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# Admissions 201 — Strategies for the next level

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# Introductions



## Discussion topics

- **Validation of math and LOTE**
- **Out-of-state coursework**
- **Mixed records**
- **English language proficiency**
- **Online coursework**



# Validation



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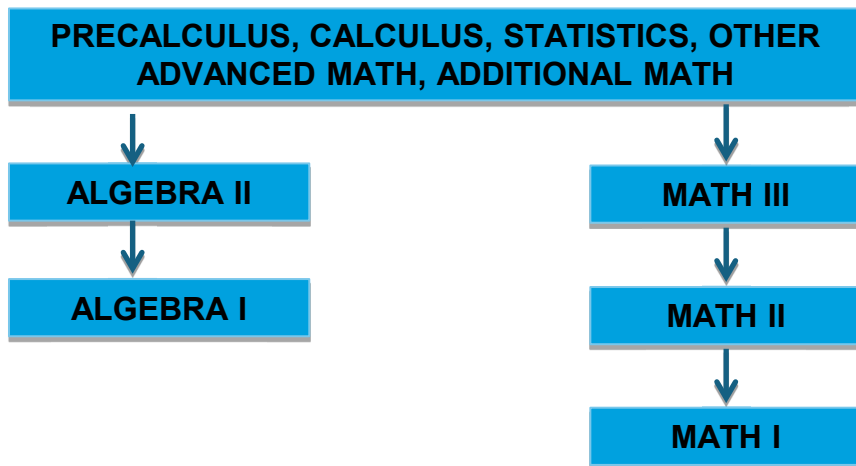
### Validation of subject omissions:

- Completing an advanced-level course with a C or better can validate a lower-level course
- *Example:* Algebra II (C or better) validates Algebra I

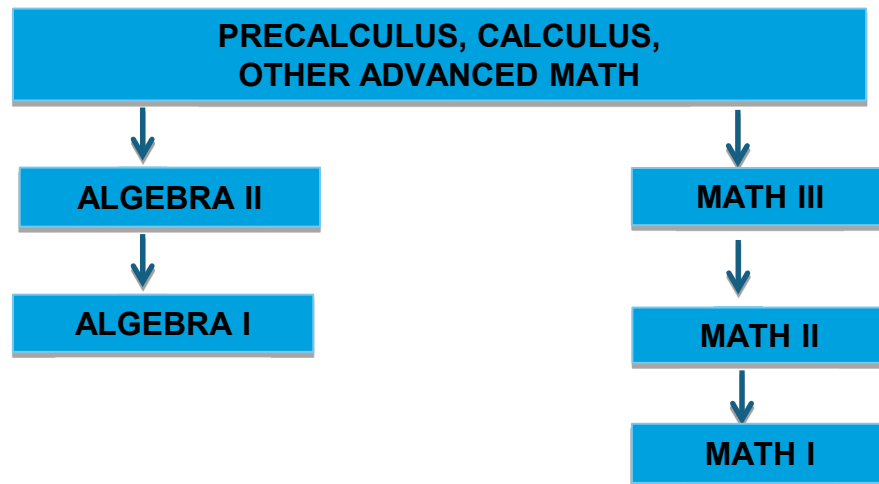
### Validation of grade deficiencies:

- Passing an advanced level course with a C or better can validate a deficient grade in a lower-level course
- *Example:* AP Calculus AB (C or better) validates D and/or F grades in Algebra II

### Validation of subject omission (through summer 2026)



### Validation of subject omission (beginning fall 2026)



## Examples of math omission

### Beginning fall 2026:

- Courses from **Additional Math** or **Statistics** disciplines will no longer validate Algebra II/Math III omission

