



Below are the differences in applying to Cal State University vs University of California schools.

Minimum GPA	2.5	3.0	Minimum GPA
2 years of History/Social Science, including 1 year of U.S. History or U.S. History and Government and 1 year of an additional approved Social Science			2 years of History/Social Science, including 1 year of World History and 1 year of U.S. History and Government or ½ year of U.S. History and ½ year of Civics or Government
4 years of college preparatory English Courses			4 years of college preparatory English Courses
3 years of Mathematics, 4 years recommended, including Algebra I, Geometry and intermediate algebra or higher mathematics			3 years of college preparatory Mathematics, 4 years recommended, that include advanced algebra geometry
2 years of Laboratory Science, including 1 year of Biological Science and 1 year of physical Science with Lab			2 years of Laboratory Science, 3 years recommended, including 1 year of a Biological Science and 1 or 2 years of a Physical Science
1 year-long course of Visual and Performing Arts			1 year-long course of Visual and Performing Arts
2 years of the same language other than English			2 years of the same language other than English
CSU uses an eligibility index to determine if a student will be accepted			UC asks students to write Personal Insight statements, and takes other extracurricular activities into consideration
1 year of approved college preparatory Elective\			1 year of approved college preparatory Elective

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Neither the UC nor the CSU system is better than the other - rather, students may be better suited to a certain system due to their academic and/or career goals.

CSU	UC
CAMPUSES	
<p>CSU has 23 campuses: Bakersfield, Channel Island, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Polytechnic Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California Maritime, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Polytechnic Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego State, San Francisco State, San Jose State, Polytechnic San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Sonoma State, and Stanislaus</p>	<p>UC has 10 campuses: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, LA, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and San Francisco (graduate/professional degrees only)</p>
COURSES	
<p>Their courses are based on practical applications and non-research-oriented careers.</p>	<p>Their courses are based on research and theories.</p>
DEGREES	
<p>CSU system awards mostly bachelor's degrees and does not offer as many advanced-level degrees.</p>	<p>In addition to bachelor's and master's degrees, UC also awards professional and doctorate degrees.</p>
"A-G" COURSES	
<p>CSU require students to complete the "a-g" courses with a grade of a C or better</p>	<p>UC require students to complete the "a-g" courses with a grade of a C or better</p>
TUITION as of 2022-2023	
<p>CSU's tuition rate: \$5,742 per academic year With addition fees of living & school supplies: \$24,000 (on-campus), \$28,000 (off-campus) Non-California residents are charged: \$396 per semester</p>	<p>UC's tuition rate: \$13,200 per academic year With addition fees of living & school supplies: \$38,500 (on-campus), \$35,600 (off-campus) Non-California residents are charged: \$31,026 in supplemental tuition</p>