

UC Admissions

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UC Application- GPA

- GPA
 - 10th and 11th grade
 - Show improvement if earlier graders are low
 - Capped weighted gpa is most important
 - Count 8 semesters AP or honors, no more than 4 from Sophomore year

Tests

- SAT or ACT
 - Take them early- only really look at official scores
- SAT II subject tests
 - No longer required but can provide added value
 - Some schools may require SAT II for admittance into a specific major, but not UCD
- AP Tests
 - Shows that you are challenging yourself and you get college credit!

Minimum Qualifications

- 3.0 or better gpa
- Minimum of 15 college prep courses with at least 11 finished prior to the beginning of your senior year. (A-G) courses
 - History (2 years)
 - English (4 years)
 - Mathematics (3 years)
 - Lab science (2 years)
 - Language other than English (2 years- or equiv)
 - Visual and performing arts (1 year)
 - College-preparatory elective (1 year)

Average Admittance

Ex/ UC Davis, 2012

- Academic range of middle 50% of scores)
 - GPA 3.93-4.21 (avg 4.03)
 - ACT 26-31.5 (avg 28)
 - SAT Total 1770-2100
 - SAT Reading 661, Math 658, Writing 632

See Admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu for more info on different campuses

Transfer student gpa 3.25-3.75

Enhancing Your Application

- Show that you are challenging yourself!
- Coursework other than A-G (ex/ROP)
- Awards and Honors
- Extracurriculars
- Volunteer and Community Service
- Educational Prep Programs (articulate how this helped)
- Employment- what do you use \$ for

Personal Statement #1

- Describe the world you come from- for example, your family, community or school- and tell us how your world has shaped your dreams and aspirations

Personal Statement #2

- Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?

Additional Comments

Suggestions: Explain dip in grades, fewer courses during a semester, etc., to give reader better picture

Personal Statements

- “Look critically at the information in your application: your grades, awards, activities and work experience, family and income. Anticipate questions an admissions evaluator will have after reading your application. This personal statement is your opportunity to answer those questions.”

Financing UC Education

- Fill out a FAFSA (March deadline)
- Financialaid.ucdavis.edu
 - financial aid net price calculator
- Blue and Gold Opportunity
 - ensures that eligible California students with an annual family income of up to \$80,000 will have their system wide fees and tuition covered by gift aid.
- Dream Act- Financial help for undocumented students who are not eligible for financial aid
- Website can detail out expected parent contribution, expected student contribution, approximate living costs, etc.

Selecting a Major

- [Admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- Select How to Apply, Check Majors
- Admissions can tell you the average gpa of students in that college or major (ex/engineering)
- At Davis, College of Ag admits by college, College of Bio Sci admits by college, College of Letters and Sci admits by division (ex/Humanities, vs math vs social sci), College of Engineering admits by academic department

After You Apply

- Update your application
 - make necessary changes (update address, new official SAT/ACT scores etc)
 - **If you change schools, add/drop a course, fail to earn a C or better, must notify UC Applications Center by mail**
- Continue to check email for updates
 - Augmented Review

If you are admitted, you will have to submit final transcripts

First Hand Experience of Attending a UC

- Students- talk to your counselor or college/career advisor!
 - Make sure you are eligible and prepared
 - Take charge of your education- the UC's are large campuses and you need to know how to navigate for yourself
- Once in college, seek out opportunities, do career exploration, get help with resumes, apply for internships, go to office hours and speak with professors