

Acalanes Union High School District

Graduation Requirements (2027)

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	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 world history and 10 credits of US History or US Government;
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	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 science 1 year physical science	UC/CSU subject area D: Science 2 years (20 credits) lab science, 3 rd year recommended ¹ (Biology, Chemistry, Physics preferred)
World Language	20 Credits in 2 areas: World Language, Career & Tech Ed	UC/CSU subject area E: World Language Complete Level 2 of a world language. 3 rd year recommended.
Technology/ Career Tech	See the district catalog for a full list of classes that can be used toward the career and tech ed requirement.	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-long class (10 credits)
Electives	40 credits	UC/CSU subject area G : electives 2 semesters 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 & Ethnic Studies	5 credits Human Social Development 5 credits Intro to Ethnic Studies This counts toward area G—college prep elective	Not required
Physical Education	20 credits total Must include 10 credits PE 9 and 10 credits PE electives or Athletic PE	Not required
TOTAL	220 Credits	Minimum of 15 college prep classes

¹ Many out of state and private colleges require 3 years of science