

college / university information chart

Types of California Colleges or Universities	California Community Colleges (CCC)	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	California Independent Colleges and Universities
Campuses (selected campuses only)	113 CCC's: Merritt, Laney, Berkeley, Alameda, Chabot, Contra Costa, Los Medanos, Diablo Valley, San Francisco, Ohlone, etc.	23 CSU's: East Bay, San Francisco, Chico, Sacramento, Sonoma, San Diego, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Humboldt, Stanislaus, Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Fullerton, San Bernardino, San Marcos, Pomona, Dominguez Hills, Northridge, Monterey Bay, Maritime Academy, Channel Islands	10 UC's (9 undergrad campuses): Berkeley, Davis, San Francisco, Irvine, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Merced, Santa Cruz, San Diego, Riverside Note: UC San Francisco is a medical center and currently is not providing bachelor degrees.	76 members in the Association of California Independent Colleges and Universities (AICCU): Mills College, Saint Mary's College of California, Holy Names University, Samuel Merritt College, Stanford University, University of Santa Clara, University of the Pacific, University of San Francisco
Websites www.californiacolleges.edu	www.cccco.edu www.openccc.net	www.calstate.edu www.csumentor.edu	www.universityofcalifornia.edu	www.aiccu.edu www.californiacolleges.edu
California Resident Fees and/or Tuition (excluding room and board)	Approximately \$1,104 per year + fees (\$46 per unit) + books and supplies	Approximately \$5,472 per year + fees, books and supplies	Approximately \$12,240 per year + fees, books and supplies	Approximately \$23,000 - \$37,000 per year + books and supplies
Nature of programs and curriculum	Two-Year Schools 1) Transfer courses required for first 2 yrs. of bachelor's degree transferable to UC and CSU 2) Vocational programs leading to certificates and licenses 3) Basic Skills and English as a Second Language 4) Enrichment and job skills classes	Four-Year Schools w/ Graduate Programs 1) Various majors and programs 2) Pre-Professional 3) Bachelor's degree 4) Master's degree 5) Teaching credentials	Four-Year Schools w/ Graduate Programs 1) Various majors and programs 2) Pre-Professional 3) Bachelor's degree 4) Master's degree 5) Doctorate & Professional degree	Two and Four Year Schools, some w/ Graduate Programs Various majors and academic programs are offered at each campus. Check college websites or catalogues.
Freshman Requirements	No subject requirements. Must be a high school graduate or 18 yrs. of age. Special application process for Allied Health Programs. Some programs have pre-requisite requirements. Check college websites or catalogues.	Specific subject requirements: 2 yrs. of U.S. History and Social Science, 4 yrs. of English, 3 yrs. of math, 2 yrs. lab science, 2 yrs of same language other than English, 1 yr. of visual and performing arts, 1 yr. of college prep electives. (see other side)	Specific A-G subject requirements: 2 yrs. of History/Social Science, 4 yrs. of English, 3 yrs. of math, 2 yrs. of lab science, 2 yrs. of same language other than English, 1 yr. of visual and performing arts, 1 yr. of college prep electives. (see other side)	Prefer students who have met the UC A-G requirements and have taken Advance Placement (AP) courses in high school.
Tests	Math and English assessment tests are required for new students in order to be placed at correct level of skill. These tests are NOT USED TO EXCLUDE ANY STUDENTS. Tests are given after an application is submitted, usually followed by orientation, counseling, and enrollment into classes.	ACT Assessment (no Writing needed) <u>or</u> SAT Reasoning Test ELM - Entry Level Math Test EPT - English Placement Test (These tests are not used for admission purposes)	ACT Assessment Plus Writing <u>or</u> SAT Reasoning Test (scores reported must be from the same sitting) <u>Recommended:</u> SAT Subjects tests are recommended for certain majors. Check with interested universities/colleges for specific information.	Some schools may require the SAT Reasoning or ACT Assessment plus Writing and/or SAT Subject Tests. Check college websites or catalogues for specific test requirements.

