



RIO AMERICANO

CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Fall Presentation, 12th Grade

Agenda

Making plans:

- Developing your college list

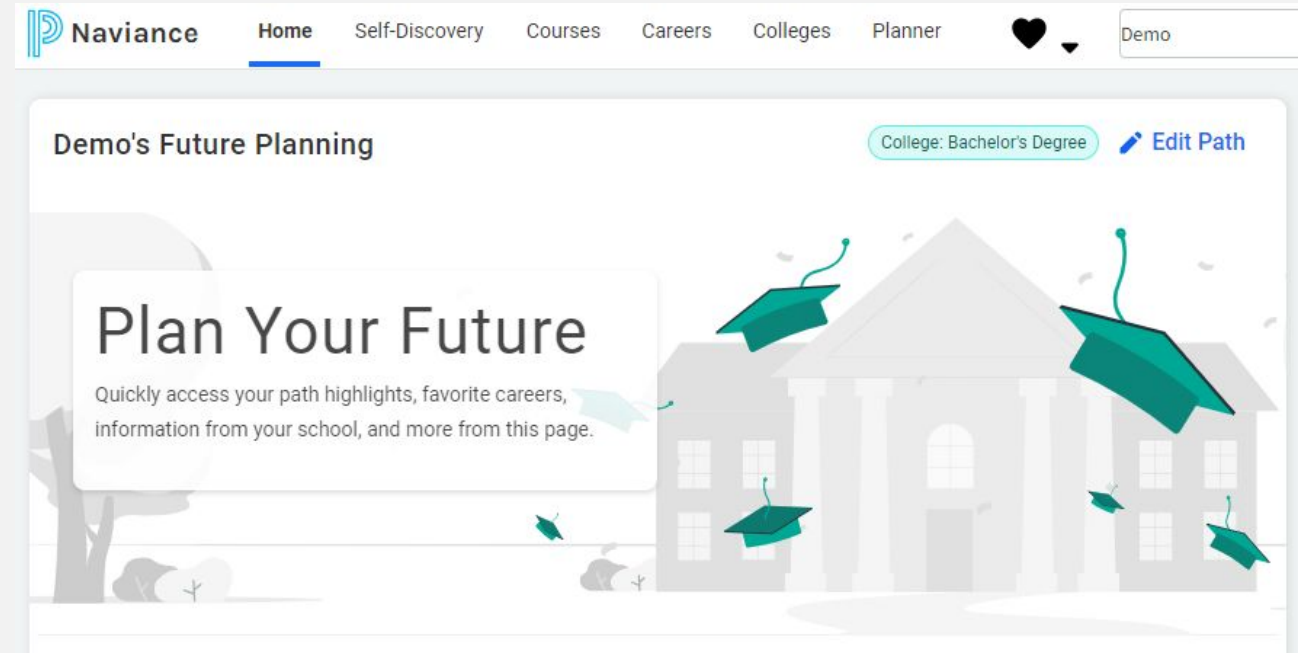
Options for next steps:

- California State University (CSU)
- University of California (UC)
- Private Colleges/Out of State Colleges
- Financial Aid
- UC/CSU Application help
- Coming up for the Class of 2027

Plans for after high school?

- Everyone's plan is different
- It's okay if you're not sure yet, but start to create a plan. Plans can change!
- Undecided/Undeclared is a major on most college apps (you'll have to choose an actual major eventually though)
- Keep your options open
- Use Naviance:
 - SuperMatch (college and major search)
 - Also use Naviance for scholarship search and scholarship match
 - Log in through your SJUSD portal, open a new google tab, go to the "waffle", and scroll to Naviance.

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How should I choose which colleges to apply to?

College Search Research



As you research, consider location, major, cost, living arrangements

Reach Target Safety

Reach

- Academically challenging-- student may not quite fit the college's academic profile.
- Selective admissions.
- Potentially high cost of attendance.

Target

- Student is likely to be admitted based on their academic profile.
- Student would be happy attending that college.
- Would not be financially overwhelming to attend.

Safety

- Student is almost certain to be admitted.
- Student would be happy and get a good education there.
- Affordable with reasonable effort.