### Test your knowledge

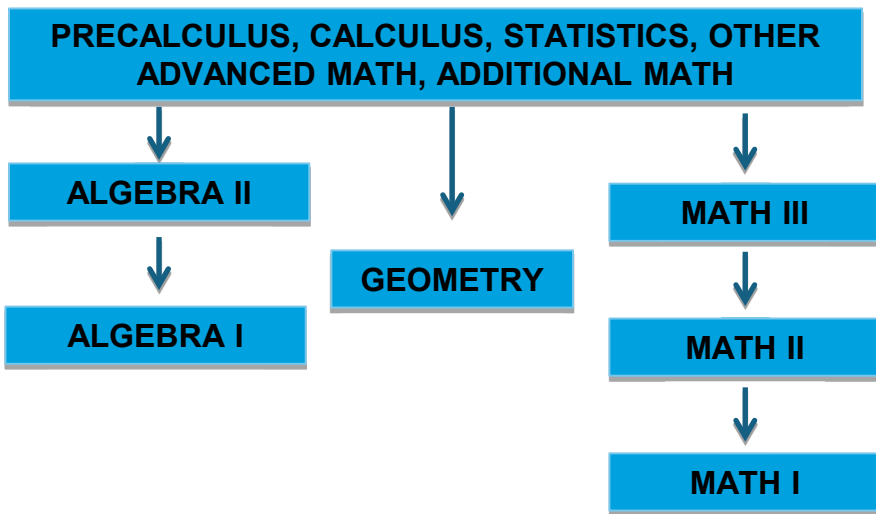
**Scenario:** In AY 2025-26, a student received a C in the first semester of Algebra II and then drops the course. They then take and pass AP Statistics in AY 2026-27 with grades C, B

### Is Algebra II (semester 2) validated with AP Statistics?

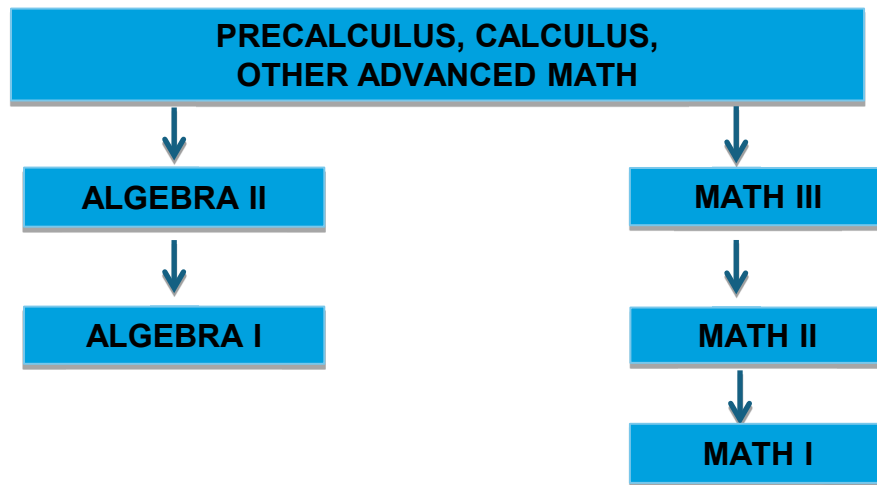
**Answer:** No. AP Statistics will not validate Algebra II beginning in fall 2026.



### Validation of grade deficiencies (through summer 2026)



### Validation of grade deficiencies (beginning fall 2026)



## Examples of math grade deficiencies

### Beginning Fall 2026:

- Courses from Additional Math or Statistics disciplines will no longer validate Algebra II/Math III grade deficiencies
- No course validates deficient grades in geometry

### Test your knowledge

**Scenario:** A student earned the following grades:

AY 25/26: Algebra I C, B

AY 26/27: Geometry F, D

AY 27/28: Algebra II D, B

### Does this student meet the Area C requirement?

**Answer:** No. While the B grade validates the first semester in Algebra II, beginning fall 2026, no course will validate the deficient geometry grades.

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## Key takeaways for math validation

**There are no changes to area C (math) minimum requirements!**

### **Beginning fall 2026:**

- Courses from the Statistics and Additional Math disciplines will not validate the omission or deficient grades in Algebra II/Math III
- No courses will validate deficient grades in Geometry
- No changes to validation rules for the integrated math sequence

**The applicable validation rules are based on *when* the course is taken, not when the student enters UC**

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### Validation of subject omission:

- Completing a higher-level LOTE course with a grade of C will validate all prior years
- *Example:* A grade of C or better in the second year of German validates the first year of German. In this case, the student has met the LOTE requirement.

### Validation of deficient grades:

- A higher-level course can validate a D or F grade in a lower-level course if completed with a grade of C or better
- *Example:* A grade of C or better in second year Italian validates a D or F in first year Italian. In this case, the student has met the LOTE requirement.

