

Graduating Class of 2015

UC, CSU and NCAA Requirements

University of California & California State University Subject Area Requirements

The following sequence of 15 year-long high school courses is required by the University of California and California State University systems for high school students to be minimally eligible for admission. At least 7 of the 15 courses must be taken in the last two years of high school. These courses also illustrate the minimum level of academic preparation students need to achieve in high school to undertake university level work.

These college entrance requirements also referred to as the “a-g” requirements, can be summarized as follows:

- A History/Social Science** - Two years required, including one year of world history, cultures, and geography and one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government.
- B English** - Four years of college preparatory English that include frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature.
- C Mathematics** - Three years of college preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry.
- D Laboratory Science** - Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three disciplines: biology (which includes anatomy, physiology, marine biology, etc.), chemistry, and physics or three years of integrated science.
- E Language Other Than English** - Two years of the same language other than English.
- F Visual & Performing Arts** - One year, including dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
- G College-Preparatory Electives** - In addition to those courses required in "a-f" above, one year (two semesters) of college-preparatory electives are required, beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above, or courses that have been approved solely for use as “g” electives.

NCAA Eligibility

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

NCAA Initial Eligibility

Students who want to pursue athletics at any postsecondary institution must complete specific requirements. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) is the athletic governing body for 1,280 colleges and universities. Their academic standards include high school graduation, a "core" GPA, a target SAT or ACT score, successful completion of approved “core” courses and all other college admissions requirements.

Core Courses: NCAA Division I and II require 16 core courses as of August 1, 2013. Beginning August 1, 2016, NCAA Division I will require 10 core courses to be completed prior to the seventh semester (seven of the ten courses must be a combination of English, math or natural/physical science that meet the requirements).

Division I

16 core courses

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra 1 or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by the high school)
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics, or natural/ physical science
- 2 years social science
- 4 years of additional core courses (from any area above, world (foreign) language or comparative religion/ philosophy)

Division II

16 Core Courses

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science
- 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 4 years of additional core courses (from any area above, world (foreign) language or comparative religion/ philosophy)

Test Scores

- **Division I** uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core GPA. The sliding scales can be found at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- **Division II** requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. **Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.**

Grade Point Average

Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade point average for NCAA Initial Eligibility. Students applying for a Division I school, please view the Sliding Scale A (for students enrolling before August 1st, 2016). If you are enrolling after August 1st, 2016, a student must have a 2.000-2.299 in order to be eligible to **receive athletics aid and practice** at a Division I school. If a student wants to be eligible for **competition** at a Division I school they must have a minimum GPA of 2.3. Please see Sliding Scale B on the NCAA website to determine your GPA eligibility. Students who are interested in applying to a Division II school are required to have a minimum 2.0 GPA. The sliding scales can be found at the website listed below. Be sure to look at your high school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center’s website to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The website is www.eligibilitycenter.org.

It is the responsibility of the student to file for athletic certification usually by the beginning of the senior year. Any questions should be directed to the Head Counselor at the school site, or contact NCAA at (877) 262-1492.