

Feasibility Study of a New UC Test Steering Committee Charge

Purpose of the Feasibility Study

The purpose of the feasibility study is to determine the viability of developing a test that aligns with the content that UC expects high school students to have mastered in order to demonstrate college readiness for California freshmen, and that can be implemented beginning with the fall 2025 admissions cycle. Selection of an instrument and test development are beyond the scope of the feasibility study and will be addressed only if the study results in a decision that the pursuit of a new UC standardized test is feasible.

Charge

Identify the high-level purpose and goal of a UC freshman admissions test to guide the work of the Feasibility Study Work Group. Deliberate the Work Group's findings and recommendation and develop a recommendation to the UC President to (1) pursue a new standardized test for use in UC freshman admissions and selection or (2) eliminate standardized testing as a requirement at UC beginning with fall 2025 admissions.

UC's Principles for an Admissions Test should be the foundation for the Steering Committee's analysis and for the ultimate recommendation to the UC President:

1. An admissions test should be a reliable measurement that provides uniform assessment and should be fair across demographic groups.
2. **An admissions test should measure levels of mastery of content in UC-approved high school preparatory coursework and should provide information to students, parents and educators, enabling them to identify academic strengths and weaknesses.**
3. An admissions test should be demonstrably useful in predicting student success at UC and provide information beyond that which is contained in other parts of the application.
4. **An admissions test should be useful in a way that justifies its social and monetary costs.**

The Feasibility Steering Committee will receive progress reports and findings from the Feasibility Study Work Group on a monthly basis until their work is completed. The Steering Committee will submit its recommendation to the UC President by December 18, 2020.