

CSU-UC Comparison of Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Freshman

| | Cal State University (CSU) | University of California (UC) |
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| HIGH SCHOOL GPA | | |
| | Calculate GPA using only "a-g" approved courses taken after the 9th grade | |
| SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS | | |
| Courses Required | 15 college prep courses (units) from approved "a-g" list, including: | |
| History/Social Science | 2 years of history/social science, including one year of US history or one semester of US history and one semester of American government, and... | |
| | two semesters of history/social science from either the "a" or "g" subject areas | two semesters of world history, cultures and geography from the "a" subject area |
| English | 4 years English, which can include not more than one year of ESL/ELD courses | |
| Mathematics | 3 years math (algebra I and II, geometry); 4 years recommended | |
| Laboratory Science | 2 years laboratory science | |
| | Including one year of physical science and one year of biological science; one of which must be from the "d" subject area with the other from either "d" or "g" area | Including at least two of the three core disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics; both from the "d" subject area. Three years recommended. |
| Language Other than English | 2 years of language other than English. Must be same language. | |
| | | 3 years recommended |
| Visual & Performing Arts | 1 year visual and performing arts (selected from the disciplines of dance, music, theatre/drama, or visual arts). Students graduating in 2005 may take two separate semester courses in the same discipline area. Students graduating in 2006 must complete a single year-long course. | |
| College Preparatory Elective | 1 year elective chosen from any of the areas on the approved a-g course list, excluding those designated as non-elective (lower level mathematics, language other than English, and visual and performing arts) | |
| | Agriculture courses traditionally accepted by CSU that are not on the a-g list will be considered on a course by course basis. | |
| HONORS POINTS | | |
| | Maximum of 8 extra points allowed for approved honors courses. A maximum of 2 of these units can be completed in 10th grade. | |

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| TEST SCORES -- ACT/SAT | | |
| | ACT or SAT I is required | |
| | May combine best verbal & math scores from multiple sittings of SAT; may combine best sub-scores from multiple ACT tests to calculate a best composite. The CSU will not use the SAT or ACT writing tests for 06-07 admissions decisions. | ACT Assessment plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test, plus two SAT Subject Tests in two different areas (if math is taken, then test must be math Level 2). The verbal, math and writing scores on the SAT Reasoning Test must be from the same sitting |
| VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY OTHER COURSES | | |
| Mathematics | A grade of "C" or better in Algebra II validates Algebra I. A grade of "C" or better in the 2nd semester of a year-long course will validate a "D" in the 1st semester. A grade of "C" or better in a higher level math course (i.e. trigonometry or pre-calculus) validates the entire high school college preparatory requirement. However, beginning 2007, a grade of "C" or better in statistics will only validate Algebra I and Algebra II, not geometry. | |
| Language Other than English (LOTE) | A grade of "C" or better in the 2nd semester of a year-long course will validate a "D" in the 1st semester. A grade of "C" or better in a higher level course will validate a lower level course. A higher level LOTE course can validate the appropriate number of years based on the level. | |
| | A second semester college course will validate the 2 year high school requirement; the third quarter college course will validate the 2 year high school requirement. | A college course can validate a high school language other than English course. The level of validation will depend on the college course prerequisite and description. |
| Chemistry | For the graduating classes of 2005 and 2006, a grade of "C" or better in the 2nd semester of chemistry will validate a "D" in the 1st semester and fulfill a year of the lab science requirement. Beginning with the graduating class of 2007, a "D" in chemistry must be repeated, as it will not be validated. | |
| VALIDATION OF "D" GRADES IN REQUIRED COURSES | | |
| English | "D" grade cannot be validated by subsequent coursework. Course must be repeated. | |
| History/Social Science | "D" grade cannot be validated by subsequent coursework. Course must be repeated. | |
| Laboratory Science | "D" grades can only be validated for Chemistry for students graduating in 2005 and 2006. "D" grades for other sciences (as well as chemistry, beginning with students graduating in 2007) cannot be validated by subsequent coursework. Courses must be repeated. | |
| Visual/Performing Arts | "D" grade cannot be validated by subsequent coursework. Course must be repeated. | |
| Electives | "D" grades can be validated only for math, chemistry and language other than English. | |
| VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY TEST SCORES | | |
| | Subject omissions may be satisfied with appropriate test scores on SAT Subject Tests, Advanced Placement Exams, and designated International Baccalaureate Exams. A list of acceptable tests and scores is available on both UC and CSU web sites. | |

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| REPEATED COURSES | | |
| | The best grade will be used in the GPA calculation. | |
| | No restriction on the number of times a course may be repeated. | A course that was not completed with a grade of "C" or better can be repeated only once. The best grade will be used in the GPA calculation. "C" grades cannot be repeated. <u>Exception:</u> VPA courses may be repeated for credit, and all grades will be calculated into the GPA. |