

The 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; and
- Have attained essential critical thinking and study skills.

For further information, please visit the following online resources:

- A-G Course Lists (search by high school) – <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/>
- California Colleges – <http://www.californiacolleges.edu/>
- University of California A-G Guide – <http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/>