

Graduation and the Arts Ed Framework

Chapter 1

The California *Education Code* establishes a minimum set of requirements for graduation from California high schools. The requirements should be viewed as minimums and should support regulations established by local governing boards. The California State *Education Code* Section 51210 stipulates that all students in grade levels one to six shall receive instruction in visual and performing arts, and the California State *Education Code* Section 51220 stipulates that all students in grade levels seven to twelve shall have access to courses in visual and performing arts.

The UC/CSU systems have established a uniform minimum set of courses required for admission as a freshman. The UC maintains public “A–G” course lists on its A–G Course List website at <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist> that provide complete information about the high school courses. The F Visual and Performing Arts requirement consists of one year of college-preparatory visual and performing arts in one of the following disciplines: dance, music, theatre, visual arts, or interdisciplinary arts. Admission as a first-time freshman into the CSU system requires a minimum of a 15-unit pattern of the “A–G” courses. The F area requires one year in Visual and Performing Arts (dance, drama or theatre, music, or visual arts). Courses that are approved by the UC system as an A–G course are accepted by the CSU system. In addition to the required courses, California public universities have other requirements for admission as a freshman (California Department of Education 2018b).

State mandated requirements (*EC* Section 51222.3) for high school graduation include one year of visual and performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education. UC and CSU requirements for freshman admissions for visual and performing arts include one year of visual and performing arts.