

THINKING ABOUT GOING TO COLLEGE?



As a ninth grader, it seems like college is a long way away. And, it is!

You have all of high school ahead of you and lots is going to happen in the next four years. Who knows what your high school experience will bring?!

Getting the most out of high school is the best thing that you can do to prepare for what is to come after that.

Is there ANYTHING that you need to do or think about now, as a freshman in high school, to prepare for college?

The most important thing to do now is set yourself up on an academic path that will keep the doors to college open to you. To do that, make sure you know what the A – G requirements are. These are the courses that you must take to be admitted to a University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campus. If you meet these requirements and do as well as you can, you will qualify for the state colleges as well as most colleges in the country. Below are the courses you will need to take and [here](#) is a link with more information.

Area	Subject	Years
A.	History and Social Science (including 1 year of U.S. history or 1 semester of U.S. history and 1 semester of civics or American government AND 1 year of social science)	2
B.	English (4 years of college preparatory English composition and literature)	4
C.	Math (4 years recommended) including Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, or higher mathematics (take one each year)	3
D.	Laboratory Science (including 1 biological science and 1 physical science)	2
E.	Language Other Than English (2 years of the same language; American Sign Language is applicable.	2
F.	Visual and Performing Arts (dance, drama or theater, music, or visual art)	1
G.	College Preparatory Elective (additional year chosen from the University of California "a-g" list)	1

You can find your school's courses that meet the A – G requirements [here](#). (Enter your school's name).

If you meet these requirements, you will be eligible to attend a University of California or Cal State campus and you will be competitive for most other private and public colleges around the country. Which particular college you attend will depend on how well you do in the required classes.

Look ahead now and think about how you will fit all of these classes into your schedule over the next four years. Can you take additional classes in a few subject areas? If you are particularly strong in a subject area, you should consider an Honors or AP class. What do you need to do to get into those classes? You might want to plan out a four year schedule to keep yourself on track.

Asking for help when you need it is one of the most important qualities of being a successful student. Through Aim High you will have access to math tutoring support via YUP a text based tutoring platform you can also visit the following [website](#) for more information.