

# 2023 TJC Student Guide to University of California applications

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Site URL: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html>

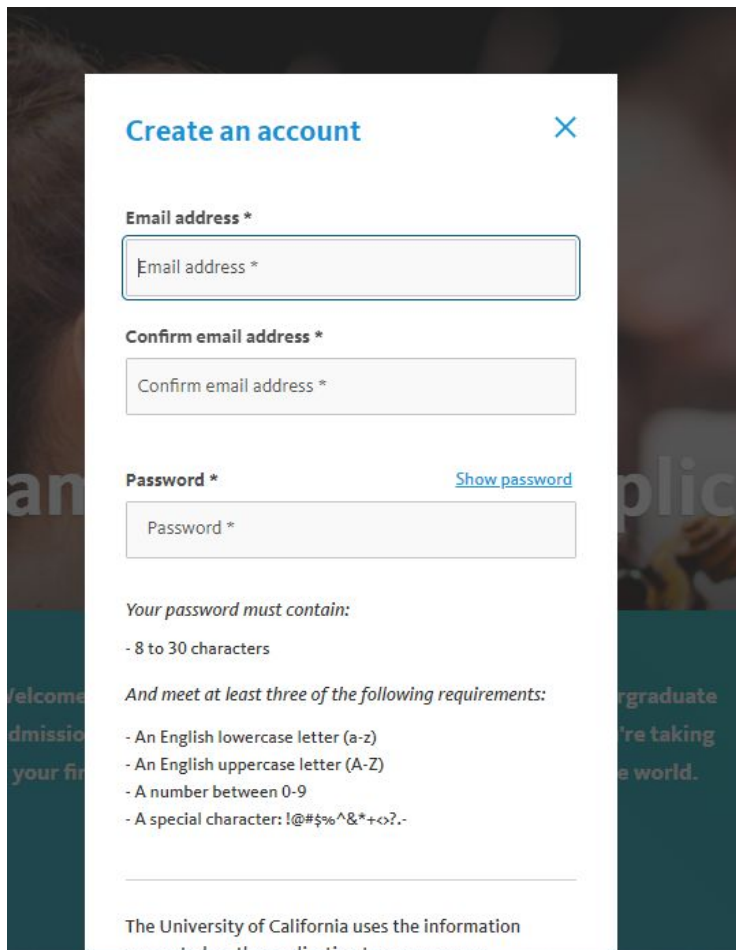
Site overview on how to fill out the application:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/filling-out-the-application.html>

# Log in and create an account

<https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>

Use an email address that has some permanence (not the temasekjc.moe.edu.sg address)



The screenshot shows a 'Create an account' modal window. It contains three main input sections: 'Email address \*', 'Confirm email address \*', and 'Password \*'. The 'Email address \*' section has a text input field with a placeholder 'Email address \*'. The 'Confirm email address \*' section has a text input field with a placeholder 'Confirm email address \*'. The 'Password \*' section has a text input field with a placeholder 'Password \*' and a 'Show password' link. Below the password field, there is a section titled 'Your password must contain:' followed by a list of requirements: '- 8 to 30 characters', 'And meet at least three of the following requirements:', '- An English lowercase letter (a-z)', '- An English uppercase letter (A-Z)', '- A number between 0-9', and '- A special character: !@#\$\$%^&\*+<>?.-'. At the bottom of the form, there is a line of text: 'The University of California uses the information'.

Create an account

Email address \*

Email address \*

Confirm email address \*

Confirm email address \*

Password \* [Show password](#)

Password \*

Your password must contain:

- 8 to 30 characters

And meet at least three of the following requirements:

- An English lowercase letter (a-z)
- An English uppercase letter (A-Z)
- A number between 0-9
- A special character: !@#\$\$%^&\*+<>?.-

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**When do you hope to start at the University of California? \***

- ☐ Winter Quarter/Spring Semester 2024
- ☒ Fall Quarter/Semester 2024
- ☐ Spring Quarter 2024


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**Your application level: \***


- ☒ Freshman

I'm currently in high school.

- OR -

I've graduated from high school, but have not enrolled in a regular session (non-summer) at a college or university. 

- ☐ Transfer

I've graduated from high school and am enrolled in a regular session (fall, winter or spring) at a college or university. 