## Middle school and college-level LOTE

### Middle school

- High school-level courses completed during 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades can be used to fulfill the language other than English (LOTE) requirement
- LOTE and math are the **only** subject areas that can be met with 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade coursework

### College coursework

- Grade of C or better in any transferable language course (excluding conversation) held by the college as comparable to two years of high school study
- Many colleges list the prerequisites for their second course in language as "Language 1 at this college or two years of high school language." In this case, Language 1 clears both years of the requirement





## Using assist.org to determine LOTE level

French				
Course	Title	IGETC Areas	Semester Units	UC Areas
* FREN 001A	Elementary French	6A	5.00	
FREN 001B	Elementary French	3B, 6A	5.00	UC-H
FREN 002A	Intermediate French	3B, 6A	5.00	UC-H
FREN 002B	Intermediate French	3B, 6A	5.00	UC-H

\* Corresponds to two years of high school study

French		
Course	Title	
* FREN 001A	Elementary French	
FREN 001B	Elementary French	
FREN 002A	Intermediate French	
FREN 002B	Intermediate French	

\* Corresponds to two years of high school study

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METHOD	GUIDANCE	DOCUMENTATION
Formal schooling in a language other than English	Students educated through sixth grade or higher in a school where a non-English language was the medium of instruction have met the requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain in the Additional Comments section of the application</li><li>• Submit a school transcript or other official document after admission</li></ul>
Assessment test by a college or university	Satisfactory score/grade on a proficiency test administered by a college or university	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statement of competency on official letterhead indicating proficiency equivalent to at least the second level of high school instruction</li></ul>

## Additional methods of demonstrating LOTE proficiency continued

METHOD	GUIDANCE	DOCUMENTATION
Certification by high school principal	Acceptable if other options are not available. Certification should be based on language teachers' judgment or other appropriate expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notation on the official high school transcript including the language and level of proficiency</li></ul>

Example of transcript notation: Principal Mickey Mouse from Disneyland High School acknowledges that the student has satisfied Area “E” requirement - met the 2-year LOTE admissions requirement for the UC/CSU system (Hindi)

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# Out-of-state coursework

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### UC does:

- Accept college-prep academic coursework from out-of-state high schools
- Allow pass-along credit for out-of-state coursework
- Accept transcripts directly from out-of-state schools



### UC does not:

- Maintain A-G course lists with out-of-state schools
- Review or pre-approve courses from out-of-state schools
- Allow courses that do not clearly fall within A-G subject areas



### Honors courses for out-of-state students

- UC grants honors weight only for **AP, IB** and **college courses** when calculating the UC GPA.
- **No honors weight** is given for school-designated honors courses when calculating the UC GPA.
- Honors weight is applied to letter grades of **A, B, C**.
- Up to 8 semesters of honors courses can be counted for extra GPA points, with no more than 4 semesters from the 10th grade.

## Visual & Performing Arts

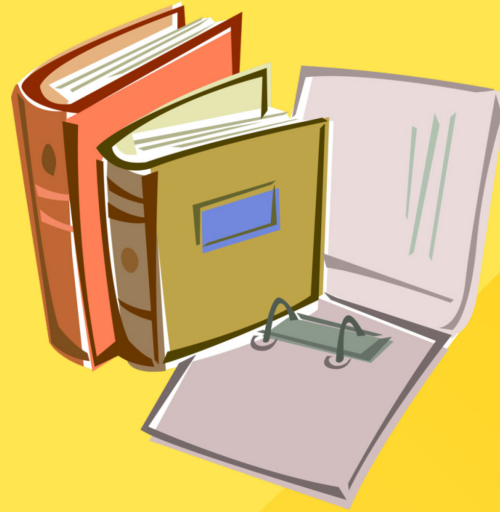
- Area F Visual & Performing Arts (VPA) needs to be a yearlong course
- Or students can alternatively take two one-semester courses from the same discipline to satisfy the requirement

