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✅ Freshman Admission Requirements

To be considered for freshman admission to the University of California, you must earn a high school diploma or equivalent and satisfy the following minimum UC admission requirements:

1. SUBJECT REQUIREMENT
The following 15 "a-g" subjects must be completed with a C grade or better. One credit equals one year of study. At least 11 of the subject requirements must be completed before your senior year of high school.

"A-G" SUBJECTS	REQUIREMENT
a. History/social science	Two years
b. English (or language of instruction)	Four years
c. Mathematics	Three years*
d. Laboratory science	Two years*
e. Language other than English (or second language)	Two years*
f. Visual and performing arts	One year
g. College preparatory elective	One year

*UC recommends one additional year of study.

For California residents, the "a-g" courses must be on your high school's UC-approved course list, which is available at *ucop.edu/agguide*. If your school is taught in a language other than English, you can satisfy subject requirement "e" with studies in any language other than your school's language of instruction.

2. SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT
The scholarship requirement is satisfied if you earn a GPA of 3.00 or higher. All courses must be completed with a C grade or better. Applicants who are not California residents must earn a GPA of 3.40 or higher.

3. EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT
You are required to take the **ACT with Writing** or the **SAT with Essay**. Only your highest total score from a single sitting will be considered.

SAT Subject Tests are not required for admission. UC Davis will consider SAT Subject Tests only if they benefit you.

Applicants for fall 2017 must take the ACT with Writing or the SAT with Essay no later than December 2016. Official scores must be received by the end of January 2017. You are responsible for making sure that the testing agencies send your scores to the University of California. When you report your ACT and/or SAT scores to one UC campus, they will be shared with every UC campus to which you have applied.

📄 Testing Agencies

ACT WITH WRITING
act.org
UC Davis ACT code: 0454

SAT WITH ESSAY AND SUBJECT TESTS
collegeboard.org
UC Davis CEEB code: 004834

Academic Profile
Fall 2016 Admitted Freshmen

Ranges represent the middle 50 percent of admitted students.

GPA (weighted)	3.92–4.23*
GPA (unweighted)	3.70–3.95
ACT	27–32
SAT Total	1770–2120**
SAT Math	600–760
SAT Reading	550–690
SAT Writing	580–710

*Applicants who have taken college coursework or attended schools that offer International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP) or UC-approved Honors Level (HL) should refer to the weighted GPA, which is capped at eight semesters of honors points. Students admitted to UC Davis typically exceed admission requirements.

** Beginning March 2016, the new SAT with Essay exam became available. For fall 2017 applicants, University of California will accept scores from the old SAT or new SAT with Essay (or ACT with Writing). For more information, visit ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate.

California Resident Pathways

For the highest-achieving California applicants, there are two pathways for guaranteed admission to the University of California, provided space is available. For more information visit *admission. universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/california-residents*.

STATEWIDE PATH
The top 9 percent of California high school graduates (according to the UC admissions index) are eligible for this pathway to admission. At least 11 of the 15 subject requirement courses must be completed before your senior year with a GPA of 3.00 or higher, and the remaining subject and examination requirements must be completed by graduation.

LOCAL PATH
If you are a California resident and rank in the top 9 percent of students in your California high school class—and your high school participates in the University of California Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) program—you may be eligible for ELC designation.

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS
Your responses to four personal insight questions are an important component of your freshman or transfer application for admission and scholarships. There is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain prompts over others, and each response is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

Freshman applicants must respond to four short-answer prompts chosen from eight options. Transfer applicants must respond to four short-answer prompts—one mandatory prompt and their choice of three from seven options. See a list of personal insight questions and response tips at *ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/personal-insight-questions.*

Freshman Selection Policy

Every application receives a comprehensive review. We consider a broad range of criteria—from traditional academic factors to extracurricular achievement, response to life challenges and promise—including the context in which you have demonstrated academic and personal accomplishments.

The strength of your high school record is the single most important component in our review. The strongest applicants are admitted based on the number of admission spaces available within each college, division, academic department or major.

- **College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences** admits by college.
- **College of Biological Sciences** admits by college.
- **College of Engineering** admits by academic department and major.
- **College of Letters and Science** admits by three divisions: Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies; Mathematical and Physical Sciences; and Social Sciences.

