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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](http://www.eao.sa.ucsb.edu) or see [www.admission.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.admission.universityofcalifornia.edu) or [www.2calstate.edu](http://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](http://www.collegecounseling.com). The blog provides resources and guidance for college including college scholarship searches.

Happy college research!

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