## Disciplines that satisfy VPA

- Dance
- Music
- Theater
- Visual arts or interdisciplinary arts



# Mixed records



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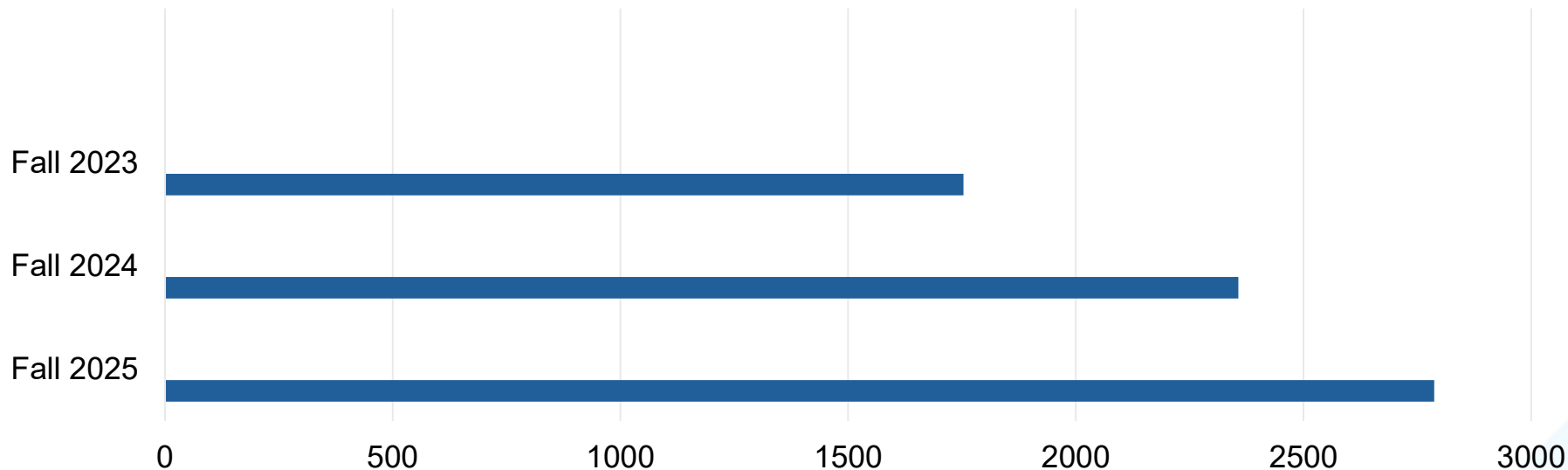
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## A look at the numbers

### California HS graduates who also attended HS outside the U.S.



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## Using international coursework for A-G requirements

- Coursework completed outside the US may be applied to A-G subject areas if it was completed at an appropriately recognized school.
- UC does **not** accept pass-along credit for coursework taken outside the United States.
- Course content and outcomes in the context of the education system are considered including:
  - Internally assessed coursework and
  - Externally assessed benchmark credentials



## Applying international coursework to UC A-G

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- A. Students graduating from a U.S. high school must complete the U.S. History requirement
- B. Language of Instruction (LOI) outside the US plus appropriate English classes in the U.S. A non-ESL/ELD course is required in the senior year.
- C. Combinations of courses in an integrated math program with other math courses are acceptable
- D. Courses titled “Science” are considered integrated and may be used in combination with other science courses (*9th grade integrated science only meets Area G/elective*)
- E. LOI through grade 6 or higher as discussed earlier in this workshop
- F. International coursework is acceptable

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# Let's look at an example

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## Example 1

US Transcripts  
Semester 1 in Ukraine  
Semester 2 in US

Course ID	Course Title	Mrk1	Mrk2	Credits
<b>(UKRAINE) Grade 9 SEM 1 08/21</b>				
	Algebra	A		5.000
	Biology	A		5.000
	Chemistry	A		5.000
	Computer Studies	A		5.000
	English	A		5.000
	Foreign Literature	A		5.000
	French	A		5.000
	Geography	B		5.000
	Geometry	B		5.000
	History of Ukraine	A		5.000
	PE	P		5.000
	Physics	B		5.000
	Ukrainian (Lang)	B		5.000
	Ukrainian Literature	B		5.000
	World History	B		5.000
<b>TERM:</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>75.000</b>
<b>CUMUL.:</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>75.000</b>
<b>US School Grade 09 SEM 2 01/21</b>				
	iCREATE	A		5.000
	Theological Studies I	B		5.000
8101010	English I	A		5.000
8102030	Algebra I	A		5.000
8102651	Girls Health & PE	A		5.000
8103400	Biology	A		5.000
8106010	Art I	A		5.000
<b>TERM:</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>3.8571</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>35.000</b>
<b>CUMUL.:</b>	<b>GPA</b>	<b>3.8571</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>110.000</b>

