



What you need to know about **A-G / College Entrance Requirements**

The A-G / College Entrance Requirements are a sequence of high school courses that students must complete (*with a grade of C or better*) to be minimally eligible for admission to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU). They represent the basic level of academic preparation that high school students should achieve to undertake university work.

The following chart summarizes the A-G / College Entrance Requirements:

	Subject	Years	Details
(A)	History/Social Science	2	Two years, including one year of world history, cultures, and historical geography <i>and</i> one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government.
(B)	English	4	Four years of college preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. Only one year of English Language Development (ELD) 4 counts toward this requirement.
(C)	Mathematics	3	Three years of college preparatory mathematics that includes the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra, and two- and three- dimensional geometry.
(D)	Laboratory Science	2	Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three disciplines: biology, chemistry, and physics.
(E)	Language Other than English	2	Two years of the same language other than English.
(F)	Visual & Performing Arts	1	One year, including dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
(G)	College Preparatory Elective	1	One year (two semesters), chosen from additional “A-F” courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above, or courses that have been approved solely for use as “G” electives.

Additional Information on the A-G / College Entrance Requirements

The purposes of the A-G / College Entrance Requirements are to ensure that entering students:

- Can participate fully in the first year program at UC and CSU in a broad variety of fields of study
- Have attained the necessary preparation for courses, majors, and programs offered at UC and CSU
- Have attained a body of knowledge that will provide breadth and perspective to new, more advanced studies
- Have attained essential critical thinking and study skills

Comparison Table

The following table compares high school graduation requirements to UC/CSU and Community College entrance requirements.

Subject Areas	UC/CSU Entrance	High School Graduation	Community College Entrance
A. History-Social Science	2 years	3 years (30 credits)	Same as High School Graduation Requirements – must be a High School Graduate (if not a high school graduate or equivalent, may enroll but will not qualify for financial aid)
B. English	4 years	4 years (40 credits)	Same as High School Graduation Requirements. Must take Reading and Writing Assessments. Higher scores mean fewer college courses required
C. Mathematics (includes passing Algebra 1-2)	3 years (Four recommended)	2 years (20 credits)	Same as High School Graduation Requirements. Four years recommended. Must take Math Assessment. Higher scores mean fewer college courses required
D. Lab Science	2 years (Three recommended)	2 years (20 credits) One year biological science, One year physical science	Same as High School Graduation Requirements.
E. Language other than English	2 years	1 year (10 credits)	Same as High School Graduation Requirements.
F. Visual/Performing Arts	1 year		
G. College Prep elective	1 year	70 credits	Same as High School Graduation Requirements.
Physical Education	Not applicable	2 years (20 credits)	Same as High School Graduation Requirements.
		Minimum Credits Required: 210	

To receive credits for high school graduation, courses must be passed with a grade of D or better. To qualify for CSU/UC admissions, courses must be passed with a grade of C or better. Courses that receive a grade of “F” do not earn any credits. Courses not completed with a passing grade of a “C” or better must be retaken to earn credit toward graduation.

Although a minimum of 210 credits is required for a high school diploma from Stockton Unified, students are expected to complete 60 credits a year for four years (totaling of 240 credits). Students attending the high schools on the Four by Four Block Schedule are expected to complete 80 credits a year for four years (totaling 320 credits).

For an official list of the UC approved courses for your high school, please visit the UC Doorways website at <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/app/home/>. Each high school has a list of approved courses. Students at charter high schools need to reference the list for their high school as it may differ from other district high schools.