College Visits–Check Naviance



College Visits

are happening at Rio almost daily.

You can view the visit schedule and
sign up through your
Naviance Student Account

(Select **COLLEGES** and then **COLLEGE VISITS**
from the menu at the top of your Naviance
account)

University of California (UC)

The UC system is a public research university system made up of 9 campuses across California.



UC Requirements



MUST HAVE ALL A-G courses completed by graduation, with C's or higher.

A. History/Social Science: 2 years

B. English: 4 years

C. Math: 3 years (passing Algebra II or IM3) (4 years recommended)

D. Lab Science: 2 years (physical & life) 3 years recommended

E. Language Other Than English: 2 years of same world language, 3 years recommended

F. Visual & Performing Arts: 1 year

G. College-Prep Elective: 1 year (chosen from subjects above)

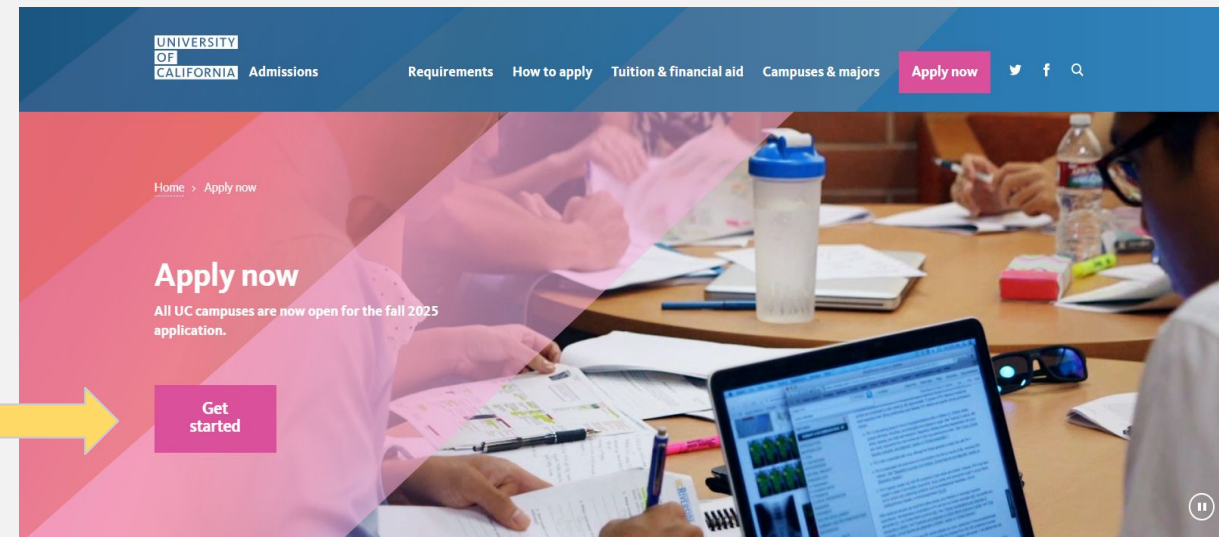
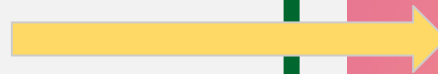
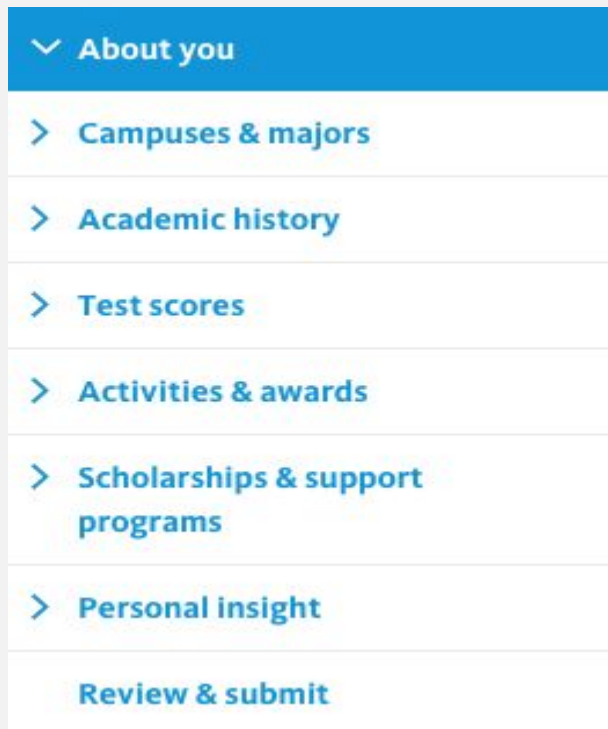
- 3.0 minimum GPA to apply. Must have C's or higher in A-G courses.
- **NO SAT or ACT required.** SAT and ACT will not be used in admissions. If you have test scores, they will be used for placement in classes.
- NO LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
- DO NOT SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPT UNLESS YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO.