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## Example 1 Grade 9 in Ukraine as reported on App

COURSE	GRADE YEAR	G1 ^	G2
Biology	09	11	NO
English	09	10	NO
Chemistry	09	10	NO
French	09	10	NO
Foreign Literature	09	10	NO
Algebra	09	10	NO
History of Ukraine	09	10	NO
Geometry	09	9	NO
Ukrainian Literature	09	9	NO
World History	09	9	NO
Ukrainian (Language)	09	9	NO
Computer Studies	09	9	NO
Geography	09	9	NO
Physics	09	7	NO

## Grade 9 in US as reported on App

Algebra I	09	NO	A
iCreate	09	NO	A
English I	09	NO	A
Art I - Art History, Criticism, Aesthetics, Studio	09	NO	A
Biology	09	NO	A

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## Example 2

COURSE	GRADE YEAR	G1	G2
Integrated Math 1AB	09	80	80
Chemistry AB	09	80	90
Biology AB	09	80	90
Algebra 1AB	10	90	90

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Grades 9 and 10 in Mexico as reported on the UC application

## Example 2

Grade 9, in Mexico as shown on US transcript.

Year: 2020-21			Gr: 09			
Building: Mexico						
Dept	Course		SEM1	SEM2	Final	Credit
MA	03100500	ALG 1	P	P		1
SS	03320100	W GEO	P	P		1
OL	03440100	SPAN 1	P	P		1
OL	03440200	SPAN 2	P	P		1
OL	03440300	SPAN 3	P	P		1
FA	03500100	ART 1	P	P		1
SS	84400001	TRNSS	P	P		1
PE	PES00054	PEAA	P	P		1
OL	03410100	FREN 1	P	P		1
LA	03200600	ENG1 SOL	P	P		1
Tot Crt: 10.000			State: 10		Local: 0	



## Example 2

Grade 9, in Mexico as shown on US transcript.

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Gr: 09

Building: Mexico

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MA	03100500	ALG 1	P	P		1
SS	03320100	W GEO	P	P		1
OL	03440100	SPAN 1	P	P		1
OL	03440200	SPAN 2	P	P		1
OL	03440300	SPAN 3	P	P		1
FA	03500100	ART 1	P	P		1
SS	84400001	TRNSS	P	P		1
PE	PES00054	PEAA	P	P		1
OL	03410100	FREN 1	P	P		1
LA	03200600	ENG1 SOL	P	P		1

Tot Crt: 10.000 State: 10

Local: 0

## Grade 9 on transcript from Mexico

ASIGNATURAS/ÁREAS	Periodos de evaluación			PROMEDIO FINAL
	1•	2•	3•	
ESPAÑOL III	8	7	6	7.0
MATEMÁTICAS III	9	9	6	8.0
SEGUNDA LENGUA: INGLÉS III	8	8	7	7.6
CIENCIAS III (ÉNFASIS EN QUÍMICA)	8	8	5	7.0
HISTORIA II	10	8	6	8.0
FORMACIÓN CÍVICA Y ÉTICA II	9	9	7	8.3
TECNOLOGÍA	9	7	7	7.6
EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA	10	10	7	9.0
ARTES	9	8	8	8.3

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## Example 2

### Grade 9 in Mexico as reported on Application

COURSE	GRADE YEAR	G1	G2
Spanish 2	09	PS	PS
English 1	09	PS	PS
Spanish 1	09	PS	PS
French 1	09	PS	PS
World Geography	09	PS	PS
Algebra 1	09	PS	PS
Spanish 3	09	PS	PS
Art 1	09	PS	PS

### Grade 9 on transcript from Mexico

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	1 •	2 •	3 •	
ESPAÑOL III	8	7	6	7.0
MATEMÁTICAS III	9	9	6	8.0
SEGUNDA LENGUA: INGLÉS III	8	8	7	7.6
CIENCIAS III (ÉNFASIS EN QUÍMICA)	8	8	5	7.0
HISTORIA II	10	8	6	8.0
FORMACIÓN CÍVICA Y ÉTICA II	9	9	7	8.3
TECNOLOGÍA	9	7	7	7.6
EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA	10	10	7	9.0
ARTES	9	8	8	8.3

