

Grad+

YOU CAN GO TO COLLEGE!

Aim for *Graduation+* A-G Requirements

To meet minimum admission requirements for UC and CSU you must complete 15 yearlong high school courses with a letter grade of C or better — at least 11 of them prior to your last year of high school.

These 15 classes are known as A-G Requirements.

A HISTORY 2 YEARS

Examples:
Ethnic & Social Justice in Modern World History, US History & Ethnic Studies, AP US History

B ENGLISH 4 YEARS

Examples:
English 1 and 2, CSU Expository Reading and Writing, AP English Language, AP English Lit., English Language Dev. 10/11/12

C MATH 3 YEARS

4 Years Recommended
Examples:
Algebra I & 2, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, AP Calculus

D SCIENCE 2 YEARS

3 Years Recommended Examples: Physics of the Universe, Biology: The Living Earth, Chemistry in the Earth System, AP Environmental Science

E LANGUAGE 2 YEARS

3 Years of a Language Other Than English Recommended
Examples: American Sign Language, French, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish

F ARTS 1 YEAR

Examples: Beginning Art, Advanced Art, Ceramics, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Dance, Dance Production, Orchestra

G COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVES 1 YEAR

Examples: Economics, Psychology, ASB Leadership, Yearbook, Journalism, or one year of a course beyond those used to satisfy the requirements of the A-F subjects.

**ALL COURSES MUST BE
COMPLETED WITH A GRADE OF
“C” OR BETTER**

West Contra Costa Graduation & A-G Requirements Comparison 2025-26

Subject Area	Graduation Req. 225 Credits* D- or better required	A-G Requirement 15 Courses Minimum C- or better required
English	40 credits	4 Years
Mathematics	30 credits	3 Years (4 Recommended) Must include Algebra 2 and Geometry
Life Science (Biology)	10 credits	2 Years (3 Recommended) Must include Biology plus Physics or Chemistry
Physical Science	10 credits	
United States History	10 credits	1 Year
World History	10 credits	1 Year
American Government	5 credits	Not Required Counts as a College Prep Elective
Economics	5 credits	Not Required Counts as a College Prep Elective
Visual & Performing Arts	10 credits	1 Year
Language Other Than English	10 credits	2 Years (or Equivalent to the Second Level of High School Instruction) of the Same language
Physical Education	20 credits	Not A-G
Electives	65 credits	1 Year
Total	225 credits	15 courses

* one year-long course earns 10 credits in WCCUSD

Comparison of University Admissions Requirements University of California (UC) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)						
Subject Area	 UC/CSU	 Howard Univ.	 Tuskegee Univ.	 Florida A&M U.	 Spelman Coll.	 Morehouse Coll.
A. Social Studies	2 Years	2 Years	3 Years	3 Years	3 - 4 Years	2 Years
B. English	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years	4 Years
C. Math	3 - 4 Years	3 Years	3 Years	4 Years	3 - 4 Years	3 - 4 Years
D. Science	2 - 3 Years	2 Years	2 Years	3 Years	3- 4 Years	2 - 3 Years
E. Language*	2 - 3 Years	2 Years	-	2 Years	2 - 3 Years	2 Years
F. Arts	1 Year	-	-	-	-	-
G. Electives	1 Year	-	-	2 Years	-	3 Years
Average GPA	3.48 - 4.29	3.75	3.10	3.0 - 3.5	3.91 - 4.28	3.56
SAT/ACT Req.?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No

* coursework in a single language other than English