



A.H.S. A-G COURSE Offerings 2011/2012



These meet UC & State College Requirements
(with a grade of “C” or better)

Underlined courses denote extra honors credit: A = 5; B = 4; C = 3

A – History/Social Science (2 years required)

World History
Political Science/Economics*
US History **or**
US History (AP)
US Gov’t & Politics/Econ (AP)*
European History (AP)

A

E – Language Other than English

(2 years required, 3 years recommended)
French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Heritage Spanish (1 & 2)

E

B – English (4 years required)

English 9P, 10P, 11P, 12P
English 9 (H)
English 10 (H)
English 11 (H)
English 12 (AP)
English 12 EAP
English Language Development
(2nd year only)

B

F – Visual & Performing Arts (1 year required)

Art History (AP)
Art Techniques
Basic Art Fundamentals
Intro to Art (Drawing)
Intro to Dance
Intermediate/Adv. Dance
Jazz Ensemble
Marching Band/Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Men’s Choir
Women’s Choir and Adv. Women’s Choir
Show Choir
Musical Production
Theatre and Adv. Theatre
Adv. Theatre/Non-After School Production
Ceramics
Photography
Graphic Production (ROP)
Computer Animation (ROP)

F

C – Mathematics (3 years required, 4 years recommended)

Algebra 1
Algebra 2 **or** Algebra 2 (H)
Calculus (AP)
Geometry **or** Geometry (H)
Interactive Mathematics
Math Analysis
Statistics (AP)

C

G – Elective (1 year required)

Animal and Plant Physiology
Art and History of Floral Design
Intro to Psychology
Political Science/Economics*
US Gov’t & Politics/Econ (AP)*
Agricultural Econ/Gov’t Policy (ROP)

G

D – Laboratory Science (2 years required, 3 years recommended)

Agricultural Biology
Animal Science
Astronomy
Biology **or** Biology (AP)
Chemistry **or** Chemistry (AP)
Geology
Human Anatomy & Physiology
Environmental Science (AP)
Physics and Advanced Physics

D

*Counts as either A or G, not both

SAT Subject Tests

While SAT Subject Tests are not required, some campuses recommend that students vying for slots in competitive majors take the test to demonstrate subject proficiency.

Recommended SAT Subject Tests

Remember, these are recommendations not mandates. You will not be penalized for failing to take SAT Subject Tests.

Campus Recommendations

A few UC campuses recommend you take certain SAT Subject Test recommendations for specific colleges or schools and majors. Even if subject tests are not recommended, they do add merit to a student's application.

Berkley

College of Chemistry and Engineering: Along with looking for evidence of high academic performance in math and science, the presence of SAT Subject Tests, particularly in a science and math Level 2, is considered a plus.

Davis

SAT Subject Tests are not recommended in any area.

Irvine

SAT Subject Tests scores serve as a value-added component in the application evaluation.

Los Angeles

Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science: Math Level 2 and science are recommended and considered as value-added achievements during the application evaluation.

Merced

SAT Subject Tests are not recommended in any area.

Riverside

College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences and Bourns College of Engineering: Math Level 2 and Chemistry or Physics are strongly recommended.

San Diego

Jacobs School of Engineering and Division of Biological Science: SAT Subject Tests in Math Level 2 and sciences are recommended and considered as value-added achievements during the application evaluation.

Santa Barbara

College of Engineering: Math Level 2

College of Creative Studies:

Literature for literature majors

Math Level 2 for math majors

Math Level 2 and Physics for physics majors

Biology for biology and chemistry majors

Math Level 2 for computer science majors

College of Letters and Sciences: Although they won't be required, test scores will be considered as value added achievements during the application evaluation.

Santa Cruz

SAT Subject Tests not recommended in any area



Planning for College - Timeline-



Junior Year

- Take the PSAT.
- Visit College campuses and attend College Fairs.
- Work on your grades and seek help when needed.
- Contact your Congressional Representative if you are interested in applying for a military academy.
- Sign up for and take the appropriate college entrance exams such as the SAT, ACT and possibly the SAT subject tests.
- Plan a strong senior year schedule with your counselor.
- Take advanced placement tests in May
- Investigate financial aid sources including free scholarship searches.
- Begin working on college essays.
- Continue to perform community service, work or take a college class.
- Athletes should review their coursework with their counselor to make sure they will meet NCAA requirements. Athletes need to register with the NCAA.
- Set up an email account that you use for college and scholarships. Make sure you pick a user name that sounds professional.

Senior Year

August/September

- Check your schedule to make sure you are in the appropriate classes. Your schedule should have a **MINIMUM** of 4 college prep courses.
- Sign up for and take the appropriate college entrance exams such as the SAT, ACT and SAT subject tests.
- Get applications for the colleges you wish to attend. Please note-Almost every college or university requires your application to be filled out on line.
- Check college web sites to determine housing deadlines. A few schools require that you apply for housing as early as September.

