

Albany High School Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 220 credits for graduation. 5 credits are granted for passing each course, each semester.

Note: While **D grades** *do* earn credit towards high school graduation, **D grades are NOT accepted for meeting college admission requirements.**

220 Total Credits, including the following subject requirements:

English 40 credits

English 1, 2, 3, and senior electives

ELD classes also earn English credit toward graduation

Physical Education 20 credits

PE 1 or Dance – 9th grade / PE 2 or Dance – 10th grade

Social Studies 35 credits

1 year World History (10th), 1 year US History (11th), 1 year Government/Economics (12th),

1 semester Ethnic Studies (9th)

Mathematics 20 credits

10 credits in Math 1 plus 10 credits in any other Math class

Science 20 credits

Science courses for a total of 20 credits (10 Life Science & 10 Physical Science)

Life Sciences include: Biology, AP Biology, Anatomy & Physiology

Physical Sciences include: Earth Space Science, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, AP Physics

AP Environmental Science is an interdisciplinary science (**Life or Physical Science**)

Fine Arts 10 credits

1 year of art, music, graphic arts, photography, dance

(CSU/UC require 1 year of the same class)

Electives 70 credits

*Albany High School's Course Catalog is located on the
Albany High School website under "Counseling > Choosing Classes"*

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The A - G Subject Requirements

To be eligible to attend any school in the University of California (UC) or the California State University (CSU) system as a freshman, you must take certain classes in high school. These classes are known as the “A-G Subjects:”

A History / Social Science (2 years required)

Two years of history/social science, including one year of world history, cultures, or historical geography (maybe a single yearlong course or two one-semester courses), 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 (4 years required)

Four years of college-preparatory English. (One year of EL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement).

C Math (3 years required; 4 years recommended)

Three years of college preparatory mathematics that include or integrate the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry. A geometry course or an integrated math course with a sufficient amount of geometry content must be completed.

D Laboratory Science (2 years required; 3/4 years recommended)

Two years of laboratory science in at least two of these three subjects: biology AND chemistry or physics.

E Foreign Language (2 years required; 3 years recommended)

Two years of the same language other than English.

F Visual and Performing Arts (1 year required)

One yearlong course of visual and performing arts chosen from the following disciplines: dance, music, theater, visual arts, or interdisciplinary arts, or two one-semester courses from the same discipline is also acceptable.

G College Preparatory Elective (1 year required/additional recommended)

One or more additional years chosen from "a-f" courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above (i.e. a 4th year of math, 3rd or 4th year of science, 3rd or 4th year of foreign language, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year of visual or performing arts, or any other “G” approved courses such as ethnic studies, psychology or economics)

Students must get a “C-” or better in each of these classes. Additionally, students will need to complete 11 of the 15 a-g requirements by the end of their junior year to be UC-eligible. Visit the University of California and CSU websites for specific requirements, classes that satisfy each area, and more information. Many private colleges and universities require similar high school classes; be sure to check out these schools’ websites for specific information.