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Graduation Requirements

	John Adams Academy Graduation Requirements	California Graduation Requirements	University of California (UC) Requirements for Freshman Admissions	California State University (CSU) Requirements for Freshman Admissions
History/Social Science	10 semesters, (50 units) including 4 semesters Western Civilization; 2 semesters U.S. history; 2 semesters political philosophy, 1 semester American government and 1 semester economics.	6 semesters, including 2 semesters of U.S. History and geography; 2 semesters of world history, culture, and geography; 1 semester of American government and civics, and 1 semester of economics.	4 semesters, including 2 semesters U.S. history or 1 semester of U.S. history and 1 semester of civics or American government; and 2 semesters of world history, cultures, and geography.	4 semesters, including 2 semesters of U.S. history or U.S. history and government and 2 semesters of other approved social science.
English	8 semesters (40 units)	6 semesters	8 semesters of approved courses.	8 semesters of approved courses.
Mathematics	6 semesters, ¹ (30 units) including Algebra I and Geometry May be transferred from middle school.	4 semesters, including Algebra I.	6 semesters, including algebra, geometry, and intermediate algebra. 8 semesters recommended.	6 semesters, including algebra, intermediate algebra, and geometry.
Science	4 semesters with lab required, chosen from biology, chemistry, or physics. (20 units)	4 semesters, including biological and physical sciences.	4 semesters with lab required, chosen from biology, chemistry, and physics. 6 semesters recommended.	4 semesters, including 2 semesters of biological and 2 semesters of physical science with lab.

¹ 6 semesters required regardless of math classes passed in middle school.



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Foreign Language	4 semesters² (20 units)	2 semesters of either visual and performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education. ³	4 semesters in same language required. 6 semesters recommended.	4 semesters in same language required.
Visual/Performing Arts	2 semesters of visual or performing arts (10 units)	2 semesters of either visual and performing arts, foreign language, or career technical education. ³	2 semesters of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.	2 semesters of visual and performing arts chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual art.
Physical Education	Not required due to written charter.	2 semesters	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Electives	70 units	Not Applicable	2 semesters ⁴	2 semesters ⁴
Exams	CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)	CAHSEE ⁵ (California High School Exit Exam)	SAT or ACT with Writing.	SAT or ACT
Total Credits	240 Credits (Grades below C- will not be awarded credit)			

Please note: Scholars must be enrolled a full day their senior year at John Adams Academy unless excused for classes taken at a local college or on a work release permit as part of an internship approved by JAA.

² First year language may be transferred from middle school.

³ (Ends 2017-18 school year) EC Section 51225.3 provides that a district may choose to adopt a career technical education course as an optional high school graduation requirement.

⁴ Must be chosen from approved academic courses in history, English, advance mathematics, lab science, foreign language, social science, or fine arts.

⁵ EC Section 60852.3 provides an exemption from meeting the CAHSEE requirement as a condition of receiving a diploma of graduation for eligible students with disabilities who have an individualized education program (IEP) or a Section 504 plan.