

## Tests for College Admissions

### • What exam do I need to take to apply to college?

When considering applicants for admission, most four-year colleges and universities will accept your scores from **either** the ACT **or** the SAT. Consult your college(s) of choice for specific test requirements. Make sure that your campus of interest receives an official copy of the test results directly from College Board or ACT. You will also self-report this information on your submitted college applications.

California Community College	CSU	UC	Private/ Independent/ Out of State Colleges
- No entrance exam is required <b>but</b> a placement test is (Accuplacer).	<p>- SAT <i>or</i> ACT *Essay/Writing is optional. CSU campuses do <u>not</u> require or consider SAT Essay or ACT Writing</p> <p><b>SAT Note:</b> If you are planning on applying to various CSU's, visit <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>, and list the CSUMentor institution code <b>3594</b>. This code will allow any CSU campus to retrieve your SAT scores.</p> <p><b>ACT Note:</b> If you list even one CSU campus as an ACT score report recipient at <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>, you can then use the ACT Scores Manager on CSU Mentor to release your score to additional campuses. Before you can use the ACT Scores manager, you must first have arranged for your scores to be sent to a CSU campus. You can learn how to request this at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/index.html">www.actstudent.org/scores/send/index.html</a>.</p>	<p>- SAT with Essay <i>or</i> ACT with Writing is <b>required</b>.</p> <p>- SAT Subject Tests are not required but some campuses recommend that those interested in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency. Check with your campus(es) of interest.</p>	- Varies *Check with your campus(es) of interest

### • What are the differences between the SAT and ACT?

SAT	ACT
<b>Subjects:</b> Evidence-Based Reading and Writing, Math, <i>Optional</i> Essay	<b>Subjects:</b> English, Math, Reading, Science, <i>Optional</i> Writing
<b>Max Score:</b> 1600 points	<b>Max Score:</b> 36 points
<b>Cost-</b> SAT with Essay: \$57.00 SAT w/out Essay: \$45.00	<b>Cost-</b> ACT with Writing: \$58.50 ACT w/out Writing: \$42.50
SAT	ACT
Accepted nationally; all Hawaii colleges & Ivy Leagues included	Accepted nationally; all Hawaii colleges & Ivy Leagues included
Includes graphics in some Reading and Writing passages	Includes graphics in Science passages
About four hours long including essay	About four hours long including writing
Wrong answers = 0 points. Strategy: Answer <i>every</i> question, even if it's a guess.	Wrong answers = 0 points. Strategy: Answer <i>every</i> question, even if it's a guess.
All multiple-choice questions have four answer choices	Reading, English, Science have four answer choices; Math has five answer choices
Math: multiple choice <u>and</u> grid-ins; one section calculator is allowed, one <u>not</u> allowed	Math: multiple choice only; no grid-ins; calculator allowed on all Math
50-minute <u>optional</u> Essay at end	40-minute <u>optional</u> Essay at end
Pre-SAT: PSAT is offered each October at most high schools to 11 <sup>th</sup> graders and younger	Pre-ACT offered to 10 <sup>th</sup> graders at select high schools
<a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>	<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>

### • When should I take the SAT or ACT?

The SAT and ACT is offered several times a year. Most students take either test for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the spring of their **JUNIOR** year (Jan.-Jun.) and a 2<sup>nd</sup> time during the fall of their **SENIOR** year (Aug.-Dec.). **November** is the **last** test date for 12<sup>th</sup> grade applicants to SDSU main campus, Cal Poly SLO and San Jose State. Check with your campus(es) of choice for test deadlines. **\*\*December** is the **last** test date for **most** colleges (including most CSUs and UCs). Seniors should anticipate to take the SAT or ACT on or before the November test date (since some colleges do not accept December test date). It is recommended to take the SAT or ACT more than once to increase your likelihood of getting a better score.

### • Which exam is better?

Colleges will accept either SAT or ACT test. The Essay/Writing section of the test is required for UC campuses. Students are encouraged to take the practice tests available online to familiarize themselves with the subjects and make the best decision based on their individual preference.

• **When can I take the SAT and/or ACT?**

SAT Exam Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
*December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

ACT Exam Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
*December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

• **Where do I register?**

SAT: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

• **How can I get a fee waiver?**

Check with your high school counselor and outreach to see if you qualify for a **fee waiver**. Fee waivers are only for juniors and seniors. You can use a total of two (2) waivers for each test (2 for SAT, 2 for SAT Subject Tests and 2 for ACT) during high school. SAT Fee waivers can be used to waive regular registration fees and late fees if used by the late deadline. ACT fee waiver does not cover late fees.

