UC DAVIS: Basic Skills Guidance

The Basic Skills Requirement is made up of three content areas: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. Recent changes now allow you to mix and match the options you may use to meet this requirement. You can combine the options of passing test(s) and passing course(s) until you met an option for each content area. To determine if you have met this requirement already, please follow these steps:

1. Review each content area listed on the mix and match option chart to see if you have already completed the requirement. If after reviewing the tests already taken section you have not yet met all content areas, you will next explore if you have passed course(s) in the content area:

    a. **UC Davis undergraduates:** Review our **Course Equivalency website** to see if you took any courses as a UC Davis undergraduate that will meet a content area. You had to earn a grade of B- or higher (Pass/Credit works if letter grade not offered). Currently you will need to pass two courses to meet the 4.5 Quarter Unit requirement but that might *potentially* be reduced by the CTC to only 4.0 Quarter Units. We anticipate this action taking place by the end of October.

    b. **If you transferred Community College coursework to UC Davis:** Review our **Course Equivalency website** to see if any of your courses are listed. If they are not, follow the steps listed below in C-ii.

    c. **Undergraduate not from UC Davis**: If you believe you passed a course that covers the required content:
        i. **Reach out to the Teacher Education program** where you completed the course and ask them to email verification that the course meets the CTC requirements to credentialanalyst@ucdavis.edu. If you need assistance or guidance on this, please email us at that email address.
        ii. **If there is no Teacher Education program at your college** – please submit a course inquiry on our Course Equivalency website, providing the course description and syllabus of the course you believe meets the content area. Our faculty will review your request and we'll get back to you in about two weeks.

2. If after reviewing the options for tests and/or courses you have already taken, you have not met an option from each content area, take the CBEST exam covering the unmet content area(s). Please review our website for information on recommended timing to schedule your exam.

3. Complete our Basic Skills Summary to indicate how you have met/will meet this requirement. You will receive an email from eduadvising@ucdavis.edu summarizing your submission. Hold on to this email until you are ready to submit your application for admission.

4. After submitting your application for admission, Graduate Studies will email you directions to upload required documentation. Please PDF the Basic Skills Summary email (from step 3) along with test results you are using to meet this requirement and upload as your Basic Skills.

BASIC SKILLS - Mix and Match Options

READING	
Tests Already Taken	***Minimum Score***
ACT: English	22
AP: Advance Placement English Language and Composition or English Literature and Composition	3
CBEST: Reading	41
CSET Multiple Subjects - subtest 101	Pass
CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP): English	"College Ready" or "Exempt"
CSU English Placement Test (EPT)	151
SAT: Critical Reading (taken **before** March 1, 2016)	500
SAT: Verbal (taken **before** March 1, 2016)	500
SAT: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (taken **on/after** March 1, 2016	560
Coursework Option	***Requirements***
Courses in critical thinking, literature, philosophy, reading, rhetoric, textual analysis	3 semester units or *4.5 quarter units, minimum grade of B-
New Test Option	***Minimum Score***
CBEST: **Reading**	41

WRITING	
Tests Already Taken	***Minimum Score***
ACT: English	22
AP: Advance Placement English Language and Composition or English Literature and Composition	3
CBEST: Writing	41
CSET: Writing Skills Exam - Subtest 142	Pass
CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP): English	"College Ready" or "Exempt"
CSU English Placement Test (EPT)	151
SAT: Critical Reading (taken **before** March 1, 2016)	500
SAT: Verbal (taken **before** March 1, 2016)	500
SAT: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (taken **on/after** March 1, 2016	560
Coursework Option	***Requirements***
Courses in composition, English, rhetoric, written communication, writing	3 semester units or *4.5 quarter units, minimum grade of B-
New Test Option	***Minimum Score***
CBEST: **Writing**	41

MATHEMATICS	
Tests Already Taken	***Minimum Score***
ACT: Math	23
AP: Advance Placement Statistics or Calculus	3
CBEST: Math	41
CSET: Multiple Subjects - Subtests 214 **and** 103	Pass- both subtests
CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP): Mathematics	"College Ready" or "Exempt"
CSU Entry Level Mathematics (ELM) Assessment	50
SAT: Math (taken **before** March 1, 2016)	550
SAT: Math (taken **on/after** March 1, 2016)	570
Coursework Option	***Requirements***
Courses in algebra, geometry, mathematics, quantitative reasoning, statistics	3 semester units or *4.5 quarter units, minimum grade of B-
New Test Option	***Minimum Score***
CBEST: **Mathematics**	41

*The 4.5 Quarter Unit requirement is *potentially* being reduced by the CTC to only 4.0 Quarter Units. We anticipate this action taking place by the end of October. Please check our Course Equivalency Website to confirm.

Please contact us at eduadvising@ucdavis.edu with questions.