

A-G Courses and UC/CSU Admission Requirements

Ocean Grove Charter School

Note: School must be WASC-accredited (or candidate) to establish "a-g" course list

1. Subject Requirements ("a-g" Courses)

- a. History/Social Science - 2 years
- b. English - 4 years
- c. Mathematics - 3 years (4 years recommended)
- d. Laboratory Science - 2 years (3 years recommended)
- e. Language Other Than English (LOTE) - 2 years (3 years recommended)
- f. Visual and Performing Arts - 1 year
- g. College Preparatory Elective - 1 year

UC-approved a-g course lists for California high schools:

- UC's list of approved a-g courses for all California high schools
<https://doorways.ucop.edu/list>
- Full list and descriptions of our UC approved a-g courses,
<http://www.ogcs.org/handbook/schoolspecific/ag/agindex.html>

2. How can a student satisfy a subject omission? (a-g)

Subject omissions can be satisfied with:

- Appropriate scores on Advanced Placement (AP) examinations
- SAT Subject Tests
http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/paths_to_adm/freshman/exam_eligibility.html
- At least 3 semester units of a UC-transferable college course (non transferable in lower-level English and math acceptable)
- Validation in certain subject areas only

3. Can students take online courses to satisfy Subject and Scholarship Requirements?

- Yes, but that online course must be an approved a-g course by the UC system. Any school or educational service business can submit a course to the UC system to be reviewed for approval as an official a-g course. The online vendors must submit their course information to the UC system, just like our school did when we applied

for official a-g courses. Because this approval process is an ongoing, please check our website for an updated listed of OGCS approved online a-g course vendors: http://www.ieminc.org/handbook/curriculum/vendor/vendor_info_index.dwt

- Online courses in laboratory science (unless there is a supervised wet lab) and Visual and Performing Arts do not satisfy UC requirements.

4. Visual & Performing Arts (VPA)

- Course must address all five component strands of the state VPA standards (California State Content Standards can be accessed at: www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/index.asp)

5. International Baccalaureate (IB) Courses

- IB program course list available at: <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list> (Search for "International Baccalaureate"). This is not an option for our students. Schools that offer official IB courses must go through a lengthy and expensive International Baccalaureate certification process that our school has not gone through. However, you could purchase and use the IB curriculum and resources but you would not be able to get the IB designation for the course on the student's high school transcript.

6. Resources for Schools

Links to...

- a-g Course lists: <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list>
- UC Admissions: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/> (information about UC admission requirements, application review process, etc.)
- CSUMentor" <http://www.csumentor.edu/> (online resource to learn more about the CSU school, admission requirements, etc.)

7. Potential UC Students

UC Welcomes Transfer Students

- More than 90% of transfer students offered UC admission are California Community College students
- Information about transfer admissions to UC schools
http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/paths_to_a_dm/transfer.html

Examination Requirements

- UC - http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/paths_to_adm/freshman/examination_reqs.html
- CSU - http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/grades_tests.asp

8. More Tips for Applicants

- Online applications are preferred.
- Comprehensive Review Factors for Freshman UC Applicants (criteria for selection of students)
http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/general_info/uc_reviews/freshman_app.html