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UC temporarily eases admissions requirements in response to educational disruptions

As measures to combat COVID-19 have closed schools, cancelled standardized tests and upended nearly every aspect of students' education, students and their families are understandably worried about whether those changes will hurt their college prospects.

The University of California has taken steps to ensure that students can strive for and attain a world-class UC education, despite disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

On Tuesday, March 31, the university announced that it has temporarily relaxed its admissions standards for both newly admitted students and prospective high school and community college students to account for changes in instruction methods, grading and administration of standardized tests.

UC campuses will provide maximum flexibility to students who need more time to meet registration, deposit and transcript deadlines. The university also expects to work with students to adjust financial aid packages if family financial circumstances have suddenly changed.

To serve students and their families during this crisis, UC has enacted the following temporary measures, which are explained in detail in an [online FAQ](#).

- UC has temporarily suspended the letter grade requirement for A-G courses completed in spring 2020 for both prospective and admitted students. For transfer students, the university has relaxed the cap on Pass/No Pass courses eligible for transfer to enter UC as a junior.
- UC will suspend the standardized test requirement (SAT and ACT) for students applying for fall 2021 freshman admission. This modification is not intended as

an admissions policy shift but is rather a temporary accommodation driven by the current extraordinary circumstances.

- The deadline for students to accept their admissions offers remains May 1 for freshmen and June 1 for transfer students. However, the university has asked campuses to provide maximum flexibility for students who request extensions. Students should contact campus admissions offices directly with these requests.
- UC will also provide flexibility to students and schools who are unable to submit transcripts by July 1. No student's admission offer will be rescinded for missing the deadline.
- Despite changes to the format and content of AP exams this term, the university will continue to award credit for exams with scores of 3, 4 or 5.

For more information, please see the [press release](#) and the [Undergraduate Admissions COVID-19](#) page.