Each UC campus has a slightly different process for reviewing applications, yet all campuses use the same 14 faculty-determined selection criteria:

1. Grade point average (GPA)
Academic grade point average in all completed "a-g" courses, including additional grade points for completed UC-certified honors courses.

2. Test scores
Highest score from a single sitting on the ACT with Writing or the SAT with Essay.

3. Courses completed/planned
Number and content of/and performance in academic courses beyond the minimum "a-g" requirements.

4. Honors coursework
Number of/and performance in UC-approved California high school honors, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level and UC-transferable college courses.

5. Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC)
Identification by UC as being ranked in the top nine percent of your high school class before your senior year.

6. Quality of senior-year program of study
Quality of your senior-year program as measured by the type and number of academic courses in progress or planned.

7. Educational opportunities in high school
Quality of your academic performance relative to the educational opportunities available in your high school.

8. Performance in academic subject areas
Outstanding performance in one or more specific subject areas.

9. Achievements in special projects
Outstanding work in one or more special projects in any academic field of study.

10. Improvement in academic performance
Recent marked improvement in academic performance as demonstrated by academic GPA and the quality of coursework completed or in progress.

11. Special talents, achievements and awards
Special talents, achievements, awards and demonstrated leadership in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts; communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate your promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of our campus.

12. Participation in educational preparation/ academic enrichment programs
Participation and persistence in academic enrichment programs, including, but not limited to, those sponsored by the University of California.

13. Academic accomplishment within life experiences
Demonstrated academic achievement in light of significant life experiences, including, but not limited to, disability, low family income, first generation to attend college, need to work and other special circumstances.

14. Geographic location
Geographic diversity as defined by the location of your secondary school and/or residence.

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Applying for Admission

1. **Check** our application basics at *ucdavis.edu/apply/undergraduate.*

2. **Review** our tips on responding to the personal insight questions at *ucdavis.edu/apply/personal-insight-questions.*

3. **Start** your UC application online as early as August 1 at *universityofcalifornia.edu/apply.*
   - Select your first-choice major and an alternate major.
   - If you are applying for scholarships, be sure to check the "release authorization" box.

4. **Submit** your application November 1–30, along with the application fee for each campus: $70 for domestic applicants, $80 for international applicants. Find out if you are eligible for fee waivers at *ucdavis.edu/apply/fee-waiver.*

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Resources for Applicants

UC Davis Freshman Admission
ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman

UC Admission Freshman Requirements
ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/requirements

UC Davis Transfer Admission
ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer

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ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/requirements

UC Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)
uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu

UC Davis Admission Checklists
ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/freshman/checklist

ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/checklist

Tips on Personal Insight Questions
ucdavis.edu/apply/personal-insight-tips

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
success.ucdavis.edu/programs/eop/

Undocumented Student Resources
undoc.universityofcalifornia.edu/applying-to-uc.html

Majors *ucdavis.edu/majors*

- Aerospace Science and Engineering
- African American and African Studies
- Agricultural and Environmental Education
- American Studies
- Animal Biology
- Animal Science
- Animal Science and Management
- Anthropology
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Art History
- Art Studio
- Asian American Studies
- Atmospheric Science
- Biochemical Engineering
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Cell Biology
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemical Physics
- Chemistry
- Chicana/Chicano Studies
- Chinese
- Cinema and Digital Media
- Civil Engineering
- Classical Civilization
- Clinical Nutrition
- Cognitive Science
- Communication

- Community and Regional Development
- Comparative Literature
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Design
- East Asian Studies
- Ecological Management and Restoration
- Economics
- Electrical Engineering
- English
- Entomology
- Environmental Horticulture and Urban Forestry
- Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning
- Environmental Science and Management
- Environmental Toxicology
- Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity
- Fiber and Polymer Science (suspended 2017–18)
- Food Science
- French
- Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies
- Genetics and Genomics
- Geology
- German
- Global Disease Biology
- History
- Human Development