How To Apply to UC

Application:

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply-now.html>

Application Deadline: November 30
No exceptions for late applications



UC Personal Insight Questions

- Choose 4 out of 8 questions
- 350 words maximum per question
- Tips from UC:
 - Write persuasively
 - Use “I” statements
 - Proofread and Edit
 - All PIQs are run through a plagiarism checker. Students sign a statement of academic integrity that affirms that everything they’ve put their writing and their work only. Applications can and have been denied for AI use.
 - Save your work in a Word doc or in Google Docs. Copy and paste your answers to the UC application.
 - The Additional Comments field in the PIQ section can be very helpful for providing more context about your home or school environment that they won’t learn about in other portions of the application. You can use it for anything you want to, as long as it’s not another Personal Insight Question response.

Which Rio classes are A-G?

- A. **HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE, 2 YEARS:** American Government, AP Government, US History, AP US History, AP World History, World History, Geography, AP European History, AP Human Geography
- B. **ENGLISH, 4 YEARS:** All English classes, AP Seminar
- C. **MATHEMATICS, 3 YEARS:** AP Calc AB, AP Calc BC, Statistics IM 1, IM 2, IM 2+, IM 3, IM 3+, Precalculus, QRAT
- D. **LAB SCIENCE, 2 YEARS:** AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics 1 and 2, Biology, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, AP Computer Science, Physiology, Robotics, Environmental Science, Physics
- E. **LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, 2 YEARS:** All Spanish and French classes at Rio
- F. **VISUAL & PERFORMING ART, 1 YEAR:** All art classes, All ceramics classes, All Drama classes, All Band Classes, Photo, Intro to Engineering, Media Arts, Yearbook, Guitar, Beginning Piano
- G. **COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE, 1 YEAR:** Economics, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, All AVID classes, Engineering Design & Manufacturing, Film & Lit, Financial Math, Anthropology, Intro to Political Studies, All Medical Careers classes, Math Modeling, Philosophy, Psychology, Speech, State & Local Government, Creative Writing, AP Research, Health, Newspaper

Which classes are NOT A-G?

- Student Government
- PE
- TA
- Tutor

Do not report non A-G classes on a UC or CSU application. Student Government and Tutor can be listed as activities on the UC application.

California State University (CSU)

The CSU system is a public university system made up of 23 campuses across California.

CSU The California State University

THE 23 OUTSTANDING CAMPUSES OF THE CSU



CSU Requirements

Complete A-G coursework. Must have C's or higher

- A.** History/Social Science: 2 years
- B.** English: 4 years
- C.** Math: 3 years (passing Algebra II or IM3) (4 years recommended)
- D.** Lab Science: 2 years (physical & life) (3 years recommended)
- E.** Language Other Than English: 2 years (3 years recommended)
- F.** Visual & Performing Arts: 1 year
- G.** College-Prep Elective: 1 year (chosen from subjects above)

- CSU's: Minimum [2.5](#) GPA in A-G courses is required to apply
 - 2.0-2.49 are still encouraged to apply!
- [NO SAT or ACT required](#). SAT and ACT will NOT be used in admissions. If you have test scores, they will be used for placement in classes.
- NO LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION NEEDED. Do not send your transcript unless they ask you to.
- [Application will ask for educational programs you've participated in, and work experience.](#)



How To Apply to CSU

Application: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

Application Deadline: November 30

Preview is available now

No Exceptions for late applications

(check websites for any deadline extensions)

Have your transcript with you so you accurately report your courses and grades. (Students receive an updated transcript during their senior meeting)

DO NOT SEND YOUR TRANSCRIPT UNLESS YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO DO SO.



