

Information about Upper-Division Standing

At UC, class level can refer to the difference between the undergraduate level and the graduate level, but in most cases it will refer to the class level within the undergraduate program, for example:

- Students primarily enroll in lower-division courses numbered 1-99:
 - Freshman (first year)
 - Sophomore (second year)
- Students primarily enroll in upper-division courses numbered 100-199:
 - Junior (third year)
 - Senior (fourth year)

At UC, if there is a prerequisite for an undergraduate course numbered 1-199 that mentions class standing or “upper-division” standing, it refers to students having completed a certain amount of units.

For UC degree-seeking students, the enrollment system can see by how many UC courses the students have taken to determine whether they have reached required class standing.

If you are unable to register through the online registration system, it may be because the system does not have access to your educational history and cannot determine that you are qualified to enroll in the course.

Follow your [host UC campus course enrollment instructions](#) for documenting prerequisites, as this may require you to use the UC campus system to complete the request, or to email the UC course instructor and/or the department advisor at the department offering the course to demonstrate that you meet the course prerequisites and request permission to enroll.

See also the template for [Prerequisite Clearance Request](#) as a resource.

If the prerequisite you must document relates to class standing, you may explain where you are in your current home university studies to demonstrate your prior academic study.

For example, if you are currently in the second year of a 3-year or 4-year undergraduate degree program at your home university, and would be starting the third year of your university studies while at UC, this information would help the host UC campus course instructor / academic advisor at the department offering the course understand your academic preparation.