Take Control of Your Future!
Do you want more knowledge, more job opportunities, and a lot more money? College is for you! The world is changing everyday and it is harder to find well paying jobs if you do not have a college degree... so if you want the freedom to choose a good career and earn a high salary, then you should start preparing for college while you are still in middle school.

Be Prepared
Right now is the best time to prepare for college. During the next four years, you need to take the right foundational courses to help you get into the college that best suits your needs. The chart below lists the minimum courses that are required for freshman admission to the California State University, the University of California, and many independent colleges and universities. This pattern of courses is the same as recommended for community colleges. Talk to your counselors and teachers and use this chart to plan ahead and track your progress!

### high school planning chart

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<td>4 Years of college preparatory English composition and literature (including no more than one year of Advanced ESL/ELD). UC requires a minimum of two years of English – three preferable completed by the end of the 11th grade.</td>
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<td>2 Years required. CSU requires one year of biological and one year of physical science, one from the “d” subject area and the other from the “d” or “g” area. UC requires two years (three years strongly recommended), providing fundamental knowledge in two of the following disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics.</td>
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<td>2 Years (or equivalent to the second level of high school instruction) of the same language other than English required (three years recommended). American Sign Language is acceptable.</td>
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<td>1 Year of an elective chosen from any area on approved a-g course list.</td>
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*UC requires at least 11 of the “a-g” courses to be completed prior to the start of 12th grade. To meet Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) criteria, UC requires students to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and complete the following “a-g” courses prior to a student starting 12th grade: 1 year of History/Social Science, 2 years of English, 2 years of Mathematics, 1 year of Laboratory Science, 1 year of Language Other Than English, and 4 yearlong College Preparatory Electives (chosen from the “a-f” subjects listed in the above table or another course approved by the university).
California colleges and universities

**California Community Colleges (CCC)**
- Admit all students who are 18 years old or a high school graduate
- Enroll high school students under special arrangement to earn college or high school credits
- Prepare students to transfer to any college or university for a Bachelor's Degree
- Have low fees and offer financial aid
- Offer a wide variety of opportunities to enhance your future and enrich your life
- 15 community colleges are offering Bachelor's Degrees in vocational fields. Some of these programs will begin in 2015. A list of the colleges and vocational fields included in this program is on:
- For more information, visit the website [www.californiacommunitycolleges.edu](http://www.californiacommunitycolleges.edu)
  [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com)

**California State University (CSU)**
- Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths
- Each campus has its own special geographic features and traditions
- CSU offers quality education in the liberal arts and sciences and specialized training for a variety of career fields
- On-campus housing is available on most campuses
- For more information, visit the website [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu)
  [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)

**University of California (UC)**
- Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths
- Offers various advanced degrees, including medicine and law
- Has many nationally ranked academic and athletic programs
- On-campus housing is available on all campuses
- For more information, visit the following websites:
  - [www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)
  - [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)

**Independent California Colleges and Universities**
- 80 not-for-profit, fully accredited private colleges that offer over 350 different degrees
- Average Financial Aid package is almost $30,000, and 79% of all students receive institutional grant aid.
- Each school is different which offers students the opportunity to choose the type of educational environment that best suits their needs
- For more information, visit the website [www.aiccu.edu/planning-ahead](http://www.aiccu.edu/planning-ahead)
  [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)

**Specialized Schools and Colleges**
- Most students 18 years of age or older are eligible for admission; however, at WASC accredited specialized colleges, it is recommended that students follow the High School Planning Chart on the reverse side
- Courses or programs offered are specialized (i.e., fashion design or automotive technologies) for direct entrance into careers

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