Select a Term to Apply For



Apply

Unofficial transcripts You'll be asked to enter all the courses you've completed on your CS application; those that are currently in progress; and any you plan to take. Transcripts will be requested by campuses as needed.

Test scores (SAT, ACT, AP or IB) Report test results so far as well as any future test dates.

Your Social Security number, if you have one.

Your citizenship status

A method of payment You can pay the application fee by credit card.

Your parent's citizenship status

Annual income Your parents' if you are a dependent; your income if you are independent

Your parent's employment background and two recommendations Applies only if you are applying to FOP

California statewide student ID Optional; every K-12 student in a California public school assigned an ID number. The number should be printed on your transcript.

What you need to apply

CSU Impacted Campuses and Majors

Academic Program Impaction for 2027-2028

All undergraduate programs, pre-programs, and undeclared/undecided programs are impacted for the following universities:

- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Cal State Fullerton
- Cal State Long Beach
- San Diego State
- San José State

To find out if a specific program you want to apply to is impacted, please visit

<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/degrees-certificates-credentials/Pages/impacted-degrees.aspx>

FAQs/Common Errors

Q: Do I need to add a Silicon Valley or Options for Youth class I took outside of the school day?

A: Yes, both UCs and CSUs will require you add all schools attended for A-G courses (no PE).

Q: How do I enter my 12th grade courses when I don't have grades yet?

A: List them as IP (In Progress) & PL (Planned)

Q: Do I list my CCAP Dual Enrollment under Rio or under ARC?

A: Add a college and list them there under the semester you took or plan to take the class. Don't forget to add non-ccap courses and planned courses for spring here.

Q: If I repeat a class that I got a D or F, how do I list that?

A: UCs: Report every attempt for the class

CSUs: Report highest attempt

Q: How do I list a summer school class?

A: If taken through SJUSD, check box for summer school class. If taken outside SJUSD, must add new school

The image shows two screenshots of a web form. The top screenshot is the 'Add High School' form. It has two versions side-by-side. The left version shows the 'Country' dropdown set to 'United States' and the 'State, City, Zip Code, or CEEB Code' dropdown set to 'Schools with CEEB 290023 - SILICON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'. The right version shows the 'Country' dropdown set to 'United States' and the 'State, City, Zip Code, or CEEB Code' dropdown set to 'Schools with CEEB 052427 - OPTIONS FOR YOUTH - SAN JUAN - C'. Below these, the 'School Name' field is filled with 'RIO AMERICANO HIGH SCHOOL'. The 'Term Type' is 'Semester' and the 'Term' is 'August 2023 - June 2027'. The 'Grade Level' is '12th Grade - 2026-2027'. The 'Course Title' is 'CSU Expository Reading & Writing'. The 'Course Type' is 'None'. The 'Grade(s)' dropdown is set to 'Fall' and 'Spring', with 'In Progress' and 'Planned' selected respectively. The bottom screenshot is the 'Add Colleges Attended' form. It shows the 'INSTITUTION INFORMATION' section with 'College or University Name' set to 'AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE'. The 'What type of term system does this college or university use?' dropdown is set to 'Semester'. The 'What was your tuition status (resident or non-resident) at this college or university during the last term you attended?' dropdown is set to 'In-State Tuition'. The 'You are currently attending this college or university' checkbox is checked. The 'First Semester' dropdown is set to 'Fall', the 'Month' dropdown is set to 'August', and the 'Year' dropdown is set to '2026'. The right side of the bottom screenshot shows the 'When did you attend this high school?' section with 'Start date' set to 'August 2023' and 'End date' set to 'June 2027'. Below that is the 'What grades did you attend this high school?' section with a table of grade selections.

