

Minimum 2.0 GPA

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Difference In Applying to Cal State University vs. University of California Schools

Requirement	CSU (Minimum 2.0 GPA)	UC (Minimum 3.0 GPA)
History/Social Science	2 years of History/ Social Science, including 1 year of U.S History or U.S. History and Government and 1 year of an additional approved social science	2 years of History/Social Science, including 1 year of World History and 1 year of U.S. History or one-half year of U.S. History and one-half year of civics or Government
Preparatory English	4 years of college preparatory English courses	4 years of college preparatory English courses
Mathematics	3 years of Mathematics, 4 years recommended, including Algebra I, Geometry and intermediate algebra or higher mathematics	3 years of college preparatory Mathematics, 4 years recommended, that include advanced algebra geometry
Laboratory Science	2 years of Laboratory Science, including 1 year of biological science and 1 year of physical science with lab	2 years of Laboratory Science, 3 years recommended, in 2 of these 3: biology, chemistry or physics
Visual and Performing Arts	1 year-long course of Visual and Performing Arts	1 year-long course of Visual and Performing Arts
Language	2 years of the same language Other Than English	2 years of the same Language other Than English
Personal Statement	CSU uses an eligibility index to determine if a student will be accepted	UC asks students to write a personal statement, and takes other extracurricular activities into consideration
SAT/ACT	Must take the SAT and/or ACT	Must take the SAT and/or ACT
College Elective	1 year of approved college preparatory Elective	1 year of approved college preparatory elective

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*This information is current as of November 2015 and is subject to change