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Each spring, parents ask us to explain what high school courses are required for admission into the California colleges. We have highlighted below a basic description of the A-G college entrance sequence of high school courses students must complete for minimal eligibility into the University of California or California State University systems (per www.eao.sa.ucsb.edu or see www.admission.universityofcalifornia.edu or www.2calstate.edu):

A = 2 years of history

B = 4 years of English

C = 3 years required and 4 years recommended of Math

D = 2 years required and 3 years recommended of

laboratory science

E = 2 years required and 3 years recommended of a language other than English

F = 1 year of visual and performing arts

G = 1 year of a college preparatory elective chosen from the A-F courses beyond those required.

Make Sure Courses Satisfy A to G Requirements

It is important to confirm that each course completed meets the A-G requirements. Additionally, the school districts may have other graduation requirements. There are many additional specifics on requirements for sequencing courses per the online resources listed in this blog.

Learn How to Succeed in College by Reading College Resources

Additionally, you may want to start exploring effective strategies for college success with your student and how to finance college. A favorite resource we use is the JLV College Counseling Blog by Jessica Velasco located at www.collegecounseling.com. The blog provides resources and guidance for college including college scholarship searches.

Happy college research!

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