

FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

UC San Diego

The most competitive applicants to UC San Diego present an academic profile much stronger than the minimum UC admission requirements below.

FIRST-YEAR

- First-Year applicants are in high school or graduated from high school and have not enrolled in or attended fall, winter or spring session at a college or university.
- Apply as a first-year even if you've completed college courses during high school (including dual enrollment) and/or through the summer immediately after graduation.

COURSEWORK

C OR BETTER **IN THESE COURSES**

The "A–G" subject requirements represent the 15 minimum college preparatory courses that first-year applicants must have to meet UC admission requirements. For UC San Diego, we recommend going beyond by completing 11 of the 15 "A–G" requirements by the end of the junior year.

UC "A–G" COURSES	YEARS
a. History/Social Science	2
b. English	4
c. Mathematics	3 (4 recommended)
d. Laboratory Science	2 (3 recommended)
e. Language other than English (or other second language)	2 (3 recommended)
f. Visual & Performing Arts	1
g. College Preparatory Electives	1

GPA IN A–G COURSES **10TH & 11TH GRADE**

3.0 OR BETTER **CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS**

3.4 OR BETTER **NON-CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS**

PERSONAL INSIGHT QUESTIONS

- The personal insight questions are about getting to know you better — your life experience, interests, ambitions and inspirations.
- You must answer 4 out of 8 questions.
- Each answer is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

See **UC's Personal Insight Questions** site for details.



EXAMS

- UC San Diego will not consider SAT or ACT test scores as a factor in admissions decisions through Fall 2024.
- Demonstration of English proficiency is required for international students. Please visit **our webpage** to learn more.

FACTORS CONSIDERED

- Overall grade-point average.
- TOEFL, IELTS and/or Duolingo (for International Applicants)
- Performance in Honors, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and college-level courses.
- Academic accomplishments.
- Special talents, achievements and awards.
- Quality of senior year course schedule.

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

Applicants to Arts majors have the option to submit a portfolio or audition for faculty review.

For more information, **visit the Arts and Humanities site**.

QUESTIONS?

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