

College Eligibility:

*A general overview of college
entrance requirements*

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College Eligibility Basics

- ❑ Core College Entrance Subject Requirements
- ❑ Grades and Grade Point Average (GPA)
- ❑ Standardized Tests
- ❑ Alternative Pathways to College

Why A-G?

- The UC/CSU System needed a consistent and *easy way* to identify the necessary subject areas needed for college eligibility.
- There are 15 Core Course Requirements that students must take in order to establish college entrance eligibility.
- The 15 Core Course meet the minimum subject requirements only.

A – G
Minimum Eligibility
Subject Requirements

15 Core Classes clustered into 7 categories

- A. Social Science
 2 Core Courses Required
- B. English
 4 Core Courses Required
- C. Math
 3 Consecutive Core Courses Required
- D. Science
 2 Core Courses Required
- E. Language OTHER than English
 2 Consecutive Core Courses Required
- F. Visual or Performing Art
 1 Year Long Core Course Required
- G. College Prep ELECTIVE
 *1 Year Long Core Course Not Used to
 Fulfill the Above Subject Req's*

A – G Core Courses

Why are they Important?

- ❑ The majority of colleges and universities in the United States use the 15 core courses to determine minimum eligibility.
- ❑ ***In general*** a student CANNOT apply to the CSU or UC system with out them.
- ❑ It is important that every student learns to distinguish between College Eligibility Core Subjects and High School Graduation Core Subjects (District Requirements)
 - ❑ (They are NOT the same!)

How Do Students Choose A-G Core Courses?

- Course Selection at the School Site in February each year.
 - Course Catalog and Course Selection Sheet



Where do you find your school's A-G List?

- ❑ <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list>
- ❑ <https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/liberty>
- ❑ <https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/freedom>
- ❑ <https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/heritage>
- ❑ [Course Catalog](#)
- ❑ [Career Center](#)
- ❑ [Counselor](#)

College Preparatory Academic Pathways

- A-G Pathway
 - Strictly College Prep
 - *With the exception of non-college prep State and District graduation requirements*



4-Year Plan

A-G Academic Pathway

(Extreme Example Only – Academically Competitive)

Freshman Year

- 1) P-World Cultures and Geography
- 2) P –English 1
- 3) P- Algebra 1
- 4) P-Earth Science (CP Elective Only)
- 5) P-Spanish 1
- 6) P-Beginning Art
- 7) PE (District Graduation Requirement)
- 8) Health (District Graduation Requirement)

Sophomore Year

- 1) AP-World History
- 2) P –English 2
- 3) P- Geometry
- 4) P-Biology
- 5) P-Spanish 2
- 6) AP-Art History
- 7) PE (District Graduation Requirement)
- 8) P-Intermediate Art

4-Year Plan

A-G Academic Pathway

(Example Only - Academically Competitive)

☐ Junior Year

- 1) AP US History
- 2) AP –English 3
- 3) P- Algebra 2
- 4) P-Chemistry or Physics
- 5) P-Spanish 3
- 6) P-Advanced Art
- 7) College Prep Elective
- 8) Unscheduled

☐ Senior Year

- 1) AP Government/Economics
- 2) AP English 4
- 3) P- Pre-Calculus
- 4) AP Environmental Science
- 5) AP Spanish 4
- 6) AP Studio Art
- 7) College Prep Elective
- 8) Unscheduled

Total College Prep Courses = 27

College Preparatory Academic Pathways

- Academies

- College Prep combined with Vocational Technical Courses and Internships
 - *Some college prep...some not*



- Leadership

- College Prep combined with non college prep leadership courses and miscellaneous extra-curricular activities including community service



4-Year Plan

Minimum A-G Pathway

(Example Only)
With Added Value

Freshman Year

- 1) P –English 1
- 2) P- Algebra 1
- 3) P-Earth Science (CP Elective Only)
- 4) P-Spanish 1
- 5) P-Beginning Art
- 6) PE (District Graduation Requirement)
- 7) Health (District Graduation Requirement)
- 8) Study Hall

Sophomore Year

- 1) P-World History
- 2) P –English 2
- 3) P- Geometry
- 4) P-Biology
- 5) P-Spanish 2
- 6) PE (District Graduation Requirement)
- 7) P- Child Development (Academy)
- 8) Beginning Foods(Voch Tech)

4-Year Plan

Minimum A-G Pathway

(Example Only)
With Added Value

Junior Year

- 1) P- US History
- 2) P –English 3
- 3) P- Algebra 2
- 4) P-Chemistry in the Community
- 5) ROP Health Careers (Academy)
- 6) Algebra 2 Support (Support)
- 7) Link Crew (Leadership)
- 8) Unscheduled

Senior Year

- 1) P-Government/Economics
- 2) P-English 4
- 3) ROP Health Careers Internship (Academy)
- 4) CAHSEE MATH Test Prep (Support Class)
- 5) ROP Medical Front Office (Voch Tech)
- 6) Link Crew (Leadership)
- 7) Unscheduled
- 8) Unscheduled

