

CA Community Colleges

- 112 campuses
- Admit all students who are 18 yrs old or a high school graduate
- Many students attend for 2-3 years then **TRANSFER** to a four-year college or university for a Bachelor's degree
- Also offer **Vocational Training**



California State University

- 23 Campuses
- Eligibility Requirements:
 - A-G Courses
 - Minimum GPA is 2.0
 - SAT or ACT Exam
- Automatic admissions to the non-impacted campus in your region if you are CSU eligible
 - Impacted Campuses and out of region campuses will have stricter requirements
- Applications are accepted online between **October 1st - November 30th**



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University of California

- 10 campuses – only 9 open for undergraduates
- Target upper 9% of high school students
- Minimum **GPA is 3.0**
- Application criteria is based upon:
 - A-G Courses and GPA
 - SAT or ACT with Writing
 - Extracurricular Activities and Involvement
 - 2 Personal Statements
- Applications are accepted from **November 1st to November 30th**



University of California



Private/ Independent Colleges and Universities

- 75 + campuses throughout California
- Admissions requirements **will VARY**
- Most private colleges require:
 - A-G courses
 - SAT or ACT
 - Personal Essay
 - Extracurricular Activities and Involvement
 - Letters of Recommendation
 - Counselor and/or Academic Teacher



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You need to do 2 things to get into college

- Take the right courses
 - A-G classes
- Get good grades
 - C's or higher in all your classes
 - D's = Do-over
 - F's = Fix it

Admission Requirements Comparison

	UC	CSU	Private	CC
A-G Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ History/Social Science: 2 yrs req ■ English: 4 yrs req ■ Math: 3 yrs req; 4 yrs rec ■ Lab Science: 2 yrs req; 3 yrs rec ■ Foreign Lang: 2 yrs req; 3 yrs rec ■ Visual & Performing Arts: 1 year ■ College Prep Electives: 1 year 	Same as UC	Similar to UC	18 years of age or high school graduate
Entrance Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ SAT or ACT w/ writing ■ No longer needed for Class of 2012 = 2 Subject Tests 	SAT or ACT	SAT or ACT	N/A
GPA	Minimum GPA is 3.0	Minimum GPA is 2.0	GPA Varies 2.5 – 4.0+	N/A
Personal Info	2 Personal Statements	No Essay	1 long essay & a few short essays	N/A
Extra Activities	Community Service, Volunteer Work, Clubs and Organizations, Sports, etc.	N/A	Recommended	N/A

What can you do to be more competitive for college?

1. Earn the best academic grade point average (**GPA**) in all completed "A-G" college prep courses
2. Take as many university-approved **honors, AP, IB** and **transferable community college courses** as possible
3. Take as many academic college prep **courses beyond the minimum requirements that you can handle**
4. **Study for your SAT/ACT** to obtain a competitive score
 - Most students take these tests more than once
 - Fee waivers are available
5. Get involved and be able to share your special: **talents, achievements, awards, performances, athletic honors, community service, and leadership roles**
 - Remember – thousands of students apply and you want to stand out
6. Write a strong **personal statement essay**



Success in College Begins in 9th Grade



Tips for Success in School

- ⊙ Provide a place to study
- ⊙ Check daily homework assignments
- ⊙ Turn off your cell phone, computer, videogames, and email when doing homework!
- ⊙ Read at least 20-30 minutes a day even if you don't have homework
- ⊙ Familiarize yourself with college "eligibility requirements"
- ⊙ Help your student to Manage their time and meet **deadlines**
- ⊙ Develop a relationship with your students teachers and counselors

Tips Cont.




- Allow your student to become involved in their school and in the community
- Develop a relationship with your students teachers and counselors
- Create a flexible schedule with your student.
- Continue to support and be involved!

Preparation in the 9th Grade

- ⊙ Enroll in courses such as:
 - Algebra I or Geometry
 - Foreign Language
 - Biology
- ⊙ Get good grades so you can be placed in the Honors track
- ⊙ Take the PSAT in October
- ⊙ Obtain your High School's A-G Certified Course List
- ⊙ Become involved with programs like:
 - AACE Talent Search, AVID, EAOP, Upward Bound, UC Cosmos
- ⊙ Create a college file with:
 - Copies of report cards
 - Lists of awards and honors
 - List of activities you are involved with, including both paid and volunteer work
- ⊙ Remember, you will have more options if you start planning for college now and keep your grades up



Financial Aid

<p>1 GRANTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Free Money that doesn't need to be repaid, usually based on need▪ State<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Cal-Grant▪ Federal<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pell Grant 	<p>2 WORKSTUDY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jobs to help pay for school▪ Employment on or off Campus▪ Up to 15 hours per week 
<p>3 LOANS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Borrowed money that you must pay back, usually with interest▪ Unsubsidized: Interest accrues while your in school▪ Subsidized: Government pays the interest while your in school 	<p>4 SCHOLARSHIPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Free money, not based on need▪ Merit Based<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Grades, test scores, athletic ability, talents or other criteria▪ Private Scholarships<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Local, National▪ Neighborhood Banks & Businesses

Apply for financial aid on www.fafsa.ed.gov
Apply between **January 1- March 2!!!!**

Approximate Annual Tuition and Fees

Higher Education Systems	Yearly Tuition & Fees
University of California (UC)	\$8,500
California State University (CSU)	\$4,000
Community College (CC)	\$700
Private/Independent Universities (AICCU)	\$30,000 – 40,000 +

Estimated College Costs



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| ■ Tuition & Fees: \$8,500 | ■ Tuition & Fees: \$4,000 |
| ■ Books/Supplies: \$1,500 | ■ Books/Supplies: \$1,500 |
| ■ Room & Board: \$12,000 | ■ Room & Board: \$12,000 |
| ■ Transportation: \$1,500 | ■ Transportation: \$1,000 |
| ■ Personal: \$2,500 | ■ Personal: \$2,500 |
| ■ Estimated Total: \$26,000 | ■ Estimated Total: \$21,000 |

Programs to Consider



California State Summer School for Gifted and Science



Early Academic Outreach Program



Cal-SOAP



Upward Bound



Advancement Via Individual Determination



Mathematics, Engineering and Science Program



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Sites to Get Familiar With

 The official source for college and career planning in California www.californiacolleges.edu	 www.collegeboard.com
 www.universityofcalifornia.edu	 www.act.org
 www.csumentor.edu	 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FREE ONLINE SERVICE FOR HELPING YOU DETERMINE YOUR FINANCIAL AID www.fafsa.ed.gov
 www.aiccummentor.org	 www.fastweb.com
 www.cccapply.org	 COLLEGE PLAN ONLINE www.uccp.org
	 www.pin.ed.gov

E-mail Communication

Colleges & Universities will communicate with you by E-MAIL

- Apply for a free e-mail account at:
 - www.yahoo.com 
 - www.hotmail.com 
 - www.gmail.com 
- **CHECK EMAIL / FOLDERS REGULARLY**
- **DO NOT SWITCH ACCOUNTS**

TIPS

- Use a **PROFESSIONAL SOUNDING EMAIL ADDRESS**
- Set up an account just for college purposes

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