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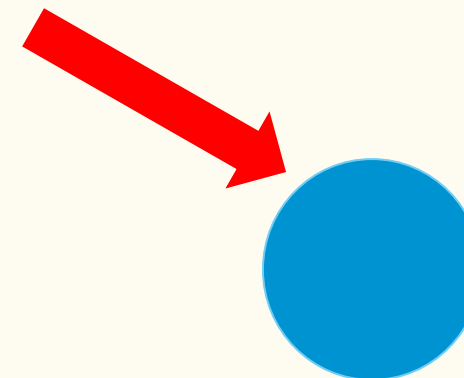
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Staying *fresh* on the first-year basics

Agenda

- Definition of a first-year
- First year requirements
- A-G requirements & UC GPA
- Minimum requirements vs. selection
- Comprehensive review overview
- UC application/timeline in freshman admissions
- Resources & Q&A



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Definition of a freshman (first-year)

A freshman applicant is a student who has graduated from (or is still in) high school and who has not enrolled in a regular (non-summer) term at any college or university following graduation.

Student who attends a college or university the summer term immediately after high school graduation. ✓

Student who completes college or university courses while in high school, such as a dual enrollment student. ✓

Student who graduates high school and enrolls in a college or university during the following fall term. ✗

First-year requirements

- Complete 15 A-G courses
- Earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better in these courses with no grade lower than a C
 - (3.4 for non-CA residents)

A-G requirements

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	Subject	Required	Recommended	Notes
A	History	2 years		One year of world history and one year of U.S history
B	English	4 years		College-preparatory English composition and literature
C	Mathematics	3 years*	4 years	A geometry course or an integrated math course with a sufficient amount of geometry content must be completed.

*7th and 8th grade high school-level courses may be used to meet this area

A-G requirements cont.

	Subject	Required	Recommended	Notes
D	Science	2 years	3 years	At least one from biology, chemistry, or physics, the second year can be earth or interdisciplinary
E	Language other than English	2 years* or through the 2nd level of HS instruction	3 years	ASL, Latin, Greek and Native American languages are acceptable
F	Visual and performing arts	1 year		One yearlong course or 2 one-semester courses from the same discipline (ex: ceramics and art are the same discipline)
G	College-preparatory elective	1 year		Can be course(s) beyond A-F subjects

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Additional ways to meet A-G

AP or IB Examination

- 3, 4 or 5 on select AP
- 5, 6, or 7 on select IB (HL)

College Coursework

- C or better in a transferable course of 3 or more semester units

SAT/ACT for English

- ACT English Language Arts (ELA)
 - Score of 24
- SAT Writing and Language Test
 - Score of 31

Repeating A-G courses

- D or F grade (NC/NP)
- As many times as necessary
- Similar curriculum
- New grade will **replace** the old grade
- Students must report the original **and** the repeat on UC application
- Non-honors course cannot replace an honors course grade
- College level courses may repeat UC approved honors, AP and IB

Non-A-G courses

If a course is not UC A-G approved, it should not be reported in Academic History. For example, P.E is not an A-G course.

Students can identify A-G courses using the A-G course list website.

Students attending a school outside of California can use any California high school course list as a guide for reporting A-G.



UC A-G course list

The screenshot shows the top section of the UC A-G Course List website. On the left, it says "A-G COURSE LIST" and "Brought to you by UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CSU The California State University". On the right, there's a search bar with the text "What can we help you find?" and two radio buttons for "Institutions" (selected) and "Courses". Below the search bar is a text input field labeled "School Name or College Board Code" with a search icon. At the bottom of the search area is a "Filters" button with a right-pointing arrow.

A gold star indicates the course is UC Honors approved.

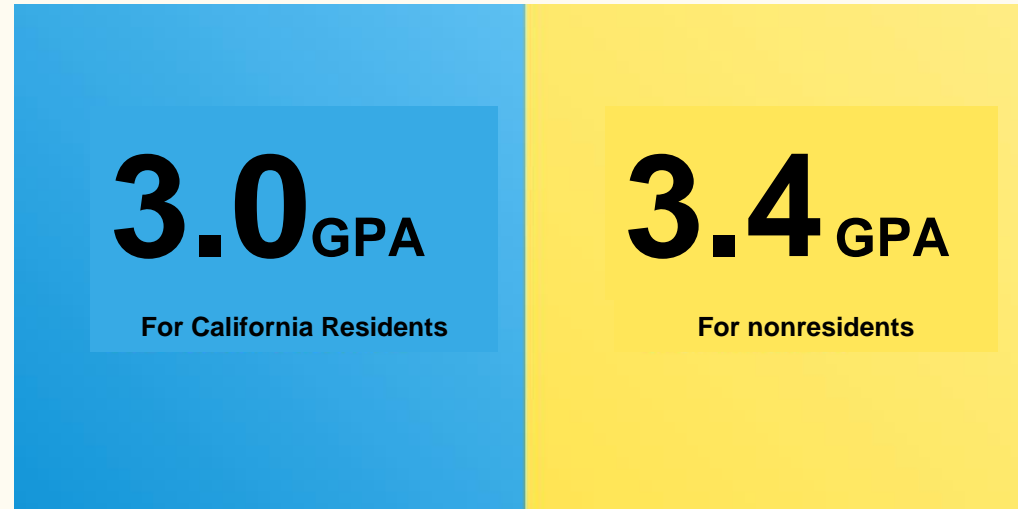
Course discipline.

