

WHO WANTS TO GO TO COLLEGE?

The competition to enter a 4-year university straight out of high school can be fierce. The earlier you start planning, the better. A great resource is found at bigfuture.collegeboard.org. In addition to SAT/ACT test scores and a diploma, students must also complete a series of courses in high school to be considered for a 4-year school. Students must earn a grade of a "C" or better in these courses. Here is the list of courses (they are called A-G requirements):

a) History/Social Science – 2 YEARS REQUIRED

One year of World History; one year of US History

b) English – 4 YEARS REQUIRED

Four years of college-preparatory English

c) Mathematics – 3 YEARS REQUIRED, 4 YEARS RECOMMENDED

This must include Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry

d) Laboratory Science – 2 YEARS REQUIRED, 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED

Two of the three laboratory sciences: biology, chemistry and physics

e) Language Other than English – 2 YEARS REQUIRED, 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED

Two years of the same language other than English, such as Spanish, French, etc.

f) Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) – 1 YEAR REQUIRED

A single yearlong arts course like dance, drama/theater, music or visual art

g) College-Preparatory Electives – 1 YEAR REQUIRED

One year, in addition to those required in "a-f" above, chosen from the following areas: visual or performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science, language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or two years of another language), or any approved A-G elective.

Not all of Venture Academy's programs offer all these courses required for college. Please make an appointment with your student's Teacher of Record and a counselor if you know your child wants to attend a 4-year university right out of high school. Together we can make a plan for your student's success!

The Counselors

High School Pathways to College

It is important you start early in choosing the classes and activities you need for your individual path. You are in charge of your own educational path and are responsible for letting your teacher of record know what courses you need to meet your goals.

We encourage you to research the college or vocational program that interests you so you get the most correct information on their eligibility requirements. There is no one formula that guarantees admission to every college or program after high school.

UC/CSU

Offers a bachelor's degree

In order to apply to a UC or CSU campus, you must take a series of high school courses that are certified as A-G (please ask your teacher of record about which classes qualify)

The A-G course sequence is listed on the back of this handout

You must take the SAT or ACT by December of your senior year

UCs and CSUs look at a combination of factors to determine eligibility. Some are:

- GPA
- SAT/ACT scores
- Rigor of coursework
- Entrance essay
- Leadership
- Involvement
- Achievements, awards, and accomplishments
- Your major

Community College

Offers an associate's degree and/or certificate programs

There are no required high school courses you must take in order to apply to a community college

You do not need to take the SAT/ACT

You will take entrance examinations for placement in your classes so it is suggested that you take rigorous courses in high school to prepare for those placement exams.

You can transfer to a UC/CSU from a community college

Private University

Offers degrees and certificates

Each private university has its own entrance requirements. Check directly with the school to see what you need to complete while in high school in order to be eligible to apply to the school.