### Example 3

### Grade 9 on transcript from Iran

Grade 9			School Year 2019-2020				
Student's Particulars:							
Subjects	X1			X2			Annual Score
	Formative	Final	X1	Formative	Final	X2 <sup>2</sup>	
Quran III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Islamic Culture III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Persian Reading III	20	19.75	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Persian Dictation III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Persian Composition III	20	19.00	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Arabic III	20	19.75	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
English Language III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Natural Sciences III	20	20	20	20	19.00	40.00	60.00
Mathematics III	20	19.50	20	19.50	19.50	40.00	60.00
Physical Education & Health III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Social Studies III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Culture & Art III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Labor & Technology III	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Civil Defense	20	20	20	20	20	40.00	60.00
Total Units	280.00	278.00	280.00	279.50	278.50	560.00	
Average	20	19.86	20	19.96	19.89	20	
Conduct	Excellent			Excellent			
Cum. Units Points: 840.00				Cum. G.P.A: 20 on 20 scale			

### Example 3

### Grade 10 on transcript from Iran

Grade 10		School Year 2020-2021		Field of Study: Natural Sciences		
Student's Particulars:						
Subjects	Units	Final Score	X1		X2	
			Formative	Final	Formative	Final
Religious Education I	2	20	20	19.75	20	20
Arabic I	2	20	20	20	20	20
Persian Language I	2	20	20	20	20	20
Persian Writing I	2	20	20	20	20	20
Mathematics I	4	20	20	20	20	20
Civil Defense	3	20	20	20	20	20
English Language I	3	20	20	20	20	20
Physical Education I	2	20	---	20	---	20
Chemistry I	3	20	20	20	20	20
Natural Sciences I Lab	2	20	20	20	20	20
General Geography & Provincial Studies	2	20	20	20	20	20
Biology I	3	20	20	20	20	20
Physics I	3	20	20	20	20	20
Entrepreneurship & Production Workshop	2	20	20	20	20	20
Conduct	2	20	--	20	--	20
Total Units Attempted & Earned: 37			Total Points: 740.00		G.P.A: 20	
This is to certify that the student named above successfully passed 37 units in the field of Natural Sciences as of the school year 2020-2021.						

### Example 3

### Grade 11 on transcript from Iran

Field of Study: Natural Sciences			Grade 11		School Year 2021-2022		
Student's Particulars:							
Subjects	Units	Final	1 <sup>st</sup> semester		2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester		Annual Score
			Formative	Final	Formative	Final	
Religious Education, Quran, Ethics II	2	20	20	20	20	20	20
Arabic II	2	20	20	20	20	20	20
Persian Language II	2	20	20	20	20	20	20
Persian Writing II	1	20	20	20	20	20	20
English Language II	3	20	20	20	20	20	20
Physical Education II	2	20	--	20	--	20	20
Chemistry II	3	20	20	20	20	20	20
Natural Sciences II Lab	1	20	20	20	20	20	20
Man & Environment	2	20	20	20	20	20	20
Contemporary History	2	20	20	20	20	20	20
Geology	2	20	20	20	20	20	20
Mathematics II	4	20	20	20	20	20	20
Biology II	4	19.75	20	20	20	19.50	19.75
Physics II	3	20	20	20	20	20	20
Thinking & Media Literacy	2	20	20	20	20	20	20
Conduct	2	20	--	20	--	20	20
Total Units Attempted: 37			Total Units Earned: 37				
First Semester		Second Semester		Annual Score			
Total Points: 740.00 Average: 20		Total Points: 738.40 Average: 19.96		Total Points: 739.00 G.P.A: 19.97			
This is to certify that the student named above successfully passed 37 units in the field of Natural Sciences as of the school year 2021-2022.							



