

College Entrance Requirements

Specific admission requirements for the University of California and the California State University systems are described below. In addition, general admission requirements are outlined for California Community Colleges and private universities. Catalogs of the colleges to which admission is sought should be studied for specific preparation during grades 9-12. The following are minimum requirements. Students are advised to complete as many college-prep courses as possible.

Criteria for Admissions	University of California	California State University	Community College	Private College or University													
Rank	Generally top 12.5% of class	Generally top 33% of class	Open to 100% of high school grads or equivalent	Varies campus to campus													
GPA & Test Scores (ACT/SAT)	www.universityofcalifornia.edu Students with a GPA below a 3.0 are not eligible to apply.	www.csumentor.edu Below 2.0 does not qualify for regular admission	www.cccapply.org Math and English placement tests are required for entering freshmen.	www.commonapp.org SAT or ACT (requirements vary)													
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Activities	Leadership & involvement is important	Leadership & involvement is important	Not needed	Required													
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What are the A-G Subject Area Requirements?

The A-G subject area requirements are high school courses required by the University of California and California State Universities to be minimally eligible for admission. The A-G subject requirements can be summarized as follows:

- A. History/Social Science-** (2 years required) Including one year of U. S. History or ½ year of U.S. history and ½ year of civics or American Government, and one year of world history, cultures, and geography.
- B. English-**(4 years required) College preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing as well as reading of classic and modern literature.
- C. Mathematics-** (3 years required, 4 years recommended) College preparatory mathematics including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II or Math I, Math II, Math III.
- D. Laboratory Science-**(2 years required, 3 years recommended). Must include at least two of these three disciplines: biology, chemistry, and physics.
- E. Language Other Than English-**(2 years required, 3 recommended) Must be the same language.
- F. Visual and Performing Arts-**(1 year required) Course must be from one of the following areas: dance, drama/theater, music and/or visual arts. Both semesters must come from the same discipline.
- G. Electives-**(1 year required) In addition to the courses listed, one year from the following areas: advanced visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science, and language other than English (a third year in the same language used for the “E” requirement or two years of another language).