



A – G REQUIREMENTS UC/CSU

2016/2017

A-G SUBJECT AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR UC/CSU

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. Graduates who complete college entrance A-G requirements and ACT/SAT Testing may attend CSU, UC or most private colleges and universities.

The following chart summarizes the A-G / College Entrance Requirements:

	Subject Area	Years	Details
A	History and Social Science	2	Two years of history/social science, including one year of World History, Cultures or Geography; and one year of US History or one-half year of US History and one-half year of American Government.
B	English	4	Four Years of college preparatory English that includes frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. Students may only use 1 year of ESL/ELD English to count toward this requirement.
C	Mathematics	3	4 years recommended, but 3 years required. Three years of college preparatory mathematics that includes the topics covered in Elementary Algebra/Algebra 1, Geometry and Advanced Algebra/Algebra 2. Approved Integrated Math course may be used to fulfill part of all of these requirements.
D	Laboratory Science	2	3 years recommended, but 2 years required. Two years of laboratory science, including two of the three fundamental disciplines of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. This requirement can also be met by completing the latter two years of a 3-year Integrated Science program.
E	Language Other than English	2	3 years recommended, but 2 years required. Two years of the same “other than English” language.
F	Visual and Performing Arts	1	One year (two semesters) of Visual or Performing Arts classes; including art, computer graphics, drama, dance or music.
G	College Preparatory Electives	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 purpose of the A-G/College Entrance Requirements is 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 – <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/>
- University of California A-G Guide – <https://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/>