- ☐ Other

I already have a degree (B.A. or B.S.) or I'm not working toward a UC degree.

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Save & continue

Select:

Fall Quarter/Semester  
2024 for entry in  
September 2024

Application level:  
Freshman

# Personal details

Please fill in your personal information accordingly

## What is your name?

We'd like to know your legal name - the name that appears on official documents, like your birth certificate, passport or driver's license.

First/Given name \*

John

Middle name

Last / Family / Surname \*

Tan

Suffix

-- select --



## Do you have a lived name?

A lived or preferred name is a name you go by that is different than your legal name (for example, a middle name that you go by or a name that aligns with your gender identity). If you enter a lived name, we'll use it in most of our communications with you about the application, except when it's required for us to use your legal name.



No



Yes

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Contact information

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Demographics

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Under Citizenship & residency, select  
F1-Student visa

☒ Non-immigrant/foreign visa (you have a visa or will be applying for one)

Do you currently have a U.S. visa? \*

☒ No ☐ Yes

Which type of U.S. visa will you apply for (or have applied for)? \*

Planned visa type \*

F1 - Student



Do you have a U.S. Social Security number or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)?

If you apply for financial aid, we use the Social Security number or ITIN you provide to match

your application to your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream

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> [Campuses & majors](#)

Under **Campuses & majors**, remember to acknowledge the UC Values.

You are advised to do some research on the various UC Campuses and the majors offered. Each campus has different strengths and unique environments, so select those that suit you best. There is an application fee of US\$95 per campus.

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**Campuses & majors**

UC values



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# Academic History

Note:

**Middle school** = Grade 7 - 8:

Grade 7: IP1 / Sec 1

Grade 8: IP2 / Sec 2

**High school** = Grade 9 - 12:

Grade 9: IP3 / Sec 3

Grade 10: IP4 / Sec 4

Grade 11: JC1

Grade 12: JC 2



# Academic History - 7th & 8th grade

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Did you take any high school-level math courses in 7th or 8th grade?

☒ No ☐ Yes

Clear

Did you take any courses in a language other than English in 7th or 8th grade?

☐ No ☒ Yes

Clear

You can enter information about the course below. If you took more than one course, click the "Add another course" button. Remember, you should enter these courses only if you earned a grade of C or better.

Course name *	Term period *	Course category *	Language *	
Sec 1 Chinese Language	Full year	Yr 1 Lang Ot...	Chinese	Delete
Course name *	Term period *	Course category *	Language *	
Sec 2 Chinese Language	Full year	Yr 2 Lang Ot...	Chinese	Delete

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Introduction ✓

7th & 8th grade

High schools

9th grade

10th grade

11th grade

12th grade

Colleges attended in high school

Did you take any High school level-math courses in 7th or 8th grade? (i.e. Sec 3 - 4 courses when you were in Sec 1 - 2)

- Select **No** if you did not.

Courses in other languages:

- Input your **Mother Tongue** and **Third language** taken in Sec 1 & 2/ IP 1 & 2

# Academic History - 7th & 8th grade

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## International school experience

**Did you attend school outside the United States for any part of 6th through 8th grade?**

This excludes high school summer sessions, or American International or Department of Defense High School.

☐ No ☒ Yes

Clear

**What was the language of instruction? \***

English

9th grade

10th grade

11th grade

12th grade

Colleges attended in high school

College courses taken in high school

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# Academic History - Find high school

For **IP students**: enter Temasek Junior College

For **non-IP students**: you will need to enter both your Secondary School, as well as Temasek Junior College.

If you cannot find your school, search for the School code on the CollegeBoard site:  
<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/k12-educators/tools-resources/k12-school-code-search>

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Search for high school

Enter your school's name, city, or the school code. i

Temasek Junior College

Search

Cancel

SCHOOL

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# Academic History - Find high school

For IP students

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Specialized curriculum:	GCE A-levels
Grading system:	GPA 0-4; ABCDESU
Term system:	Full
Attended:	January 2018 - December 2023
Grades attended:	
9th grade:	2021 - 2022
10th grade:	2021 - 2022
11th grade:	2022 - 2023
12th grade:	2022 - 2023
School you will graduate from:	Yes
Degree, diploma or certificate:	Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-levels
Date received or to be received:	December 2023
Language of Instruction:	English

If the school name is still not found, click search again.

