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.
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 without 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://doorways.ucop.edu/list)
- [https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/liberty](https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/liberty)
- [https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/freedom](https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/freedom)
- [https://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/heritage](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)

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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

Outline:

- **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