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My Academic Planner

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP)

Follow this 4-step plan to prepare for admission to the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU) and many independent colleges with similar requirements.

1 Know the admission requirements.

Subject Requirement: Complete a specific pattern of 15 "a-g" courses. The University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) require that you take 15 college-preparatory courses in the "a-g" subject areas. UC also requires that 11 "a-g" courses be completed by the end of the 11th grade. To satisfy a subject requirement, you must attain a "C" or better in each course. To count toward the requirement, classes must be listed on your school's Doorways course list: https://doorways.ucop.edu/list. If you took courses at another school, be sure to check that school's course list, too.

Scholarship Requirement: Obtain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for UC, 2.0 for CSU.

Examination Requirement: Take the ACT with Writing or SAT Reasoning Test. For UC admission, take the ACT with Writing or SAT Reasoning Test by December of your senior year; 11th grade is preferable. CSU requires test scores unless you have a grade point average above 3.0 and you are a California resident. CSU accepts either the ACT or SAT.

Note: The SAT Subject Tests are NOT required for UC, but certain programs on some campuses recommend them, and you can use Subject Tests to satisfy the "a-g" requirements listed previously. It's best to take the Subject Tests right after you finish your course work in that subject.

2 Understand the UC Admissions Index and the CSU Eligibility Index.

The UC Admissions Index and the CSU Eligibility Index consist of a combination of your GPA and your exam scores. The higher your GPA, the lower your total exam scores can be; the lower your GPA, the higher your exam scores must be.

3 Create your 4-year plan.

Track courses, grades, exams, and activities. Write down the courses and exams you take and the grades and scores you receive each year. Also, record leadership activities, employment, awards, and anything you will later use in your college application and personal statement.

Note Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses and grades. Mark this section on your planner if your class has a gold star on Doorways.

4 Adjust your plan each year.

Monitor your progress by making sure that you take at least the minimum courses to be eligible for UC/CSU. Compare your completed coursework and required exams to the benchmarks for each grade level. Adjust your plan as needed with the help of your EAOP advisor. You might need to take summer school classes, increase your academic course load, or take a community college course.

a–g

REQUIREMENTS

The path to college begins with high school coursework. For example, to be considered for UC admission, at a minimum you need to complete any 11 UC approved "a-g" courses by the end of junior year (including courses taken in the summer between junior and senior year) each with a grade of "C" or better. In all, you need to complete 15 courses by the end of senior year.

Note: these are minimum requirements; in the fall of 2010, freshmen who were admitted to UC had completed an average of 23 courses.

a History/ Social Science 2 YEARS
- ☐ 1 year World History, Geography, *or* Cultures
- ☐ 1 year of U.S. History *or* ½ year U.S. History and ½ year American Government

b English 4 YEARS
- ☐ 9th English
- ☐ 10th English
- ☐ 11th English
- ☐ 12th English

c Mathematics 3 YEARS, 4 RECOMMENDED
- ☐ Algebra I *or* Integrated Math I
- ☐ Geometry *or* Integrated Math II
- ☐ Algebra II, Algebra II/Trig, *or* Integrated Math III

d Laboratory Science 2 YEARS, 3 RECOMMENDED
- ☐ 1 year of Biology, Chemistry, *or* Physics
- ☐ 1 year of other science

e Language other than English 2 YEARS, 3 RECOMMENDED
- ☐ Language I
- ☐ Language II

f Visual and Performing Arts 1 YEAR
- ☐ Arts of your choice

g College Prep (AP) Elective 2 SEMESTERS
- ☐ Elective of your choice
- ☐ Elective of your choice

9th grade

Recommended courses:
- ☐ 9th grade English
- ☐ Algebra 1 or higher-level
- ☐ World History, Geography or Cultures

and at least one:
- ☐ Language other than English
- ☐ Laboratory Science
- ☐ Visual and Performing Arts
- ☐ AP Elective

Recommended tests:
- ☐ ACT EXPLORE exam, if available

Minimum requirements:
- ☐ 9th grade English
- ☐ Algebra I
- ☐ One "a–g"

Courses for the year:	Honors	Grade 1st	Grade 2nd
a _____	☐		
b _____	☐		
c _____	☐		
d _____	☐		
e _____	☐		
f _____	☐		
g _____	☐		