Add High School

What type of high school did you attend?*

☒ High School
☐ Home School

Country* 290023
United States

State, City, Zip Code, or CEEB Code*
Schools with CEEB 290023 - SILICON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

School Name*
RIO AMERICANO HIGH SCHOOL
SACRAMENTO • United States

Term Type: Semester
August 2023 - June 2027

Grade Level*
12th Grade • 2026-2027

Course Title*
CSU Expository Reading & Writing

Course Type*
☒ None
☐ Advanced Placement
☐ International Baccalaureate
☐ Honors

Grade(s)*
Select the letter grade you received for the course during this term. Select **No Course** if you did not take it this term. Select **No Pass** if you took a course and received a grade of no credit or no pass.

Fall In Progress Spring Planned

Add Colleges Attended

INSTITUTION INFORMATION

College or University Name*
AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE

What type of term system does this college or university use?*

☐ Quarter
☒ Semester
☐ Trimester

What was your tuition status (resident or non-resident) at this college or university during the last term you attended?*

☒ In-State Tuition
☐ Out-of-State Tuition
☐ Not applicable

You are currently attending this college or university ☒

Select the first and last terms you attended this institution, regardless of gaps in attendance.

First Semester* Month Year
Fall August 2026

When did you attend this high school? *

Start date: August 2023
End date: June 2027

What grades did you attend this high school? *

Grade *	Academic Year selection *	I took summer courses after this grade
9th	2023 - 2024	☒
10th	2024 - 2025	☐
11th	2025 - 2026	☐
12th	2026 - 2027	☐

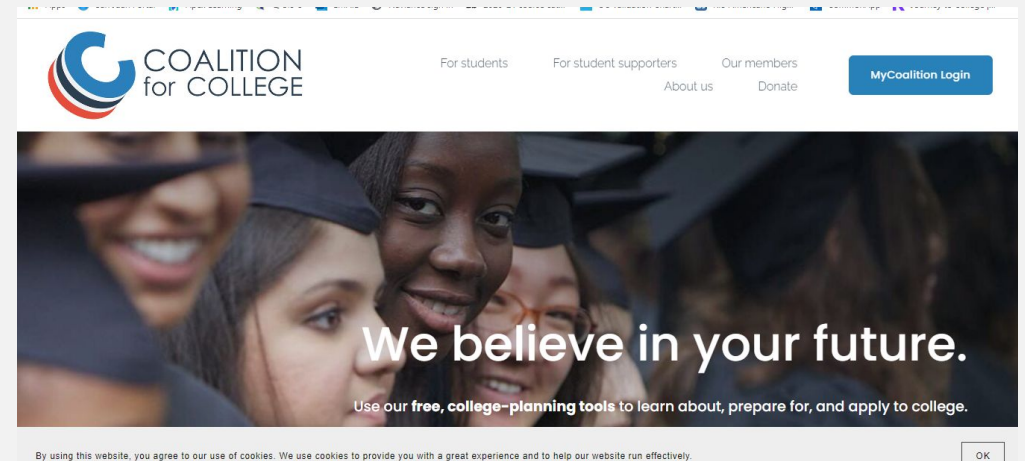
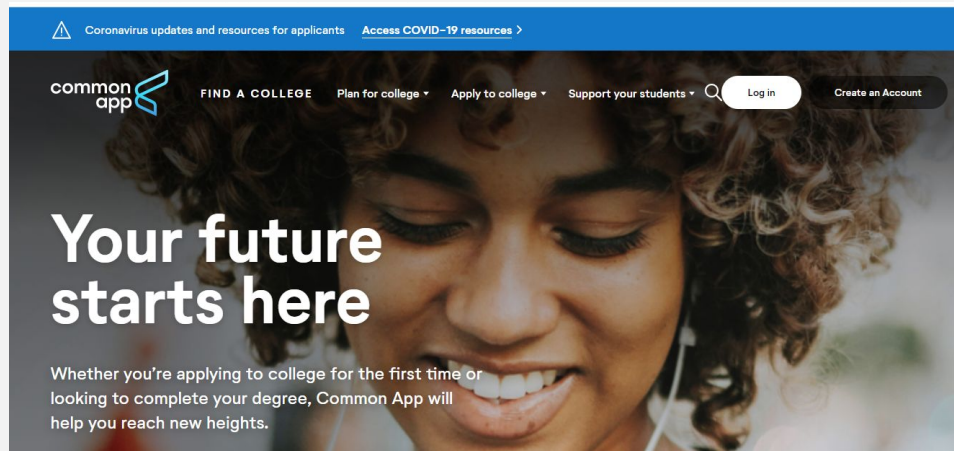
Beyond UC & CSU

