

Going to College

What it takes to be eligible

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Start early

- Prepping for college begins before high school by establishing good habits and making college a real goal
- Become familiar with college entrance requirements
- Use the college and career center staff at your high school

General College Application Requirements

- Completion of the a-g requirements **Grades of “C” or better**

10th-11th Grade a-g GPA

-2.0 minimum GPA for California State University

-3.0 minimum GPA for University of California

- SAT or ACT Test

- Private Colleges require letter of recommendation from teachers/counselors and personal essays

SJUSD Graduation Requirements

D's or better

US History-1 year (10 credits)
Social Studies-1.5 years(15 credits)
Econ/Gov-1 year (10 credits)

English- 4 years (40 credits)

Math- 3 years (30 credits)

Science- 3 years (30 credits)

Language Other than English-
2 years (20 credits)

Visual Performing Arts-
2 years (20 credits)

Electives- 4.5 years (45 credits)

Physical Education- 2 years (20 credits)

a-g Requirements

(Set of 15 courses required to apply to the

CSU's/UC's)

C's or better

a. History/Social Science- 2 years

b. English- 4 years

c. Math- 3 years required,
4 recommended

d. Lab Science- 2 required,
3 years recommended

e. Language Other than English-
2 years required, 3 recommended

f. Visual Performing Arts- 1 year

g. Elective- 1 year

Example CSU Track

Minimum GPA 2.0

<p><u>9th grade</u> English 1/2 Algebra I Biology Geography Spanish 1/2 PE</p>	<p><u>10th Grade</u> Accelerated English 3/4 Geometry Chemistry Accelerated World History Spanish 3/4 PE</p>
<p><u>11th Grade</u> Honors English 5/6 Alg II/Trig Physics AP US History Spanish 5/6 Visual Performing Arts</p>	<p><u>12th Grade</u> AP English Literature Pre-Calculus Elective AP Government/Economics Elective Visual Performing Arts</p>

Example UC Track

Minimum GPA 3.0

9th grade

English 1/2

Alg II/Trig

Honors Biology

Geography

Spanish 1/2

PE

10th Grade

Accelerated English 3/4

Geometry

Honors Chemistry

AP European History

Spanish 3/4

PE

11th Grade

Honors English 5/6

Honors Pre-Calculus

Physics

AP US History

Spanish 5/6 Honors

Visual Performing Arts

12th Grade

AP English Literature

AP Calculus AB/BC

AP Science

AP Government/Economics

AP Spanish

Visual Performing Arts

Does freshman *year really* count?

YES!!

- Although the CSU's and UC's will not use the 9th grade year in the gpa, they will use the a-g courses taken.
- Don't let your 14-year-old self damage opportunities for your 18-year-old self

What if I get a “D” or “F”???

- A failure or D in an a-g course must be made up outside of school (Community college, Online Courses)
- It's never too late to fix those grades for college & Graduation!
- See your academic counselor to review your transcripts!

Required Tests

SAT

SAT Reasoning: Three parts-
800 possible points each

- (1) Math
- (2) Critical Reading
- (3) Writing

ACT

Multiple choice test that cover 4 skill areas
36 possible points each

- English
- Math
- Reading
- Science

The Writing Test - Required for UC applications

SAT SUBJECT TESTS

SAT subject tests will not be required beginning fall 2012 admissions and beyond, but some campuses recommend that students applying for slots in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency

Suggested Testing Timeline

During your Sophomore year

PSAT- October

During your Junior year

PSAT- October

SAT Reasoning - March

ACT - April

SAT or SAT Subject - May

ACT/SAT/Subject - June

During your Senior year

ACT- September

ACT/SAT/SAT subject-October

Other requirements

- UC's & Private Colleges will look at things like
 - community service
 - awards
 - work experience
 - extracurricular activities
- UC's have 2 essay prompts as part of the application
- Private Colleges will require letters of recommendation from your teachers, counselors, and or principals

College Websites & Resources

www.californiacolleges.edu

Research colleges & careers, complete career assessment tests, start your college planner

www.csumentor.edu

Research CSU's and begin your applications

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

Research UC's and apply online

www.commonapp.org

Research private colleges and begin your online application

www.cccapply.org

Apply to any California community college

<https://doorways.ucop.edu>

Stay up to date on our A-G courses offered at your high school

www.assist.org

Use this site to find out how community college transfers to 4-year schools

www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov

Start your financial aid process early with this site

www.fastweb.com

Search for scholarships

www.latinocollegedollars.org

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