### Example 3

#### Grades 11 and 12 on US Transcript.

	COURSE	1	2	3	FINAL	CREDIT	SUMR	CREDIT
<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b> 11 <b>SCHOOLYEAR:</b> 2022-2023 <b>YEAR AVERAGE:</b> 100.80	English 3	99	98		99	1.00		
	AP Calculus AB	98	95		97	1.00		
	AP Biology	99	97		98	1.00		
	AP Physics 1	95	95		95	1.00		
	U.S. History	99	100		100	1.00		
	Art 2	A+	A+		A+	1.00		
<b>GRADE LEVEL:</b> 12 <b>SCHOOLYEAR:</b> 2023-2024 <b>YEAR AVERAGE:</b> 102.17	AP English Literature	97	97		97	1.00		
	AP Computer Science Principles	99	97		98	1.00		
	AP Statistics	97	95		96	1.00		
	Anatomy and Physiology	100	98		99	1.00		
	AP Environmental Science	100	97		99	1.00		
	AP Micro/Macroeconomics	99	99		99	1.00		
	Senior Ventures	A				0.00		
<b>CORE GPA: 4.41</b>		<b>CUMULATIVE GPA: 4.38</b>			<b>TOTAL CREDIT: 12.00</b>			

## Example 3

### Grade 11 as reported on the application

Contemporary History	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	History Social Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Biology 2	11	19.75	20	Regular	Semester	Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Persian Language 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	LOTE	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Islamic Teaching 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	History Social Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Thinking and Media Literacy	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	History Social Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Experimental sciences and laboratory 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Writing 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	LOTE	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Human and Environment	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	History Social Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Arabic, Language of Quran 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	LOTE	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Physics 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Mathematics 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	Math	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Chemistry 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
English Language 2	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	English	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
Geology	11	20	20	Regular	Semester	Science	FOROUGH DANESH HIGH SCHOOL
English 3	11	99	98	Regular	Semester	English	DARLINGTON SCHOOL
AP Biology	11	99	97	Advanced Placement	Semester	Science	DARLINGTON SCHOOL
Art 2	11	100	100	Regular	Semester	Arts	DARLINGTON SCHOOL
AP Calculus AB	11	98	95	Advanced Placement	Semester	Math	DARLINGTON SCHOOL
U. S. History	11	99	100	Regular	Semester	History Social Science	DARLINGTON SCHOOL
AP Physics 1	11	95	95	Advanced Placement	Semester	Science	DARLINGTON SCHOOL

## Key takeaways for reporting mixed records on UC application

- Report the subject and grades exactly how the original documents show from the institution attended for all international coursework
- Do **not** report pass along credit from U.S. institution for coursework completed internationally
- Report coursework from both schools attended inside and outside of U.S. if student is switching school mid-year
- Report **ALL** coursework taken in high school years, including years that have been repeated (i.e., completed 11th grade twice)



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**First-year applicants who have completed some high school or secondary school in a country where English was not the language of instruction may also be required to demonstrate English proficiency.**

### Test your knowledge:

A student transferred to Patrick Henry High School in San Diego County midway through 10th grade. Prior to attending Patrick Henry, they had attended a school in Mexico since 6th grade, where the primary language of instruction was Spanish.

### Do they need to demonstrate English proficiency?

**Answer: Yes**, the student will need to demonstrate English proficiency because they completed less than 3 years of high school at a school in which the primary language of instruction was English.



# Online courses



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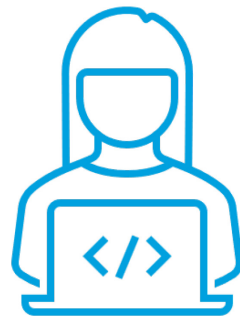
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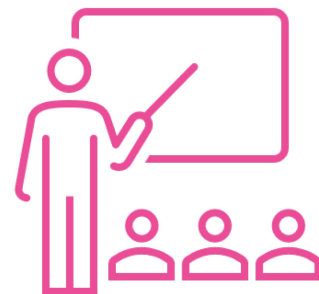
## What is an online course?

