

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 the 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:** 3.0
- ★ **Admissions Process:** Applications open August 1st of your senior year. UCs utilize a comprehensive review process that considers factors such as: academic performance and challenge, extracurricular involvement, and personal qualities and circumstances of the applicant.
- ★ **Tuition cost:** \$14,100 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:** 2.5
- ★ **Admissions Process:** Applications open October 1st of your senior year. The CSU System considers three factors for admission: completion of the A-G requirements, GPA, and graduation from high school.
- ★ **Tuition cost:** \$5,742 per year
- ★ **Stand Out Programs:** Business, Psychology, Engineering, Public Health, Journalism, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Kinesiology, Speech Pathology, Music/Audio Recording, Social Work, Accounting, Fashion & Interior Design



EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

Private Colleges & Universities



★ 85 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:** \$20,000 - \$60,000

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

California Community Colleges

★ 116 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:** Specific to each campus. Open enrollment allows any student 18+ to attend.

★ **Tuition cost:** \$46 per unit / \$1,636 per year

★ **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 jobs to a 4-year college.



EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM

Website: eaop.ucr.edu
Email: eaop@ucr.edu
Phone: (951) 827-4762

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/IB/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 \div 12 = 3.16

Now you give it a shot!

Predict your 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:

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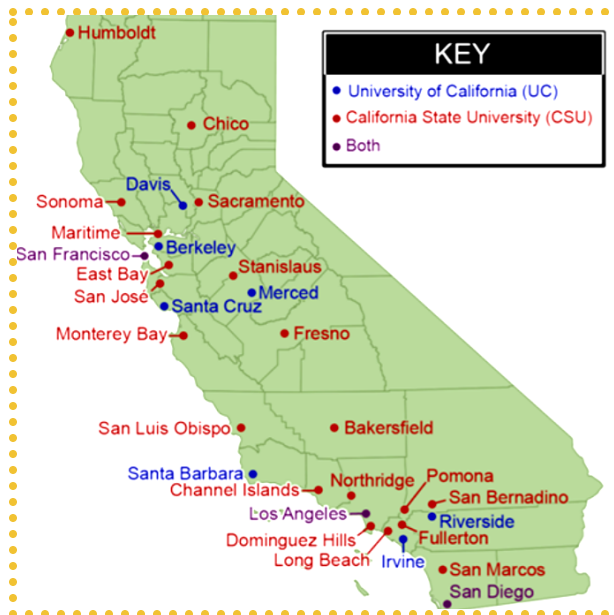


Let's see how competitive you are so far!

★ 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 2021]

SCHOOL	ADMISSION RATE	GPA
UC Berkeley	14.5%	4.12 - 4.3
UC Davis	49%	3.95 - 4.25
UC Irvine	29%	3.96 - 4.26
UCLA	10.8%	4.19 - 4.32
UC Merced	87.6%	3.39 - 4.0
UC Riverside	65.8%	3.7 - 4.13
UC San Diego	34.3%	4.07 - 4.29
UC Santa Barbara	29.2%	4.10 - 4.29
UC Santa Cruz	58.8%	3.81 - 4.20



University of California:

System website:

universityofcalifornia.edu

Admissions Requirements:

- ★ Minimum 3.0 GPA
- ★ 4 Personal Insight Questions

Explore UC selectivity:

admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu

Recommended:

- ★ Academic honors and awards
- ★ Involvement in clubs, activities, community service, etc

California State University (CSU) [Fall 2020]

SCHOOL	ADMISSION RATE	AVERAGE GPA	SCHOOL	ADMISSION RATE	AVERAGE GPA
CSU Bakersfield	78%	3.2	CSU Monterey Bay	86%	3.33
CSU Channel Islands	79%	3.22	CSU Northridge	66%	3.2
CSU Chico	90%	3.45	Cal Poly Pomona	65%	3.5
CSU Dominguez Hills	81%	3.10	Sacramento State	83%	3.25
CSU East Bay	73%	3.1	CSU San Bernardino	78%	3.27
Fresno State	90%	3.25	CSU San Diego	37%	3.93
CSU Fullerton	68%	3.58	San Francisco State	84%	3.23
Humboldt State	85%	3.25	San Jose State	67%	3.35
CSU Long Beach	42%	3.5	Cal Poly San Luis	38%	4.12
CSU Los Angeles	76%	3.46	Sonoma State	89%	3.2
Cal Maritime	82%	3.55	CSU Stanislaus	89%	3.3
CSU San Marcos	79%	3.38			

California State University:

System website: www.calstate.edu/apply

Explore CSU majors: degrees.calstate.edu

CSU GPA Calculator:

www.calstate.edu/apply/eligibility-index

Admissions Requirements:

- ★ Minimum 2.5 GPA



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 interest.

High School Activities & Awards

	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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