APPLICATION PROCESS
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The entrance requirements of the University of California have been established to ensure admission to the University for the top one-eighth of California’s high school graduates. The system historically has provided a place in the University for all eligible applicants who are residents of California. The requirements for admission are to ensure that students are adequately prepared for University-level work and take into consideration the applicant’s academic achievement and promise, as well as the potential to contribute to the educational environment and intellectual vitality of each campus.

The University desires to find a place within the system for all eligible California residents who meet the admission requirements and apply on time. Due to the increased volume of applicants, the University has adopted a process known as the comprehensive review. This process helps the admissions officers look beyond the grades and required test scores and evaluate the academic achievements of applicants in light of the opportunities available to them and their potential to contribute to the intellectual life of the campus.

There are fourteen criteria used in the evaluation process, they are as follows:
1. Academic grade point average in all completed “a–g” courses.
2. Scores on the ACT (with writing), SAT and two Subject Tests.
3. Number of, content of and performance in academic courses beyond the minimum requirements.
4. Number of and performance in honors, AP, IB and transferable college courses.
5. Identification as being in the top 4% of the student’s graduating class at the end of the junior year. (ELC).
6. Quality of the student’s senior year program.
7. Quality of the student’s performance relative to the educational opportunities available in his/her high school.
8. Outstanding performance in one of more academic subject areas.
9. Outstanding work in one or more special projects in any academic field of study.
10. Recent, marked improvement in academic performance.
11. Special talents, achievements and awards in non-academic areas or significant experiences that demonstrate the student’s promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of a campus.
12. Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of curriculum, special school events, projects or programs.
13. Academic accomplishments in light of life experiences or special circumstances.
14. Location of the student’s secondary school and residence.

In recent years, the University of California has received in excess of 100,000 applications for admissions. 96% of those applications were filed electronically. It is the hope of the University to have all applications filed on line. To access the on line application for the University of California, go to www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions. The filing period is November 1st through November 30th.

A–G Requirements:

A. History/Social Science: 2 years required
B. English: 4 years required
C. Math: 3 years required / 4 years recommended
D. Lab Science: 2 years required / 3 years recommended
E. Foreign Language: 2 years required / 3 years recommended
F. Visual/Performing Arts: 1 year required
G. Electives: 1 year required