

Graduation Requirements

THE URBAN SCHOOL requires 22 credits for graduation, distributed across the curriculum. One credit is equivalent to a year-long course. Students exceed the minimum requirements by taking additional classes in mathematics, science, history, languages or art. The Urban School curriculum provides an exceptionally strong foundation in college preparatory subjects. Many of our classes have distinctive features that set them apart as particularly challenging and comparable to college level work. These classes, designated as **Urban Advanced Studies (UAS)**, are developed by the Urban faculty and are not limited to the College Board Advanced Placement curriculum. UAS classes are offered in every subject area and most are recognized by colleges (including the University of California) as honors-level courses. We also provide AP exam preparation for Calculus, Chemistry, Chinese, Spanish, French and English Literature. In completing Urban's graduation requirements, students exceed the minimum course requirements for admission to the University of California system.

English: 4 credits

Mathematics: 3 credits, through Math 3

Science: 2 credits

History: 2 credits

Language: 3 credits

Art: 2 credits

Community Service Learning Project:

2 Credits, distributed over 4 years

Advanced Coursework:

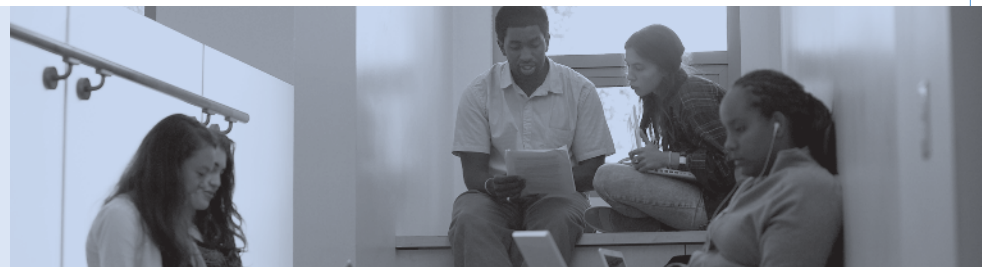
4 or more additional credits

The Block Schedule

Urban organizes the school year using a block system rather than a conventional semester system. While specifically designed for the challenges teenagers face, Urban's schedule exposes students to the independence, depth of understanding and academic challenge they will face in college and beyond.

The block schedule divides the academic year into three, 12-week terms: fall, winter and spring. Students take four intensive classes every term and most classes last for one or two terms. These classes meet for 70-minute periods with one 2-hour+ period per week. Due to longer class periods, a one-term class is equivalent to a semester course and a two-term class is equivalent to a year-long course.

The block schedule allows for more concentrated, less fragmented learning than does a traditional high school schedule. The intensive block format enables students and teachers to focus on each area of study in greater depth and approach the



Urban's Bi-Weekly Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK ONE	8:10 am A Period	8:10 am E Period	8:10 am B Period	8:10 am A Period	8:10 - 9:15 B Period
	9:25 am All-School Meeting	9:20 am Break	9:20 am Break	9:20 am Break	9:15 - 9:30 Break
	10:10 am B Period	9:35 am A Period	9:35 am B Period	9:35 am A Period	9:30 - 10:35 A Period
	11:20 am Lunch	10:50 am Advising	10:40 am E Period	10:40 am E Period	10:40 - 11:25 E Period
	12:10 pm C Period	11:30 am Lunch	11:30 am Lunch	11:30 pm Lunch	11:25 - 12:05 Lunch
	1:20 pm Break	12:20 pm D Period	12:20 pm C Period	12:20 pm D Period	12:05 - 1:10 D Period
	1:35 pm D Period	1:30 pm Break	1:30 pm Break	1:30 pm Break	1:10 - 1:25 Break
	1:45 pm D Period	1:45 pm C Period	1:45 pm E Period	1:25 - 2:30 C Period	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK TWO	8:10 am A Period	8:10 am E Period	8:10 am A Period	8:10 am B Period	8:10 - 9:15 B Period
	9:25 am All-School Meeting	9:20 am Break	9:20 am Break	9:20 am Break	9:15 - 9:30 Break
	10:10 am B Period	9:35 am B Period	9:35 am A Period	9:35 am B Period	9:30 - 10:35 A Period
	11:20 am Lunch	10:50 am Advising	10:40 am E Period	10:40 am E Period	10:40 - 11:25 E Period
	12:10 pm C Period	11:30 pm Lunch	11:30 pm Lunch	11:30 pm Lunch	11:25 - 12:05 Lunch
	1:20 pm Break	12:20 pm C Period	12:20 pm D Period	12:20 pm C Period	12:05 - 1:10 D Period
	1:35 pm D Period	1:30 pm Break	1:30 pm Break	1:30 pm Break	1:10 - 1:25 Break
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