
COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

University of California System

Subject Requirements:

To satisfy the minimum subject requirement, students must complete the 15 units of high school coursework listed below. (A unit is equal to an academic year, or two semesters, of study. These courses are also known as the “a-g” subjects or requirements. Seven of these courses must be taken in the last two years of high school. Eleven of the fifteen required courses must be completed prior to the start of 12th grade. A grade of C or better must be obtained in order to fulfill a subject requirement.

- a. History/Social Science: 2 years required

Two years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. History or one-half year of U.S. History and one-half year of civics or American Government; and one year of World History, Cultures and Geography.

- b. English: 4 years required

Four years of college preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. Not more than two semesters of ninth grade English can be used to meet this requirement.

- c. Mathematics: 3 years required; 4 years recommended

Three years of college preparatory mathematics that includes the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or this entire requirement, as may math courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades that your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.

- d. Laboratory Science: 2 years required; 3 years recommended

Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three disciplines: Biology (which includes anatomy, physiology, marine biology, aquatic biology, etc.), Chemistry and Physics. Laboratory courses in Earth Science are acceptable if they have prerequisites or provide basic knowledge in Biology, Chemistry or Physics. The appropriate two years of an approved integrated science program may be used to fulfill this requirement. Not more than one year of ninth grade laboratory science can be used to meet this requirement.

- e. Language Other Than English: 2 years required; 3 years recommended

Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading and composition. Courses in language other than English taken in the seventh and eighth grade may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

- f. Visual and Performing Arts (VPA): 1 year required

Single yearlong visual and performing art course chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music and/or art. The second semester of the course must be a continuation of the first semester, requiring completion of the first semester as a prerequisite. Course must be taken in the same academic year.

- g. College Preparatory Elective: 1 year required

One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in “a-f” above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the “e” requirement or two years of another language).

Examination Requirement:

All students must submit the following test scores: Either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT with Writing.

Scholarship Requirement

The scholarship requirement defines the grade point average (GPA) a student must attain in the “a-g” subjects and the SAT or ACT scores a student must earn to be eligible for admission to the University of California system.

The University of California system calculates a student’s GPA on the basis of the “a-g” subjects taken in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Courses taken in the 9th grade can be used to meet the Subject Requirement, but they are not used to calculate the GPA.

Eligibility Index

The eligibility index defines the grade point average (GPA) a student must attain in the “a-g” subjects and the SAT or ACT scores that must be earned to be minimally eligible for admission to the University of California system. For the SAT, use your best scores from a single seating. Add your critical reading and math scores. Find the sum on the conversion chart and note the corresponding UC score. Find your score on the writing test on the conversion chart and note the corresponding UC score. Add your two UC scores together to produce your UC Score total. For the ACT use your highest ACT composite score and English with writing score from a single seating. Find your composite score on the conversion table and note the corresponding UC score. Find your English with writing score on the conversion table and note the corresponding UC score. Add the two UC Scores together to get your UC Score total. Conversion tables can be found in the freshmen admission tab at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions.

GPA	UC Score Total
3.00 - 3.04	263
3.05 - 3.09	261
3.10 - 3.14	259
3.15 - 3.19	256

3.20 - 3.24	254
3.25 - 3.29	252
3.30 - 3.34	249
3.35 - 3.39	246
3.40 - 3.44	244
3.45 - 3.49	241
3.50 - 3.54	238
3.55 - 3.59	234
3.60 - 3.64	231
3.65 - 3.69	228
3.70 - 3.74	225
3.75 - 3.79	221
3.80 - 3.84	217
3.85 - 3.89	214
3.90 - 3.94	210
3.95 - 3.99	206
4.00 - 4.04	202
4.05 - 4.09	198
4.10 - 4.14	193
4.15 - 4.19	189
4.20 - 4.24	184
4.25 - 4.29	180
4.30 - 4.34	175
4.35 +	171

California State University System (CSU)

Subject Requirements:

Subject requirements for admission to the California State University system are the same as the subject requirements for the University of California system with the exception of the laboratory science requirement. The CSU system requires the two required years of laboratory science include at least one biological science and at least one physical science. At least one course must be from the UC list in area “d” (laboratory science); one may be from the “g” area (laboratory science elective)

Examination Requirement:

All students must submit the following test scores: Either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT.