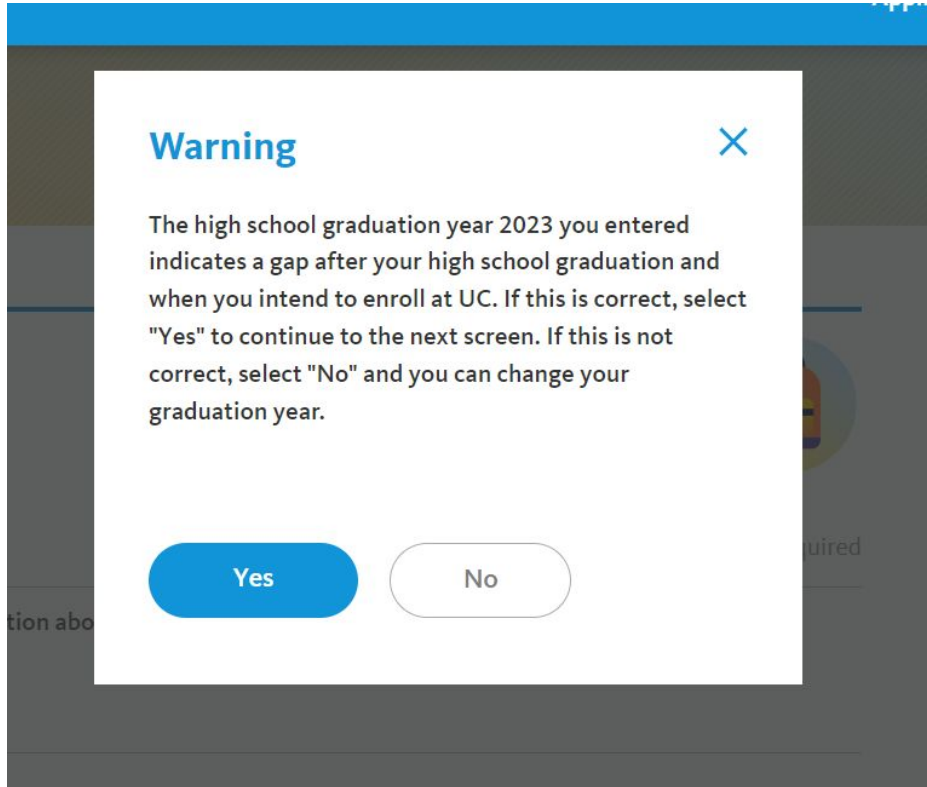
Then, manually enter the school information. Refer to the screenshot for a sample.

- On “specialised curriculum”, select “**Other**” and key in **GCE A-levels**.
- “What is this school’s grading system”? Select “**Other**” and key in “**GPA 0-4; ABCDESU**”
- “What is this school’s term system”? Select “**Full year (1 final grade per year)**”.
- “What is this school’s language of instruction”? Select **English**.
- “Are you graduating from this high school?” Select “**Yes**”.
- Certification to be received: Select “**Other**”, key in “**Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-levels**.”
- Date to be received: “**December 2023**”

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# Academic History - Find high school

For IP students

A warning dialog box with a blue header bar. The title "Warning" is in blue text with a close button (X) to its right. The main text explains that the graduation year 2023 indicates a gap after high school graduation and when enrolling at UC, asking the user to select "Yes" or "No". At the bottom are two buttons: "Yes" (blue) and "No" (white with a grey border).

**Warning** ✕

The high school graduation year 2023 you entered indicates a gap after your high school graduation and when you intend to enroll at UC. If this is correct, select "Yes" to continue to the next screen. If this is not correct, select "No" and you can change your graduation year.

**Yes** **No**

- Click **Yes**.
- You can key in the explanation later in the **Additional information** section.

# Academic History - Find high school

For Non-IP students

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ANGLICAN HIGH SCHOOL SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE		Delete	Edit
School code:	990063		
Specialized curriculum:	GCE O-levels		
Grading system:	A1 to F9		
Term system:	Full		
Attended:	January 2018 - December 2021		
Grades attended:			
9th grade:	2020 - 2021		
10th grade:	2020 - 2021		
School you will graduate from:	No		
Language of Instruction:	English		

If the name of your secondary school is still not found, click search again.

