

# PLANNING FOR COLLEGE IN CALIFORNIA

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<b>"a-g" SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>California State University [CSU]</b>	<b>University of California [UC]</b>
<b>a HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>	
Two years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history or one semester of U.S. history and one semester of American government, <b>and . . .</b>	
two semesters of history/social studies from either of the "a" or "g" subject areas	two semesters of world history, cultures and geography from the "a" subject area
<b>b ENGLISH</b>	
Four years English, which can include not more than one year of ESL/ELD courses	
<b>c MATHEMATICS</b>	
Three years math [algebra I and II, geometry]; four years recommended	
<b>d LABORATORY SCIENCE</b>	
Two years laboratory science including	
one year of physical science and one year of biological science, one of which must be from the "d" subject area with the other from either "d" or "g"	at least two of the three course disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics; both from the "d" subject area. Three years recommended.
<b>e LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH</b>	
Two years of language other than English. Must be same language	
	3 years recommended
<b>f VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS</b>	
One year visual and performing arts. Students graduating in 2006 must complete a single year-long course selected from the disciplines of dance, drama/theater, music or visual arts.	
<b>g COLLEGE PREPARATORY ELECTIVE</b>	
One year elective chosen from any of the areas on the "a-g" course list, excluding those designated as non-elective [lower-level mathematics, language other than English, and visual and performing arts].	
Traditionally accepted agricultural courses that are not on the "a-g" list will be considered on a course-by-course basis	
To get a list of your school's "a-g" courses got to <a href="http://www.ucop.edu/doorways">http://www.ucop.edu/doorways</a> or see your counselor.	