- Hydrology
- International Agricultural Development
- International Relations
- Italian
- Japanese
- Landscape Architecture
- Linguistics
- Managerial Economics
- Marine and Coastal Science—Coastal Environmental Processes*
- Marine and Coastal Science—Marine Ecology and Organismal Biology*
- Marine and Coastal Science—Marine Environmental Chemistry*
- Marine and Coastal Science—Oceans and the Earth System*
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematical Analytics and Operations Research
- Mathematical and Scientific Computation
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies
- Microbiology
- Middle East/South Asia Studies
- Music
- Native American Studies
- Natural Sciences
- Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior
- Nutrition Science
- Pharmaceutical Chemistry

- Philosophy
- Physics
- Plant Biology
- Plant Sciences
- Political Science
- Political Science—Public Service
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Science and Technology Studies
- Sociology
- Sociology—Organizational Studies
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
- Sustainable Environmental Design
- Textiles and Clothing
- Theatre and Dance
- Undeclared—Fine Arts
- Undeclared—Humanities
- Undeclared—Life Sciences
- Undeclared—Physical Sciences
- Undeclared—Social Sciences
- Undeclared/Exploratory—College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- Viticulture and Enology
- Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology

*The Marine and Coastal Science major is offered with four different emphases through three academic colleges. Please visit ucdavis.edu/majors to learn about academic college requirements for the emphasis you wish to pursue.
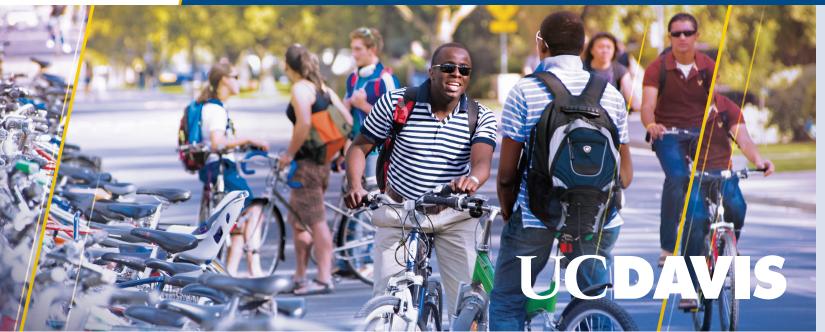
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✓ Transfer Admission Requirements

Attending a community college is a great way to save money, transition to a university environment and still get all the benefits of a world-class education. For fall 2016, we accepted 59 percent of transfer applicants, giving highest priority to junior-level transfer applicants from California community colleges.

1. UC TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

As a junior transfer student, you must fulfill the following minimum requirements:

- Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable credit. No more than 14 semester (21 quarter) units may be taken Pass/No Pass.

- Earn an overall 2.40 GPA or higher in all UC-transferable college coursework (2.80 GPA required for residents outside of California).

- Complete the following seven transferable college courses, earning a grade of C or better in each course:
  - Two courses in English composition
  - One course in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
  - Four courses chosen from at least two of these subject areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and physical and biological sciences

For the best transition and reduced time to degree, students should consider completing all lower-division major preparatory coursework listed at *assist.org*.

2. UC DAVIS SELECTION CRITERIA

Transfer admission to UC Davis is based primarily on an applicant's academic preparation. To be a competitive candidate for admission, you must be well prepared with coursework in your intended major and maintain a GPA of 2.80 or higher; candidates for admission to the College of Engineering should maintain a GPA of 3.10 or higher.

Academic Profile Fall 2016 Admitted Transfers

Ranges represent the middle 50 percent of admitted students.

GPA   3.36–3.75

Students admitted to UC Davis typically exceed admission requirements.

⏱ Deadline for Completion of Requirements

All applicants must complete UC transfer admission requirements and UC Davis selection criteria by the end of spring term before fall enrollment. However, Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) applicants must complete UC transfer requirements in English and mathematics by the end of fall term, prior to enrollment. We strongly recommend that non-TAG applicants meet these same English and mathematics deadlines in order to receive priority consideration.

🎓 Selecting a General Education Pattern

The general education (GE) pattern you choose to follow is another important consideration as you plan your transfer admission, though it is not an admission requirement. You should place the highest priority on completing transferable courses for your UC Davis major. Visit *ucdavis.edu/admissions/undergraduate/transfer/planning* to learn more about selecting a GE pattern: either UC Davis GE or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

🖩 How to Calculate Your GPA

UC Davis calculates your GPA based upon UC-transferable coursework. California community college students should visit *assist.org* to identify transferable courses.

