

UC/CSU/CalGrant GPAs

All courses and grades that are taken for high school credit should appear on a student's transcript, even if those courses are taken in 7th and 8th grade. While specialized GPA calculations only pull from particular courses during specific years, all other courses should be listed because they might serve as high school graduation requirements and /or provide a record of course enrollment.

The University of California and **California State University Systems** only consider certain types of approved courses taken during a specific period of time during a student's high school experience when considering their competitiveness in the admissions process.

Calculating the University of California GPAs 3.0 minimum for California Residents and 3.4 minimum for non-California residents

- To be considered for admission, students must complete 15 A-G courses with a letter grade of C or better — at least 11 of them prior to the last year of high school.
- Only A-G approved courses count towards the UC GPA calculation. Courses can be searched for through the [A-G Course List for California residents](#) and brought to you by the University of California and the California State University systems.
- Count only grades completed between summer after 9th grade through summer after 11th grade.
 - o If you are recovering any part of a 9th grade course, after your 9th grade year, you DO NOT count it as part of the UC/CSU calculations, but it counts towards overall credits.
 - o If you take a summer course prior to 10th grade you count that course towards 10th grade; summer after 10th grade count as 10th grade; classes in summer after 11th grade count as 11th grade.
- Pluses and minuses do not count. Convert A-G courses to grade points.
 - o A = 4 points
 - o B = 3 points
 - o C = 2 points
 - o D = 1 point
- UC honors-level courses get an extra point, with a maximum of 8 points between 10th and 11th grades.
 - o AP, IB, UC-Transferrable college courses and UC-certified honors courses that are approved and on a high school's course list.
 - o Nonresidents: UC awards weighted point for AP, IB and transferable college courses only, but not for school designated honors courses.
 - o Ds and Fs do not get extra point.



There is a special feature within the [A-G Course Management Portal](#) that will link to a high school campus' College Board AP Audit information. This allows for Advanced Placement courses to be verified and receive automatic approval.

- Add up the points to find total grade points.
- Divide your total grade points by the number of grades earned in courses taken between the summer after 9th grade through summer after 11th grade. Do not round up or down.

A high school campus' method for assigning grades will matter in the sense that it will determine how many grades will be available and reported for any particular course. Your campus can report grades as:

- Semesters (Fall and Spring)
- Trimesters (Fall, Winter, and Spring)
- Quarters (2 Fall Quarters and 2 Spring Quarters)

Calculating the California State University GPAs ([link](#)) 2.5 minimum for California

Residents and 3.0 minimum for non-California residents

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The **Cal Grant** is a California-specific financial aid entitlement award that does not need to be paid back. There are 3 types of Cal Grants - A, B, and C - and a student's eligibility will depend on their responses on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA), their verified Cal Grant GPA, recent high school graduation status, and the type of college listed on their financial aid application.

[Calculating the Cal Grant GPA](#)

- Only courses between sophomore year and sophomore summer, junior year and junior summer count towards the Cal Grant GPA.
 - o Courses exclude physical education (PE), Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and remedial courses. Remedial work is any course not counted towards high school graduation.
 - o Failing grades must be included in the calculation.
 - o Only include the most recent grade for any course repeated by a student.
- All courses are calculated on a 4.00 scale and there is no extra weighting for AP, IB, transferable college courses or school designated honors courses.