

# HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Types of schools:** There are several types of schools for higher learning in California: Community Colleges, California State University system, University of California system, private and independent colleges and universities, and vocational schools.

There are also thousands of out-of-state schools available for higher learning. However, RHS does not monitor each school's minimum entrance requirements. RHS Counselors will be happy to assist any student interested in pursuing information on schools outside of California. Visit the College and Career Center for more information on out of state schools.

**Community Colleges:** There are no subject or grade requirements for admission to California Community Colleges. All students must provide satisfactory test scores prior to registering for classes. Examples of local community colleges include Sierra College, Sacramento City College, and American River College. Sierra College allows high school students to take courses through the Academic Enrichment Program. Students must meet the following criteria to take courses concurrently at Sierra College:

- Student must be 16 years of age and have completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Students are restricted to 6 units per semester.
- Students must have minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.

**Technical and Business Schools:** These schools offer certificates for training in a variety of vocational occupations. Most of these schools require a high school diploma or its equivalent.

The California Department of Education's definition of Career Technical Education (CTE), which is embodied in the vision statement contained in Career Technical Education Framework for California Public Schools Grades Seven Through Twelve (2007), is as follows: Career technical education engages all students in a dynamic and seamless learning experience resulting in their mastery of the career and academic knowledge and skills necessary to become productive, contributing members of society. The internet address for the portion of the CDE website where pupils can learn more about CTE is <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ct/>.

**Apprenticeship Programs:** The state of California offers a variety of Apprenticeship Programs. Qualifications/requirements are as follows:

- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.
- Applicants must be physically able to do work performed in the trade.
- Applicants must have a high school diploma, high school proficiency certificate, or a GED.
- Applicants should be able to read, write, and speak the English language in order to comprehend instruction and safety.

Additional information regarding Apprenticeship Programs can be found at [www.calapprenticeship.org](http://www.calapprenticeship.org)

**Private Colleges and Universities:** Students wishing to attend a private college or university should consult the college website for specific requirements. The College & Career Center can assist in this process. Examples of private colleges include University of the Pacific, Stanford, Pepperdine, and Santa Clara. For additional information, please visit [www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu).

**California State University (CSU):** Students must have a high school diploma, a qualifiable eligibility index (see CSU info. in the College & Career Center for specifics), and must have completed the courses in the comprehensive pattern of college preparatory subject requirements with a grade of "C" or better (see minimum entrance requirements chart below). The eligibility index is the combination of your high school grade point average and your test score on either the ACT or the SAT Reasoning exam. Grade point average is based on grades earned in college approved courses during your final three years of high school and bonus points for each "C" or better grade in approved Honors and/or AP courses. Rocklin High School hosts a College Fair each fall which includes workshops on the UC and CSU application process. There are twenty-three (23) CSU campuses with a wide range of majors leading to a B.S. or B.A. degree. Examples of CSU colleges include Sacramento, Humboldt, San Diego, Monterey Bay, Long Beach, and Cal Poly. For additional information, please visit [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).

**University of California (UC):** The UC system includes nine four-year universities offering a variety of B.A. and B.S. degrees. Examples include Davis, Santa Barbara, and Berkeley. To qualify for entrance, students must have a high school diploma or a California Proficiency Certificate. Students must follow a university preparatory program and must earn a grade of "C" or better in the required courses listed on page 13. Students must have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or higher to be eligible for the UC system. Those students with a GPA below 3.3 must score proportionately higher on the ACT or SAT College Entrance Examinations. In addition, some majors require UC applicants to take two SAT Subject exams in two different subject areas of their choice (Note: The UC system does not accept Math I as a subject test). Entrance GPA and requirements may vary depending on the major area of study and the campus selected. If a student is eligible for a particular school and/or major this does not guarantee admission. For additional information, please visit [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu).

