Freshman

Applying for fall 2012?

California residents

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Freshman admission profiles

Local path

Our Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) program recognizes your individual accomplishments in light of the opportunities offered by your particular high school.

Eligibility in the Local Context

If you rank in the top 4 percent of students in your California high school's graduating class — and your high school participates in our ELC program — you can qualify for admission to UC.

With the assistance of each participating high school, we'll identify the top 4 percent of students on the basis of grade point average (GPA) in UC-approved coursework completed in the 10th and 11th grades.

To be eligible in the local context, you must:

- Have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Be designated by UC evaluators as being in top 4 percent of your participating high school graduating class
- Be on course to fulfilling the subject requirement by completing 11 UC-approved courses by the end of your junior year.
  The 11 courses include:
  - History/social science - 1 year
  - English - 2 years
  - Mathematics - 2 years
  - Laboratory science - 1 year
  - Language other than English - 1 year
  - VPA or electives - 3 years

If you qualify for UC admission through ELC, we'll notify you at the beginning of your senior year. You must then apply to UC in November and complete the remaining eligibility requirements — including the subject and examination requirements — to be considered fully eligible.

ELC students who complete these requirements are guaranteed a spot at one of our nine undergraduate campuses, though not necessarily at their campus of choice.

Good to Know

Beginning with students applying for fall 2012, the ELC program will expand to include the top 9 percent of high schools' graduating classes. The subject requirement will change, too.

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