Learning environment the course is offered in.

This block shows a horizontal list of course information. From left to right: a gold star icon, the text "Biology Honors", the text "Biology / Life Sciences", and an icon of a classroom followed by the text "Classroom-based". Three red arrows point from the explanatory text above to these specific elements: one to the gold star, one to "Biology / Life Sciences", and one to the classroom icon.

UC GPA

GPA requirement



The UC GPA is calculated for all A-G subjects completed with letter grades in 10th and 11th grade, including summer terms following 9th, 10th and 11th.

Weighted and capped/Unweighted UC GPA

Extra grade points for CA UC-approved honors level, AP, IB and transferable college coursework.

Weighted and capped GPA (UC GPA):

Up to 8 semesters (4 years) of extra points total.

No more than 4 semesters (2 years) of extra points for 10th grade coursework.

Unweighted GPA:

No honors points added.

How to calculate the UC GPA

Convert grades to grade points

A= 4 points B= 3 points C= 2 points D= 1 point F= 0 points
+/- are not used in high school coursework

Give an extra point for each semester of UC-approved honors, AP, IB or CL course

Maximum of 8 semester points, between 10th and 11th grades only.

Add up all the points

Divide total points by the number of letter grades counted

How to calculate the UC GPA

Example:

15 A's

6 B's

1 C

1 D

1 F

How to calculate the UC GPA – grade points

Example:

15 A's - 15 x 4

6 B's - 6 x 3

1 C - 1 x 2

1 D - 1 x 1

1 F - 1 x 0

How to calculate the UC GPA – total grade points

Example:

$$15 \text{ A's} - 15 \times 4 = 60$$

$$6 \text{ B's} - 6 \times 3 = 18$$

$$1 \text{ C} - 1 \times 2 = 2$$

$$1 \text{ D} - 1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$1 \text{ F} - 1 \times 0 = 0$$

= 81 total grade points

How to calculate the UC GPA – unweighted GPA

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**81/24 (total grade points
divided by number of grades)**

Unweighted: 3.37

How to calculate the UC GPA – weighted UC GPA

81 total grade points

**81/24 (total grade points
divided by number of grades)**

Unweighted GPA: 3.37

Let's say this student took:

4 semesters of honors courses and 4 semesters of AP courses and passed each course

The student would have 8 honors points

81 grade points + 8 honors points = 89

89/24 =

Weighted and capped GPA: 3.70

Minimum requirements vs. selection

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While it is possible for students to be admitted to UC by meeting the minimum requirements, the majority of admitted students exceed these requirements in one or more areas.

Academics

All campuses generally expect students to exceed minimum requirements in order to be selective.

Comprehensive Review

All campuses consider factors outside of academics including leadership, community engagement and school extracurricular activities in selection.

What is a middle 50 percentile GPA?

The GPA range of the middle 50% of admits (excludes the top and bottom 25%)



These GPA ranges are a general guide to selectivity and should not be seen as a predictor of admission to a specific campus.

Comprehensive review overview

What is Comprehensive Review?

- 13 factors that measure achievement and promise, while considering the context in which each student has demonstrated accomplishment
- Students that explain their environment and achievements within their environment stand out in the review process

Comprehensive review factors

Multiple measures of achievement and promise:

- Strong grades, AP scores and rigorous coursework
- Achievement in academic subject areas or academic programs
- Awards, recognition, achievement

Context in which each student has demonstrated accomplishment:

- Family and/or educational environment
- Available resources or opportunities
- Challenges students may have faced

Academic factors

- Grade-point average (GPA)
 - Courses completed/planned beyond minimum A-G requirements
 - Approved honors, AP, IB, university courses
 - Eligibility in the local context (ELC)*
 - Quality of senior-year program of study
 - Academic opportunities in secondary schools
 - Outstanding performance in academic subject areas
- Achievements in special projects
 - Special talents, achievements, and awards
 - Participation in educational preparation programs
 - Academic accomplishment within life experiences
 - Geographic location

Non-academic factors

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How to share non-academic factors in the UC application

- About you
- Activities & awards
- Personal Insight Questions
- Additional comments

*Be sure to check out the “**All in the details: Maximizing the activities and awards section**” and “**Better than a bot**” PIQ sessions to learn more!

At every campus...

- Applications are given multiple reads and are not read by committee.
- Every applicant will receive an individualized review of their application.
- Readers are thoroughly trained.
- Selection of students will vary from campus to campus.
- Each campus uses comprehensive review differently.

ELC and the statewide guarantee

Eligibility in the local context (ELC): CA resident students in the top 9% of their California high school class.

- ELC status adds value to the application and is considered during the review process. ELC students who are not admitted to any of their campus choices will be offered a spot at a UC campus with enough space (if minimum requirements are met).

