

UC Davis Project



State Universities in California: The UC and CSU

University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) are the two major state university systems in California. The UC consists of 9 campuses, and its 10th campus at Merced opens in 2005. Some of the UC campuses in Northern California include Berkeley, Davis, and Santa Cruz. The CSU has 23 campuses, and it is the largest university system in the nation. Among the CSU, Hayward, Sacramento, San Francisco, and San Jose State University are located in Northern California.

Listed below is information about the UC and CSU systems, their admissions criteria, and their application processes.

	University of California (UC)	California State University (CSU)
Campuses	Berkeley Davis Irvine Los Angeles Merced Riverside San Diego San Francisco Santa Barbara Santa Cruz	11 Campuses in Northern California Chico Fresno Hayward Humboldt State University California Maritime Academy San Francisco State University San Jose State University Sonoma State University Monterey Bay Sacramento Stanislaus
Estimated Cost per Year	Tuition ----- \$4,700 Room & Board ----- \$9,000 Books & Supplies ----- \$1,300 Living & Other Expenses ----- \$3,000 (Actual cost varies across campuses)	Tuition ----- \$2,600 Room & Board ----- \$6,700 Books & Supplies ----- \$1,000 Living & Other Expenses ----- \$3,000 (Actual cost varies across campuses)
Required Exam	Admission before Fall 2006: SAT I + 3 SAT II (including Writing and Math IC or IIC) Admission for Fall 2006 and later: New SAT I + 2 SAT II (except Writing and Math IC)	For students with 3.0 and higher GPA: SAT I is recommended but not required For students with 2.00 – 2.99 GPA: SAT I is required
Required College Prep "A-G" Classes	a. 2 years History and Social Science b. 4 years English c. 3 years Mathematics d. 2 years Laboratory Science e. 2 years Foreign Language f. 1 year Visual and Performing Arts g. 1 year College Preparatory Elective	a. 2 years History and Social Science b. 4 years English c. 3 years Mathematics d. 2 years Laboratory Science e. 2 years Foreign Language f. 1 year Visual and Performing Arts g. 1 year College Preparatory Elective
Eligibility	a. Minimum GPA = 2.8 b. The top 4% of students at participating high schools are guaranteed admission c. For students with GPA of 2.8 and higher, please check "Pathways" website for eligibility index	a. Minimum GPA = 2.0 b. Students with GPA of 3.0 and higher are eligible c. For students with 2.00 – 2.99 GPA, minimum Eligibility Index = 2900 (Calculation of Eligibility Index: GPA x 800 + SAT I score)
Online Application Website	"Pathways" http://www.ucop.edu/pathways/	"CSUMentor" http://www.csumentor.edu/
Initial Filing Period	Fall: Nov. 1 – 30 Winter: July 1 – 31 (except Berkeley) Spring: Oct. 1 – 30 (except Berkeley)	Fall: Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 Spring: Aug. 1 – Sept. 30
College Website	http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu	http://www.calstate.edu



Both the UC and CSU provide college admission guides for high school students at their websites. More information on academic programs, financial aid, and housing at particular campuses is available through the campus websites.

California Community Colleges

The California Community Colleges (CCC) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. There are 108 participating 2-year community colleges in the CCC system. Some colleges in Northern California are City College of San Francisco, American River College, Consumnes River College, and Sacramento City College.

Unlike the UC and CSU, almost all of the participating colleges under the CCC system do not have specific admissions criteria. Applicants are admitted if they are a high school graduate, or if they are 18 years of age or older. Application can be filed online through CCCApply (<http://www.cccapply.org>), where students can submit applications to different colleges of their choice.

Many high school students use the 2-year community colleges as a stepping stone to their desired 4-year universities. They complete either the Associate's degree requirements of their community colleges or the general education requirements of their desired universities, and then transfer to a university as a junior. According to the "Community College Transfer Students at UC: 2002 Annual Report," 80% of students applying from California Community College are admitted to UC. Of these students, 95% entered UC at the upper-division level. CSU also admits 53,000 students from California Community College per year, with the majority entering the system at the upper-division level.

Articulation agreement among California colleges and universities can be found at the ASSIST website (<http://www.assist.org>). Articulation agreement refers to how course credits from one California college or university can be transferred to another. For more information about the 108 participating colleges under the CCC system, please visit the CCCApply website.

