

California Graduation Requirements

Subject	California Graduation Requirement	CSU Requirements for Freshman Admissions	UC Requirements for Freshman Admissions
English	Three years of English	Four years of approved courses	Four years of approved courses
Math	Two years of mathematics (including Algebra I)	Three years including algebra, intermediate algebra and geometry	Three years including algebra, intermediate algebra and geometry. Four years recommended.
Social Studies	Three years of social science (including U.S. history and geography; world history, culture, and geography; one semester of American government; and one semester of economics)	Two years, including one year of U.S. history or U.S. history and government and one year of other approved social science.	Two years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one year of world history, cultures, and geography.
Science	Two years of science (including biology and physical science)	Two years, including one year of biological and one year of physical science with lab.	Two years with lab required, chosen from biology, chemistry, and physics. Three years recommended.
World Languages	One year of foreign language or visual and performing arts or career technical education.	Two years in same language required.	Two years in same language required. Three years recommended.
VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS (Art, Music, Drama, Dance)	One year of foreign language or visual and performing arts or career technical education.	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
P.E.	Two years of physical education	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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Electives	Not Applicable	One year Must be chosen from approved academic courses in history/social science, English, advanced mathematics, lab science, foreign language, social science, or visual and performing arts.	One year Must be chosen from approved academic courses in history/social science, English, advanced mathematics, lab science, foreign language, social science, or visual and performing arts.