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# Survey Says?

Addressing the most common UC admission myths and misconceptions

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# Menti Poll

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## Question 1

**The sooner a student submits their UC application, the sooner they will receive an admissions decision.**

- Depends on the UC campus
- True
- False

## Answer 1

The sooner a student submits their UC application, the sooner they will receive an admissions decision.

- **False**

*Although we recommend students submit their application earlier in the filing period for their own peace of mind, students who submit their application on October 1<sup>st</sup> versus November 30<sup>th</sup> (or December 2<sup>nd</sup> for fall 2025 applicants only) will find out at the same time from each campus they apply to.*

## Question 2

### **Which A-G requirements can be completed in middle school?**

- Mathematics and Language other than English (LOTE)
- English and History
- English and LOTE
- Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) only
- Mathematics only

## Answer 2

### **Which A-G requirements can be completed in middle school?**

- Mathematics and Language other than English (LOTE)

### **Where can you find the answer to this?**

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions (page 16)

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### Question 3

**Your high school offers multiple curriculum options/tracks. Is there one that would increase their chances of admission?**

- Traditional high school track
- 4 x 4 course schedule (Block)
- International Baccalaureate
- Dual-Enrollment with your local California Community College
- All are equally competitive

## Answer 3

**Your high school / district offers multiple curriculum options/tracks. Is there one that would increase students' chances of admission?**

- All are equally competitive

**Where can you find the answer to this?**

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions (page 25)
- “Quality of the academic performance relative to the educational opportunities available in the student’s high school”
- Students should provide details about why they chose their specific academic track in Additional Comments or PIQ sections of the application

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## Question 4

### **What of the following meets the E requirement (Language other than English)?**

- AP Chinese Language and Culture exam score of 3
- Spanish for Native Speakers III
- American Sign Language II
- One semester of AP German Language and Culture
- All of the above

## Answer 4

**What of the following meets the E requirement (Language other than English)?**

- All of the above

**Where can you find the answer to this?**

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions (page 12)

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## Question 5

**True or False: UC requires one year of physical and one year of biological science to meet the area D requirement.**

- True
- False

## Answer 5

**True or False: UC requires one year of physical and one year of biological science to meet the area D requirement.**

- **False: UC requires two years of science coursework from two of the following disciplines: biology, chemistry or physics. One year of approved interdisciplinary or earth and space sciences coursework can meet one year of the requirement.**

**Where can you find the answer to this?**

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions (page 11)

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## Question 6

**Which of the following courses does **not** get the GPA bump?**

- AP English Literature and Composition
- ANTH 102 (Introduction to Physical Anthropology) taken at San Diego Mesa College
- Honors Spanish III
- Honors English 9
- IB History of the Americas

## Answer 6

**Which of the following courses does not get the GPA bump?**

- Honors English 9

**Where can you find the answer to this?**

- The school's individual UC A-G course list and the A-G Policy Resource Guide

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## Question 7

**Scenario: Your student realizes they are not UC eligible because the Ceramics I (VPA) class they took in 10th grade was only a semester long. Which option can they choose to fulfill the requirement?**

- Ceramics II (one semester)
- Guitar (full year)
- ART 300 at their local community college (one semester)
- All of the above

## Answer 7

### Which option can they choose to fulfill the requirement?

- All of the above

### Where can you find the answer to this?

- The subject requirement (A-G) page on the UC Admissions website
- If a student completed one semester of a specific discipline, the student should take another semester course in the same discipline to meet the full VPA requirement.
- The disciplines are: dance, music, theater, visual arts or interdisciplinary arts

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## Question 8

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**Scenario: A student moved to your school from Mexico and they completed a year of Mexican history. Which subject requirement (A-G) will this class fulfill?**

- Area G: College-prep elective
- Area A: World History
- The course cannot be used to meet any subject requirement.

## Answer 8

### **Which subject requirement will this class fulfill?**

- **Area A: World History – For courses completed outside the U.S., UC will accept history of the home country to meet the World History requirement.**

### **Where can you find the answer to this?**

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions (pages 14-15)

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## Question 9

**True or False: The UC campuses make admissions decisions together as a system. If a student is admitted to LA, they are less likely to be admitted to Berkeley.**

- True
- False

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- **False**

***Each campus does their own independent review of applications received and selects students based on their own campus needs and spaces available in programs students are applying for.***

## Question 10

**How many college units must a college course be worth to meet an A-G requirement?**

- 2 semester units or 3 quarter units
- 3 semester units or 4 quarter units
- No unit requirement
- Depends on the course subject area

## Answer 10

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- 3 semester or 4 quarter units

**Where can you find the answer to this?**

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions (page 16)

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## Question 11

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**Scenario: A student received a D grade in the first semester of Honors Chemistry, a UC-approved honors course, and a C grade in the second semester of Honors Chemistry. How can the student remediate the D grade?**

- Repeat the first semester of Honors Chemistry
- Complete the first semester of regular Chemistry to ensure they get a passing grade
- Take a different physical science course, but only the first semester
- The student doesn't need to remediate the grade because the second semester validates the first semester

## Answer 11

### **How can the student remediate the D grade?**

- **Repeat the first semester of Honors Chemistry**

### **Where can you find the answer to this?**

- Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions (page 18)



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# Thank you!