



The University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement

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This document is accurate as of April 10, 2023. Be sure to read all mail and emails that you receive from UCI and Campuswide Honors, and verify information for yourself, in case there are changes.

Students in the Campuswide Honors Collegium must have fulfilled the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement before enrolling in honors classes. ALL UCI students MUST satisfy the University of California Entry Level Writing Requirement in order to graduate from any program at the university.

Please follow all instructions you receive from UCI in May regarding the Writing Placement process, which applies to all incoming UCI first-year students.

You have fulfilled the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement if you have received/completed one of the options below:

2760 or above on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC)/California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) English Language Arts portion
30 or better on the ACT, English Language Arts*
63 or better on the ACT, English + Reading*
680 or better on the College Board SAT, Evidence-Based Reading & Writing section
3 or above on the AP English Language & Composition exam, or English Literature & Composition exam
3 or above on the AP Research exam, or Seminar exam
5 or above on an International Baccalaureate Higher Level English A: Literature, Language & Literature, or Literature & Performance exam
6 or above on an International Baccalaureate Standard Level English A: Literature, Language & Literature, or Literature & Performance exam
A grade of "C" or higher in an acceptable UC-transferable English composition course offered by another college or university, or UCI Summer Session

Be sure to submit ALL score reports/transcripts to UCI as soon as possible to assist with placement in required writing and math classes. *While UC does not consider SAT or ACT test scores when making admission decisions or awarding Regents and Chancellor's scholarships, test scores can be used for course placement after you enroll. If you have a qualifying test score that satisfies the Entry Level Writing Requirement that you have not reported to UC, you can arrange for the testing agency to send your scores to your UC campus. More information about submitting test scores can be found here: <https://admissions.uci.edu/new-student-welcome-guide/official-documents.php>.*

If you have successfully completed a UC-transferable college or university English composition course, you should have an official transcript sent to UCI by July 1. You can check ASSIST.org to see if an English composition course taken at a California public college or university will transfer to UC. For more information on composition courses that satisfy the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement, please contact the UCI Composition Office at writing@uci.edu.

UCI students who have not fulfilled the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement as described above will have their writing placement determined by UCI's Writing Course Placement Process. More information and instructions will be sent to students in May via email and other messaging. **Please note: students who intend to enroll at UCI should NOT take the Analytical Writing Placement Examination (AWPE) since writing placement at UCI is done through our own process.**

** Note: The ACT English alone will not fulfill the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement. Also, ACT "superscores" will not be accepted, and for the combined ACT English and Reading scores, the combined scores must come from the same exam sitting.*

Source: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/elwr/requirements/test-scores-grades.html> and <https://testingcenter.uci.edu/programs/placement-testing/writing-placement/>