

UC/CSU COMPARISON OF MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FRESHMEN

FOR 2017-2018 APPLICANTS

	Cal State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)
HIGH SCHOOL GPA		
	Calculate GPA using only "a-g" approved courses taken after the 9 th grade.	
SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS		
Courses Required (a-g)	15 college prep year-long courses from approved "a-g" list are required with grade of C- or better. At least 7 of the 15 year-long courses must be taken in the last two years of high school. <i>For UC eligibility, 11 of the 15 must be taken by the end of the 11th grade.</i>	
"a" History/Social Science	2 years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history OR one semester of U.S. history and one semester of American government (civics), and...	
	1 year of history/social science from either the "a" or "g" subject area	1 year of world history, cultures and geography from the "a" subject area
"b" English	4 years of English	
"c" Mathematics	3 years of math (Algebra I and II, Geometry); 4 years strongly recommended by CSUs & UCs*	
"d" Laboratory Science	2 years of laboratory science, including at least two of the three foundational subjects of biology, chemistry, and physics.	
	Including 1 year of biological science and 1 year of physical science; 1 must be from the "d" subject area with the other from either the "d" or "g" area.**	Both courses must be from the "d" subject area. UC recommends 3 years.
"e" Language Other than English	2 years of language other than English. Must be the same language (American Sign Language accepted).* UC recommends 3 years	
"f" Visual & Performing Arts	1 year-long course (or combined semester courses) of visual or performing arts in the same discipline, selected from dance, music, theatre/drama, or visual art.	
"g" College Preparatory Elective	1 year (2 semesters) of an elective chosen from any of the areas on the approved a-g course list, excluding those designated as non-elective (lower level mathematics and language other than English).	

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HONORS POINTS		
	Maximum of 8 extra points allowed for UC/CSU approved honors, AP, and transferable community college courses. A maximum of 2 of these units can be completed in 10 th grade.	
TEST SCORES -- ACT/SAT		
	ACT or SAT is required	
	Test required for CSU applicants to impacted campuses. Test required for CSU applicants to non-impacted campuses, who have earned an "a-g" GPA of less than 3.0. CSU combines best critical reading & math scores from multiple sittings of the SAT Reasoning Test; CSU may combine best sub-scores from multiple sittings of the ACT tests (with or without Writing) to calculate a best composite.	The ACT Plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test is required for UC applicants. UC uses the highest combined score from a single sitting of the ACT Assessment Plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. SAT Subject Tests are no longer required, however, students may choose to submit them. Some campuses may strongly recommend specific SAT Subject Tests for specific majors, such as chemistry or engineering.
VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY OTHER COURSES		
"c" Mathematics* <i>*Repeat rather than validate for impacted CSU campuses.</i>	A grade of "C-" or better in the 2nd semester of a year-long mathematics course validates a "D/F" in the 1 st semester. A grade of "C-" or better in the 1 st semester of Algebra 2 validates both semesters of Algebra 1. A grade of "C-" or better in Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus validates the entire high school college preparatory requirement for UC.*** A grade of "C-" or better in Statistics only validates Algebra 1 and 2, not Geometry.***	
"e" Language Other than English* <i>Repeat rather than validate for impacted CSU campuses.</i>	A grade of "C-" or better in a higher level course validates a lower level course. A grade of "C-" or better in the 2nd semester of a year-long course will validate a "D/F" in the 1st semester. A college course can validate a high school LOTE course. The level of validation depends on the college course prerequisite and description.	
Chemistry* <i>*Repeat rather than validate for impacted CSU campuses.</i>	For CSUs, a grade of C- or better in the second semester of chemistry will validate a D or an F in the first semester.	For UCs a second semester grade of C- or better in chemistry <u>WILL NOT VALIDATE</u> a D in first semester.
VALIDATION OF "D/F" GRADES IN REQUIRED COURSES		
Required "a-g" courses must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better. Courses in which students earn grades of "D/F" must be repeated, EXCEPT in areas of math and language other than English, where grades of "D/F" can be validated by successful completion of higher level coursework.*** Impacted CSU campuses may not recognize validation, and it is strongly recommended for a student to repeat any courses where D or F grades were earned.		
VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY TEST SCORES		
Required "a-g" courses may be satisfied with appropriate test scores on SAT Subject Tests and Advanced Placement Exams. A complete list of acceptable tests and scores is available on the UC and CSU websites.		
REPEATED COURSES		
For CSUs, courses with grades of D+ or lower must be repeated (or validated) prior to the senior year. The highest grade will be used in the CSU GPA calculation. A course completed with a grade of D+ or lower may be repeated only once. Come to the College & Career Center if you have further questions.	For UCs, all grades of D+ or lower must be repeated (or validated) prior to the senior year. All grades must be reported. Courses with original grades of C- or higher may not be repeated for higher grades. A course completed with a grade of D+ or lower may be repeated only once. Come to the College & Career Center if you have further questions.	

* Coursework completed in 7th or 8th grade can be used to satisfy "c" and "e" requirements.

** It is best to prepare for both UC and the CSU by completing two laboratory courses from the "d" subject area.

***Beginning with the fall 2015 application cycle, students applying to UC may not validate the omission of the subject requirement for a geometry course.