Then, manually enter the school information based on your secondary school transcripts. Refer to screenshot for a sample.

- On “specialised curriculum”, select “**Other**” and key in **GCE O Levels**.
- “What is this school’s grading system”? Select “**Other**” and key in “**A1 to F9**”
- “What is this school’s term system”? Select “**Full year (1 final grade per year)**”.
- “What is this school’s language of instruction?” Select **English**.
- “Are you graduating from this high school?” Select **No**.
- After that, add another high school **Temasek Junior College** as the school you are graduating from.
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# Academic History - Find high school

For Non-IP students

Specialized curriculum:	GCE A-levels
Grading system:	ABCDESU
Term system:	Full
Attended:	February 2022 - December 2023
Grades attended:	
11th grade:	2022 - 2023
12th grade:	2022 - 2023
School you will graduate from:	Yes
Degree, diploma or certificate:	Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-levels
Date received or to be received:	December 2023
Language of Instruction:	English

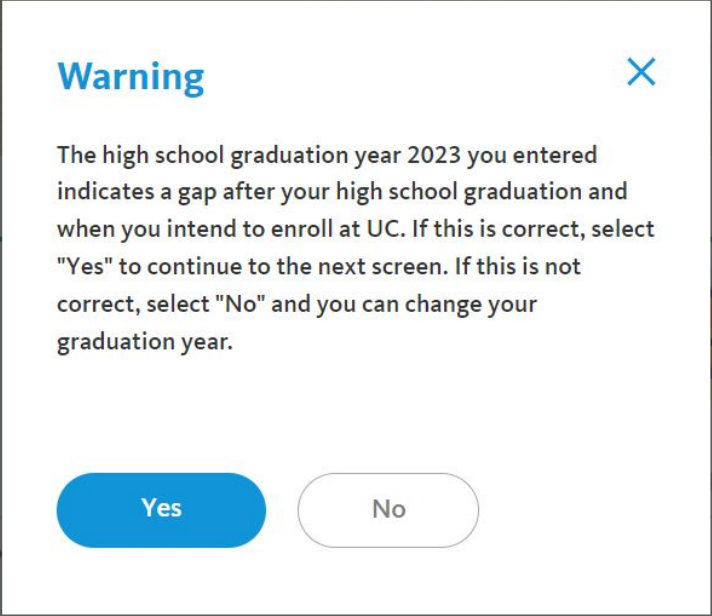
Here is a sample of the info for JC1 and JC2.

- On “specialised curriculum”, select “**Other**” and key in **GCE A-levels**.
- “What is this school’s grading system”? Select “**Other**” and key in “**ABCDESU**”
- “What is this school’s term system”? Select “**Full year (1 final grade per year)**”.
- “What is this school’s language of instruction?” Select **English**”.
- “Are you graduating from this high school?” Select “**Yes**”.
- Certification to be received: Select “**Other**”, key in “**Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-levels**.”
- Date to be received: “**December 2023**”

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# Academic History - Find high school

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**Yes** **No**

- Click **Yes**.
- You can key in the explanation later in the **Additional Information** section.



# Academic History - Grades

- Under each grade, fill in all your end-of-year results for Sec 3 & 4 / IP3 & 4, JC1 Promo and JC2 Prelims.
- For the **Subject Area/Course Category**, select the one that best fits your subject.
- For the **Course Name**, type in the exact course name on your transcripts.
- For the **Honor Type**,
  - **NH - Not Honors**: All IP3 & IP4/ Sec 3 & 4 courses and all H1 and H2 subjects
  - **HL - Honors Level**: all H3 subjects

# Academic History - Grades

For IP students

Subject Area/Course Category

English

▼

Course Name

Integrated Programme, II

Honor Type

NH

▼

Clear

Grade 1

A+

Subject Area/Course Category

Other Advanced Mathemat...

▼

Course Name

Integrated Programme, II

Honor Type

NH

▼

Clear

Grade 1

A+

Add another course

Fill in your grades for IP 3 (Grade 9) and IP 4 (Grade 10) based on your school result slips

Refer to the screenshot for a sample of IP3 grades.