Scholarship Requirement:

The scholarship requirement defines the grade point average (GPA) a student must attain and the SAT or ACT test scores a student must earn to be eligible for admission to the California State University system.

The California State University system calculates a student's GPA on the basis of the "a-g" subjects taken in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades. Courses taken in the 9th grade can be used to meet the Subject Requirement, but they are not used to calculate the GPA.

Eligibility Index:

The eligibility index defines the grade point average (GPA) a student must attain and the SAT or ACT test score that must be earned to be minimally eligible for admission to the California State University system. The eligibility index for admission to individual campuses will vary from campus to campus and from academic year to academic year. The CSU system allows students to use the best test score from different test dates.

GPA	ACT Score	SAT Score	GPA	ACT Score	SAT Score	GPA	ACT Score	SAT Score
2.99	10	560	2.66	17	830	2.33	23	1090
2.98	10	570	2.65	17	830	2.32	23	1100
2.97	10	580	2.64	17	840	2.31	24	1110
2.96	11	590	2.63	17	850	2.30	24	1110
2.95	11	590	2.62	17	860	2.29	24	1120
2.94	11	600	2.61	18	870	2.28	24	1130
2.93	11	610	2.60	18	870	2.27	24	1140
2.92	11	620	2.59	18	880	2.26	25	1150
2.91	12	630	2.58	18	890	2.25	25	1150
2.90	12	630	2.57	18	900	2.24	25	1160
2.89	12	640	2.56	18	910	2.23	25	1170
2.88	12	650	2.55	19	910	2.22	25	1180
2.87	12	660	2.54	19	920	2.21	26	1190
2.86	13	670	2.53	19	930	2.20	26	1190
2.85	13	670	2.52	19	940	2.19	26	1200
2.84	13	680	2.51	20	950	2.18	26	1210
2.83	13	690	2.50	20	950	2.17	26	1220
2.82	13	700	2.49	20	960	2.16	27	1230
2.81	14	710	2.48	20	970	2.15	27	1230
2.80	14	710	2.47	20	980	2.14	27	1240
2.79	14	720	2.46	21	990	2.13	27	1250
2.78	14	730	2.45	21	990	2.12	27	1260
2.77	14	740	2.44	21	1000	2.11	28	1270
2.76	15	750	2.43	21	1010	2.10	28	1270
2.75	15	760	2.42	21	1020	2.09	28	1280
2.74	15	770	2.41	22	1030	2.08	28	1290
2.73	15	780	2.40	22	1030	2.07	28	1300
2.72	15	780	2.39	22	1040	2.06	29	1310
2.71	16	790	2.38	22	1050	2.05	29	1310
2.70	16	790	2.37	22	1060	2.04	29	1320
2.69	16	800	2.36	23	1070	2.03	29	1330

2.68	16	810	2.35	23	1070	2.02	29	1340
2.67	16	820	2.34	23	1080	2.01	30	1350
						2.00	30	1350

Private and Out-of-State Colleges and Universities

Subject and examination requirements vary as to the individual college or university. Please refer to the college or university's catalog for specific entrance requirements. Almost all private and out-of-state colleges and universities require the SAT or ACT test. In general, most private and out-of-state colleges and universities recommend that a freshman applicant take a high school course of study that includes, but is not limited to:

English	4 years
Mathematics	3 years
Social Studies	3 years
Foreign Language	2 years
Laboratory Science	2 years
College Prep Elective	1 year

Community College System:

Subject Requirements: There are no subject requirements for the California community college system. Admission is open to anyone who is a high school graduate, has passed the California High School Proficiency Examination, or is eighteen (18) years of age.

Residency Requirements: Generally, students must reside in the community college district they plan to attend. Students living in another community college district must obtain a release from the district in which they are residing before they attend another district.

Examination Requirement: There is no examination requirement for entrance to the California community college system.

Concurrent Enrollment: High school students may be admitted to the community college system for courses that provide educational enrichment or are not offered in the particular high school. Restrictions regarding who is eligible, what course may be taken, and how many courses may be taken during a given semester vary among the college districts.