- Check the scholarship bulletin every month and apply for scholarships. It is posted in your English class and on the high school web site.
- Read your senior Scoop News letter and share it with your parent every month. Parents-The newsletter is also available on the Atascadero High School web site. Senior Scoops are published almost every month.
- Complete the senior profile provided for you in your English class. Make copies so that you can give one to every person who will be writing a letter of recommendation for you.
- Make sure your Facebook or other social networking site page is appropriate for colleges to review. Yes, many universities, especially private ones, will check your social networking sites.

October

- Finish those college essays.
- Fill out college applications. Submit them as soon as the college will accept them.
- Apply for scholarships.
- Attend College Fairs.
- You and your parent should apply for your FAFSA pin number if you have not done so already.

November

- Submit admission applications to the CSU and UC **BEFORE** Thanksgiving if not sooner. Check deadlines for private University application deadlines.
- Respond to any requests from colleges regarding transcripts. Do not send letters of recommendation or transcripts unless requested.
- Apply for more scholarships.
- Take SAT/ACT exams as required. Some schools will accept tests taken in December, but most prefer that you complete these tests by November.
- Apply to Cuesta College-All seniors should do this no matter what their plans might be.

December

- Remind your parents to get their tax information together ASAP after January 1st.
- Review the FAFSA with your family and begin completing it.
- Apply for more scholarships.

January

- Attend any financial aid nights provided by the high school or by Cuesta College.
- Send transcripts as requested by colleges.
- Apply for more scholarships.
- Fill out FAFSA and transmit ASAP-Some financial aid is doled out on a first come first served basis so get your FAFSA in early.
- Research private university deadlines for financial aid. They are often earlier than for public schools.

February

- Download the local scholarship application and begin to fill it out. Don't forget to give your letter of recommendation writers at least 2 weeks to complete their letter for you.
- Continue to respond to all emails from any schools where you are applying. Failure to respond could result in a non acceptance.

March

- Turn in Local Scholarship Application.
- Sign up for appropriate AP exams.
- March 2nd is last day to apply for Cal Grants.

April

- Make final decisions about the college you plan on attending. Send in intent to register form by the May 1st deadline.

May

- Athletes: To play college athletics, you must be certified by the NCAA.
- Take AP exams.

June

- Graduate!!!!!!!
- Arrange to have your final transcript sent to your college.
- One last reminder...Colleges and universities make conditional offers of admission. They expect your grades to remain the same caliber as the grades in your junior and sophomore years. Do not be one of those students that have their offer of admission rescinded due to poor grades in your senior year.



Checklist for University Bound Juniors



- Determine which college entrance exams you must take. Go to the college web site to find out what is required.
- Take SAT/ACT
Register at www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org
- Research schools to find out requirements for major. Use those requirements to help select appropriate classes for your senior year.
- Check on housing-some schools have very early housing deadlines.
- Sign up for NCAA Clearinghouse @ www.ncaaclearinghouse.org. Download Guide for the Student Athlete
- Have your parents go to www.finaid.org and determine approx. financial obligation for college

www.csumentor.edu and www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions have information about the public universities in California.

- Visit www.californiacolleges.edu for information about all colleges and universities in California.
- Use www.assist.org to help you determine what colleges offer certain majors.
- Register for scholarships at www.fastweb.com and www.scholarships.com.



Questions to Ask When Visiting a College



The questions below are just a place to begin. When you think of additional questions, add them to the list.

- What are the application deadlines for admissions and financial aid?
- What scholarship programs am I eligible for at your school?
- How do you assign faculty advisors to students especially those who are undecided about a major?
- When must I choose a major?
- What percentage of students commute?
- What types of extra curricular activities are available on campus?
- How accessible are the professors outside of class?
- What is the student to professor ratio?
- How are roommates selected?
- What academic services do you offer to students? (Tutoring, counseling, study skills etc?)
- What type of internships are available? What year in school do students typically have an internship? How do students learn about internships?
- How safe is your campus? Where can I get statistics about crime on your campus?
- Tuition costs? Fees? Housing? Meal plan?
- What majors are most popular? Is there a particular major that you are most well known for?
- What percentage of students applying to professional/graduate schools are accepted?
- Can I change my major?
- Do you offer study abroad opportunities?



AHS College Night: Useful Web sites

College Web sites:

www.Californiacolleges.edu

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions

www.CSUMentor.edu

www.cccco.edu

www.cccapply.org

www.commonApp.org

www.ncaa.org (for athletes)

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx> (accreditation)

Testing Web sites:

www.collegeboard.com

www.actstudent.org

Atascadero High School CEEB Code: 050165

Financial Aid Web sites:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp (to create CSS profile)

REMEMBER to be aware of scholarship scams!

Aeries website:

<https://aeriesweb.atasusd.org/pams/>

WHO to contact with any additional questions, concerns, comments?

- Mrs. Martin- Students with Last Name A-G roseannmartin@atasusd.org
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