

# 4 Systems of Higher Education in California

There are 4 different types of colleges/universities in California. Each school system has unique programs and different emphasis in the classroom. We want to make sure that you find a school that's best for your learning styles and your career goals! All 4 systems have tons to offer. Remember, there is no such thing as a best school -- just the best school for you!



## University of California (UC)

- ★ 9 campuses that grant Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees.
- ★ **Minimum "a-g" GPA:** 3.00
- ★ **Admissions Process:** GPA and SAT/ACT test scores are most important for admission, but a comprehensive review considers other factors such as extra-curricular involvement, personal qualities of the applicant, and significant improvement.
- ★ **Tuition cost:** \$13,900 per year
- ★ **Stand Out Programs:** Biological & Life Sciences, Environmental Studies, Engineering & Computer Science, Ethnic Studies, Social Sciences, Language & Literature, Humanities, Math & Physical Sciences

## California State University (CSU)

- ★ 23 campuses that grant Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees.
- ★ **Minimum "a-g" GPA:** 2.00
- ★ **Admissions Process:** Only GPA and SAT/ACT test scores are considered during admissions.
- ★ **Tuition cost:** \$5,742 per year
- ★ **Stand Out Programs:** Journalism, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Kinesiology, Speech Pathology, Music/Audio Recording, Animation/Game Development, Interior & Fashion Design, Social Work, Business, Accounting



## Private Colleges & Universities



★ 72 accredited degree-granting non-profit independent colleges serve California. Many campuses are small, religiously affiliated universities. They operate individually!

★ **Minimum “a-g” GPA:** varies by campus

★ **Admissions Process:** varies by campus

★ **Tuition cost:** \$30,000 - \$50,000

★ **Stand Out Attractions:** Prestige, Staff to Student Ratio, Unique Programs, Scholarships Awards, Women’s Colleges, Religious Affiliation

## California Community Colleges

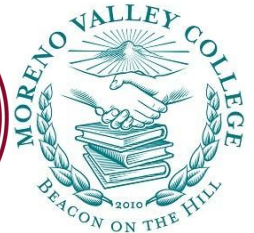
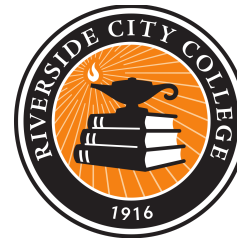
★ 114 colleges that grant certificates, Associates degrees, and limited Bachelor’s degrees, as well as provide transferable lower-division coursework to 4-year universities. UC offers a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG Agreement) at 6 campuses (excluding UCLA, UCB and UCSD).

★ **Minimum “a-g” GPA:** No minimum GPA

★ **Admissions Process:** Open enrollment allows any student 18+ to attend.

★ **Tuition cost:** \$46 per unit

★ **Stand Out Attractions:** Automotive/Aircraft Technology, Cosmetology & Barbering, Fire Technology, Police Academy, Culinary Arts, Dental & Nursing Assistant



## Differences in Teaching & Career Goals

Each school system caters to various learning styles and operates with different career and goals in mind.

### University of California (UC)

**Teaching Orientation:** Develop academic and scientific research skills. Emphasis on theoretical and analytical learning

**Post-Degree Expectations:** Assume graduates will pursue higher degree beyond a Bachelor’s.

**Degrees/Credentials Offered:** Degrees are research based. Minimal professional training.

### California State University (CSU)

**Teaching Orientation:** Practical based instruction with career orientation. Theory and research included but not emphasized

**Post-Degree Expectations:** Assume graduates will enter work force in non-research oriented careers

**Degrees/Credentials Offered:** Degrees provide professional training

### Community College (CC)

**Teaching Orientation:** Educates California’s first-responders, provides job training and industrial skills, and is a pathway to a Bachelor’s degree.

**Post-Degree Expectations:** Students enter the workforce or transfer to 4-year college.

**Degrees/Credentials Offered:** Degrees and certificates offered in various fields



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# College Choices Worksheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 High School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Safety School**  
 You feel very confident about your chances of getting accepted. This school offers priority enrollment to students applying from your high school.

**Good Chance School**  
 You meet or exceed their GPA coursework (i.e. A-G), and standardized test score requirements, and the rest of your application is strong.

**Reach School**  
 You fall short in one area, but exceed the other requirements, and have a strong essay and letters of recommendation.

## Complete the list of schools and majors you are interested in apply to:

CAMPUS: _____ Major: _____	CAMPUS: _____ Major: _____	CAMPUS: _____ Major: _____
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CAMPUS	MAJOR
Safety School	
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Safety School	
Good Chance	
Good Chance	
Good Chance	
Good Chance	
Good Chance	
Reach School	
Reach School	

Current A-G GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Goal SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Goal ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## How UCs and CSUs Compare:

School	Admission Rate	Average GPA	School	Admission Rate	Average GPA
UC Berkeley	14.9%	4.16-4.3	CSU Bakersfield	93%	3.2
UC Davis	41.2%	3.97-4.25	CSU Channel Islands	74%	3.22
UC Irvine	28.8%	4.00-4.26	CSU Chico	63%	3.33
UC Los Angeles	14.1%	4.16-4.31	CSU Dominguez Hills	58%	3.13
UC Merced	66.9%	3.46-3.96	CSU East Bay	74%	3.1
UC Riverside	50.9%	3.66-4.09	Fresno State	52%	3.33
UC San Diego	30.2%	4.02-4.28	CSU Fullerton	42%	3.56
UC Santa Barbara	32.3%	4.00-4.26	Humboldt State	75%	3.26
UC Santa Cruz	47.7%	3.76-4.16	CSU Long Beach	36%	3.5
			CSU Los Angeles	64%	3.14
			Cal Maritime	85%	3.3
			CSU Monterey Bay	49%	3.32
			CSU Northridge	45%	3.2
			Cal Poly Pomona	39%	3.49
			Sacramento State	67%	3.3
			CSU San Bernardino	65%	3.21
			CSU San Diego	34%	3.69
			San Francisco State	68%	3.23
			San Jose State	68%	3.4
			Cal Poly San Luis	31%	3.92
			Sonoma State	55%	3.2
			CSU Stanislaus	67%	3.36



