

Lesson 20: College Requirements

Objective: Students will learn the three most important requirements in order to be considered eligible for college in the UC and CSU system.

Time Needed: 25 minutes

Vocabulary:

Use instructional techniques such as a Word Wall or the Self-Selected Vocabulary Strategy to teach the contextual meanings of the following vocabulary words. These techniques are described in more detail in the “Vocabulary Activities Teacher Guide.”

Daily Vocabulary Words:

Word	Contextual Definition
a-g Course Requirement	The 15 minimum courses required by the CSU and UC system
GPA Requirement	The minimum GPA that you must achieve in a-g courses for both the CSU and UC system
Examination Requirement	The exams required by the CSU and UC system

Launch: (1 minute)

Opening Message:

Today we are going to focus on the three steps you will need to take to be eligible for the UC and CSU college systems.

Agenda: (23 minutes)

Review Power Point: FFWD How Do I Become Eligible for College? (23 minutes)

Teacher Note: Use the Presenter View or print out the note pages in order to access the talking points that are embedded in this power point presentation. You can also print out this short power point for students to have as a reference and take notes on.

Summary: (1 minute)

Now that you know all of the requirements to be eligible for college, that knowledge will help you stay on track! During our next session, we will discuss the a-g course requirement more in depth and look at specific courses you will take in high school.

Materials:

Board or Chart Paper/Chalk or Markers

Computer, Screen and LCD Projector

Power Point: FFWD How Do I Become Eligible for College?

Copies of the *FFWD How Do I Become Eligible for College?* Handout

Fast Forward to College (▶▶FWD): 25 Minutes at a Time

How Do I Become Eligible for College?

REQUIREMENT	STATE OF CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENTS*	UC/CSU**
a. HISTORY	3 YEARS	2 YEARS
b. ENGLISH	3 YEARS	4 YEARS
c. MATHEMATICS	2 YEARS INCLUDING ALGEBRA I	3 YEARS INCLUDING ALGEBRA I, GEOMETRY & ALGEBRA II 4 RECOMMENDED
d. LABORATORY SCIENCE	2 YEARS (INCLUDING BIOLOGY & PHYSICAL SCIENCE IN GRADES 9-12)	2 YEARS (BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS) 3 RECOMMENDED
e. LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	1 YEAR (EITHER LOTE <i>OR</i> VPA)	2 YEARS OF SAME LANGUAGE
f. VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS	1 YEAR (EITHER LOTE <i>OR</i> VPA)	1 YEAR
g. COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE	N/A	1 YEAR
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 YEARS	NONE

*The State of California graduation requirements do not have to be UC approved courses like the UC/CSU requirements have to be.

**The University of California and California State University require that all UC approved a-g courses be completed with a C or better.