California Private & Out of State Colleges

- Each campus has different deadlines. Check college website for dates, deadlines, and requirements.
 - Check the requirements as they may be different than UC/CSU requirements.
- Private college applications are either on Common App, Coalition, or on the college's website.
- Letters of Recommendations are often required.
 - Ask your teacher/counselor in advance (give them at least 3 weeks notice)
- Start early

Common Application and Coalition Application

- Application: <https://www.commonapp.org/> or <https://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>
- UC's and CSU's are not on Common App or Coalition.
- The Common App allows students to apply to multiple colleges with a single consolidated application, simplifying the process.
- Some schools require additional essays or portfolios beyond the Common App to complete the application process.
- You must “invite” counselor and teacher.
- Counselor will upload your transcript, letter of rec, and school profile.
- If both applications are available, use Common App.



Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Tuition Savings Program

WUE enables students from 15 Western states and one territory to attend colleges at reduced tuition rates.

Wide Participation

Over 160 public colleges and universities participate, offering tuition rates up to 150% of in-state costs.

Eligibility and Criteria

Not all programs qualify; students must research schools to determine eligibility and application requirements.

Program Benefits

WUE makes higher education more accessible and affordable for students pursuing out-of-state studies.

Go to the **WUE (Western Undergraduate Exchange)** website to see which participating out-of-state community colleges and universities are listed

<https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/>

Requesting Transcripts

- **UC's:** DO NOT SEND your transcript unless you are specifically requested to do so.
- **CSU's:** DO NOT SEND your transcript unless you are specifically requested to do so.
- **Common App & Coalition:** Counselor will upload transcript, so you don't need to request it right now.
- **Out of State Colleges:** Request through Parchment. Mrs. Brito will get your request and will send your transcript to the college. <https://rioamericano.sanjuan.edu/resources/registrar>
- **Private colleges NOT on Common App or Coalition:** Request through Parchment. Mrs. Brito will get your request and will send your transcript to college. <https://rioamericano.sanjuan.edu/resources/registrar>

DEFINITIONS OF ADMISSION OPTIONS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

STUDENTS: WHICH COLLEGE ADMISSION PROCESS BEST *SUITS* YOU?

Regular Decision	Rolling Admission	Early Action (EA)	Early Decision (ED)	Restrictive Early Action (REA)
DEFINITION: Students submit an application by a specified date and receive a decision in a clearly stated period of time. COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	DEFINITION: Institutions review applications as they are submitted and render admission decisions throughout the admission cycle. COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	DEFINITION: Students apply early and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING	DEFINITION: Students make a commitment to a first-choice institution where, if admitted they definitely will enroll and withdraw all other applications. The application deadline and decision deadline occur early. COMMITMENT: BINDING	DEFINITION: Students apply to an institution of preference and receive a decision early. They may be restricted from applying ED or EA or REA to other institutions. If offered enrollment, they have until May 1 to confirm. COMMITMENT: NON-BINDING
Students are not restricted from applying to other institutions and have until May 1 to consider their options and confirm enrollment.			Students are responsible for determining and following restrictions.	

MY ROLE

Student's

- ▶ Plan
- ▶ Research
- ▶ **COMMUNICATE**
- ▶ Use resources
- ▶ Time Management
- ▶ Be Action Oriented
- ▶ Ask for help



Parent's

- ▶ Communicate
- ▶ Support
- ▶ **ENCOURAGE**
- ▶ Engage



Counselor's

- ▶ Guide
- ▶ **SUPPORT**
- ▶ Encourage
- ▶ Letters of Recs
- ▶ Counselor Reports
- ▶ Communicate



Student Athletes

- For students interested in playing a sport in college
- Register with NCAA Eligibility Center ASAP <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
 - Division 1 and Division 2
 - Requires paid certification account to certify academic readiness and amateur status
 - Division 3
 - Free profile page account to obtain NCAA ID#
 - NCAA course requirements are different than college admissions requirements
 - You may still need submit SAT or ACT scores depending on the requirements of the college admissions office.

