

UC'S A-G & COMMON CORE | UC Initiatives Supporting California's Common Core

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Initiatives Addressing the Interconnections of A-G & Common Core

The “a-g” course criteria and the goals of the [“a-g” subject requirements](#) for freshman admission to UC are consistent with the goals underlying [California's Common Core State Standards \(CCSS\)](#). Over the past 2+ years, UC's Academic Senate and the UC Office of the President (UCOP) have engaged in the following initiatives that support statewide Common Core implementation:

- In 2013-14, UCOP Admissions-Articulation collaborated with UC faculty and its Board of Admissions & Relations with Schools (BOARS) to update the “a-f” subject area course criteria so that they align with the state's new K-12 content standards (CCSS and Next Generation Science Standards).
- BOARS issued two statements to clarify its support for the use of CCSS-Mathematics (CCSSM) in K-12 mathematics instruction:
 - [Statement on High School Mathematics Curriculum Development Under the Common Core State Standards](#) (April 2013) – affirms UC's acceptance of both the traditional and integrated pathways in mathematics.
 - [Statement on Basic Math for All Admitted UC Students](#) (December 2013) – affirms the BOARS position that UC transfer students should provide evidence of completion of a mathematics background equivalent to three years of CCSSM-aligned coursework.
- BOARS and the University Committee on Preparatory Education (UCOPE) issued a joint [Statement on the Importance of Writing](#) to underscore the CCSS emphasis on writing.
- In light of the questions that parents, teachers, and others have been raising regarding Common Core mathematics and its application in the UC area “c” subject requirement, UCOP High School Articulation developed a FAQ document:
<http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/updating-your-course-list/files/A-G%20and%20Common%20Core%20Math.pdf>
- A new **A-G Course Management Portal (CMP)**, formerly known as “Doorways,” was launched in February 2015, and provides registered user access to all approved “a-g” course descriptions, making UC a unique statewide resource for secondary teachers seeking to develop Common Core-aligned courses that have earned “a-g” approval to meet UC/CSU admissions requirements.

Learn more from UC about “a-g”:

As California high schools and UC work together in the transition to Common Core, UCOP High School Articulation will continue communicating upcoming [changes and progress](#) being made with respect to key improvements to the overall “a-g” course review process.

Articulation questions? Email HSArticulation@ucop.edu or refer to the [A-G Guide](#).

Admissions policy/evaluation questions? Email askUC@ucop.edu or refer to the [University of California Admissions](#) website.

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