

Acalanes Union High School District

Graduation Requirements

The chart below reflects the minimum requirements for eligibility for California public universities. Talk to your counselor and use the College and Career center to get more specific information about the level of selectivity and the admissions policies for the colleges you are considering.

Each class is worth 5 credits per semester. Students must earn a passing grade to receive credit. A grade of D- is considered a passing grade and credit will be earned toward a high school diploma. UC and CSU require a grade of C – or higher to meet minimum admission eligibility requirements.

SUBJECT AREAS	High School Diploma Requirements	University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) minimum eligibility requirements
Social Studies	3 years (30 credits) World Hist/Geog. (10 credits) US History (10 credits) Government (5 credits) Economics (5 credits)	UC/CSU subject area A: Social Studies 2 Years (20 credits) Must include 10 credits US History or US Hist/Govt;
English	4 years (40 credits)	UC/CSU subject area B: English 4 years (40 credits)
Math	3 years (30 credits) including at least 1 year beyond Algebra 1 (such as Math Applications, Geometry or Intro to Computer Programming)	UC/CSU subject area C: Math 3 years (30 credits) Must complete Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 4 th year recommended
Laboratory Science	2 years (20 credits) 1 year biological 1 year physical science	UC/CSU subject area D: Science 2 years (20 credits) lab science, 3 rd year recommended ⁱ (Biology, Chemistry, Physics preferred)
World Language	20 Credits in 2 areas: World Language, American Sign Language ⁱⁱ , Career Tech Ed	UC/CSU subject area E: World Language Complete Level 2 of a world language. 3 rd year recommended.
Technology/ Career Tech		Technology classes not required for UC. Many qualify under subject area G.
Visual and Performing Arts	10 credits	UC/CSU subject area F: Arts 1 year (10 credits)
Electives	65 credits	UC/CSU subject area G : electives 1 year college preparatory elective. Can use additional year in Subject Areas A - F beyond minimum requirements to count as elective or refer to course offerings for additional college prep electives.
Health	5 credits Human Social Development (can count toward UC/CSU subject area G requirement)	Not required
Physical Education	20 credits total Must include 10 credits PE 9 and 10 credits PE electives or athletic PE	Not required
TOTAL	240 Credits	Minimum of 15 college prep classes

ⁱ Many out of state and private colleges require 3 years of science

ⁱⁱ Consult with your school counselor about American Sign Language options