# FRESHMAN ADMISSION

- Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit — cannot be used to meet subject requirements and are identified as subject omissions.

## VALIDATION

There are two types of validation:

- Validation of coursework: validation of a lower–level course even if the lower-level course was not actually completed ("subject omission")

- Validation of grades: validation of a D or F grade ("grade deficiency") in a lower-level course after completion of a higher-level course with a grade of C or better

When a student has successfully completed advanced work (earning a grade of C or better) in an area of sequential knowledge, the student is presumed to have completed the lower-level coursework. Validation can occur with just a semester of higher-level coursework. For freshman applicants, validation applies only to courses in mathematics and languages other than English.

### Validation of subject omissions

If a student takes an advanced-level course in mathematics or a language other than English without completing the lower-level course, earning a C or better in the advanced course will validate the missing lower-level course and it will not be considered a subject omission. (See validation matrices, pages 18–19.) For example, a C or better in Spanish II validates Spanish I; a C or better in Algebra II validates Algebra I. However, the omission of a course that contains geometry cannot be validated by higher-level coursework, except as noted below.

**Geometry:** To meet the mathematics ("c") subject requirement, students must complete either one yearlong course in geometry or one yearlong course as part of an integrated mathematics sequence that includes sufficient geometry (e.g., Math II). UC allows students to self-report on the admission application a geometry course or a sequence of integrated-style math courses completed in grade 7 or 8 to meet this requirement.

The omission of a yearlong geometry course cannot be validated by advanced-level math courses (e.g., Algebra II/ Trigonometry, Trigonometry, Math Analysis, Precalculus or Calculus). However, validation applies in the following cases:

- The omission of the first semester of geometry can be validated by successful completion of the second semester of geometry with a letter grade of C or better.

- The omission of the first semester of an integrated course with sufficient geometry content (e.g., Math II) can be validated by successful completion of the second semester of an integrated course with sufficient geometry content with a letter grade of C or better.

- The omission of a yearlong integrated course with sufficient geometry content (e.g., Math II) can be validated by a higher-level integrated course (e.g., Math III) with a letter grade of C or better, provided that the higher-level course shows clear evidence of geometry content.

**Please note:** Standardized exams (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Test, AP, IB, etc.) cannot validate the omission of a geometry course. However, we will accept a "challenge" examination, administered by the high school (e.g., the school geometry course final exam), to demonstrate proficiency to validate the course omission if the high school awards both letter grades and units on the official transcript for the successful completion of such an exam.

### Validation of deficient grades

In mathematics and language other than English only, completion of a higher-level course with a C or better validates an earlier grade of D or F in a lower-level course. For example, a D in the first semester of geometry is validated by a grade of C or higher in the second semester of geometry.

Math and language other than English requirements may be satisfied through means other than repeating the course. Please note that validation is not the same as repeating a course to replace a D or F grade in the GPA calculation. If a student uses a higher-level course to validate a lower-level course, both grades are used in calculating the GPA.

See the validation matrices on pages 18–19 for more information.

**Geometry:** If a student completes geometry and receives a grade of D or F, the student can validate the grade deficiency by completing at least the first semester of an advanced-level math course. For details, see the validation matrix on page 18.