Ensure Admission with a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

The UC Davis TAG program offers transfer students from all California community colleges a guarantee of admission to UC Davis.

To be eligible, you must meet or exceed the minimum overall GPA of 3.20 (3.30 for the College of Engineering) from the time your TAG is submitted until the time of enrollment. Courses from selective major course groups that you have completed before submitting the UC TAG application must meet or exceed minimum required GPAs.

Submit your TAG September 1–30, 2016. Learn more at *ucdavis.edu/tag*.

UC Transfer Admission Planner (TAP)

Simplify your UC Davis transfer process with the UC TAP. The UC TAP is an online tool that will help you track your progress from a California community college to UC Davis. Using the UC TAP allows your community college counselor and UC admission officers to provide you support along the way. Start your UC TAP at *uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu*.

Planning with the Transfer Opportunity Program (TOP)

TOP is a cooperative effort between UC Davis and many Northern California community colleges. TOP coordinators from Undergraduate Admissions regularly visit participating colleges to provide information about UC Davis admission and selection, major preparation, general education, financial aid, housing and many other important student services. Visit *ucdavis.edu/top* for more information.

Selective Majors

Students applying to the following selective majors must meet supplementary grade and coursework requirements. All courses must be taken for a letter grade with no grade less than a C, or be satisfied by Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level examination score equivalencies. All major preparatory course requirements must be completed by the end of spring term before fall enrollment.

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
- Biotechnology
- Viticulture and Enology

College of Biological Sciences
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Cell Biology
- Evolution, Ecology and Biodiversity
- Genetics and Genomics
- Marine and Coastal Science
- Microbiology
- Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior
- Plant Biology

College of Engineering
- Aerospace Science and Engineering
- Biochemical Engineering
- Biological Systems Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering

College of Letters and Science
To be a competitive candidate for admission to selective majors and the pre-major in this college, you must have an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher.

- Computer Science
- Psychology

For a complete list of majors, please see Majors on the reverse side or visit *ucdavis.edu/majors*.

Transfer Selection Policy

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Biotechnology
Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.50 for each of the three course groups. Candidates are required to meet or exceed minimum GPAs in the groups below for coursework that has been completed at the time of application and to maintain GPAs through the transfer academic update filing period:

- Mathematics 16A/B or 17A/B or 21A/B
- Chemistry 2A/B/C
- Biological Sciences 2A or 2B or 2C

A minimum of one course comparable to a UC Davis Biological Sciences 2 series course must be completed with a B grade or better for admission. If multiple courses are required to satisfy one UC Davis Biological Sciences 2 series course, each of those courses must be completed and the GPA for those courses must be 3.00 or higher.

If courses comparable to two UC Davis Biological Sciences 2 series courses or the entire Biological Sciences 2 series are completed, a group GPA of 2.50 or higher is required.

We strongly encourage you to complete the entire Biological Sciences 2A/B/C series before matriculating to UC Davis, as that series is a prerequisite for many upper-division courses.

It is also strongly recommended that you complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses. Completion of these courses will help you move more efficiently toward graduation:

- Organic Chemistry 8A/B or 118A/B/C

We strongly encourage you to complete the entire Organic Chemistry 8A/B or 118A/B/C series before matriculating to UC Davis, as the series is a prerequisite for many upper-division courses.

Additional TAG Requirement:
If only one course within the Biological Sciences series is completed before submitting the UC TAG application, a letter grade of B or better must be earned.

Landscape Architecture (Pre-Major)
Students who wish to major in landscape architecture must apply to "Landscape Architecture, Pre-." After applying for admission, students submit a separate portfolio application to the landscape architecture program in February, either before or after enrollment at UC Davis. Contact the Landscape Architecture Advising Office at 530-754-8628 or visit *humanecology.ucdavis.edu/lda* for details.