AP/ACT Explore Exam(s):	Grade
_____	
_____	
_____	

Activities/Honors:

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10th grade

Recommended courses:

- ☐ 10th grade English
- ☐ Geometry or higher-level
- ☐ Laboratory Science

and at least two:

- ☐ History
- ☐ Language other than English
- ☐ Visual and Performing Arts
- ☐ AP Elective(s)

Recommended tests:

- ☐ PSAT and/or ACT EXPLORE exams, if available

Minimum accumulative requirements:

- ☐ 9th – 10th English
- ☐ Algebra I
- ☐ Geometry
- ☐ Four "a–g's"

Courses for the year:	Honors	Grade 1st	Grade 2nd
a	☐		
b	☐		
c	☐		
d	☐		
e	☐		
f	☐		
g	☐		

AP/PSAT/ACT Explore Exam(s): **Grade**

Activities/Honors:

11th grade

Recommended courses:

- ☐ 11th grade English
- ☐ Algebra II or higher-level
- ☐ Laboratory Science
- ☐ U.S. History
- ☐ Language other than English

Recommended tests:

- ☐ PSAT for NMSQT eligibility
- ☐ SAT Reasoning and 2 Subjects and/or ACT with writing

Other:

- ☐ Draft and revise personal statement for college application

Minimum accumulative requirements:

- ☐ 9th – 11th English
- ☐ Algebra I and II
- ☐ Geometry
- ☐ Laboratory Science
- ☐ Language other than English
- ☐ History or Social Science
- ☐ Six "a–g's"

Courses for the year:	Honors	Grade 1st	Grade 2nd
a	☐		
b	☐		
c	☐		
d	☐		
e	☐		
f	☐		
g	☐		

AP/PSAT/ACT/SAT Exam(s): **Grade**

Activities/Honors:

12th grade

Recommended courses:

- ☐ 12th grade English
- ☐ Pre-Calculus or advanced math
- ☐ American Government or Civics

and at least one:

- ☐ Laboratory Science
- ☐ Language other than English
- ☐ Visual and Performing Arts
- ☐ College Prep (AP) elective

Other:

- ☐ Retake SAT/ACT as necessary
- ☐ Apply to colleges broadly: include selective and safety schools
- ☐ UC application period: Nov. 1–30

Minimum accumulative requirements:

- ☐ 9th – 12th English
- ☐ Algebra I and II
- ☐ Geometry
- ☐ 2 Laboratory Sciences
- ☐ 2 Language other than English
- ☐ 2 History or Social Sciences
- ☐ Arts
- ☐ Seven "a–g's"

Courses for the year:	Honors	Grade 1st	Grade 2nd
a _____	☐	☐	☐
b _____	☐	☐	☐
c _____	☐	☐	☐
d _____	☐	☐	☐
e _____	☐	☐	☐
f _____	☐	☐	☐
g _____	☐	☐	☐

AP/ACT/SAT Exam(s):	Grade
_____	
_____	
_____	

Activities/Honors:

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UC Admissions Index

The UC Admissions Index is used to determine if you are in the top 9 percent of California high school graduates. The Admissions Index is calculated on your grade point average (GPA) and your test scores. If you are eligible and you're not admitted to any UC campus to which you apply, you'll be offered a spot at another campus if space is available.

Use the link provided below to access UC's online admissions index calculator.

CSU Eligibility Index

The Eligibility Index Table shows the combination of test scores and grade point averages required to meet minimum eligibility requirements. The CSU does not use the SAT Writing section or the ACT Writing score to calculate the CSU Eligibility Index.

Use the link provided below to access CSU's online eligibility index calculator.

Resources

The following internet resources will help you complete your planner, move your planner online, and prepare for college.

University of California (UC):
http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu

Getting started with UC:
http://start.universityofcalifornia.edu

California State University (CSU):
www.csumentor.edu

California Community Colleges:
www.cccapply.org

Online planner and general college and financial aid information:
http://californiacolleges.edu

Doorways "a-g" course lists:
https://doorways.ucop.edu/list

General college and financial aid information:
http://californiacolleges.edu

Online calculators:
For the UC Preliminary Admissions Calculator visit
http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/california-residents/admissions-index

For CSU visit
www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/elig_index_calculator.asp

For further information regarding EAOP, please visit: **www.eaop.org**

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