

The Structure of the Degree

UCLA College of Letters and Science undergraduate students must satisfy the following degree requirements:

University Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Entry Level Writing (1 class/5 units) ◆ American History & Institutions (1 class/5 units)
College Proficiency Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Writing I (1 class/5 units) ◆ Writing II (1 class/5 units) ◆ Quantitative Reasoning (1 class/4-5 units) ◆ Foreign Language (1-3 classes/4-15 units) ◆ Diversity (1 class/4-5 units)²
General Education (GE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Foundations of Arts & Humanities (3 classes/15 units) ◆ Foundations of Society & Culture (3 classes/15 units) ◆ Foundations of Scientific Inquiry (4 classes/17-20 units)
Preparation for the Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 3-18 classes (15-72 units)¹ ◆ Minimum prep GPA varies by major ◆ Additional eligibility requirements may be applied
Upper Division Major Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 9-13 classes (36-52 units)¹ ◆ Minimum 2.0 Major GPA³
60 Upper Division Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 2-6 elective classes (8-24 units; courses numbered 100-199)
180 Quarter Units to Graduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 0-8 elective classes (0-32 units) ◆ 180 total units is the minimum to graduate; 216 units is the maximum ◆ AP/IB units calculated toward 180 units total
2.0 GPA Overall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Only UC grades calculated into GPA
Residence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 35 out of final 45 units must be completed at UCLA ◆ 24 units for the major must be completed at UCLA

¹ Will vary by major; over 100 options within the College of Letters and Science

² Only required for freshmen who entered Fall 2015, and transfers who entered Fall 2017 and thereafter.

³ Some majors have minimum grade requirements for specific courses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- ◆ College Academic Counseling | www.cac.ucla.edu
- ◆ AP and IB Credit Charts | www.admissions.ucla.edu/infopropective.htm
- ◆ Academic Calendar | www.registrar.ucla.edu/Calendars/Overview
- ◆ Approved UCLA College GE Articulation Agreements | <http://cac.ucla.edu/academic-planning/transferring-credit/>
- ◆ General Education – Foundations of Knowledge, Diversity Requirement, and Writing I and Writing II Course Lists www.registrar.ucla.edu (Click Registration & Classes > Schedule of Classes > Review Master Course Lists)
- ◆ General Education (GE) Class Search: www.registrar.ucla.edu (Click Registration & Classes > Schedule of Classes > Search Criteria > Select General Education (GE) Classes)
- ◆ Planning Your Degree – Tassels to the Left: www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/degreepath/ (To view suggested three- and four-year program plans for many College of Letters and Science majors; not all majors are listed.)

NOTE: Transfer students who completed IGETC will have satisfied College Requirements and General Education.

General Degree Information

- ◆ UCLA's academic year is a 3 Quarter System: Fall, Winter, and Spring
 - Quarter = 10 Instruction Weeks + 1 Final Exams Week
 - Summer: 4th Quarter, optional
 - See Annual Academic Calendar for exact dates: www.registrar.ucla.edu/Calendars/Annual-Academic-Calendar
- ◆ Average course load per quarter: 12-16 units (3-4 classes)
 - 13 units/quarter is encouraged for College of Letters and Science (L&S) students
 - 12 units/quarter: full-time for Federal Financial Aid
 - Below is an example of a four-year program plan.
- ◆ Unit recommendations are based on L&S Expected Cumulative Progress (ECP).
 - ECP Guidelines are designed to promote four-year graduation rates.
 - For more information about ECP: <https://cac.ucla.edu/academic-policies/expected-cumulative-progress/>

Sample Four-Year Program Plan

Year 1

Fall 2019	Winter 2020	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Total Year Units	Unit Total
Class 1 4	Class 4 4	Class 7 5			
Class 2 4	Class 5 5	Class 8 5			
Class 3 5	Class 6 5	Class 9 5			
Total 13	Total 14	Total 15		42	42

Year 2

Fall 2019	Winter 2020	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Total Year Units	Unit Total
Class 10 4	Class 13 5	Class 16 5			
Class 11 5	Class 14 5	Class 17 5			
Class 12 5	Class 15 5	Class 18 5			
Total 15	Total 15	Total 15		44	86

Year 3

Fall 2019	Winter 2020	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Total Year Units	Unit Total
Class 19 5	Class 22 5	Class 25 4			
Class 20 5	Class 23 5	Class 26 4			
Class 21 5	Class 24 5	Class 27 4			
		Class 28 4			
Total 15	Total 15	Total 16		46	132

Year 4

Fall 2019	Winter 2020	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Total Year Units	Unit Total
Class 29 4	Class 33 4	Class 37 4			
Class 30 4	Class 34 4	Class 38 4			
Class 31 4	Class 35 4	Class 39 4			
Class 32 4	Class 36 4	Class 40 4			
Total 16	Total 16	Total 16		48	180

- ◆ Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit may be applied towards the 180 units needed to graduate.
 - 4-8 units earned for AP exam scores of 3/4/5.
For detailed AP chart, see: www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/APCreditLS.htm
 - 2-8 units earned for IB exam scores of 5/6/7.
For detailed IB chart, see: www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/IBCreditLS.htm