Viticulture and Enology
Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.00 for the group. It is required that candidates have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 for courses in the groups below that have been completed by the time of application and maintain the GPA through the transfer academic update filing period:

- General Chemistry 2A/B/C
- Organic Chemistry 8A
- Mathematics 16A
- Physics 1A/B or 7A
- Biological Sciences 2A

It is strongly recommended that you complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses. If you take them, you must have a GPA of at least 3.00 for the entire group of courses listed above and below:

- Organic Chemistry 8B
- Mathematics 16B
- Plant Sciences 2

College of Biological Sciences

All majors in the College of Biological Sciences are selective. To be a competitive candidate for admission, you must have an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher.

Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.50 for each of the three course groups. It is recommended that candidates have already achieved minimum required GPAs for courses in the groups below that have been completed by the time of application, and candidates should maintain them through the transfer academic update filing period:

- Mathematics 17A/B/C or 21A/B
- Chemistry 2A/B/C
- Biological Sciences 2A/B/C

We strongly encourage you to complete, prior to transfer, courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses:

- Organic Chemistry 8A/B* or 118A/B/C
- Physics 7A/B/C or the Physics series cited at *assist.org* for your intended College of Biological Sciences major. Completion of the Physics series is especially useful for students applying to the Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior major.

*Students preparing for the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major should complete Organic Chemistry 118A/B/C rather than 8A/B.

College of Engineering

All majors in the College of Engineering are selective. To be a competitive candidate for admission, you must have an overall GPA of 3.10 or higher.

Applicants must complete all lower-division courses required for their specific major as listed at *assist.org* under "Courses Required for Admission" in the 2015–16 articulation agreement.* See the College of Engineering Transfer Credit Agreement (engineering grid) for your California community college at *engineering.ucdavis.edu/transfer-credit-agreements*, which lists required courses for each major.

Applicants in all engineering majors must complete all lower-division major requirements with a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher for those courses completed at the time of application and through the transfer academic update filing period. Required coursework varies by major, though the following UC Davis courses are common to all engineering majors:

- Mathematics 21A/B/C/D
- Mathematics 22A/B
- Physics 9A/B/C
- Chemistry 2A

Only University Writing Program 1 can be used to satisfy the lower-division composition requirement for Biological Systems Engineering students.

TAG applicants for fall 2018 admission must have an overall GPA of 3.40 or higher.

Please visit *engineering.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/transfer-student-guide* for more information about transfer admission priorities in the College of Engineering.

* Electrical Engineering majors are no longer required to complete the following courses for admission selection: Communication 1 or 3, Engineering 6, English 3 or University Writing Program 1. Mechanical Engineering majors are no longer required to complete the following courses for admission selection: Communication 1 or 3, Engineering 45, English 3 or University Writing Program 1, Physics 9D. The College of Engineering strongly recommends that these courses be completed, if possible, before transferring. Students will still be required to complete these courses at UC Davis upon transferring, as they are required for graduation.

College of Letters and Science

Computer Science
Applicants must complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 3.40 for each of the two course groups:

- Mathematics 21A/B/C
- Engineering Computer Science (ENG CS) 20, 30

It is recommended that candidates, by the time of application, meet or exceed the minimum required GPA in any completed course groups. Candidates should maintain course group GPA through the transfer academic update filing period.

Beginning fall 2018, all applicants to Computer Science will be required to complete Engineering Computer Science (ENG CS) 50 and ENG CS 60 as part of the selective course group above.

Please visit *www.cs.ucdavis.edu/undergraduate/transfer* for additional tips on preparing your transfer into this major.

Psychology
To be a competitive candidate for admission, you must have an overall GPA of 2.80 or higher.

Complete courses comparable to the following UC Davis courses with a GPA of at least 2.90 for the course group. It is recommended that candidates have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.90 for courses in the group below that have been completed by the time of application, and candidates should maintain the GPA through the transfer academic update filing period:

- Psychology 1
- Statistics 13
- One of these two options:
  - Biological Sciences 2A or
  - Biological Sciences 10 and one course from:
    - Anthropology 1 or
    - Molecular and Cellular Biology 10 or
    - Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior 10

Although only one biological sciences course is required for admission, students interested in pursuing a bachelor of science degree with an emphasis in biology are encouraged to complete the recommended courses shown at *assist.org*.