• **Helpful tools and resources for practice:**

**SAT**

- Taking the PSAT in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, Khan Academy [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org), the Daily Practice App for SAT, SAT Practice Tests available through Khan Academy, CollegeBoard, and with your outreach program.

**ACT**

- ACT Practice Tests available through [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and with your outreach program, FREE access to Kaplan Online Live and ACT Prep Online with an ACT fee waiver.

**Personalized Online Math Instruction:**

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/mission/sat/practice/math>  
\*Take the 4 diagnostic quizzes to get help personalized to your current skill level

• **Should I take an SAT Subject Test?**

SAT Subject Tests are usually given on same dates as the SAT Reasoning Test. (You can not take both on the same date.) Tests are one hour each and you can take up to three on one date. Check to see if your college of choice requires or recommends these in addition to the SAT Reasoning Test/ACT and if so, which ones you should take. Different fees apply. Fee waivers are also available for the SAT Subject Tests. You can use a total of two (2) during high school. <http://www.compassprep.com/subject-test-requirements-and-recommendations/>

## Sending SAT/ACT Scores to CSUs

### SAT Code for CSU:

*Inputting Code # 3594 on your collegeboard account sends scores to all CSUs you apply for*

### Individual ACT Codes for CSU:

**Bakersfield:** 0201  
**Channel Islands:** 0204  
**Chico:** 0212  
**Dominguez Hills:** 0203  
**East Bay:** 0154  
**Fresno:** 0266  
**Fullerton:** 0355  
**Humboldt:** 0286  
**Long Beach:** 0302  
**Los Angeles:** 0320  
**Maritime Academy:** 0184  
**Monterey Bay:** 0321  
**Northridge:** 0400  
**Cal Poly Pomona:** 0202  
**Sacramento:** 0382  
**San Bernardino:** 0205  
**San Diego:** 0398  
**San Francisco:** 0404  
**San Jose:** 0410  
**Cal Poly San Luis Obispo:** 0188  
**San Marcos:** 0272  
**Sonoma:** 0431  
**Stanislaus:** 0435



## Sending SAT/ACT Scores to UCs

*If you send your scores to one UC campus, all UC campuses you apply to will automatically receive your scores*

### SAT Codes for UC:

**Berkeley:** 4833  
**Davis:** 4834  
**Irvine:** 4859  
**Los Angeles:** 4837  
**Merced:** 4129  
**Riverside:** 4839  
**San Diego:** 4836  
**Santa Barbara:** 4835  
**Santa Cruz:** 4860

### ACT Codes for UC:

**Berkeley:** 0444  
**Davis:** 0454  
**Irvine:** 0446  
**Los Angeles:** 0448  
**Merced:** 0450  
**Riverside:** 0456  
**San Diego:** 0459  
**Santa Barbara:** 0452  
**Santa Cruz:** 0460

# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA



## UC Freshman Admission Profile

FALL 2017

UC Campus	GPA of middle 25%-75% of students admitted in Fall 2017	SAT and ACT scores of middle 25%-75% of students admitted in Fall 2017
Berkeley	4.15-4.30	ACT: 30-34 SAT: 1280-1490 Reading and Writing: 640-730 Math: 640-760
Davis	3.95-4.25	ACT: 26-32 SAT: 1190-1430 Reading and Writing: 590-680 Math: 600-750
Irvine	4.00-4.25	ACT: 26-32 SAT: 1190-1420 Reading and Writing: 590-680 Math: 600-740
Los Angeles	4.13-4.31	ACT: 30-34 SAT: 1280-1500 Reading and Writing: 640-730 Math: 640-770
Merced	3.40-3.91	ACT: 20-27 SAT: 1020-1230 Reading and Writing: 510-610 Math: 510-620
Riverside	3.60-4.04	ACT: 23-30 SAT: 1090-1310 Reading and Writing: 550-640 Math: 540-670
San Diego	4.04-4.28	ACT: 29-34 SAT: 1250-1470 Reading and Writing: 620-710 Math: 630-760
Santa Barbara	3.96-4.25	ACT: 28-33 SAT: 1210-1450 Reading and Writing: 610-700 Math: 600-750
Santa Cruz	3.70-4.13	ACT: 26-31 SAT: 1170-1380 Reading and Writing: 580-670 Math: 590-710

Use this information as a general guide to selectivity and not as a predictor of your chance for admission

Source: University of California, Office of the President, Student Affairs, Undergraduate Admissions

Freshman Admission Data for Fall 2017 are a condensed snapshot as of 9/11/2017