**Important Note:** The top nine percent (9%) of the junior class who meet the minimum eligibility standards and who satisfy the A-G requirements will be accepted at a University of California campus, though not necessarily the campus of their choice. The University of California will notify eligible students in writing at the beginning of their senior year.

## CSU-UC Comparison of Minimum Requirements

	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)
<b>TEST SCORES – ACT/SAT</b>		
	Test required for CSU applicants to impacted campuses and for applicants to non-impacted campuses, who have earned an “a-g” GPA of less than a 3.0. CSU combines best critical reading and math scores from multiple sittings of SAT; may combine best subscores from ACT to calculate best composite.	The ACT plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test is required for UC applicants. UC uses the highest composite score from a single sitting of the ACT plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. <u>Some campuses</u> may recommend SAT Subject Tests for specific majors.
<b>VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY OTHER COURSES</b>		
<b>Mathematics</b>	A grade of C or better in the second semester of a mathematics course validates a D/F in the first semester. A grade of C or better in the first semester of Algebra II validates both semesters of Algebra I. A grade of C or better in Trigonometry/Pre-Calc validates the entire high school preparatory requirement with the exception of Geometry. A grade of C or better in statistics will validate only Algebra I and II, not Geometry.	
<b>Language Other than English (LOTE)</b>	A grade of C or better in a higher-level course validates a lower-level course. A higher level LOTE course can validate the appropriate number of years based on the level. A college course can validate a high school LOTE course. The level of validation depends on the college course prerequisite and description. Refer to the CCC “a-g” course list and review the “Category” column.	
<b>Chemistry</b>	A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry will validate a D in the first semester.	A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry will not validate a D in the first semester. UC does not allow the validation of Chemistry.
<b>VALIDATION OF D GRADES IN REQUIRED COURSES</b>		
	Courses in which grades of D/F are earned may be validated in the areas of Math and Language Other Than English by successful completion of higher level coursework.***	
<b>VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY TEST SCORES</b>		
	Required “a-g” courses may be satisfied with appropriate test scores on SAT Subject Tests, Advanced Placement exams, and designated IB exams. A list of acceptable tests and scores is available on the UC and CSU websites.	
<b>REPEATED COURSES</b>		
	Required “a-g” courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. Courses in which grades D/F are earned may be repeated. The highest grade will be used in the grade calculation.	
		UC only allows a course to be repeated one time for grade replacement.
<b>HIGH SCHOOL GPA</b>		
	Calculate GPA using only “A-G” approved courses taken after 9 <sup>th</sup> grade (with the exception of Cal Poly) including summer courses. All “A-G” courses must be reported.	
<b>SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS</b>		
	15 yearlong college preparatory courses from approved “A-G” list are required with a grade of C or better:	
		11 UC-required college preparatory courses must be completed prior to senior year.
<b>“a” History/Social Science</b>	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 . . .	
	1 year of history/social science from either “a” or “g” subject area.	1 year of world history, cultures, and geography from the “a” subject area.
<b>“b” English</b>	4 years of English (including no more than one year of Advanced ESL/ELD courses)	
<b>“c” Math</b>	3 years of math (Algebra 1 and 11, Geometry); 4 years recommended	
<b>“d” Laboratory Science</b>	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	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.
<b>“e” Language Other Than English</b>	2 years of language other than English (must be the same language)	
		3 years recommended
<b>“f” Visual &amp; Performing Arts</b>	1 yearlong course in visual & performing arts (selected from dance, music, theatre/drama and visual arts)	
<b>“g” College Preparatory Elective</b>	1 year of an elective chosen from any area on approved “a-g” course list	
<b>HONORS POINTS</b>		
	Maximum of 8 extra grade points awarded for approved honors, AP, or IB courses and transferable community college courses. No more than two yearlong courses taken in 10 <sup>th</sup> grade can earn honors points.	

\*\*\*Beginning with Fall 2015 applicants, students applying to UC may not validate the omission of the subject requirement for a geometry course.