requirement.

ACT Assessment Plus Writing

When did you take this test?

Month

Year

Select ▼

Select ▼

What is the ACT ID?

If you plan to take or retake this test, what is the test date?

Month

Year

Select ▼

Select ▼

Self-report
scores here and
order official
scores to be sent
to at least one
UC campus



Advance Placement Test Scores

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Report your AP exam scores below. Please remember:

- Record your scores **exactly** as they were reported by the testing agency.
- If you have taken an exam more than once, record your highest overall score.

Passing AP & IB exam scores can be used to show subject mastery

Add an AP Exam

When did you take or when do you plan to take the exam?

Month

Year

May

2011

What was the exam name?

Calculus AB

What was your score?

I have not received my score yet.



External Exams

- Student must report external exam results in the admission application.
- After accepting an offer of admission, the student must submit the official external exam results to the UC campus.



*General Certificate of
Secondary Education*

This is to certify that in the examination held in JUNE 2012

achieved the following result at

FULL COURSE (Five (5) Subjects)

BIOLOGY (100/5556/3)	GRADE A(a)
CHEMISTRY (100/5557/5)	GRADE A(a)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (500/4506/4)	GRADE A(a)
PHYSICS (100/5555/1)	GRADE A(a)
DANCE (500/4403/5)	GRADE B(b)



Example: External exams reported on the UC application

India Year X (Grade Scale: 0-100)

Edit

Delete

Test Date	Subject	Score	Predicted	Not Received
03/ 2013	Commercial Applications	95		
03/ 2013	Sanskrit	66		
03/ 2013	Science (Phy, Chem, Bio)	78		
03/ 2013	Mathematics	88		
03/ 2013	English	72		
03/ 2013	History, Civics & Geography	88		



Academic Records/ Transcripts

Official academic record information for applicants who have attended school outside the U.S.

- Each academic record must list the:
 - dates you attended the institution
 - titles of courses and examinations you completed
 - grades (marks) you received
 - credit, hours or units earned
 - any degree or diploma you may have received
- Remember to request your records early because it may take additional time for schools outside the U.S. to forward your records to UC

Tips

- **If admitted:** Students must obtain final, official, sealed academic records/transcripts as early as possible to meet the July 1 deadline.

IMPORTANT:

- If you are having difficulty obtaining official records, please contact the Ministry of Education or Examination Agency/Authority in the country where you studied for your official records.
- External agency evaluations are **not** considered/accepted by UC and can be costly for students.

UC Application Reminders

Additional Comments box after the academic history:

- Explanation about Academic Record/History
- Explanation of school calendar, grading system, external marks

Additional Comments box after the personal insight questions:

- Explanation of anything that was not already covered in the UC application
- Not to be used as a continuation of your personal insight questions

Resources

Quick Reference for Counselors- September 2016

- Options for Satisfying A-G Subject Requirements, pages 13-17
- Validation Matrix, for Mathematics and LOTE, pages 21-22
- Geometry Requirement Factsheet, page 13

University of California Downloadable Guides

- Freshman Application Tips & Tools for International Students
- Freshman Application Tips & Tools for Out-of-State Students
- Presenting Yourself on the UC Application – Freshman
- Personal Insight Questions Guide

Resources

- [Freshman Application Tips & Tools for International Students](#)
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- [Personal Insight Question Worksheet](#)

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