

CA colleges admissions: subject requirement and what's new for Fall 2003

Beginning in Fall 2003, the University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) are using the same basic course pattern for admission as a first-time freshman. This change will make it easier for you to plan your high school courses if you are unsure about whether you are interested in the UC or CSU.

The main change in the course pattern for the UC will be the inclusion of one unit of coursework in visual and performing arts (dance, drama/theater, music, or visual arts). The number of college-preparatory electives required will be reduced from two units to one, so the total number of subject requirement units will remain at 15.

The visual and performing arts requirement will be labeled the "F" requirement and the college preparatory elective requirement will be labeled the "G" requirement.

The UC requires you to complete the 15 units of high school coursework. A unit is equal to an academic year, or two semesters, of study. A grade of C or higher is required for each course you use to meet the subject requirement. These courses are also known as the A-G subjects or requirements.

At least 7 of the 15 units must be taken in your last two years of high school.

If you attend high school in California, the courses you take to fulfill the Subject Requirement must be certified by the UC as meeting the requirement and must be included on your high school's UC-certified course list. Your counselor or principal will have a copy of this list. In addition, a link to the list available in the off-site resources section.

Area	Subject	Required Year(s)	Recommended Year(s)
a.	History/Social Sciences	2	2
b.	English	4	4
c.	Mathematics	3	4
d.	Laboratory Science	2	3
e.	Language Other than English	2	3
f.	Visual and Performing Arts	1	1
g.	Electives	1	1
Total Required Subjects		15	

Area	Subject	Year(s) Required	Year(s) Recommended
a.	History/Social Sciences Two years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one year of world history, cultures and geography.	2	2
b.	English Four years of college preparatory English that include frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. Not more than two semesters of ninth grade English can be used to meet this requirement.	4	4
c.	Mathematics Three years of college preparatory mathematics 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 courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades that your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.	3	4
d.	Laboratory Science Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three disciplines: biology (which includes anatomy, physiology, marine biology, aquatic biology, etc.), chemistry and physics. Laboratory courses in earth/space sciences are acceptable if they have as prerequisites or provide basic knowledge in biology, chemistry or physics. The appropriate two years of an approved integrated science program may be used to fulfill this requirement. Not more than one year of ninth grade laboratory science can be used to meet this requirement.	2	3
e.	Language Other than English Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading and composition. Courses in language other than English taken in the seventh and eighth grade may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.	2	3
f.	Visual and Performing Arts One unit of coursework in visual and performing arts (dance, drama/theater, music or visual arts).	1	1
g.	Electives One year (four semesters), in addition to those required in a-f above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or two years of another language).	1	1
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