

THE GUIDE TO “A-G” REQUIREMENT

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA and CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERISTY

The “A-G” 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 student should achieve to undertake university work.

	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
A	History/Social Studies	2	One year of US History or ½ year of US History and ½ year of civics or American Government. CSU requires one additional year of Social Science. UC requires one year of world history, cultures, and geography.
B	English	4	Four years of college preparatory English
C	Mathematics	3 4 years recommended	Three years of college-preparatory math that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two and three dimensional geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement, as may math course taken in the seventh and eighth grades.
D	Laboratory Science	2 3 years recommended	CSU requires one biology and one physical. UC requires classes in at least two of the following areas: biology, chemistry, and physics.
E	Language other than English	2 3 years recommended	Two years of the same language other than English.
F	Visual & Performing Arts	1	One yearlong course of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama, theatre, music or visual arts
G	College Preparatory Elective	1	One year (two semesters) in any of the above “A-F” courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above or other approved elective.

Additional Information:

- Courses used to satisfy the “A-G” requirements in which the student earns “D” or “F” grades **MUST** be repeated with grades of “C” or better. In these cases, the second grades are used in the calculating the grade point average. Each course in which a grade of “D” or “F” has been received may be repeated only once.
- If student repeats a course used to satisfy the “A-G” requirements in which he or she originally earned a grade of “C” or higher, the repeated grade will not be used in the calculating the grade point average.
- You will need to complete eleven of the fifteen A-G requirements by the end of your junior year in order to be UC-eligible.
- Many private colleges and universities require similar high school classes, but be sure to check out these schools' websites for specific information.
- A-G Course Lists (search by high school): <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list>