Statewide guarantee: California resident students in the top 9% of California high school graduates.

- These students will be offered a guaranteed spot at a UC campus, space allowing.

Selection-related questions

Do campuses consider major in the selection process?

Selection and selective majors vary by campus. Detailed information is available in the **Major mayhem: Everyone wants my major, what do I do?** session.

How are SAT and ACT scores used in admissions?

SAT and ACT scores are not used in admissions decisions. If scores are submitted, they can be used to meet select A-G requirements or, after matriculation, to satisfy GE areas or for course placement.

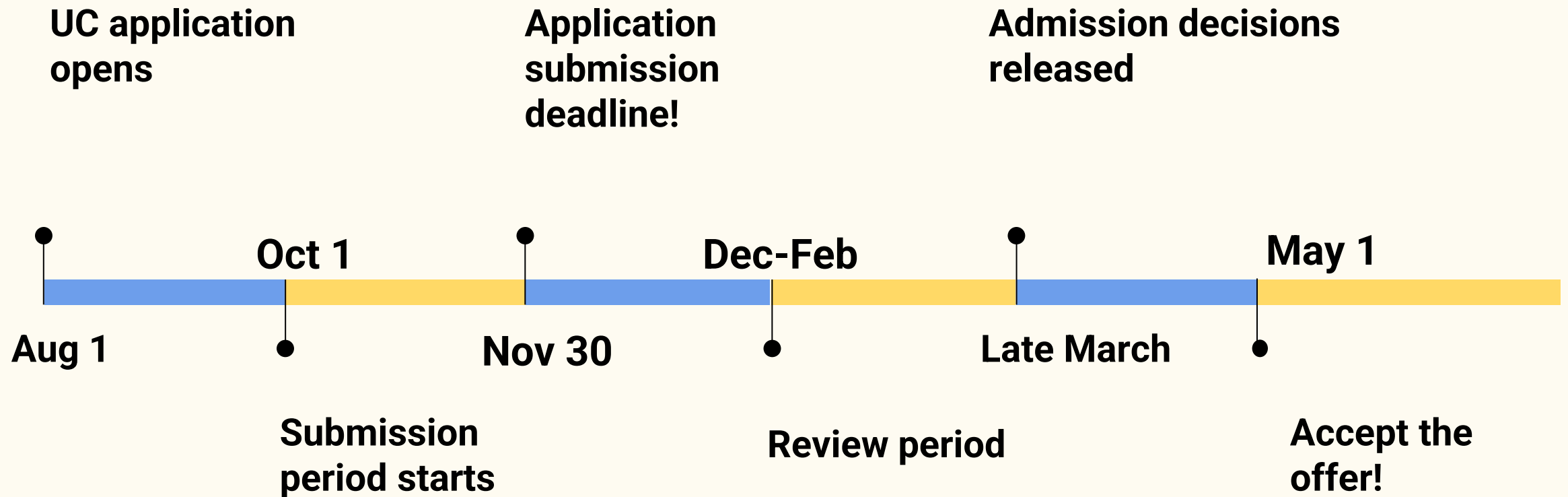
UC application

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- 1 application, 9 UC campuses
- Can apply to multiple UC campuses
- \$80 application fee (\$95 for international applicants)
- Possible application fee waiver for up to 4 campuses
 - Fee waiver integrated into the application
- No letter of recommendation required
- No transcript submission when applying
 - Submit official transcripts after admittance

Freshman admission timeline

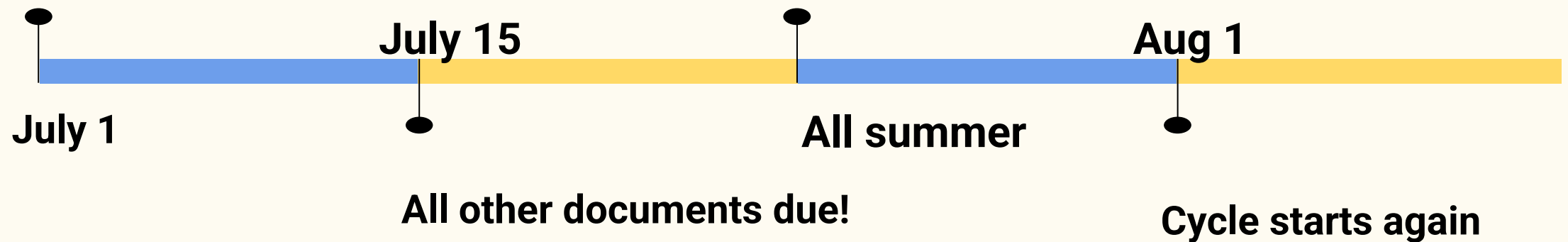
First-year timeline



First-year summer timeline

Transcript deadline

Waitlist movement





Resources

Counselor resources

**UC Counselors
website**



**2023 Quick Reference
Guide**



**Counselors and
Advisers Bulletin (CAB)**



Additional counselor resources

A-G course list



Campuses and majors



UC Info Center





Q&A