

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Course Sequence and Graduation Requirements

Students complete the following courses during their four years at Cristo Rey De La Salle High school. These graduation requirements exceed the University of California A-G Requirements and focus on preparing students for developing a successful and competitive path for college acceptance.

Graduation Requirements

English	4 years
Mathematics	4 years
Catholic Studies	4 years
Laboratory Science	4 years
Social Science	3 years
Physical Education/Health	1 year
Visual and Performing Arts	1 year
Electives	2 year
World Language	2 years

Focus on College Readiness

Cristo Rey De La Salle offers both college preparatory courses as well as Honors and Advanced Placement (AP) course options. All students are encouraged to build strong foundational skills in their freshmen and sophomore years and then use their elective course options and summer bridge sessions to progress at an accelerated pace for math, science, or their specific area of interest.

FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
English 9	English 10 or English 10 Honors	English 11 or AP English Language and Composition	English 12 or AP English Literature and Composition
Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II/Trig	Pre-calculus or AP Statistics, AP Calc AB, AP Calc BC
Ethnic Studies and Civics	World History and Geography	United States History or AP US History	Government/Econ or AP Government and Politics
Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Human Anatomy or Human Anatomy Honors, AP Environmental Science, Engineering
Spanish 1	Spanish I/Spanish II/Native Speakers I	Spanish II/ AP Spanish Language	Spanish III, or Spanish IV, AP Spanish Language, AP Spanish Literature
Health and Wellness	Visual and Performing Arts Elective	Elective	Elective
Catholic Studies 9: The Lasallian Catholic Experience	Catholic Studies 10: Hebrew and Christian Scriptures	Catholic Studies 11: Church History and Social Justice and Ethics	Catholic Studies 12: World Religions and Christian Service and Vocation
Corporate Work Study I	Corporate Work Study II	Corporate Work Study III	Corporate Work Study IV

Mathematics and Science - Accelerated Course Options for College Readiness

For math and science, students are encouraged to build foundational skills and then progress at an accelerated pace in order to complete higher level mathematics and science courses. Four years of math and laboratory science is required and students have the opportunity to complete up to six years of math and/or science depending on their skill level and elective options. Students have the opportunity to take advanced

math and science courses as electives and register for summer bridge sessions in their junior and senior years.

University of California A-G Requirements

Cristo Rey De La Salle High School exceeds all UC A-G Requirements in order to best prepare students for admission to the most competitive colleges and universities. In California, to be eligible to enter a four-year public college (either the California State University or University of California systems), students must meet a series of course requirements called A through G (A-G). Students are required to complete and pass the A-G course requirements – that is 15 specific high school courses with a grade of C or better.

At Cristo Rey De La Salle, we recognize that our students need to go beyond what is required. Our College Going Culture development program focuses on our students exceeding these expectations. To that goal, we encourage all our students to:

- **Take more academic classes than required.** University admissions departments generally recommend an additional year of math (ideally getting to the highest level of math—Calculus), laboratory science, and a language other than English).
- **Take the most challenging classes available.** Students are encouraged to take honors or Advanced Placement (AP) classes. AP classes are considered college-level work and if a student passes the AP exam, he or she can receive college credit for the class.

A-G Requirements for University of California and California State University System

Course	Number of Years Required
History/Social Science	THREE YEARS: One year of world history, cultures and historical geography and two semesters of U.S. history, or one semester of U.S. history and one semester of American government or civics.
English	FOUR YEARS: Four years of college preparatory English that integrates reading of classic and modern literature, frequent and regular writing, and practice listening and speaking.
Mathematics	THREE YEARS of college-preparatory mathematics including or integrating topics covered in:Elementary algebra, Advanced algebra, Two- and three-dimensional geometry. Also acceptable are courses that address the above content areas, and include or integrate: Trigonometry, Statistics
Laboratory Science	TWO YEARS providing fundamental knowledge in two of the following disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Language other than English	TWO YEARS of the same non-English language
Visual and Performing Arts	ONE YEAR chosen from dance, drama/theater, music or visual art.
College Preparatory Elective	ONE YEAR of an additional approved “A-G” course beyond the minimum required for that subject area, or of a course that; or A course that combines any of the “A-F” subject areas in an interdisciplinary fashion.