

### 13 Factors of Comprehensive Review

Factor	Explanation/Example/Tips	What can I share on my application in regards to this factor?	What I plan to do to strengthen this factor on my application.
1. GPA in all completed A-G courses	Make sure to use your transcript when self-reporting your grades on your application. During your Senior year we will ask you to get your application checked at Helix before you submit.		
2. Number of, content of, and performance in academic course <b>beyond</b> the A-G requirements	You will be able to explain your grades in the “Additional Information” section. Example, you were out with appendicitis and earned a C in a class, etc.		
3. Number of and performance in UC-approved Honors and AP courses	They will consider AP classes, some honors courses, and Dual/Concurrent Enrollment courses.		
4. Identification by UC as being ranked in the top 9% of your high school class at the end of your Junior year (ELC)	As an applicant from California, your application will be automatically screened for ELC eligibility when you apply. There is no extra paperwork.		
5. Quality of your senior year program as measured by the type and number of academic courses in progress or planned	Even though your senior year grades won't be used to determine your acceptance, UCs will still look at what classes you have planned to make sure that you are challenging yourself academically.		
6. Quality of your academic performance relative to the	Did you make the most of the opportunities available to you?		

educational opportunities available in your high school	Think of what opportunities you took advantage of and what you did to seek out additional opportunities not available on campus.		
7. Outstanding performance in one or more specific subject areas	Did you go above and beyond in a subject area? Think internships, classes outside of Helix, or awards in a certain subject area.		
8. Outstanding work in one or more special projects in any academic field of study	This could include things like: internships, independent research, or a club you started on campus or in your community.		
9. Recent, marked improvement in academic performance as demonstrated by academic GPA and the quality of coursework completed or in progress	Did you have a difficult start in 9th grade? What wasn't working? What did you do differently? This would probably be most reflective in a Personal Insight Question (PIQ)		
10. Special talents, achievements and awards in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that	You have a lot of freedom with this one... it is basically asking: What are you good at? What are your accomplishments?		

demonstrate the student's promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of a campus			
11. Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of your high school curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs	You may notice some overlap with this one; think of ways you did more at Helix.		
12. Academic accomplishments in light of your experiences and special circumstances, including but not limited to: disabilities, low family income, first generation, need to work, disadvantaged social or educational environment, difficult personal and family situations or circumstances, refugee status or veteran status	Were there any circumstances that had an impact on your high school experience?		
Location of your secondary school and residence	You don't necessarily have control over this, but it is a factor that is considered.		

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