### California State University:

System website:

[www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)

Explore CSU majors:

[degrees.calstate.edu](http://degrees.calstate.edu)

Admissions Requirements:

- ★ Minimum 2.0 GPA
- ★ SAT or ACT - No Writing

### University of California:

System website:

[universityofcalifornia.edu](http://universityofcalifornia.edu)

Explore UC selectivity:

[admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu)

Admissions Requirements:

- ★ Minimum 3.0 GPA
- ★ SAT or ACT - with Writing
- ★ 4 Personal Insight Questions

Recommended:

- ★ SAT Subject Exam-for competitive majors
- ★ Involvement in clubs, activities, community service, etc.



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# Choosing Your Major

## What is a Major?

A **major** is a concentration of courses that gives a student basic knowledge of a field of study. A **major** is not definitive of your future career.

## What are the 4 Categories of Majors?

- **Humanities:** The branches of learning that investigate human constructs and concerns.
- **Engineering:** The practical application of science to commerce or industry.
- **Math & Science:** The branches of learning that concentrate on mathematical and scientific principles.
- **Social Studies:** The fields of academic scholarship, which explore aspects of human society.



## What are the Majors in these Categories?

Humanities		Engineering	
American Studies Art History Communication Comparative Literature Dance English Film Fine Art Law Liberal Arts	Modern Language Music Religious Studies Rhetoric Studio Art Theatre Western Civilization Women's Studies Writing	Aerospace Applied Physics Applied Science Architecture Bioengineering Chemical Engineering Civil Engineering Computational Math Computer Science Electrical Engineering	Environmental Engineering Industrial Engineering Manufacturing Materials Science Mechanical Engineering Nuclear Engineering Operations Research Software Engineering Structural Mechanics
Math & Science		Social Studies	
Architecture Astronomy Biology Chemistry Computation Math Earth Science Environmental Forensic Science Genetics Immunology	Integrative Biology Mathematics Molecular Cell Biology Nutritional Science Organic Chemistry Physical Science Physics Public Health Statistics	African American Studies Anthropology Asian American Studies Chicano/Latino Studies Communications Criminology Developmental Studies Economics Education Ethnic Studies	Geography History Legal Studies Linguistics Native American Studies Political Science Psychology Social Welfare Social Work Sociology

# TRUE Colors Theory

The **TRUE Colors Theory** assessment is a model for understanding yourself and others based on your personality temperaments. This assessment pairs your personal traits with careers and fields of work that best suit your personality. Each color corresponds with certain characteristics and careers. Find which color fits you best!

BLUE		GREEN	
Organized & Idea Doers		Controllers & Idea Generators	
Warm, communicative, compassionate, idealistic, spiritual, & sincere		Analytical, conceptual, intensitive, logical, perfectionistic, & abstract	
<b>Characteristics:</b> Ask questions Caring Easy going Expects harmony Hates conflict Knows everyone Likeable Loves to check on people Needs appreciation Open	<b>Suitable Career Paths:</b> Artist Child Care Counselor/Psychologist Medical Aide Medical Specialist Registered Nurse Social Worker Teacher/Educator Therapist	<b>Characteristics:</b> Decisive Demanding Expects efficiency Expects results Has strong opinions Likes conflict Needs to be in charge Separates facts from feelings Wants action/change	<b>Suitable Career Paths:</b> Biologist Chemist Computer Programmer Dentists Historians Mathematicians Physicist Professors/Instructions Software Engineers Surgeons
<i>I look for meaning and significance in life. I need to contribute, encourage, and care.</i>		<i>I value intelligence, insight, fairness, and justice. I need explanations and answers.</i>	
GOLD		ORANGE	
Analyzers & Idea Perfectioners		Persuaders & Idea Promoters	
Loyal, dependable, prepared, thorough, sensible, punctual, & organized		Witty, spontaneous, impulsive, impactful, generous, optimistic, bold, & charming	
<b>Characteristics:</b> Asks informative questions Doesn't like repetition Doesn't like small talk Fact-oriented High standards Keeps to schedules Private person Structured Works alone	<b>Suitable Career Paths:</b> Actuaries Analysts Audio-Visual Technicians Auditors Bank Tellers Dispatchers Investigators Librarians Receptionists/Clerks	<b>Characteristics:</b> Boisterous Bold & impulsive Expects freedom Great verbal skills Likes people Likes to be in action Makes quick decisions Positive & optimistic Wants to be liked	<b>Suitable Career Paths:</b> Chief Executive Detectives Emergency Services Engineers Judges/Arbitrators Lawyers Managers Producers Sales Agents
<i>I have a strong sense of what is right and wrong in life. I need to follow rules and respect authority.</i>		<i>I value skill, resourcefulness, and courage. I need fun, variety, simulation, and excitement.</i>	