Total College Prep Courses = 17



Added Value for the Personal Essay and Application =
Academy , Leadership and Vocational Technical Courses

Minimum Requirements versus Recommended

- Minimum includes only the basics.
(15-20 A-G Courses)
 - Added Value is Necessary for students who only have the minimum core subject requirements met
- Recommended (21-30 A-G Courses)
 - Is a **“Must Have”** for UC’s and Highly Competitive Colleges and Universities
 - *Added Value is still important!*

Example A-G List

- Each School has their own custom A-G List. No two schools look exactly the same.*



UC/CSU “a – g” Approved Courses

a - Social Science –2 years required plus one semester of American Government.

Course Title:

American Government
AP Government & Politics US*
American Studies/United States History
United States History
AP U.S. History*
World Cultures and Geography
World History
AP World History *

b -English – 4 years required.

Four years of college preparatory English.

Course Title:

English 1
English 2
English 3
American Studies/English 3
AP English 3: English Language and Composition*
English 4:
AP English 4: English Literature and Composition*
Expository Reading and Writing Course+

c -Mathematics – 3 years required, 4 years recommended.

Three years of college preparatory mathematics that includes the topics covered in Elementary Algebra, Geometry and Advanced Algebra.

Course Title:

Algebra 1♦
Intensified Algebra ♦
Algebra 2♦
Geometry♦
Intensified Geometry
Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB*
AP Calculus BC*
Statistics
AP Statistics*

d -Laboratory Science – 2 years required, 3 years recommended.

Two years of laboratory science, including two of the three fundamental disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Course Title:

Anatomy and Physiology
Agricultural Biology
AP Biology*
Biology
Chemistry
Chemistry in the Community
AP Chemistry *+
Physics

French 2
French 3
French 4
Spanish 1♦
Spanish 2
Spanish 3
AP Spanish 4: Spanish Language*
AP Spanish 5: Spanish Literature*
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 1♦
Spanish for Spanish Speakers 2+

f - Visual & Performing Arts (VAPA) –

Course Title:

3-D Design
A Cappella Choir♦
Acting and Directing Workshop
Advanced Art
Advanced 3-D Design
Advanced Painting & Drawing
AP Art History*
AP Music Theory*
Beginning Art♦
Ceramics♦
Ceramics II
Introduction to Art History♦
Intermediate Art
Jazz Band♦
Multimedia ROP♦
Public Space and Design
Art of Video Production ROP♦
Select Singers♦
AP Studio Art *
Symphonic Band♦
Theatre Arts I
Theatre Arts II
Theatre Arts III
Women’s Ensemble♦

g -Elective – 1 year required.

Course Title:

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Animal Science
Analytical Forensic Science ROP
Business Economics & Marketing
Child Development
Companion Animal Care and Management
Earth Science
Economics
AP Economics*
AP ROP Environmental Science
Journalism
Literary Analysis through Film
AP Psychology *
Psychology within Society

Average GPA's and Test Scores

□ Average GPA's for CSU and UC system

□ (See UC/CSU Handout)

□ Average GPA'S for Privates

□ (See Private School Handout)

Grades and GPA

- Grades must be C or Better for minimum eligibility!
 - Validation!
 - (See CSU/UC Comparison Chart)
- AP Grades are weighted heavier than regular college prep {P} core courses.
 - (D's don't count!)
 - AP Tests!

College Entrance Test Requirements

- PSAT - Optional
 - Take 9th and 10th Grade for practice
 - Take October of 11th Grade for NMQTP

- PLAN - Optional
 - Take 9th and 10th Grade for practice

- SAT or ACT – Required
 - Take as many times as you want (*3-4 times*)
 - Complete SAT's and ACT's by October of 12th grade year

- SAT Subject Tests – Optional /Recommended
 - Only needed for certain majors or to validate a core course subject area.

Adding Value To Your Application

- Advanced Placement courses
 - *WITH PASSING SCORES ON AP TESTS*
- Community College courses
 - Can earn college credit
 - Exposed to rigor
- Academies
 - Added Value for Essay's and Specific Majors
 - Added Value for Culminating Senior Experiences such as Internships
- Extra-curricular Activities (depth)
 - Athletics
 - Clubs
 - Student leadership
 - The Arts
 - Vocational Technical Programs (ROP)
 - Community service (UC's!)

Community College Pathway

- Community College
 - 60 Transferable Credits
 - Honor's and Transfer Programs
 - IGETC and AA
- Cost effective if done correctly!



Websites and Resources

- csumentor.edu
- universityofcalifornia.edu
- californiacolleges.edu
- collegeboard.org
- act.org
- fafsa.gov
- fastweb.com
- Talk to people you know went to college
 - School staff, former students, family, friends
- College/Career Center
- Visit campuses or take Virtual Tours