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- An online course is a class that is offered online instead of in a traditional in-person environment.
- High school developed courses vs. UC-registered online publisher
- Must be listed in the high school's A-G course list
- Can be used for credit recovery or for additional coursework
- Report on the UC application like all other high school courses
- Example institutions that offer online courses:
  - UC Scout
  - BYU Online



- If a student received a D or F grade, an online course may be used as credit recovery.
  - The online course must be similar in curriculum and level
  - A non-honors course cannot replace an honors course
  - College-level courses may replace UC-approved honors courses, AP, and IB



## UC A-G course list

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## How to view online vs. classroom-based courses

D Science 2 years required, 3 years recommended ?		
▼ AP Biology	Biology / Life Sciences	 Online  Classroom-based
▼ AP Chemistry	Chemistry	 Online  Classroom-based
▼ AP Computer Science Principles	Computer Science	 Classroom-based

▼ Physics Of the Universe      Physics/Earth & Space Sciences

 Online

▼ Physics of the Universe AB      Physics

 Classroom-based

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## UC distinguishes between online *schools* and online *publishers*...



## Online schools

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- Accredited by one of the formerly regional accrediting agencies
- Offer most of their courses in an online method with time/distance separating student and teacher
- Grants credits, a diploma, and a transcript
- If school is in CA, **must** have approved UC A-G course list



- Develop curriculum and sell/license their online courses
- Publishers typically do not issue credit toward a diploma

### **If the high school has purchased their online courses/curricula and is offering it to students:**

- The course must be added to the high school's A-G course list
- The course will be reported on the student's transcript along with all other high school coursework.

### **If students are independently enrolling in online publisher coursework:**

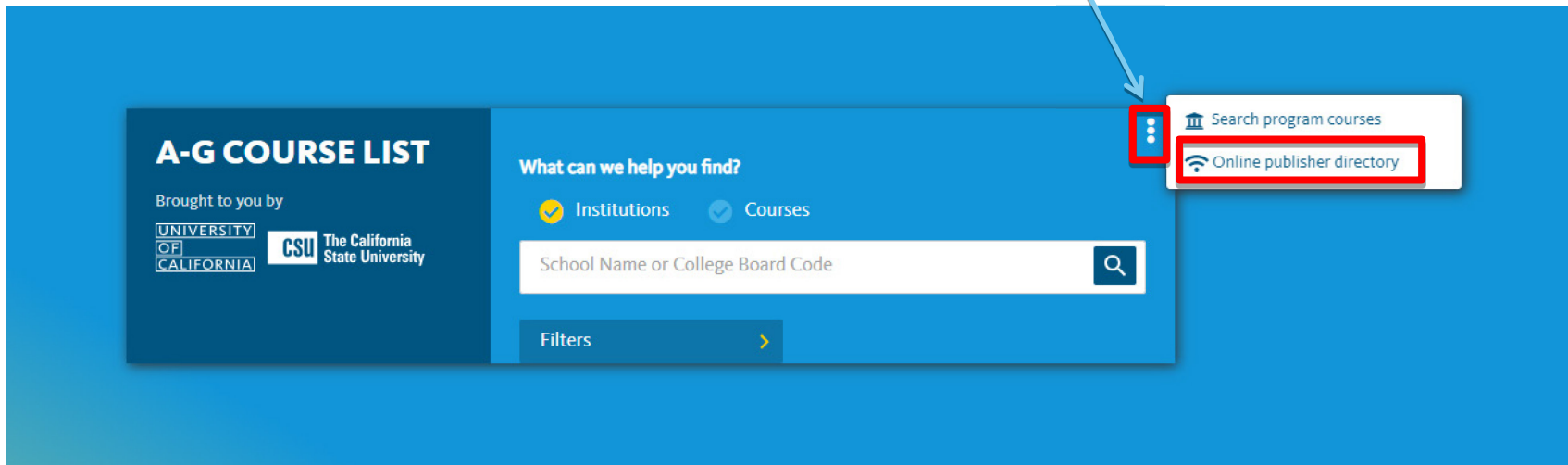
- Credit must be issued by the student's (CA) high school via principal certification and the course must appear on official transcripts with credits and letter grade earned.
- Your high school decides whether to offer principal certification.

## Principal certification

- A process of approval of coursework from institutions without an A-G list
- Acceptable courses could come from:
  - Non-accredited high schools
  - Online course publishers
  - Accredited CA high schools without A-G list
  - University Extension/Continuing Education programs
  - Language schools
  - Foreign exchange programs
- **Course must be listed on official transcript with credits granted and letter grades earned**

## How to find the online publisher directory

Select the three dots in upper right-hand corner



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## Quick Reference Guide directory

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- Out-of-state GPA calculation ([pages 19-20](#))
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