



Course Designation Descriptions

The following pages list courses and their descriptions. Courses are designated general or college prep. Your NDA teacher, High School Coordinator and Academic Advisor will guide you in your course selections depending on your post-secondary goals.

General Courses	College Prep Courses "a-g"
<p>General Education courses provide students with a basic level of academic rigor.</p> <p>These courses meet the California content standards for all subjects and NDA's high school graduation requirements for those who want to enter a community college (and transfer to a 4 year college), a trade school, and/or the work force.</p> <p>It is important to remember that a student with these post-secondary plans are encouraged to also take college preparatory courses to challenge and prepare them for community college course work.</p> <p>Many students on this track combine courses with both designations. However, planning is very important because when a student chooses general designated courses as part of their graduation plan, the courses do not satisfy admission requirements for CU/CSU for acceptance directly after high school.</p>	<p>College Prep courses are for students who plan on attending a 4-year college directly after high school.</p> <p>Students must complete a-g rigorous courses that are approved by the UC/CSU system and deemed a rigorous preparation for direct admission to a college or university.</p> <p>These courses meet the California content standards, are academically challenging, and meet NDA's graduation requirements. In addition, they require substantial reading, writing and problem solving, hands-on-laboratory work, analytical thinking, and substantial factual content.</p> <p>Therefore, to be eligible for the UC/CSU systems, students must complete, with a C or higher, a pattern of a-g courses totaling 150 credits (15 courses). 110 of these credits (11 courses) must be complete before senior year. NDA has approved a-g courses in all subject areas, and most community college courses qualify as a-g.</p>