

Courses required for graduation and college/university admission.

The California *Education Code (EC)* establishes minimum requirements for graduation from California high schools. The California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC) have established a uniform minimum set of courses required for freshman admission. Legend College Preparatory has established a minimum set of courses required for high school graduation. Note: “one year” equals 10 credits (units) and is a class held 1 time a week for one year.

High School Subject Area	State Mandated Requirements (EC51225.3) for High School Graduation	UC Requirements for Freshman Admissions	CSU Requirements for Freshman Admissions	Legend College Preparatory Requirements for High School Graduation
		15 yearlong college preparatory courses (equivalent to 30 semesters) are required with grade of C or better:		
"a" History/Social Science	Three years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history & geography; one year of world history, culture, and geography; and one semester each of American government and economics.	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, AND...		3 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, and 1 year of world history, cultures, and geography (including European History) from the "a" subject area 4 years with at least 1 year on AP or honors level to graduate with distinction
		1 year of world history, cultures, and geography (including European History) from the "a" subject area	1 year of history/social science from either the "a" or "g" subject area	
"b" English	Three Years	4 years of college preparatory English composition/literature (including no more than 1 year of Advanced ESL/ELD):		4 years of college preparatory English composition/literature At least 1 year must be on AP or honors level to graduate with distinction.
		The ESL/ELD cannot be completed during the senior year.		
"c" Mathematics	Two years, including Algebra I beginning in 2003-04. (EC 51224.5)	3 years of mathematics (algebra I and II, geometry); 4 years recommended* (Integrated math sequences may be used to satisfy the "c" Mathematics requirements.)		4 years of mathematics (including Algebra I and II, geometry) At least 1 year must be on AP or honors level to graduate with distinction.
		Students applying to UC must complete a geometry course (or a series of integrated math courses with geometry content).		

"d" Laboratory Science	Two years, including biological and physical sciences.	2 years of laboratory science		4 years of laboratory science Must include at least two of the three foundational subjects of biology, chemistry, and physics; both courses must be from the "d" subject area. <i>At least 2 years must be on the AP or honors level to graduate with distinction.</i>
		Must include at least two of the three foundational subjects of biology, chemistry, and physics; both courses must be from the "d" subject area; 3 years recommended. Only one interdisciplinary science course can be used to meet this requirement.	At least 1 year of physical science and 1 year of biological science, one from the "d" subject area and the other from the "d" or "g" area**	
"e" Foreign Language	One year of either visual and performing arts or foreign language.	2 years (or equivalent to the 2nd level of high school course) of language other than English (must be the same language, American Sign Language accepted).*		3 years with at least 2 in same language required. <i>4 years to graduate with distinction.</i>
		3 years recommended		
"f" Visual and Performing Arts		1 year (or two one-semester courses in the same discipline) required, chosen from the following disciplines: Dance, Interdisciplinary Arts, Music, Theater, or Visual arts (e.g., painting, web/graphic design, film/video, inter/multimedia arts).		1 year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
"g" College Preparatory Electives	N/A	1 year of an elective chosen from any area on approved "a-g" course list		1 year of an elective chosen from any area on approved "a-g" course list or equivalent
Capstone Project	NA	NA		1 year of capstone project
Physical Education	Two years			1 year of physical education <i>2 years to graduate with distinction.</i>
Total	130	150 (70 in the last two years of high school)	150	220 - 250

* Beginning in 2005-2006, all students in public schools must pass the California High School Exit Examination prior to graduation in addition to meeting course requirements.

** Must be chosen from approved academic courses in history, English, advanced mathematics, lab science, foreign language, social science, or fine arts.