For the course name, type in the exact title used in your transcripts.

For example,

- “Integrated Programme, IP3, Language Arts”
- “Integrated Programme, IP4, Intermediate Mathematics”

Note: GCE O-level results for MTL will be reported later, under the Test-Scores:International Exams section.

# Academic History - Grades

For Non-IP students

2020 - 2021 academic year

Subject Area/Course Category

English

Course Name

GCE O-level, Sec 3 English

Honor Type

NH

Clear

Grade 1

A1

Subject Area/Course Category

Other Advanced Mathemat...

Course Name

GCE O-level, Elementary

Honor Type

NH

Clear

Grade 1

A1

Subject Area/Course Category

Course Name

Honor Type

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Fill in your grades for Sec 3 (Grade 9) and Sec 4 (Grade 10) based on your school result slips.

Refer to screenshot for a sample for Sec 3 grades.

For the course name, type in the exact title used in your transcripts.

For example,

- "GCE O-level, Sec 3, English"
- "GCE O-level, Sec 4, Elementary Mathematics"

Note: Key in your school results here. The actual GCE O-level results will be reported later, under the Test Scores:International Exams section.

# Academic History - Grades

JC1 and JC2

Fill in your grades for JC1 Promos (Grade 11) and JC2 Prelims (Grade 12).

Refer to screenshot for a sample for JC2 results.

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Subject Area/Course Category	Course Name	Honor Type	
English	GCE A-level, H1 General	NH	Clear
Grade 1			
A			

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Subject Area/Course Category	Course Name	Honor Type	
Elective -History/Social Science	GCE A-level, H3 Economi	HL	Clear
Grade 1			
Dist			

[Add another course](#)

For the course name, type in the exact title used in your transcripts.

For example,

For Grade 11:

- “GCE A-level, H1 General Paper (JC1)”
- “GCE A-level, H2 Chemistry (JC1)”

For Grade 12:

- “GCE A-level, H2 Mathematics (Prelims)”
- “GCE A-level, H3 Economics (Prelims)”

**TJC Alumni**, please report your JC2 Prelim results for Grade 12. The actual A-level results will be reported under the Test Scores: International exams section.

# Academic History - Additional Information

For IP students

In this section, type in the following information:

- I was a student of the Integrated Programme (IP) in Temasek Junior College from Grades 7-12. IP students are exempted from the GCE O-levels. In Grades 9-10, a GPA system (0-4) was used. In Grades 11-12, I went on to the mainstream 2-year JC programme, which uses a letter grading system (ABCDESU). Our school term runs from Jan-Dec annually. I will be taking the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-level exam in Nov-Dec 2023.

**TJC alumni:** Please change this to: “I took the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-level exam in Nov-Dec 20\_\_” and adjust the rest of the years accordingly.

# Academic History - Additional Information

For Non-IP students

In this section, type in the following information:

- I completed Grades 9-10 in (secondary school), obtaining my GCE O-levels in Dec 2021. I was a student of Temasek Junior College in Grades 11-12. Our school term runs from Jan-Dec annually. I will be taking the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-level exam in Nov-Dec 2023.

**TJC alumni:** Please change this to: “I took the Singapore-Cambridge GCE A-level exam in Nov-Dec 20\_\_” and adjust the rest of the years accordingly.

# Test scores - English language proficiency tests

## Test scores

### English language proficiency tests



\* required

Students from a country where the language of instruction is not English are required to submit a score from one of the following tests: the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination (academic modules) or the Duolingo English Test (DET). TOEFL, IELTS or DET exam scores are preferred, but the score from ACT English Language Arts or SAT Writing and Language can also be used to demonstrate English language proficiency.

Fill in your SAT/ACT scores accurately.

If you have not taken your SAT/ACTs and plan to take them, also indicate so in this section.

Do you have any TOEFL, IELTS, DET, ACT or SAT tests (planned or completed) to report? \*

☒ Yes ☐ No

# Test scores - International exams

Add Singapore O-levels

Grade scale \*

1-9

Exams

Month *	Year *	Subject *	Score *	Predicted	Not Received	
Decem... ▾	2021 ▾	English	1 ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear

Month *	Year *	Subject *	Score *	Predicted	Not Received	
Decem... ▾	2021 ▾	Elementary Mathematics	1 ▾	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear

Report your O-level scores accurately.

