The UC and CSU admissions allows for certain flexibilities when evaluating whether or not a student has completed a particular subject and gained the requirements necessary to enter college.

One process is called Course Validation and there are two different types of Course Validations:

- **Validating within a single year**
  If a student receives a “D” during the Fall semester in a course that can be validated, then a passing grade of “C” or higher in a following term of the same academic year can validate the credits from the original “D”.

  The student will receive a full year’s worth of credits even though normally the first semester would not have been able to count towards the A-G requirements.

  This type of validating is only applicable for certain courses. The published UC/CSU documentation identifies that Mathematics, Chemistry, and Foreign Language courses can be validated in this manner.

- **Validating an entire subject area and doesn’t consider a process of validating individual courses**
  This validation accounts for students in Mathematics and Foreign Language that never took or received Ds in lower level classes. This would mean that only upper level classes show on the student’s transcripts as passing with a C or better.

  The amount of validation directly corresponds to the year level of the course. For example, a student took Spanish in elementary and/or middle school. They went directly into Spanish 3 in high school, which would be the only foreign language course on the student’s transcripts. So that one course would validate 3 years worth of foreign language requirements. The same applies to Mathematics courses beyond Algebra 1.

**NOTE:**
For a full description of the rules implemented by the UC and CSU Admissions programs, please read the documentation available for Counselors on the [www.csumentor.com](http://www.csumentor.com) website.
The Course Data form has a field for the UC/CSU Course Validation Level, which is stored for each Course record in the UC/CSU Validation Level (CRS.VL) field.
To update a course click the mouse on the drop down arrow for the UC/CSU Validation Level field. The following codes and validation levels will display. Click the mouse on the appropriate code.
The following are full descriptions of each code available to be populated for the Validation Level:

**Level 1**
If a student receives a “D” mark in a Level 1 course, this course can be validated by a subsequent Level 1a course in the same UC/CSU Subject Area that is taken and passed with a C or better in a following term of the same academic year.

*For Example - Algebra 1 Fall semester course would be setup as Level 1 and Algebra 1 Spring semester course would be setup as Level 1a.*

*However, a Level 1 course CANNOT validate another Level 1 course. Only a Level 1a course can validate a Level 1 course.*

**Level 1a**
Level 1a course can validate Level 1 or Level 1a courses according to the rules defined for a Level 1 course.

*Level 1a courses can be validated and can also validate other Level 1a and Level 1 courses.*

**Level 2**
Level 2 course will fulfill 2 years worth of the appropriately tagged A-G subject area. Any excess credits will not roll into the electives subject area.

**Level 3**
A Level 3 course will fulfill 3 years worth of the appropriately tagged A-G subject area. Any excess credits will not roll into the electives subject area.

**Level 4**
A Level 4 course will fulfill 4 years worth of the appropriately tagged A-G subject area. Any excess credits will not roll into the electives subject area.
The following are examples for setting up **Course Validation Levels** according to the UC/CSU descriptions:

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**NOTE:**

These examples are only suggestions for data entry. There are different versions of these rules published by both the CSU and UC. If you have questions about the specific rules governing the capability for a course to be validated or to validate another course, please contact the appropriate CSU or UC agency.

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The Aeries examples below are semester courses for UC/CSU Course Validation Level 1 and Level 1a:

The Algebra I course number 0607 below is semester course and flagged with a **UC/CSU Validation of Level 1**.

The Algebra I course 0611 below is also a semester course and flagged with a **UC/CSU Validation of Level 1a**.

**NOTE:** UC/CSU Validation Level 1a can also be used to validate Year Long courses but the year long courses would ONLY be flagged as Level 1a. A course flagged as Level 1a can validate another course flagged as Level 1a.
The student below has received a D+ mark for course 0607 in the first semester. Normally this course would not qualify for UC/CSU eligibility however it is flagged as a course that can be validated.

This student has also taken course 0611 in the second semester and received a C mark, which now makes course 0607 count towards the UC/CSU eligibility as completing Algebra I.

The UC/CSU Validation Level 1a can also be used for a year long class. For example, if a student has taken a Level 1a course and wants to repeat the course, such as to improve a grade mark.

However, it is vital that the Repeat tag be used. For example, the student below has taken Course 0625 Algebra 1 in three different terms and all apply towards UC/CSU eligibility.
In College Requirements it displays that the student has completed the required Mathematics to be eligible for UC and CSU.

But the required number of credits to be completed in Algebra I is 10.00 so the lowest score the student has for Algebra I should be flagged with a **repeat** tag.
This will recalculate the Mathematics college requirements displaying 5 additional credits needed in Mathematics.
The following are Aeries examples for UC/CSU Course Validation Level 2:

The Spanish II course number 0417 below is flagged with a **UC/CSU Validation of Level 2**.

The student below has possibly already taken a Spanish class in Elementary or Middle school and did not require taking Spanish I.

This student was placed into Spanish II course 0417 which is flagged as Level 2. This student now qualifies for 2 years of Spanish towards the UC/CSU eligibility and is not required to take Spanish I.

**NOTE:** Setting up Level 3 and 4 is essentially the same. Spanish III would be setup with a 3 in the UC/CSU Validation Level field and Spanish IV would be setup with a 4 in the UC/CSU Validation Level field.