

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)

- ★ 10 campuses that grant Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees. Mainly research based education..
- ★ **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. Hands on education.
- ★ **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 the workforce 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 a 4-year college.

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



EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

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A-G GPA Calculation

- ★ Your grade point average (GPA) is a numerical summary of your grades from high school.
- ★ It is used to determine class rank and universities use rank and GPA to compare you to other applicants.
- ★ It qualifies you for the Cal Grant and merit scholarship!
- ★ UC's and CSU's only look at the **A-G courses** taken in 10th and 11th grade to calculate the GPA for admissions.
- ★ Approved AP/Honors course work is **weighted** (given an extra point) for a maximum of 8 semesters.



Example:

Courses	Art 1	World History	English 10 Honors	Spanish 2	Algebra II	AP Chemistry
1st Semester	A	B	B	C	A	A*
2nd Semester	B	B	C	D	A	B*

Grade	Points	# of Semesters	(Points x # of Semesters)
A	4	4	(4 x 4) = 16
B	3	5	(3 x 5) = 15
C	2	2	(2 x 2) = 4
D	1	1	(1 x 1) = 1
F	0	0	(0 x 0) = 0
		Total Number of Semesters:	Total Number of Points:
		12	36

Add 1 point to your Total Number of Points for each AP/Honors semester:
36 + 2
*(*from AP Chemistry)*

Weighted Total Number of Points:
38

(Weighted Total Number of Points)

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(Total Number of Semesters)

= a-g GPA

38 ÷ 12 = 3.16

Now you give it a shot!

Predict you're a-g GPA with your 1st semester grades and projecting your 2nd semester grades. This will help you know how competitive you are going into your junior year!

Courses						
1st Semester						
2nd Semester						

Grade	Points	# of Semesters	(Points x # of Semesters)
A	4	___	(___ x ___) = ___
B	3	___	(___ x ___) = ___
C	2	___	(___ x ___) = ___
D	1	___	(___ x ___) = ___
F	0	___	(___ x ___) = ___
		Total Number of Semesters:	Total Number of Points:
		___	___

Add 1 point to your Total Number of Points for each AP/Honors semester:
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Weighted Total Number of Points:

(Weighted Total Number of Points)

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(Total Number of Semesters)

= a-g GPA

___ ÷ ___ = ___



Let's see how competitive you are so far!

★ Now that we've calculated a close estimate of your GPA for your sophomore year, let's see how competitive you are so far.

University of California (UC) [Fall 2019]

SCHOOL	ADMISSION RATE	GPA
UC Berkeley	16.4%	4.16 - 4.3
UC Davis	39.1%	4 - 4.26
UC Irvine	26.6%	4 - 4.25
UCLA	12.4%	4.18 - 4.31
UC Merced	72.6%	3.45 - 4
UC Riverside	56.3%	3.69 - 4.11
UC San Diego	32.3%	4.03 - 4.28
UC Santa Barbara	29.7%	4.04 - 4.28
UC Santa Cruz	51.5%	3.76 - 4.16



University of California:

System website:

universityofcalifornia.edu

Admissions Requirements:

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

Explore UC selectivity:

admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu

Recommended:

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

California State University (CSU) [Fall 2018]

SCHOOL	ADMISSION RATE	AVERAGE GPA	SCHOOL	ADMISSION RATE	AVERAGE GPA
CSU Bakersfield	100%	3.2	CSU Monterey Bay	35%	3.33
CSU Channel Islands	80%	3.22	CSU Northridge	58%	3.2
CSU Chico	68%	3.45	Cal Poly Pomona	55%	3.5
CSU Dominguez Hills	65%	3.10	Sacramento State	68%	3.25
CSU East Bay	74%	3.1	CSU San Bernardino	57%	3.27
Fresno State	59%	3.25	CSU San Diego	35%	3.93
CSU Fullerton	44%	3.58	San Francisco State	70%	3.23
Humboldt State	58%	3.25	San Jose State	67%	3.35
CSU Long Beach	31%	3.5	Cal Poly San Luis	30%	4.12
CSU Los Angeles	42%	3.46	Sonoma State	89%	3.2
Cal Maritime	60%	3.55	CSU Stanislaus	71%	3.3
CSU San Marcos	61%	3.38			

California State University:

System website: www2.calstate.edu

Explore CSU majors: degrees.calstate.edu

Admissions Requirements:

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

For the UC application, you'll have the opportunity to tell admissions about what you're most proud of outside the classroom. They're looking for quality, not quantity — which means that even though you'll have room to tell them about 20 activities and awards, make sure to focus on the ones that are most important to you. Choose experiences that demonstrate commitment, responsibility, leadership, and most of all, genuine

High School Activities & Awards

interest.

	Activity	Years Active	Position & Description	Hours per Week	Weeks per Year
Honors & Awards (Honor Roll, Dean's List, etc.)	★	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th			
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Volunteering/Community Service (Activities you've donated time and effort without pay)	★	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th			
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Extracurricular Activities (Hobbies, Clubs, Sports)	★	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th			
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Educational Preparation Programs (EAOP, Upward Bound, etc.)	★	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th			
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Work Experience (Any paid jobs or paid internships)	★	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th			
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Other Coursework (Courses other than those required for UC admission)	★	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th			
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