

Colleges and Universities

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

There are over one hundred community colleges in the state of California. Some of the colleges in our surrounding area are College of the Canyons, L.A. Mission, L.A. Valley, Moorpark, Pierce, and Ventura. Community colleges offer students an excellent opportunity to complete their first two years before transferring to a four-year college at a fraction of the cost of four-year institutions. They also offer two-year certificate programs in a variety of occupational areas. Students with a high school diploma or who are eighteen years of age may attend a community college.

VOCATIONAL TRADE SCHOOLS

Entrance requirements for business, trade, and technical schools vary. Students may obtain information online at: <http://www.california-vocational-schools.com>.

MILITARY ACADEMIES

Students must successfully complete a highly academic program to be eligible for entrance into an academy. Interested students must contact their Congressperson regarding a congressional appointment. Pre-candidate questionnaires must be sent in the eleventh grade. Military Academy Night is held in September

PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Admission requirements for private colleges vary. It is important that students research the particular school's requirements early in their high school years. College catalogs are available in the Career Center to aid students in this endeavor. Most colleges prefer students who have met the CSU or UC admission requirements. Essays and letters of recommendation may be required.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

CSU Bakersfield	CSU Long Beach	CSU San Marcos
CSU Channel Islands	CSU L.A.	San Diego State
CSU Chico	CSU Monterey Bay	San Francisco State
CSU Dominguez Hills	Calif. Maritime Academy	San Jose State
CSU Fresno	CSU Northridge	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
CSU Fullerton	Cal Poly Pomona	Sonoma State
CSU East Bay	CSU Sacramento	CSU Stanislaus
Humboldt State	CSU San Bernardino	

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

UC Berkeley	UCLA	UC Santa Barbara
UC Davis	UC Riverside	UC Santa Cruz
UC Irvine	UC San Diego	UC Merce

UC-CSU Comparison of Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Freshmen

	Cal State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)
HIGH SCHOOL GPA		
	Calculate GPA using only “a-g” approved courses taken <i>after</i> the 9 th grade, including summer courses. All “a-g” courses and grades must be reported.	
SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS		
	15 yearlong college-prep courses from approved “a-g” list are required:	
		11 UC-required college-preparatory (“a-g”) courses must be completed prior to senior year (including summer courses)
“a” History/Social Science	2 years of history/social science, including 1 year of U.S. history OR 1 semester of U.S. history and 1 semester of American government, AND...	
	1 year of history/social science from either the “a” or “g” subject area	1 year of world history, cultures and geography from the “a” subject area
“b” English	4 years of English (including no more than 1 year of ESL/ELD courses)	
“c” Mathematics	3 years of Math (Algebra I and Algebra II, geometry); 4 years recommended	
“d” Laboratory Science	2 years of laboratory science	
	At least 1 year of physical science and 1 year of biological science, one from the “d” subject area and the other from the “d” or “g” area <i>It is best to prepare for both UC and the CSU by completing two laboratory courses from the “d” subject area</i>	At least two of the three foundational subjects of biology, chemistry, and physics. Both courses must be from the “d” subject area: 3 years recommended
“e” Language Other Than English	2 years of language other than English (must be same language)	
		3 years recommended
“f” Visual and Performing Arts	1 yearlong course in visual and performing arts (selected from dance, music, theater/drama and visual arts)	
“g” College-Preparatory Elective	1 year of an elective chosen from any area on approved “a-g” course list	
	Agriculture courses traditionally accepted by CSU that are not on the “a-g” list will be considered on a course-by-course basis.	
Note: Numerous Career Technical Education courses are approved for fulfillment of “a-g” requirements		
HONORS POINTS		
	Maximum of 8 extra grade points awarded for approved honors, AP or IB courses and transferable community college courses. No more than 2 yearlong courses taken in 10th grade can earn honors points.	

UC-CSU Comparison of Minimum Eligibility Requirements - Continued

	Cal State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)
TEST SCORES – ACT/SAT		
	ACT or SAT is required*	
ACT or SAT Reasoning	<p>Test required for CSU applicants to impacted campuses.</p> <p>Tests required for CSU applicants to non-impacted campuses, who have earned an “a-g” GPA of less than 3.0</p> <p>CSU combines best critical reading and math scores from multiple sittings of SAT; may combine best subscores from multiple ACT tests to calculate a best composite.</p>	<p>Test required for UC applicants</p> <p>UC uses the highest combined score from a single sitting of the ACT Assessment plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. Some campuses may recommend SAT Subject Tests for specific majors.</p>
VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY OTHER COURSES		
Mathematics	A grade of C or better in the second semester of a yearlong algebra course validates a D in the first semester. A grade of C or better in Algebra II validates Algebra I. A grade of C or better in trigonometry or pre-calculus validates the entire high school college-preparatory requirement. A grade of C or better in statistics will validate only Algebra I and Algebra II, not geometry.	
Language Other Than English (LOTE)	A grade of C or better in a higher-level course validates a lower-level course. A higher-level LOTE course can validate the appropriate number of years based on the level. A college course can validate a high school LOTE course. The level of validation depends on the college course prerequisite and description.	
Chemistry	A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry <u>will</u> validate a D in the first semester.	A grade of C or better in the second semester of chemistry <u>will not</u> validate a D in the first semester.
VALIDATION OF D GRADES IN REQUIRED COURSES		
	Required “a-g” courses must be completed with a grade of C or better. Courses in which grades of D are earned must be repeated, EXCEPT in the areas of math and language other than English, where grades of D can be validated by successful completion of higher-level coursework.	
VALIDATION OF SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS BY TEST SCORES		
	Required “a-g” courses may be satisfied with appropriate test scores on SAT Subject Tests, Advanced Placement exams, and designated International Baccalaureate exams. A list of acceptable tests and scores is available on UC and CSU websites.	
REPEATED COURSES		
	The best grade will be used in the GPA calculation.	
		A course completed with a D or F grade can be repeated only once, with the exception of VPA courses.

Entrance Examinations

You will need to take the SAT, ACT, and/or a placement test before being admitted to most colleges. Check the catalog of the schools you plan to attend or see a counselor for accurate information. Test dates are posted in the Counseling Office or you may go to www.collegeboard.org for more SAT information or www.act.org for more ACT information.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available to well-qualified students who are not able to meet the cost of their education. This aid may be in the form of loans from colleges, government, various private organizations, scholarships, or work-study programs.

Students should not prejudge their eligibility, but should apply for aid from as many different sources as possible. They should find out exactly what they have to do to apply for aid at the college of their choice. Acting promptly and applying properly are the best ways to improve chances of receiving aid.

In addition to support from the family, most colleges expect students to meet part of their cost through summer employment and earnings.

Requirements

All college preparatory students should carefully plan their schedule for each High School year in order to meet requirements that are necessary for admission to California public universities. Students must have a “C” or better in required courses.

ONE NEEDS TO BE ESPECIALLY AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A RIGOROUS SCHEDULE DURING THE 11TH AND 12TH GRADE YEARS.

College Workshops

For more specific college information plan to attend the workshops offered in the fall and spring of each year.