

College-Dual Enrollment Coursework Guidance

Dual Enrollment or College Coursework

Many students in California expand their coursework beyond high school and take college coursework before graduating from high school. Below provides some additional information on how courses are used in admission and how they should be reported within the CSU application.

What is considered a college course?

The CSU considers a college course any course that will be reported on a college transcript. This is regardless of where the course is taught and if it is used for high school credit. A college course taught on the high school campus by an approved high school faculty member is still considered a college course.

How do students report dual enrollment/college courses for CSU admissions?

Dual enrollment/college courses must be reported on the CSU application (Cal State Apply) as college courses in the College Coursework section. They should be reported under the appropriate college and cannot be reported on the application as high school coursework. Once the college coursework is entered the student will need to match them to the appropriate "a-g" subject area.

Why is it important that students report college courses under the college?

The Cal State Apply application is programmed to automatically provide students a full year of credit and one honors point for college coursework. If students do not report college courses correctly, they will not be provided the full year of credit or honors point.

How should high schools report dual enrollment courses?

California high schools **cannot** add California community college courses to their [UC-approved A-G course list](#), even though instruction may happen on the high school campus with a high school instructor. Students who are offered admission to the CSU will be required to submit an official college transcript for all college coursework completed, including any courses taken through dual enrollment. The high school decides what to include on the high school transcript. However, even if dual enrollment courses are reported on the high school transcript, students are still required to submit an official college transcript to show their college coursework. If dual enrollment courses are reported on the high school transcript, it is requested that high schools clearly indicate which courses are college level on the transcript.

Mapping “a-g” High School Requirements to CSU General Education

The information below guides you on how to verify you are meeting A-G requirements through dual enrollment by using the GE categories outlined on [ASSIST](#). For more details and information, see the [CSU Admission Handbook](#).

Area A: History / Social Science

US HISTORY OR US HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT:

- Earn a C- or better in a college level course(s) that per ASSIST meets **GE Area D and also meets US-1, US-2, and US-3** (all 3 parts of the CSU graduation requirements in US history, constitution and American ideals).

ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT:

- Earn a C- or better in a college-level course that meets **General Education Area D** per ASSIST.

Area B: English

Earn a C- or better in a college-level course that falls into **General Education Area A2** per ASSIST.

Area C: Mathematics

Earn a C- or better in a college-level course that falls into **General Education Area B4** per ASSIST.

Area D: Science

Earn a C- or better in a college-level course that fall into **General Education Area B1 AND B3 OR B1 AND B3** per ASSIST.

Area E: Languages Other Than English

To fulfill this requirement through college coursework, you can either:

- Earn a C- or better in one year (two semesters or three quarters) of Language Other Than English college-level courses that fall into **General Education Area C2, Languages Other than English** per ASSIST.
- OR earn a C- or better in one college-level course that falls into **General Education Area C2** per ASSIST if:
 - The course is a first semester college level course, described by the course catalog as being equivalent to two years of high school study,
 - or a second semester college course, described in the course catalog with the prerequisites of successful completion of the first semester course or two years of high school study.

Other courses listed on ASSIST as GE Area C2 that are not Language Other Than English will not cover this requirement (e.g. Humanities, Philosophy). Courses in “Conversation” will not meet this requirement.

Area F: Visual and Performing Arts

Earn a C- or better in a college-level course that falls into **General Education Area C1** per ASSIST.

Area G: Electives

Earn a C- or better in a college-level course that apply toward CSU **General Education** per ASSIST.