

HOW TO GET TO COLLEGE



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6-8TH GRADES

- Take **English and Algebra I** or another rigorous math course and aim for good grades.
- Take a language other than English.
- Begin your student planner on www.csumentor.edu.



9TH GRADE Freshmen

- Take the "a-g" courses listed below to meet the CSU's admission requirements: college prep English, Algebra I or Geometry, and a foreign language.
- Aim for **As and Bs in all your classes**; focus on homework and develop good study skills.
- Take the **ACT EXPLORE exam**, a tool that helps you plan for high school and college.
- Begin or update your high school course planner on www.csumentor.edu.



10TH GRADE Sophomores

- Take **Geometry or Algebra II**.
- Take college prep English.
- Take the **PSAT exam** to help you prepare for the SAT or ACT and to keep you on track for college.
- Take courses from the "a-g" course list below: History, English, math, visual and performing arts, laboratory science, and a foreign language.
- Update your high school course planner on www.csumentor.edu.

How to PAY FOR COLLEGE

- See if you qualify for financial aid: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- You may also be eligible for a Cal Grant: www.calgrants.org
- Check out the many scholarship opportunities: www.scholarships.com
- Learn how to save for college: www.scholarshare.com

"a-g" 9th-12th Grades COURSES

The California State University requires the following college preparatory pattern of classes (referred to as the "a-g" courses) for admission:

- a HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE** 2 years (1 year of U.S. History and 1 year of Social Science)
- b ENGLISH** 4 years required
- c MATH** 3 years (4 years recommended)
- d LABORATORY SCIENCE** 2 years with a lab class
- e LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH** (Foreign Language) 2 years of the same language
- f VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS** 1 year
- g COLLEGE PREPARATORY ELECTIVES** 1 year of any college preparatory subject

Visit your school counselor for a detailed list of classes or visit www.gotocsu.com.

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