



Olive Grove Charter Schools, Inc.
High School Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate from an Olive Grove Charter School, students must complete a minimum of 210 total credits divided between subject requirements and electives as outlined below, and demonstrate mastery of state-mandated algebra concepts.

All credits must be earned from an accredited institution.

A letter grade of “D” or better is considered passing for graduation.

Unless otherwise specified, each course shall have a duration of one school year.

- 1. English Language Arts** - Four courses (40 credits)
- 2. Mathematics** - Two courses (20 credits), including one year of Algebra 1
 - Students must complete at least two courses in mathematics in grades 9 to 12 inclusive.
 - One or a combination of these courses must meet or exceed the rigor of the content standards of Algebra 1 or Mathematics 1.
 - If Algebra 1 is completed prior to enrollment in grade 9, the student must still complete two courses of mathematics in grades 9 to 12.
- 3. Social Studies** - Three courses (30 credits), including:
 - a. one course in United States History
 - b. one course in World History
 - c. a one-semester course in American Government and
 - d. a one-semester course in Economics*.

**Note that pursuant to AB 2927 [2024], commencing with students graduating in the 2030-31 school year, a student who completes the below-referenced one-semester personal finance course requirement may elect to be exempt from this one-semester course in economics requirement.*
- 4. Science** - Two courses (20 credits), including one course in the biological sciences and one course in the physical sciences
- 5. Visual/Performing Arts (VPA) OR World Language OR Career Technical Education (CTE)** - One course (10 credits)
 - In order to satisfy this requirement, a student must complete one complete course (10 credits) in the same subject, e.g. one full year of a World Language or one full year of fine arts or one full year of a CTE course.
- 6. Physical Education** - Two courses (20 credits)
- 7. Ethnic Studies** - One semester (5 credits)

Commencing with students graduating in the 2029–30 school year.

8. Personal Finance - One semester course (5 credits)

Commencing with students graduating in the 2030–31 school year.

9. Health - One semester course (5 credits)

10. Technology/Vocational/Life Skills - Two semester courses (10 credits)

11. Electives -

- Eleven semester courses (55 credits) - *Applicable to students graduating in school years 2024-25 through 2028-29.*
- Ten semester courses (50 credits) - *Commencing with students graduating in the 2029–30 school year.*

Courses Required for California State University and University of California Admission

The University of California (UC) and the California State University (CSU) systems have established a uniform minimum set of courses required for admission as a freshman. The UC maintains public ["A–G" course lists](#) that provide complete information about the high school courses approved for admission to the university. In addition to the required courses, California public universities have other requirements for admission as a freshman: [UC Freshman Admission Requirements](#); [CSU Freshman Admission Requirements](#).

High School Subject Area	UC Requirements for Freshman Admissions	CSU Requirements for Freshman Admissions	OGCS High School Graduation Requirements
English	Four years of approved courses	Four years of approved courses	Four years
Mathematics	Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry; a fourth year of math is strongly recommended. A geometry course or an integrated math course with a sufficient amount of geometry content must be completed. Four years recommended.	Three years, including algebra, intermediate algebra, and geometry.	Two years, including algebra 1
Social Studies/Science	Two years of history/social science, including one year of U.S. history or one-half year of United States (U.S.) history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one	Two years, including one year of U.S. history or U.S. history and government and one year of other approved social science.	Three years, including one year of US History, one year of World History, and one year of Government/Economics

	year of world history, cultures, and geography.		
Science	Two years of college-preparatory science, in two of these three subjects: biology, chemistry, or physics. One year of approved interdisciplinary or earth and space sciences coursework can meet one year of the requirement. Computer Science, Engineering, Applied Science courses can be used in area D as an additional science. Three years recommended.	Two years, including one year of biological and one year of physical science with lab.	Two years, including one year of biological sciences and one year of physical sciences
World Language	Two years in same language required. Three years recommended.	Two years in same language required.	One year of VPA, World Language, OR CTE
Visual and Performing Arts	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	One year of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	
PE/Health	None	None	Two years PE; one semester Health
Electives	One year*	One year*	70-75 credits (including Ethnic Studies, Personal Finance,

			Tech/Vocational/Life Skills, and electives)
Total	15 college preparatory courses (A-G courses) with a grade of “C” or better (You must complete at least 11 prior to the beginning of the last year of high school)	15	14 plus additional courses in PE/Health/Electives Must pass with a grade of “D” or better

* Must be chosen from approved academic courses in history/social science, English, advanced mathematics, lab science, foreign language, social science, or visual and performing arts. See UC's public ["A–G" course lists](#) for approved courses at the Olive Grove Charter Schools.