Freshman Admission Requirements



Find your high school's UC / CSU approved "A-G" course list at <https://doorways.ucop.edu/list/>

University of California (UC)

REQUIRED A-G COURSES:

- History/Social Science:** 2 years required (World History, U.S. History, American Government)
- English:** 4 years required of college preparatory English (you may include up to 1 yr of higher level ESL/ELD)
- Mathematics:** 3 years required, 4 yrs recommended of college preparatory math including algebra, geometry and advanced algebra. (Courses taken in the 7th and 8th grades may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.)
- Lab Science:** 2 years required, 3 years recommended. (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Language other than English:** 2 years of the same language required, 3 years recommended. (Courses taken in the 7th and 8th grades may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.)
- Visual and Performing Arts (VPA):** 1 yearlong approved arts course from a single discipline required, chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual arts.
- College Preparatory Electives:** 1 year required, chosen from the following areas: VPA (non-introductory level courses), history, social science, English, advanced math, lab science, and language other than English (a third year in the language used for "e" requirement, or two years of another language).

GPA REQUIREMENTS:

The minimum GPA is 3.0 for California residents, 3.4 for nonresidents. UC uses an Eligibility Index (a combination of GPA and test scores) to determine if you meet this requirement. Meeting the minimum requirement does not guarantee admission.

UC calculates your GPA in the "a-g" subjects in the 10th and 11th grades only - including summer session - through points. Points are assigned as follows: A=4 points, B=3 points, C=2 points, D=1 point, and F=0 points (pluses and minuses are not calculated in the grade point average). If you have earned a D or F in an "a-g" course, you must repeat the course with a grade of C or better. The original D or F grade will not be included in the GPA calculation, and the new grade will be used.

EXAM REQUIREMENTS:

- The SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment plus Writing.
The best test scores from the same sitting will be used to determine your eligibility!
- SAT Subject Tests are recommended** depending on major. Check with colleges/universities for more information.

UC ELIGIBILITY INDEX:

UC calculates your test scores by converting them into an equivalent UC Score, producing a UC Score Total. Translation tables available at: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/scholarshipreg

Both UC and CSU assign **extra points** for up to 8 semesters of certified Honors (H) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses taken in the last 3 years of high school when calculating your GPA. A=5 points, B=4, C=3, D grades are not included and receive only one point.

California State University

REQUIRED A-G COURSES:

- History/Social Science:** 2 years required (U.S. History, American Government, or Social Science)
- English:** 4 years required of college preparatory English (you may include up to 1 yr of higher level ESL/ELD)
- Mathematics:** 3 years required, 4 yrs recommended of college preparatory math including algebra, geometry and advanced algebra. (Courses taken in the 7th and 8th grades may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.)
- Lab Science:** 2 years required including one biological science (biology, physiology), and one physical science (chemistry, physics).
- Language other than English:** 2 years required of the same language; American Sign Language is applicable. (Courses taken in the 7th and 8th grades may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if your high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.)
- Visual and Performing Arts (VPA):** 1 year required, chosen from the following: dance, drama/theater, music, or visual arts.
- College Preparatory Electives:** 1 more year of any college preparatory subject.

GPA REQUIREMENTS:

A grade of C or higher is required for each "a-g" course you use to meet the subject requirements, totaling 15 units. In calculating your GPA, do not include your 9th grade year, grades you expect to earn during the remainder of 12th grade, PE or military science (ROTC).

EXAM REQUIREMENTS:

The ACT Assessment or the SAT Reasoning Test. CSU does **not** use the SAT or ACT writing test score for admission purposes. You may use the best score earned in individual test dates.

Below are some examples of minimum test scores:

GPA**	ACT	SAT* (math and cr. reading)
2.0	30	1300
2.2	26	1130
2.4	22	980
2.6	18	820
2.8	14	660
2.99	10	510

**Excluding 9th grade, remainder of 12th grade, PE, and ROTC

* Subject to change with new SAT in 2016

CSU ELIGIBILITY INDEX:

The CSU uses a calculation called an eligibility index that combines your high school grade point average with the score you earn on either the SAT or ACT tests. You can calculate your eligibility index by multiplying your GPA by 800 and adding it to your total math and verbal score on the SAT. Or, if you took the ACT, multiply your GPA by 200 and add ten times the ACT composite score.

Using SAT = (GPA) x 800 + (SAT Math + Cr. Read) = Your Eligibility Index (2900 min)
Using ACT = (GPA) x 200 + (10 x ACT composite) = Your Eligibility Index (694 min)

If you are a California high school graduate (or a resident of California for tuition purposes), you need a minimum eligibility index of 2900 using the SAT or 694 using the ACT. If your GPA is a 3.0 or above you meet the eligibility index with any score. Even if you have a GPA above 3.0 it is a good idea to take either an SAT or ACT.