

CALIFORNIA FOUR SYSTEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

	COMMUNITY COLLEGE 116	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY 23	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 10	PRIVATE/INDEPENDENT COLLEGE 85+
Number Statewide (Examples of local schools in each system)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Harbor 2. Pasadena 3. LA City 4. Compton 5. El Camino 6. Southwest 7. Long Beach 8. Santa Monica 9. LA Trade Tech 10. LA Valley 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fullerton 2. San Diego 3. Bakersfield 4. Northridge 5. Long Beach 6. Los Angeles 7. San Bernardino 8. San Luis Obispo 9. Cal Poly Pomona 10. Dominguez Hills 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Los Angeles 2. Berkeley 3. Davis 4. Irvine 5. Merced 6. Riverside 7. Santa Barbara 8. Santa Cruz 9. San Diego 10. San Francisco (Graduate/Professional) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. USC 2. Stanford 3. La Verne 4. Redlands 5. Pomona 6. Occidental 7. Pepperdine 8. Loyola-Marymount 9. Claremont McKenna 10. Mount Saint Mary's
Application & Deadline	Deadline: OPEN (revolving) Website: www.cccapply.org	Deadline: October 1 – December 1* Website: www.calstate.edu/apply Note: This deadline applies to the Class of 2026, but it is typically November 30.	Deadline: October 1 – December 1* Website: www.universityofcalifornia.edu Note: This deadline applies to the Class of 2026, but it is typically November 30.	Deadline: VARIES Website: www.aiccu.edu
Nature of Programs and Curriculum	<u>Two-year institutions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Career and technical majors ▪ AA/AS degree ▪ Vocational certificates ▪ Concurrent enrollment (for high school students) 	<u>Four-year institutions with graduate and professional programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Various majors depending on campus ▪ Pre-professional training ▪ BA/BS degree ▪ MA/MS degree ▪ Teaching credentials ▪ Doctorate programs at select campuses (<i>joint program with UC</i>) 	<u>Four-year institutions with graduate and professional programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Various majors depending on campus ▪ Research institutions ▪ Pre-professional training ▪ BA/BS degree ▪ MA/MS degree ▪ Doctorate and professional degrees - law, medicine, dentistry 	<u>Two and Four-year institutions with various programs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Various majors depending on campus ▪ Pre-professional training ▪ AA degree ▪ BA and BS degree ▪ MA/MS degree ▪ Doctorate and professional degrees - law, medicine, dentistry
Cost of Tuition (does not include books, room & board, supplies) Cost based on 2025-2026	Approx. \$1,104/yr. \$46/Unit ELAC	Approx. \$7,530/yr. CSULA	Approx. \$15,700/yr. UCLA	Approx. \$73,260/yr. USC
Entrance Requirements for First year Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be 18 years old OR a high school graduate OR GED holder ▪ No subject or GPA requirements ▪ No college entrance exams ▪ High school coursework, grades and GPA used to place students in English and Math courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High school graduate ▪ 2.5 GPA* minimum (check GPA requirements for each campus) ▪ A-G requirements completed with C or better ▪ CSUs are Test Blind (more info) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High school graduate ▪ 3.0 GPA minimum ▪ A-G requirements completed with C or better* (only UC approved courses calculated in GPA, grades 10 - 12) ▪ UCs are Test Blind (more info) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Varies according to institution ▪ High school graduate ▪ 2.0 - 3.0 GPA minimum ▪ SAT or ACT may be required ▪ Letters of Recommendation may be required/requested (<i>ask teachers, counselors, church leaders, etc.</i>)

UC A-G ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS**A. History/Social Science - 2 years required**

Two years of history/social science to include: one year of U.S. history or one-half year of U.S. history and one-half year of civics or American government; and one year of world history, cultures, and/or geography.

B. English - 4 years required

Four years of college-preparatory English that include frequent writing, from brainstorming to final paper, as well as reading of classic and modern literature. No more than one year of ESL-type courses can be used to meet this requirement.

C. Mathematics - 3 years required, 4 recommended

Three years, including elementary algebra, geometry, and second year (advanced) algebra. Mathematics courses taken in grades 7 and 8 (with a minimum grade of C) may be used to fulfill part of this requirement if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own math courses.

D. Laboratory Science - 2 years required, 3-4 recommended

Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three areas: biology, chemistry, and physics. One year of approved interdisciplinary or earth and space sciences coursework can meet one year of the requirement.

E. Language Other than English - 2 years required, 3-4 recommended

Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. Courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades may be used to fulfill part or all of this requirement if the high school accepts them as equivalent to its own courses.

F. Visual and Performing Arts – 1 year required

One year (two semesters) of approved visual and performing arts chosen from the following disciplines: dance, music, theater, visual arts or interdisciplinary arts.

G. College Preparatory Electives - 1 year required

One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in “A-F” above, chosen from the following areas: visual and performing arts, history, social science, English, advanced mathematics, laboratory science, and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the “E” requirement or two years of another language).