

# UC & CSU Admissions

Effective with the class of 2003 the University of California and California State University systems agreed to adopt the same pattern of academic courses required for freshman eligibility, enabling high school students to take the same courses to prepare for admission to both institutions. Although in most instances, the CSU and UC have fully aligned their basic requirements for eligibility for admission, in some areas, CSU and UC will continue to have different admissions practices. This pattern of courses is known as the "a-g" Subject Requirements.

A-G

Course List

**The UC/CSU "a-g" Subject Requirements:** The academic requirements for both systems are: four years of English, three years of mathematics, two years of history/social science, two years of laboratory science, two years of a language other than English, one year of visual and performing arts and one year of college preparatory electives. These are known as the "a-g" subject requirements. To view the Thousand Oaks HS courses that have been "a-g" approved click on the following hyperlink: ["a-g" Subject List](#)

➡ For information on options for satisfying the "a-g" requirements click on the following hyperlink: [Alternative options for satisfying "A-G" requirements](#)

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## UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA

**The (UC) University of California** system has established a comprehensive web site for all application and admission information for the UC system. It also contains hotlinks to all UC campus websites, High School "a-g" lists as well as Junior College Transfer Agreements. You must disable your "pop-up" blocker to use the application feature. You can access it at the following link: <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

### UC Freshman Admission Requirements:

- Complete 15 UC-required college-preparatory ("a-g") courses, with 11 of those done by the end of 11th grade
- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better (weighted by honors/AP bonus points) in these courses
- Take the ACT with Writing or SAT Reasoning Test. SAT Subject Tests are now optional
- Eligibility in the Local Context status is offered to student's in the top 9 percent of their class (this does not guarantee admission to a specific campus).

For information about specific UC Campus Admission practices click here: [UC Campus Specific Admission Practices](#)

The (CSU) California State University system has established a system-wide homepage that provides hotlinks to all CSU campus homepages.

School comparisons by region, SAT/ACT scores, major, and GPA are available. CSU applications are also be submitted through this site! You must disable your "pop-up" blocker to use the application feature. It can be accessed at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

➡ To view the CSU to UC admission requirements comparison matrix click on the following hyperlink:

[CSU to UC Admissions Comparison Matrix](#)

**Grade point average :** Effective for students seeking admission to both the UC & CSU as first-time freshmen for the fall 2004 term and beyond, the grade point average calculation will include only those grades earned in courses taken during the 10th, 11th and 12th grades of high school and used to satisfy the 15-unit college preparatory course requirement.



Click here for more details on how to calculate your [UC/CSU GPA](#)

**Honors points:** Both the UC & CSU will award honors points in calculating the GPA for up to eight semesters of UC-approved honors-level courses, IB Higher Level and AP courses are taken in 11th and 12th grades, including up to two UC-approved honors courses, IB Higher Level and AP courses completed in the 10th grade.

**Laboratory Science:** Students seeking admission to both the UC & CSU as a first-time freshman will be required to satisfactorily complete two laboratory science college preparatory courses. They will require that the two years of lab science include at least one biological science and at least one physical science from the UC list of approved lab science courses. One course must be selected from area "d" (laboratory science), and the second course must be selected from area "d" or area "g" (lab science elective).

**Mathematics:** The UC & CSU high school requirement in mathematics (algebra, geometry and advanced/second-year algebra) may be validated with higher-level college preparatory mathematics courses with "C" grades or better in such courses as trigonometry, analytic geometry, and calculus. In addition, advanced/second-year algebra can validate first-year algebra.

**Multiple sittings of SAT and ACT:** The CSU will continue to use the highest partial score(s) from multiple sittings of the ACT or SAT. Continuation of current CSU practice will be different from UC practice. The University of California uses the composite score from the SAT I or ACT, although it uses the highest composite score when multiple SAT I and ACT test results are presented.

**Repeating Courses:** UC & CSU policy states that courses in which a student has earned a D or F grade cannot be used to satisfy the Subject Requirement. If a student has earned a D or F grade in a required subject, the deficiency may be satisfied in one of three ways: (1) by repetition, (2) by the completion of advanced work (in specified subject areas only) or (3) by examination scores. If the exact course in which a D/F

grade was originally earned is repeated and a grade of C or higher is earned, the original D/F grade will NOT be included in the GPA calculation and the new grade will be used. Additional policies related to repeating courses are listed below:

- Courses used to satisfy the "a-g" requirements taken in the ninth grade or earlier in which D or F grades are earned are treated as subject omissions. As with all ninth-grade courses, the grades are not included in calculating the Scholarship Requirement GPA.
- Courses used to satisfy the "a-g" requirements taken for the first time in the 10th-12th grades, in which D or F grades are earned, are treated as subject omissions and scholarship deficiencies. If the courses are not repeated, the D or F grades are used in calculating the Scholarship Requirement GPA.
- D or F grades earned in courses that are taken beyond the minimum required to satisfy the "a-g" requirements are not used in calculating the Scholarship Requirement GPA.
- Courses used to satisfy the "a-g" requirements may not be taken Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Courses used to satisfy the "a-g" requirements in which the student earns an Incomplete are treated as subject omissions.
- If a student repeats a course used to satisfy the "a-g" requirements in which he or she originally earned a grade of C or higher, the repeated grade will not be used in calculating the Scholarship Requirement GPA.

➡ For more on the UC policy on repeating classes click on the following hyperlink: [Repeating Courses](#)

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**Validation of "D" grades in foreign language and math:** Both the UC & CSU require that applicants have a grade of "C" or better in each term of the required "a-g" courses except that a "D" grade may be validated with a higher grade in the second semester or the next higher level course in foreign languages and mathematics. Even though the course requirement has been validated, the "D" grade will still remain in the grade point calculation.

**Validation of language other than English:** Both the UC & CSU can validate the requirement for two years of a language other than English with a first-semester college-level course in that language. The college course must show that the first semester of college study is equivalent to two years of high school study. Higher levels of either high school or college level language other than English courses can also validate lower levels of the same language courses.

➡ For more information about the UC's Validation policy for math and foreign language click on the following hyperlink: [UC Math & LOTE Validation Policy](#)