Frequently Asked Questions from Admitted Students

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Admissions

Frequently asked questions for Admissions: https://www.admissions.uci.edu/apply/faq/index.php

Math, Chemistry and Physics Placement

Q: How can I determine what placement tests I need?
http://testingcenter.uci.edu/which%20tests%20to%20take.html

Q: What is the difference between the 6 week vs. 11 weeks for the Aleks refresher course and is it mandatory?

It is mandatory if you do not meet placement in another way. The difference is the amount of time allowed to complete the refresher.

Q: How is math placement determined?

SAT Math Score
- 450 and lower = Math 1A
- 451-649 = Math Math1B
- 650 or higher = Math 2A

Act Math Score
- 29 or higher = Math 2A

AP Calculus AB
- Score 3 = Enroll in Math 2A
- Score 4 or 5 = Enroll in Math 2B

AP Calculus BC
- Score 3 = Enroll in Math 2B
- Score 4 or 5 Enroll in Math 2D

IB HL Math
- Score 5, 6, 7 = Enroll in Math 2B

OR

Calculus Placement via Academic Testing center:
http://www.testingcenter.uci.edu/calculus%20online%20exam.html
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**Q: How is chemistry placement determined?**

- **SAT Math Score 600 or higher**
  - Chem1A

- **ACT Math Score 27 or higher**
  - Chem1A

- **AP Chem exam 3 or higher**
  - Chem1A

- **SAT Chem subject test 700 or higher**
  - Chem1A

- **AP Chem AB 4 or higher**
  - Chem1A

- **AP Chem BC 3 or higher**
  - Chem1A

- **AP Chem 3 or 4**
  - ENGR 1A

- **Chem SAT Subject Test 550 or higher**
  - ENGR 1A

**ALEKS refresher:**
- Students who get 100% get an additional 5% to their letter grade when they take Engr 1A

**Q: How is physics placement determined? *Math 2B is a REQUIRED co-requisite for Physics 7C***

- **AP Physics C Mechanics**
  - 4 or higher = Physics 7C

- **AP Physics C Electricity and Magnetism**
  - 4 or higher= Physics 7C

- 650 or higher on SAT Mathematics exam

- Score of 27 or higher on ACT Mathematics

- Complete Physics 2 with a C or higher
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Q: I've taken 3 years of a foreign language at my high school, will this satisfy the language other than English requirement at UCI?
Yes, you are required to take 3 years (or up to level 3) of the same foreign language for this to count.

Q: I scored a 3 on my AP English exam, what does this mean?
You will receive elective credit as well as satisfy the UC Entry Level Writing Requirement.

Q: I scored a 4 or 5 on my AP Composition and Literature, what does this mean?
You will receive elective credit as well as satisfy one of the required lower division writing courses needed.

Q: I scored a 4 or 5 on my AP Language and Composition, what does this mean?
You will receive elective credit as well as satisfy one of the required lower division writing courses needed.

Q: Where can more information on Advanced Placement be found?
http://catalogue.uci.edu/informationforprospectivestudents/undergraduateadmissions/#ap

Q: Will change of majors be accepted prior to starting school at UCI?
No, but you may want to contact admissions: https://admissions.uci.edu/

Q: What if I would like to switch my major once I’ve began my studies at UCI?
Students must follow the change of major requirements for their new intended major: https://changeofmajor.uci.edu/
An appointment with their Academic Counselor to discuss how this will impact their plan of study is recommended.

Q: Can I double major?
Students may double major at the end of their sophomore year and must have a minimum 3.0 GPA at the time of request.

Q: Can I add a minor?
Yes, a minor may be added if a student is in good standing (minimum 2.0 GPA). Please note that classes in the minor are not guaranteed.

**Q: How will I know what classes to enroll in for my first semester?**

During orientation you will be given a plan of study for fall quarter. We recommend that you meet with your counselor during the academic year for a more in-depth version or four year plan. You could also view an example program of study on the catalog website:

http://catalogue.uci.edu/thehenrysamuelschoolofengineering/

**Q: Where can I find more information on resources and my major?**

Our undergraduate engineering website is a great tool and full of resources: https://undergraduate.eng.uci.edu/