

A-G REQUIREMENTS

Choosing the right classes to take throughout your high school years will help you get into a college of your dreams. California State Universities (also known as Cal States or CSUs) and University of California (UCs) require the completion of courses that meet the A-G requirements listed below*. Many other colleges and universities require these same courses, so it is a good idea to plan on taking them before you graduate from high school. Students who take these required courses and pass them with “C” grades or higher are eligible to apply to Cal States and UCs as freshmen. If you receive a “D” grade in any of the courses listed below, you may still be eligible to graduate from high school, but you may be ineligible to enter a four year university until the courses are retaken and you receive grades of “C” or better in those courses. At least seven of the 15 yearlong courses must be taken in your last two years of high school. This document will be placed in your portfolio and should be filled out by you in high school.

Course Requirements	Explanation	Suggested Grade Levels			
		9th	10th	11th	12th
A. History/Social Science (2 Years Required)	One year of U.S. History or ½ year of U.S. History and ½ Year of U.S. Civics or American Government CSU requires one additional year of social science. UC requires one year of World History, Cultures, and Geography		X	X	X
B. English (4 Years Required)	English classes must be college preparatory English composition and literature	X	X	X	X
C. Mathematics (3 Years Required/4 Years Recommended)	Course may include: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II (Intermediate Algebra), or higher level mathematics. Taking Algebra I in 8 th grade is recommended.	X	X	X	X
D. Laboratory Science (2 Years Required/3 Years Recommended)	CSU requires one year of biological science and one year of physical science. UC recommends three years with at least two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or other approved college preparatory laboratory science.		X	X	X
E. Foreign Language Other Than English (2 Years/3 Years Recommended)	U.C. recommends three years. American Sign Language counts as a foreign language. The same foreign language must be taken.	X	X	X	
F. Visual and Performing Arts (1 Year)	Courses may include: Dance, Drama/Theater, Music, Visual Art	X			
G. College Preparatory Elective (1 Year)	Any academic course that meets A-F requirements. This also includes alternative electives such as AVID.				X

* For a full listing of courses that meet the A-G requirements at your school and answers to your specific questions, please see your guidance counselor. Grades earned in 9th grade or earlier will not be used in calculating the grade point average (G.P.A.) for college admission.

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