Exam Type: **Singapore O-levels**

Grade scale: **1-9**

**IP Students**: Report your O-level MTL and Third Language scores.

**Non-IP Students**: Report all O-level scores.

Subject: type in the subject name as stated on your O-level certificates\.

Refer to the screenshot for a sample.



# Test scores - International exams

**Singapore A-levels H1**  
(Grade scale: A-E)

DeleteEdit

Date taken	Subject	Score	Predicted	Not received
11/2023	General Paper			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Singapore A-levels H2**  
(Grade scale: A-E)

DeleteEdit

Date taken	Subject	Score	Predicted	Not received
11/2023	Economics			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/2023	Mathematics			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/2023	Chemistry			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11/2023	Biology			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Other: Singapore A-levels H3**

DeleteEdit

Date taken	Subject	Score	Predicted	Not received
12/2023	Economics			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Report your A-level subjects accurately.

Exam Types: (save and continue after each type)

**Singapore A-levels H1,  
Singapore A-levels H2,  
Other: Singapore A-levels H3**

Subject: type in the subject name as stated on your A-level registration

Tick: **Not received**

(**TJC Alumni**: leave the box unchecked)

Refer to the screenshot for a sample of the summary page.

# Test scores - International exams

If there are other relevant exams for your course of study (e.g. ABRSM Diploma in Music Performance), you may also report them in this section, using the **Exam type: Other** option.

# Activities & awards

## Activities & awards

### Add activities & awards




\* required


You can enter your activities and awards one at a time. First, select a category from the dropdown menu below. Once you've selected a category, you'll be able to tell us more about the activity or award in the follow-up questions.

### Description of categories


**Award or honor:** We want to know about the awards and honors you've received that mean the most to you.

**Educational preparation programs:** Any programs or activities that have enriched your academic experiences or helped you prepare for college. 

**Extracurricular activity:** These could include hobbies, clubs, sports or anything else you haven't had the chance to tell us about.

**Other coursework:** These are courses other than those required for UC admission (courses that do not fit in UC's A-G subject areas). 

**Volunteering / Community service:** These are activities you've donated time and effort to without getting paid.

**Work experience:** This is for telling us about any paid jobs or paid internships you've had. 

Report activities and awards that best reflect yourself as a person.

Put some thought into which activities you choose to share, what you learnt from the process and how your experiences helped you grow.

Activity/Award [1]

# Personal insight questions

## Personal insight

### Personal insight questions



\* required

Please respond to any 4 of the 8 questions below.

We realize that not all questions apply to all applicants, so be sure to select the 4 questions that you believe give us the best information about you.

All 8 questions are given equal consideration in the application review process. Responses to each question should be between 250-350 words.

#### Personal insight questions

Want a copy of the personal insight questions emailed to you? It's a good idea to work on these before you enter them in the application.

Email questions

Please answer any 4 questions below

1. Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes, or contributed to group efforts over time.

Answer

2. Every person has a creative side, and it can be expressed in many ways: problem solving, original and innovative thinking, and artistically, to name a few. Describe how you express your creative side.

Answer

Work on these carefully.

Avoid listing your achievements. Instead, reflect on your experiences thoughtfully. Showcase your personality, qualities, motivations and values. It is useful to provide concrete examples of experiences, with details.

# Review and submit

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## Review & submit

Here's your chance to review all of the information you've entered in the application. If you've skipped or missed any required questions, you'll see a "To do" button next to the page below.

Before you submit your application, you should review all the pages and sections below, even if they are marked as complete (indicated with a checkmark). Remember, we want to learn as much about you as possible — so it's a good idea to fill out as much as you can and review all the information you'll be sharing with us.

### Fall quarter/semester 2024

> [Expand all](#)

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- > About you
- > Campuses & majors
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- Submission is final.
- Check through all the sections before submitting.
- Prepare your mode of payment.
- It is advisable to make the submission at least a few days **before the deadline of 30 Nov** in case you encounter any technical difficulties.