
Decoding coursework entries in the UC application

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Decoding coursework entries overview

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UC application: Academic history

Reporting Academic history

Applicants must accurately self-report:

- All schools attended
- A-G coursework and grades
 - 7th and 8th grade
 - High school
 - College-level
- Summer coursework
- Repeated courses and grades

Unless requested, UC campuses do not require transcripts prior to admission. Students who enroll are required to send transcripts.

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Coursework entries – 7th and 8th grade

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Reporting 7th and 8th grade courses

Decoding "middle school" coursework

- Math and language other than English (LOTE) coursework completed in 7th or 8th grade may be reported if a grade of 'C' or better was earned.
- These are the only subject areas that can be met with 7th and 8th grade school coursework.

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7th and 8th grade: Math and LOTE

Math & LOTE coursework entries

- Math entries require:
 - Course name (drop-down selection)
 - Term period
- LOTE entries require:
 - Course name (manual entry)
 - Term period
 - Course category (level)
 - Language

The screenshot shows two dropdown menus for Math entries. The first dropdown, labeled 'Course name *', has a grey header with '-- select --' and a blue bar with '-- select --'. Below the blue bar, the options 'Algebra I' and 'Geometry' are visible. The second dropdown, labeled 'Term period *', also has a grey header with '-- select --' and a blue bar with '-- select --'. Below the blue bar, the options 'Full year' and 'Less than full year' are visible.

The screenshot shows two dropdown menus for LOTE entries. The first dropdown, labeled 'Course category *', has a grey header with '-- select --' and a blue bar with '-- select --'. Below the blue bar, the options 'Yr 1 Lang Other Than English', 'Yr 2 Lang Other Than English', 'Yr 3 Lang Other Than English', and 'Yr 4+ Lang Other Than English' are visible. The second dropdown, labeled 'Language *', has a grey header with '-- select --' and a blue bar with '-- select --'. Below the blue bar, the options are not visible.

7th and 8th grade: Grades and transcripts

Grades and transcripts

- Students are not asked to input grades
- Middle school transcripts are not required
- High schools are not required to include middle school courses on transcripts

Typically, 7th and 8th grade math and LOTE courses are validated by higher-level coursework completed

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How can a student report the school attended and courses if they completed 9th grade at a junior high school?

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9th grade junior high courses

Reporting 9th grade in junior high

- UC application does not include junior high schools
- Applicants should type in the school name and click the Search button twice
- For CA junior high schools, the applicant will need to check the box to indicate that they attended a junior high or middle school in 9th grade.



The list of available schools does not include junior high schools that teach through the 9th grade. Applicants will need to add the school manually.

☒ I attended a junior high school or middle school for 9th grade

Manually enter school

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Coursework entries – High schools

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High school: Importing courses and grades

California Statewide Student ID (CA SSID)

Students who have attended a California Colleges Guidance Initiatives (CCGI) high school have the option to import coursework

- Option 1: Launch UC application from CaliforniaColleges.edu
- Option 2: Add 10-digit CA SSID in 'About you' section

Students are required to review and verify all imported academic terms, courses, and grades

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Import your courses & grades

To make the application process easier, your high school shared your transcript information with the [California College Guidance Initiative](#) (CCGI). You may be able to import your transcript directly into your UC application using your 10-digit Statewide Student Identifier (SSID).

Review your California SSID

CA SSID : 8888800089

Edit

Authorized SSID release: Yes

The accuracy of the data submitted is the responsibility of the applicant. You should check any imported data against your official transcript.

Import courses & grades

Skip

High school: Adding schools

Inputting schools attended

Applicants must disclose all high schools attended

- Location of school
- Specialized curriculum
 - Home school (educated exclusively outside of public and private schools)
 - Independent study
- Search by city, school code, or partial school name
- Manual school entries should be avoided

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Academic history

Find high school



* required

You'll need to add information about each high school you attended, one at a time.

First, tell us where your high school is located and enter the name of your high school.

Where did you attend high school? *

☐ In California ☐ Outside California (in the U.S.) ☐ Outside the U.S.

Cancel

High school: Inputting school information

School attended

For each school attended, applicants must report:

- Start and end dates
- Specialized curriculum associated with the school
- Grade levels associated with academic years (including summer courses)

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When did you attend this high school? *

Start date: August 2023

End date: June 2027

What grades did you attend this high school? *

Grade * 9th Academic Year selection * 2023 - 2024 ☐ I took summer courses after this grade

Grade * 10th Academic Year selection * 2024 - 2025 ☐ I took summer courses after this grade

Grade * 11th Academic Year selection * 2025 - 2026 ☒ I took summer courses after this grade

Grade * 12th Academic Year selection * 2026 - 2027 ☐ I took summer courses after this grade

High school: Grading and term systems

Grading and term systems

Students may select all that apply when reporting grading and term systems

- 'Other' grading systems may include narrative or international marks
- Term system selection is based on the final grades received in a course

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What is this school's grading system? *

☒ A B C D F

☐ 0-100 (U.S.)

