

CSU-UC Comparison of Freshman Admission Requirements for AY 2012-2013

	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)
HIGH SCHOOL GPA		
	Calculate GPA using only “a-g” approved courses taken <i>after</i> the 9 th grade, including summer courses. All “a-g” courses and grades must be reported.	
SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS		
	15 yearlong college preparatory courses from approved “a-g” list are required:	
		11 UC-required college-preparatory (“a-g”) courses must be completed prior to senior year (including summer courses)
“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, 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 college preparatory English composition/literature (including no more than 1 year of Advanced ESL/ELD)	
“c” Mathematics	3 years of mathematics (algebra I and II, geometry); 4 years recommended*	
“d” Laboratory Science	2 years of laboratory science	
	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 **	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
“e” Language Other Than English	2 years of language other than English (must be the same language, American Sign Language accepted)*	
		3 years recommended
“f” Visual and Performing Arts	1 yearlong course in visual and performing arts (selected from dance, music, theatre/drama and visual arts)	
“g” College Preparatory Elective	1 year of an elective chosen from any area on approved “a-g” course list	
	Note: Numerous Career Technical Education courses are approved for fulfillment of “a-g” subject requirements.	
HONORS POINTS		
	Maximum of 8 extra grade points awarded for approved honors, AP, or IB courses and transferable college courses. No more than two yearlong courses taken in 10 th grade can earn honors points.	

*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.

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TEST SCORES – ACT/SAT		
ACT or SAT Reasoning	<p>Test required for CSU applicants to impacted campuses.</p> <p>Test required for CSU applicants to non-impacted campuses, who have earned an "a-g" GPA of less than 3.0.</p> <p>CSU combines best critical reading and math scores from multiple sittings of SAT; may combine best subscores from multiple ACT tests to calculate a best composite.</p>	<p>Test required for UC applicants.</p> <p>UC uses the highest combined score from a single sitting of the ACT Assessment plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. Some campuses may recommend SAT Subject Tests for specific majors.</p>
VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY OTHER COURSES		
Mathematics	<p>A grade of C or better in the second semester of a yearlong algebra course validates a D in the first semester. A grade of C or better in Algebra II validates Algebra I. A grade of C or better in trigonometry or pre-calculus validates the entire high school college preparatory requirement. A grade of C or better in statistics will validate only Algebra I and Algebra II, not geometry.</p>	
Language Other than English (LOTE)	<p>A grade of C or better in a higher-level course validates a lower-level course.</p> <p>A higher-level LOTE course can validate the appropriate number of years based on the level.</p> <p>A college course can validate a high school LOTE course. The level of validation depends on the college course prerequisite and description.</p>	
Chemistry	<p>A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry <u>will</u> validate a D in the first semester.</p>	<p>A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry <u>will not</u> validate a D in the first semester.</p>
VALIDATION OF D GRADES IN REQUIRED COURSES		
	<p>Required "a-g" courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. Courses in which grades of D are earned must be repeated, EXCEPT in the areas of math and language other than English, where grades of D can be validated by successful completion of higher-level coursework.</p>	
VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY TEST SCORES		
	<p>Required "a-g" courses 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 UC and CSU websites.</p>	
REPEATED COURSES		
	<p>The highest grade will be used in the GPA calculation.</p>	
		<p>A course completed with a D or F grade can be repeated only once, with the exception of VPA courses.</p>