

College Admission Requirements and Higher Education Information

Each school year, schools are required to provide the parent/guardian of students in grades 9 through 12 with a written explanation of the requirements for admission to the California State University ("CSU") and the University of California ("UC") systems per Ed. Code, § 51229.

To qualify for admission to the UC or CSU systems, high school students must meet the "Subject Requirements," otherwise known as the "a-g" requirements. To learn more about college admission requirements, please visit the UC (www.universityofcalifornia.edu) or CSU (www.calstate.edu), or California Department of Education (cde.ca.gov) websites or visit your student's counseling or administrations office. For a list of HCOE courses that have been certified by UC and CSU as satisfying the requirements for admission please refer to: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>

University of California/California State University - Minimum College Admissions Requirements:

High School Subject Area	UC Requirements for Freshman Admissions	CSU Requirements for Freshman Admissions
English	Four years of approved courses	Four years of approved courses
Mathematics	Three years, including algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra.	Three years, including algebra, intermediate algebra, and geometry.
Social Studies/Science	Two years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history or one-half year of United States (U.S.) history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one year of world history, cultures, and geography.	Two years, including one year of U.S. history or U.S. history and government and one year of other approved social science.
Science	Two years with lab required, chosen from biology, chemistry, and physics. Three years recommended.	Two years, including one year of biological and one year of physical science with lab.
World Language	Two years in same language required. Three years recommended.	
Visual and Performing Arts	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
Electives	One year*	One year*
Total	15 (7 in the last two years of high school)	15

Career Technical Education (CTE)

CTE may be offered by the district as career and workforce preparation for high school students, preparation for advanced training, and the upgrading of existing skills. CTE provides high school students who are 16 years of age or older with valuable career and technical education so students can: (1) enter the workforce with skills and competencies to be successful; (2) pursue advanced training in postsecondary educational institutions; or (3) upgrade existing skills and knowledge. A CTE course may also satisfy a graduation requirement and a subject matter requirement for admission to the UC and CSU.

To learn more about CTE, please visit www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct. To learn more about the HCOE's career technical education classes, please visit HCOE's website at: <https://hcoe.org/education-at-work/>