



Riverside Preparatory School

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WASC Accreditation and A-G Approval

Dear Parents,

Riverside Preparatory School is a college preparatory school striving to help every student achieve academic success, while in school and in future pursuits. In order to accomplish this Riverside Prep has earned WASC Accreditation and A-G Approval for all core academic courses. WASC Accreditation and A-G Approval are two separate, but important components in helping our students attend college.

WASC Accreditation:

WASC stands for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. It is the accrediting body for the western states, including California. Their job is to visit schools and determine whether or not the school is doing an adequate job educating all students as well as whether the school meets its own definition of who it claims to be. The WASC process includes a self-study to identify who we are, what we are doing, and how we are doing it. WASC accreditation terms last from 1-6 years and then the school goes through the WASC process again to renew their accreditation.

Becoming WASC accredited means that credits, grades, and courses taken at Riverside Prep will be transferable to other high schools and will be looked at by colleges as a fully accredited and reputable high school. Many colleges and universities will not accept students from non-accredited schools, or if they do, often students are held to higher test score requirements. Our interest is giving the students at our school the best education possible as well as enabling them to pursue whatever course they choose in the future. Riverside Preparatory School is fully accredited by WASC.

A-G Approval:

A-G refers to the high school courses required for entrance to the University of California and the California State University systems. For example, "a" is for history courses, "b" is for English, "c" is for mathematics, "d" is for laboratory science, "e" is for Language other than English, "f" is for Visual and Performing Arts, and "g" is for elective courses. Courses need to be approved as A-G in order for them to be recognized by the University of California and the California State University system. Out of state, community, and private colleges do not recognize nor require A-G approvals. These requirements should not be confused with the courses required by the state of California or individual school districts for high school graduation.

Currently, the majority of our classes have been approved except for a few Visual and Performing Arts courses and some new courses added due to student growth, but these courses are pending approval. You can see the current list of approved courses at: <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/> and then type in Riverside Prep as the institution. Graduates of Riverside Prep have been and will continue to be accepted to the University of California and the California State University system, as well as other private and prestigious universities.

The following pages show the list of approved A-G courses and a comparison of Riverside Prep's graduation requirements compared to the A-G requirements.

Sincerely,

Mark Andreasen
Assistant Principal – Riverside Preparatory High School

A-G Approved Courses

a - History/Social Science

AP European History
AP United States History
United States History
US Government
World History

b - English

AP English Language and Composition
AP English Literature and Composition
English I
English II
English III
English IV

c - Mathematics

Algebra I
Algebra II
AP Calculus BC
Calculus
Geometry
Pre Calculus
Probability and Statistics

d - Laboratory Science

Anatomy and Physiology
Biology
Chemistry
Physics

e - Language Other than English

French I
French II
Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
Spanish IV

f - Visual & Performing Arts

Chamber Singers
Choir
Men's Choir
Symphonic Band
Women's Choir

g - Electives

Creative Writing
Earth Science
Economics
Speech/Debate

Graduation Requirements:

SUBJECT AREA	RP GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERISITY (CSU)
SOCIAL SCIENCE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">a</div>	3 years: World History 1 year US History 1 year American Govt ½ year Economics ½ year	2 years: World History 1 year US History 1 year or World History 1 year US History ½ year American Govt ½ year
ENGLISH <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">b</div>	4 years: 9 th grade English 10 th grade English 11 th grade English 12 th grade English	4 years: Intro to Lit or Honors World Lit or Honors American Lit or English Language AP British Lit or English Literature AP
MATHEMATICS <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">c</div>	3 years: Including Algebra I	3 years: Must include Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or higher levels of math 4 years recommended
SCIENCE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">d</div>	2 years: Including Physical Science 1 year Biological Science 1 year	2 years: Lab science in 2 of 3 areas: Biology, Chemistry, Physics 3 years recommended
FOREIGN LANGUAGE <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">e</div>	2 years: Spanish 1-4 Spanish for Spanish Speakers	2 years: Needs to be same foreign language 3 years recommended
FINE ARTS <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">f</div>	1 year: 1 year of visual or performing art	1 year: One year long course of visual and performing arts chosen from dance, drama/theater, music or visual art.
SPECIFIED ELECTIVES <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center; line-height: 40px;">g</div>	6 years: (60 credits in 4 years)	1 year: Any additional courses on the current UC Approved Course List
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 years	None
SENIOR PROJECT	1 year	None