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Examination path

You may qualify for admission to UC by earning high scores on the ACT With Writing or SAT Reasoning Test and two SAT Subject Tests.

To qualify by examination, you must achieve a minimum UC Score total — calculated according to the instructions below — of 410 (425 for nonresidents). In addition, you must earn a minimum UC Score of 63 on each component of the ACT or SAT Reasoning Test and on each SAT Subject Test.

You may not use an SAT Subject Test to meet these requirements if you have completed a transferable college course in that subject with a grade of C or better.

How to convert your test scores to UC Scores:

If you took the SAT Reasoning Test:

- Convert your highest scores in critical reading, math and writing from a single sitting and your two highest SAT Subject Tests from different subject areas to equivalent UC Scores (see the translation table below).
- Add all five UC Scores to produce your UC Score total. For example: critical reading + math + writing + Subject Test 1 + Subject Test 2 = UC Score total.

If you took the ACT With Writing exam:

- Convert your highest math, reading, science and combined English/writing score from a single sitting to equivalent UC Scores (see the translation table below).
- Multiply the sum of your converted math, reading and science scores by two-thirds, then add the converted English/writing score.
- Add this subtotal to your two highest SAT Subject Test scores from two different subject areas, which are also converted to equivalent UC Scores. For example: (math + reading + science) x 0.667 + English/writing + Subject Test 1 + Subject Test 2) = UC Score total.

SAT test score translation

SAT Score	UC Score	SAT Score	UC Score
800	100	490	48
790	98	480	47
780	97	470	45
770	95	460	43
760	93	450	42
750	92	440	40
740	90	430	38
730	88	420	37
720	87	410	35
710	85	400	33
700	83	390	32
690	82	380	30
680	80	370	28
670	78	360	27
660	77	350	25
650	75	340	23
640	73	330	22
630	72	320	20
620	70	310	18
610	68	300	17
600	67	290	15
590	65	280	13
580	63	270	12
570	62	260	10
560	60	250	8
550	58	240	7
540	57	230	5
530	55	220	3
520	53	210	2
510	52	200	0
500	50		

ACT test score translation

ACT Score	UC Score	ACT Score	UC Score
36	100	20	47
35	97	19	43
34	93	18	40
33	90	17	37
32	87	16	33
31	83	15	30
30	80	14	27
29	77	13	23
28	73	12	20
27	70	11	17
26	67	10	13
25	63	9	10
24	60	8	7
23	57	7	3
22	53	1-6	0
21	50		

Good to know

If you're applying for fall 2012, you'll no longer be guaranteed admission based solely on your examination scores. Nevertheless, if you excel in your examinations yet don't fulfill the statewide or local qualification requirements, you'll still receive a full review of your application.

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