

# A COMPARISON OF CSU AND UC ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

## CSU and UC Required High School Courses

- a. History**  
2 years  
One year of world history, cultures and geography; and one year of US history or one-half year of US history and one-half year of American government
- b. English**  
4 years  
Composition and literature (must be (P) courses)
- c. Mathematics**  
3 years (4 years recommended)  
Algebra 1, Geometry or Geometry Acc., and Algebra 2, or Algebra 2 Acc.
- d. Science**  
2 years of laboratory science (3 years recommended)  
One year biological and one year physical science.  
Bio H or Bio, Chemistry in the Community or Chemistry Acc., or Physics
- e. World Language**  
2 years (3 years recommended)  
Study in the same language
- f. Visual and Performing Arts**  
1 yearlong course  
Select a course from art, drama, music, dance, or photography
- g. Elective**  
1 year  
Select other classes from the areas listed above.

## CSU Requirements and UC Requirements

All required courses must be completed with grades of “C-“or higher. “B” or higher grades are strongly recommended.

### CSU Exam Requirements

SAT or ACT

### CSU Application Requirements

Completed application:  
[www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/](http://www.csumentor.edu/AdmissionApp/)

Official SAT I or ACT with writing score report:  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or  
[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

### UC Exam Requirements

SAT Reasoning Test or ACT with Writing  
SAT Subject Tests (2 different subject tests, not Math I)

### UC Application Requirements

Completed UC application:  
[http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad\\_adm/apply/apply\\_online.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/apply/apply_online.html)  
Two page personal statement  
Official SAT or ACT with writing score report  
Official SAT Subject Tests score report

## CSU and UC GPA Calculation

Include grades earned in years 10-12 in history, English, mathematics, lab science, world language, and visual/performing art in a – g subjects. Add 1 point for each C- or higher grade in approved honors or AP courses taken in years 11 & 12 up to 8 semesters.