

Information for the UC Application

Academic History Section

- The public universities in California will not accept transcripts or letters of recommendation from your high school – the entire application is self-reported by you, the student. If you are accepted and choose to enroll in a UC or Cal State school, you will be required to send an official final transcript for verification of what you reported on your application, so be sure to report it accurately.
- You have to assign your classes to one of seven academic categories (called A-G in the California system). The categories are: history/social science, English, math, laboratory science, language other than English (foreign language), and/or visual and performing art and other academic electives. One year of a core academic course must be assigned to the academic elective designation. You cannot use theology, PE or Health here. ***It's best to assign freshman history (Ancient Civ 9) to the elective designation*** as only two years of social studies are required and all Prep students have at least three years.
- Academic courses that do not fit in the above "a-g" categories should be reported in the "Coursework Other than A-G" (found in the Activities and Awards section). Examples include yearbook, journalism, mock trial or religion courses. **Do not include non-academic courses, such as PE or health.**
- High school courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or better (a grade of C- is acceptable and calculated as a C). Credit (CR) and Pass (P) grades are not acceptable in high school to meet the subject requirements, except for the 20-21 school year.
- As an out of state student, you cannot designate your honors coursework as "honors" in the dropdown when entering the class. But be sure to use the word Honors in the title of the class when you enter it. However, you can designate your AP classes as AP in the dropdown.
- Enter middle school classes and grades in the coursework section only in the following situations:
 - If you started in Geometry freshman year, enter your middle school Algebra class/grade
 - If you started in Algebra Trig, enter middle school Algebra and Geometry classes/grades
 - If you started in Spanish 2, French 2 or Chinese 2 or German 2, enter your middle school language year 1 class/grade
- Don't enter your middle school as an additional school attended.

- For Writing for College, if you paid for the UW college credit, you should enter this course in the College Coursework section, NOT the high school coursework section. You will need to add UW to the college section before doing this. You should designate the class as one quarter in the college coursework section, but know you will get a full year of high school credit for these. College/university courses must be completed with a letter grade of C or better. A C- or Credit (CR) and/or Pass (P) is not acceptable in college courses.

Personal Insight Section

- There are 8 Personal Insight question prompts and you must respond to 4 of them. There is no other essay requirement beyond the Personal Insight questions.
- Because Prep has some unique aspects to its curriculum and due to our rigorous grading policies during COVID remote learning, **we strongly encourage you to copy and paste the following text into the Personal Insight section under "Additional Comments"**.
- **Curriculum:** All students participate in an interdisciplinary humanities curriculum during their first three years at Prep. This three year course sequence is entitled Collegio but appears as two courses (English and social studies) on the transcript. There is no honors designation on the transcript but the reading, writing and speaking expectations are very demanding both in terms of quantity and complexity. Due to the collegio curriculum, there are no AP or honors designated courses available in the humanities until the senior year. While honors classes are available in math, science and Spanish in all grades, the first opportunity for most Prep students to take AP classes in all subject areas is also senior year. In addition, all Prep students must take four years of Theology classes, which can limit opportunities to take other advanced elective coursework.
- **COVID:** In 2020-21, Seattle Prep began with a digital format with synchronous instruction in every class and added some hybrid in-person learning in the spring. Normal curriculum was completed, and rigorous grading standards were maintained throughout.