

SUBJECT REQUIREMENT

a. History/Social Science -- 2 years required.

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

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 at least two of these three disciplines: biology (which includes anatomy, physiology, marine biology, aquatic biology, etc.), chemistry and physics. Laboratory courses in earth sciences are acceptable if they have as prerequisites or provide basic knowledge in biology, chemistry or physics. The appropriate two years of an approved 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 and composition. 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 and/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).



Scholarship Requirement

The Scholarship Requirement defines the grade point average (GPA) you must earn in the "a-g" subjects and the test scores you must achieve to be eligible for admission to UC. The University uses an Eligibility Index — a combination of GPA and test scores — to determine if you meet this requirement. The minimum GPA is 2.8 for California residents, 3.4 for nonresidents.

To see whether you meet the Scholarship Requirement, refer to the index and detailed information below, or use the preliminary eligibility calculator at right.

UC Eligibility Index	
Below are the combinations of GPA and test score totals that meet UC's minimum requirements.	
CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS	
"A–G" GPA	Minimum Test Score Total
<2.80 ineligible	
2.80 – 2.84	2860
2.85 – 2.89	2698
2.90 – 2.94	2548
2.95 – 2.99	2440
3.00 – 3.04	2338
3.05 – 3.09	2260
3.10 – 3.14	2188
3.15 – 3.19	2122
3.20 – 3.24	2050
3.25 – 3.29	1990
3.30 – 3.34	1942
3.35 – 3.39	1912
3.40 – 3.44	1882
3.45 & above	1858
NON CA RESIDENTS	
<3.40 ineligible	
3.40 – 3.44	1882
3.45 & above	1858

Grade Point Average

To determine your eligibility, 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" courses. Points are assigned as follows: A=4 points, B=3 points, C=2 points, D=1 point, and F=0 points. (Pluses and minuses are not calculated in the grade point average.) Only the grades you earn in "a-g" subjects in the 10th and 11th grades - including summer sessions - are used to calculate your preliminary GPA. Courses you took in ninth grade can be used to meet the Subject Requirement if you earned 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 eight semesters 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 yearlong UC-approved honors level courses taken in the 10th grade may be given extra 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/social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science, language other than English, and visual and performing arts. Also, they must be certified as honors courses by the University. In these subjects, as well as in computer science, acceptable honors-level courses include Advanced Placement courses, Higher Level and designated Standard Level International Baccalaureate courses, and college courses that are transferable to the University.

D and F Grades: If you have earned a D or F in an "a-g" course, you must repeat the course with a grade of C or better. The original D or F grade will not be included in the GPA calculation, and the new grade will be used. If you repeat a course in which you initially earned a grade of C, the second grade will not be used.

Test Score Total

The University calculates your test score total as follows:

If you took the SAT Reasoning Test: The University uses your highest scores in critical reading, math and writing from a single sitting and adds them to your two highest SAT Subject Test scores from two different subject areas. The total of all five exam components (critical reading + math + writing + subject test 1 + subject test 2) equals your test score total.

If you took the ACT plus its Writing exam: The University takes your highest math, reading, science and combined English/writing score from a single sitting and converts them to equivalent SAT scores (see the translation table at right). To give the ACT writing component equal weight to the SAT writing exam, the University multiplies the sum of your converted math, reading and science scores by two-thirds, then adds the converted English/writing score. This subtotal is then added to your two highest SAT Subject Test scores from two different subject areas to reach your test score total ($[\text{math} + \text{reading} + \text{science}] \times 0.667 + \text{English/writing} + \text{subject test 1} + \text{subject test 2}$).

ACT Translation Table			
ACT Score	Translated Score	ACT Score	Translated Score
36	800	20	480
35	780	19	460
34	760	18	440
33	740	17	420
32	720	16	400
31	700	15	380
30	680	14	360
29	660	13	340
28	640	12	320
27	620	11	300
26	600	10	280
25	580	9	260
24	560	8	240
23	540	7	220
22	520	1-6	200
21	500		

Examination Requirement

All students applying for fall 2006 or later must submit the following test scores:

- The SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment plus Writing.
The critical reading, writing and mathematics scores on the SAT must be from the same sitting. If you take the ACT, you must report your composite score.
- Two SAT Subject Tests.
These must be in two different areas, chosen from the following: history, literature, mathematics (Level 2 only), science or language other than English.

Note: Freshman applicants who graduated from high school in spring 2005 or earlier are required to have taken the SAT I (or ACT) and three SAT II: Subject Tests prior to high school graduation.

2005 - 2006 SAT/ACT DATES	
SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests	Registration Deadline
March 12, 2005 SAT Reasoning Test only; not offered at international test sites.	February 7, 2005
May 7, 2005	March 25, 2005
June 4, 2005	April 29, 2005
October 8, 2005	September 7, 2005
November 5, 2005	September 30, 2005
December 3, 2005 The December date is the last seating for fall admission consideration.	October 28, 2005
January 28, 2005	December 22, 2005
April 1, 2006 SAT Reasoning Test only; not offered at international test sites.	February 24, 2006
May 6, 2006	April 3, 2006
June 3, 2006	April 28, 2006
ACT Assessment Not all test dates available at each international test site.	Registration Deadline International registration deadlines are Fridays two weeks before test dates.
April 8, 2005	March 4, 2005
June 11, 2005	May 6, 2005
September 24, 2005 Offered only in Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Washington.	August 19, 2005
October 22, 2005	September 16, 2005
December 10, 2005	November 4, 2005
February 11, 2006 Not offered in New York.	January 6, 2006
April 8, 2006	March 3, 2006
June 10, 2006	May 5, 2006