Once you are registered with NCAA (Div I and II), email the Rio registrar, Ms. Brito, nicole.brito@sanjuan.edu to request that she upload your transcript to the NCAA portal.



Standardized Test Scores

SAT & AP: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>

ACT: <http://www.act.org/>



- UCs and CSUs are test blind, test scores are not used in the admissions process.
- Some private and out of state universities require the SAT or ACT for admissions, check with the specific campus.
 - During the application process, you will self report the score.
 - Official score reports will be sent in the summer to the campus at which you choose to enroll.
- For SAT and ACT scores you can choose which scores to send, or you can send all of your scores.
- For AP scores you will send your entire AP score report.

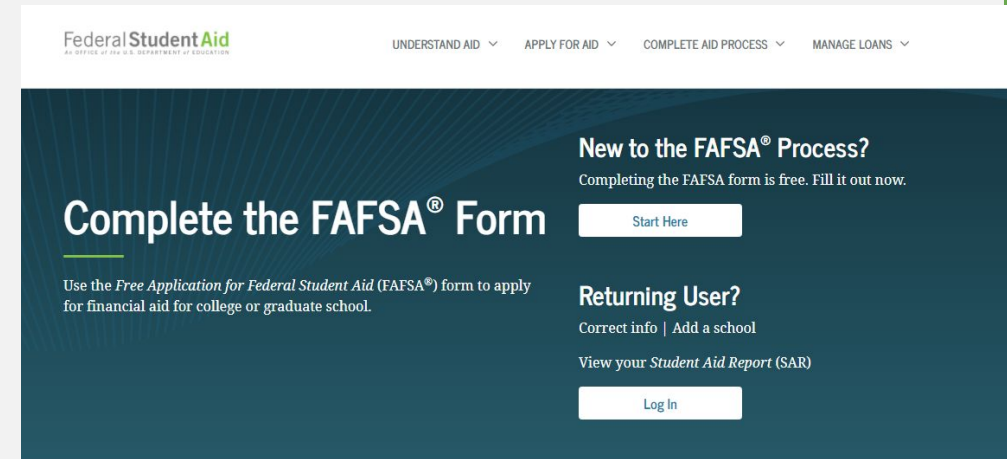
***RIO AMERICANO CANNOT SEND SAT, AP or ACT SCORES TO UNIVERSITIES;
YOU MUST ORDER & SEND SCORE REPORTS FROM THE TESTING WEBSITES***

Tips for filling out College Applications

- When applying to colleges, use a personal email address. Do NOT use your SJUSD email.
 - Use an appropriate email
- Check your email and college portals regularly.
- Double check your work. Once you submit your application you can't go back and edit.
- Use spell check.
- List everything accurately (grades, test scores, class titles, extra-curriculars, etc.)
- Do not have your parent or anyone else fill out your applications.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- **Free Application For Federal Student Aid:** <https://studentaid.gov/>
 - Needed for students attending 4-year universities, 2-year colleges and trade programs
- **2027-2028 Important Information:**
 - FAFSA will open in October 1, 2026
 - Priority deadline: March 2, 2027
 - Using 2025 Tax Year/Income
 - Direct exchange between IRS and Department of Education
- **Scholarships:**
 - Use Naviance Scholarship Match.
 - Counseling page on the Rio Americano website. Updated throughout the year.
 - Check out the colleges you're applying to because they may offer scholarships.



Application help from your counselor

Counselors are available at lunch for drop-in appointments. If you need support with college applications, please stop by during lunch. We are happy to review any part of your application before you submit it.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

UC/CSU App Workshops @ Lunch

CSU/UC Apps Due 11/30

Later this year...

- Students will receive a presentation in their English class on community colleges, 4 year colleges, and trade schools this fall.
- Each senior will get a 1:1 meeting with their counselor in September.
 - SJUSD College Night is held at Rio October 15th
 - Community College Info Night will be held early in Semester 2
 - Graduation Ceremony will be at Memorial Auditorium, Date TBA
- Keep working hard so you can earn your diploma in June. You must finish all credits to participate in the graduation ceremony.