☐ 1-7 Int'l Bacc

☒ Other

Specify the grading system *

Grading system *

What is this school's term system? *

☒ Full year (1 final grade per year)

☐ Semester (2 final grades per year)

☐ Trimester (3 final grades per year)

☒ Quarter (4 final grades per year)

High school: Course selection

Course selection

- CA high schools will have all available A-G courses pre-populated
- Subject area, course name, and honors type is required for institutions without an A-G course list
- Honor types include:
 - Advanced Placement (AP)
 - UC-approved honors Level (HL)
 - International Baccalaureate (IB)
 - Not honors (NH)

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CABRILLO HIGH SCHOOL,

LOMPOC, CA

Course Name	Honors Type
☐ AP United States History (AP)	AP
☐ American Government/Civics	NH
☐ American Government/Civics (H)	HL
☐ U.S. History/Geography	NH
☐ World History	NH

ILLINOIS VALLEY CENTRAL HS,

CHILLICOTHE, IL

Subject Area/Course Category

Course Name

Honor Type

Grade 1

High school: Inputting grades earned

Reporting grades earned per term

- Grade Types:
 - A-F, 0-100, etc.
 - NO = Not Planned
 - IP = In Progress (12th grade)
 - PL = Planned (12th grade)
- Report “NO” for terms in which the course was not taken
- UC does not consider +/- grades
- Pass/Credit or No Pass/No Credit grades are not accepted

▼ 9th History/Social Science

Course Name

Honors Type

☒ AP United States History (AP)

AP

Term System

Grading System

Grade 1

Grade 2

Semester ▼

A B C ... ▼

A ▼

NO ▼

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Full

Semester

ernment/Civics

NH

DECODED

Applicants must report both the original and repeat course and grades earned

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Summer before 9th grade

Decoding summer before 9th grade

- Reported in the high school (or if applicable college section)
- School attendance start date should begin in the summer months (e.g. June)
- Students should select the appropriate term type based on credit awarded
- Grade level selected should be 9th grade
- Students must report earned grades as shown on their transcript
- Additional comment strongly recommended

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When did you attend this high school? *

Start date:

June

2021

Subject Area/Course Category

Geometry

Course Name

Geometry a/b

Honor Type

NH

Grade 1

Grade 2

A

NO

If a student is graduating a year early, how should they report their courses and grades?

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Graduating in junior year

Reporting early graduation

- Applicants should leave the 9th grade and academic year section blank
- Junior year should be reported as senior year
- Indicate "I skipped this grade"
- Input courses and grades starting with 10th grade
- Add an additional comment to provide context

☒ I skipped this grade.

Save & continue

What grades did you attend this high school? *

Grade *

-- select --

Academic Year selection *

-- select --

Grade *

10th

Academic Year selection *

2024 - 2025

Grade *

11th

Academic Year selection *

2025 - 2026

Grade *

12th

Academic Year selection *

2026 - 2027

Colleges attended while in high school

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Colleges attended

College coursework entries

Applicants **must** report all A-G college credit in the 'Colleges attended in high school' tab. This includes credit earned:

- At a college campus
- Online
- At a high school with a college/university name (including dual enrollment)

Applicants will be asked to report the high school grade levels and terms associated with their college attendance

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Academic history

Colleges attended in high school

Add college

I don't have any colleges to add

During which grades and terms did you attend this college? *

Grade

11th

Fall

2025

Spring

2026

Summer

--

Grade

12th

Fall

2026

Spring

--

[Add another grade](#)

UC-transferable courses

UC-transferable courses

- College coursework must be worth 3 semester (or 4 quarter) units
- California community colleges (CCCs) will list all transferable coursework options
 - Students must input grade received, A-G subject area, and language name for LOTE courses

French

Dept	Course No.	Course Title	Units	Grade	Subject Area	Language Name
☒ FRCH	101	Elementary French 5 I		A	Yr 2 Lang OI	Fre...
☐ FRCH	102	Elementary French II				
> Food Science and Nutrition						
> Global Studies						

Applied Science

Computer Science

Earth and Space Sciences

Engineering

Interdisciplinary Sciences

Language Other Than English

Yr 1 Lang Other Than English

Yr 2 Lang Other Than English

Yr 3 Lang Other Than English



Applicants attending a CCC should use Assist.org to determine LOTE level

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Additional information

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Academic history: Additional information

Sharing academic context

The 'Additional information' section can be used to describe academic context (550-character limit)

Example of additional comments:

- Gaps in education / Early graduation
- Transitions between schools
- Grading system explanations
- Poor grades and repeated courses
- Non-traditional school environment
- School policies impacting class choices
- 'Other' grading systems
- Principal Certification

Missing high school courses

12th grade - ILLINOIS VALLEY CENTRAL HS (2026 - 2027)

☒ I confirm that I have no courses to report.*

Please explain why under additional comments.

Additional comments

Academic history: Principal certification

Principal certification process

- High school reviews courses completed at another U.S. institution, organization, or program without an A-G course list
- A principal must certify that the course is comparable
- Certification must be listed on the student's official transcript along with credits and letter grades
- In the UC application, students will have to manually input and make note in additional comments

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Courses may come from:

- Nonaccredited high schools
- Accredited high schools without an established A-G course list
- Online course publishers
- University extension/continuing education programs
- Language schools
- Foreign exchange programs

Other coursework

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Activities and awards: Other coursework

Reporting other coursework

Applicants may report courses other than those required for UC admission in the Activities & awards section as 'Other coursework'.

- Name of course
- Course description (350 characters)
- Grades
- Time spent in the course

Applicants should not include non-academic courses (e.g., physical education or office/teacher assistant)

Other coursework:

- Non A-G courses (high school & college)
- Career and vocational courses
- Religious studies courses
- Language school courses*

**Unless principal certification has been granted*

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Academic review & resources

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UC application resources

Resources

- UC Counselor website - admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors
 - Quick Reference Guide to UC Admissions
 - "Presenting Yourself on the UC application" presentation

2026 UC Counselor Conference sessions

- Charting the course: Storytelling through awards and activities
- International and mixed-record students
- What to know about dual enrollment and UC

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Thank you!