

# What are the "a-g" requirements?

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The University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) require entering freshmen to complete certain courses in high school. These courses are called the ["a-g" courses](#) because of the letter each subject area is assigned: "a" is for History/Social Science, "b" is for English, and so on. To receive "a-g" credit, a high school course must be certified through the UC course approval process.

Here is the list of "a-g", with the number of years required in each subject. UC recommends additional years in some areas as indicated.

- a. History / Social Science (2 years)
- b. English (4 years)
- c. Mathematics (3 years, UC recommends 4)
- d. Laboratory Science (2 years, UC recommends 3)
- e. Language Other than English (2 years, UC recommends 3)
- f. Visual / Performing Arts (1 year)
- g. College Preparatory Elective (1 year)