University of California Campuses

Berkeley
<http://www.berkeley.edu>

Davis
<http://www.ucdavis.edu>

Irvine
<http://www.uci.edu>

Los Angeles
<http://www.ucla.edu>

Merced
<http://www.ucmerced.edu>

Riverside
<http://www.ucr.edu>

San Diego
<http://www.ucsd.edu>

San Francisco
<http://www.ucsf.edu>

Santa Barbara
<http://www.ucsb.edu>

Santa Cruz
<http://www.ucsc.edu>

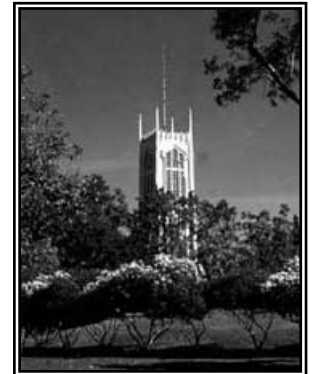
A Few Bay Area Community Colleges' Web Site

College of Marin	http://www.marin.cc.ca.us
City College of San Francisco	http://www.ccsf.cc.ca.us
Evergreen Valley College	http://www.evc.edu
San Jose City College	http://www.sjcc.edu
Canada College	http://canadacollege.net
College of San Mateo	http://www.gocsm.net
Skyline College	http://skylinecollege.net

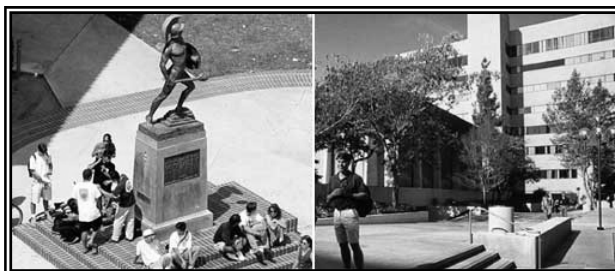
California's Independent Colleges and Universities

The California Independent Colleges and Universities are often referred to as “private schools.” There are 76 independent colleges and universities in California. Each of them has its own characteristics as well as unique admissions requirements. They do not use rigid admissions formulas. Each of their students is admitted based upon his or her own promise and achievement. The uniqueness and autonomy of each independent college and university means that admissions requirements vary for each institution. Below is a list of some of the most popular colleges, their estimated cost per year, and their websites:

	Estimated Cost per Year	Website
Santa Clara University	Tuition ----- \$27,135 Room & Board ----- \$9,014 Books & Supplies ----- \$1,260 Other Expenses ----- \$3,267	http://www.scu.edu
Stanford University	Tuition ----- \$28,563 Room & Board ----- \$9,073 Books & Supplies ----- \$1,185 Other Expenses ----- \$1,770	http://www.stanford.edu
University of the Pacific	Tuition ----- \$23,180 Room & Board ----- \$7,490 Books & Supplies ----- \$1,206 Other Expenses ----- \$3,014	http://www.uop.edu
University of San Francisco	Tuition ----- \$23,220 Room & Board ----- \$9,350 Books & Supplies ----- \$800 Other Expenses ----- \$3,500	http://www.usfca.edu
University of Southern California	Tuition ----- \$28,692 Room & Board ----- \$8,632 Books & Supplies ----- \$644 Other Expenses ----- \$2,350	http://www.usc.edu



Because of the uniqueness of independent colleges and universities, students are encouraged to explore to get a better understanding of each school. The Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU) is dedicated to helping students and their families plan for higher education at independent schools. Its website, AICCUMentor (<http://www.aiccumentor.org>), offers information on the 76 independent colleges and universities. With its mentor system, students can file and manage online application of more than one school of their choice. Financial aid information is also available at the AICCUMentor website.



Are you Moving?

Please update your address and phone number with us! We would like to keep in touch with you for a follow-up project in the near future.

Updating your information is easy:

By Phone: (415) 271-0390

By Phone: (866) 7-FAMILY (This is a toll-free number.)

By E-mail: kimsu@hawaii.edu

By Web: <http://www2.hawaii.edu/~kimsu/ucdavis/>



Reference

Franek, Robert (2003). *The Best 351 Colleges*, 2004 Edition. Princeton Review.

The College Board (2003). *The College Board College Handbook 2004: All New Forty-First Edition*. College Board.

The UC system website:
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu>

The CSU system website:
<http://www.calstate.edu>

Information about CA colleges and universities:
<http://www.californiacolleges.edu>

Transfers from community colleges to 4-year universities:
<http://www.assist.org>

Online application for community colleges:
<http://www.cccapply.org>

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