

Examinations

ESL and GRE Requirements

If applicable, register for the examinations below as early as possible. Take into consideration the score reporting dates when enrolling, as applications are not complete without a UC-recognized English as a Second Language (ESL) examination score or Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score.

Note: UC will receive your score electronically and match it to your UC record. Be sure the name you use to enroll in examinations matches the name, date of birth and gender you provide for your UC online application.

GRADUATE MINIMUM ESL SCORE REQUIREMENTS

UC Campus	UC TOEFL Code	Department Code	Paper-based TOEFL	Internet-based TOEFL	IELTS
UCB ¹	4833	Select Dept Code	570	90	7.0
UCD	4834	Select Dept Code	550	80	7.0
UCI	4859	NA	550	80	7.0 ²
UCLA ¹	4837	Select Dept Code	560	87 ³	7.0
UCM	4129	NA	550	80 ⁴	7.0
UCR	4839	Select Dept Code	550	80	7.0 ²
UCSB ¹	4835	NA	550	80	7.0
UCSD ⁵	4836	Select Dept Code	550	80	7.0
UCSC ⁶	4860	NA	550	83	7.0

1. Some majors may require higher ESL scores.
2. IELTS: A score of 7.0 is required, with no less than 6.0 in any individual module.
3. Internet-based TOEFL requires a minimum score in each section as follows: 25 in Writing, 24 in Speaking, 21 in Reading, and 17 in Listening.
4. Internet-based TOEFL requires a minimum score in each section as follows: 19 in Writing, 26 in Speaking, 18 in Reading, and 17 in Listening.
5. The Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) with an overall score of 65 is accepted to satisfy UCSD requirements for admission to graduate study. Registration and test information are available at <http://www.pearsonpte.com/pteacademic/Pages/home.aspx>
6. Bioinformatics, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, and Electrical Engineering require 570 on the paper-based test, or 89 on the Internet-based test.

Test Enrollment and Score Reporting

ESL Score Requirement: Students whose native language is not English must present proof of proficiency in English.

TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

Visit the official [TOEFL website](#) to learn more about the TOEFL testing components, test administration, computer tutorials, and other frequently asked questions.

Validity of Scores: Scores are valid for two years from the testing date.

Campus Score Reporting: UC campuses receive TOEFL scores electronically from ETS (Educational Testing Service). Ask that your TOEFL scores be reported to each prospective host UC campus *at the time you take the examination*. This will ensure the most rapid and reliable reporting of your scores.

Report TOEFL scores to each prospective host UC campus using the institutional code (and department code when applicable).

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS)

Visit the official [IELTS website](#) to learn more about the testing components, test administration, computer tutorials, and other frequently asked questions.

Validity of Scores: Scores are valid for two years from the testing date.

Note: Students must take the *Academic* IELTS. The *Vocational* IELTS examination is not accepted for exchange participants.

Campus Score Reporting

IELTS score reports should be sent to the host UC Graduate Admissions Office or department (as indicated in application instructions).

GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE)

Visit the [GRE website](#) for information on test center locations, exam dates, preparation tips, registration, and score reporting.

Validity of Scores: Scores are valid for five years from the testing date.

Campus Score Reporting

GRE score reports should be sent to the host UC Graduate Admissions Office or department (as indicated in application instructions).

UC Campus	GRE Code	Department Code
UCB	4833	Select Dept Code
UCD	4834	Select Dept Code
UCI	4859	NA
UCLA	4837	Select Dept Code
UCM	4129	NA
UCR	4839	Select Dept Code
UCSB	4835	NA
UCSD	4836	Select Dept Code
UCSC	4860	NA

The GRE is required by most UC departments. It is to your advantage to register for a testing date as early as possible. Late test scores can delay acceptance of an application. Failure to provide a test score may cause an application to be denied.

GRE Score Requirements

Unlike TOEFL scores, there is no minimum GRE score established by the Graduate Division of each UC campus. If a department has established minimum GRE scores, this will be noted in the application requirements portion of the website for each department.