

Overview:

California State University & University of California Systems (CSU's & UC's)

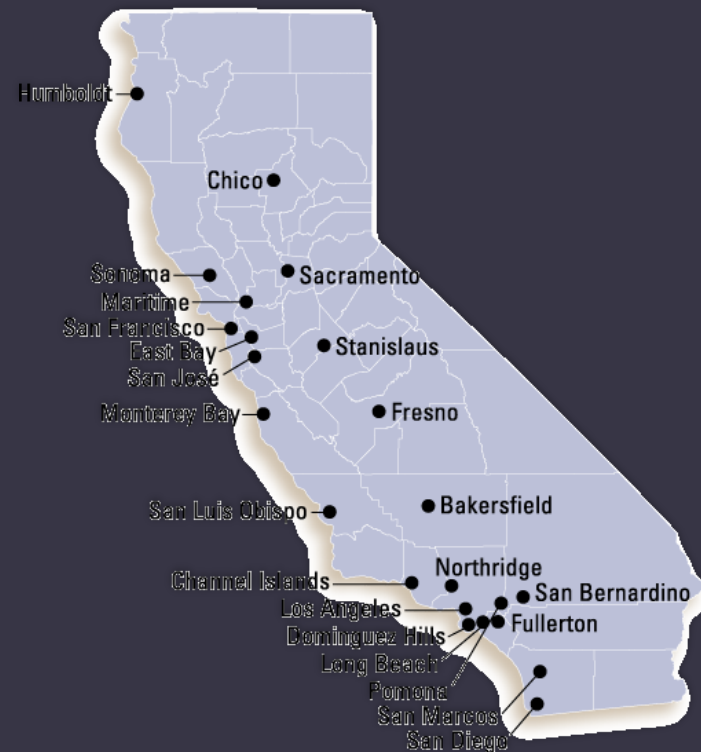
Trivia: Which is the oldest CSU, and in which year was it built?

Overview of CSU's and UC

- **What are the UC/CSU Systems?**
- What can I do now to be eligible?
- What are the application deadlines?
- What does it cost?
- What does "impaction" mean?
- What are the similarities?
- What are the differences?
- What resources are out there?
- What questions do you have?

California State University (CSU's)

- 23 Campuses
- “4 Year” Programs and Post Bac.
 - Bachelors’ of Arts and Science
 - Masters Degrees
 - Teaching Credentials
- Requirements
 - A-G Subject Req.
 - GPA



First CSU.... San Jose State! Built in 1857 Go Spartans!

Eligibility Criteria for CSU's



❑ Eligibility

- ❑ A – G coursework (15 units)
Grades in A – G courses
- ❑ GPA: Grades in A-G courses
- ❑ High School Graduation
- ❑ 2.5 GPA (different in local context)
- ❑ Impacted majors may exist on some campuses
- ❑ ACT/SAT test to determine placement
(no longer used for admissions)

Knowing the A-G's

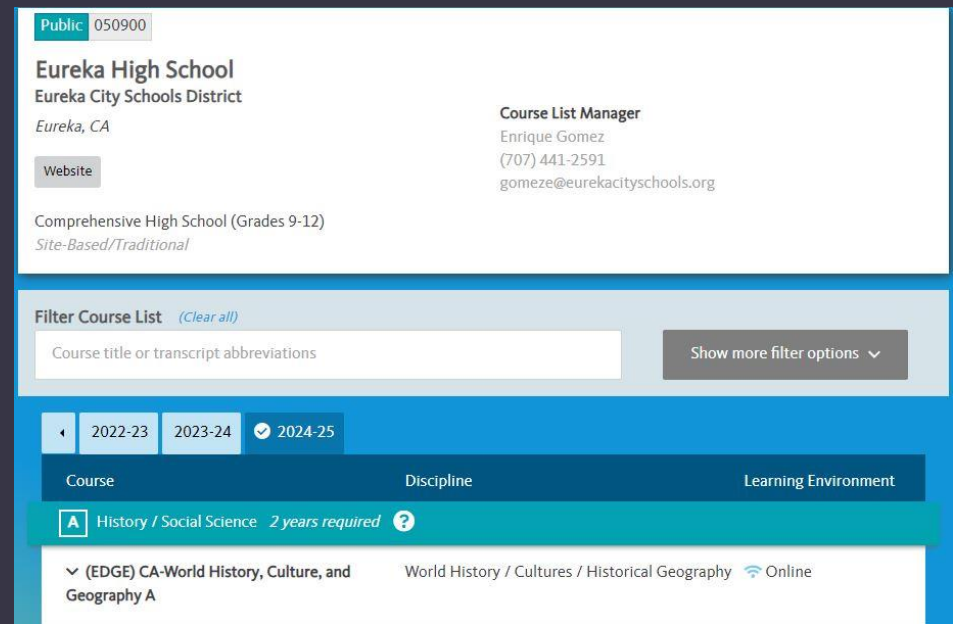
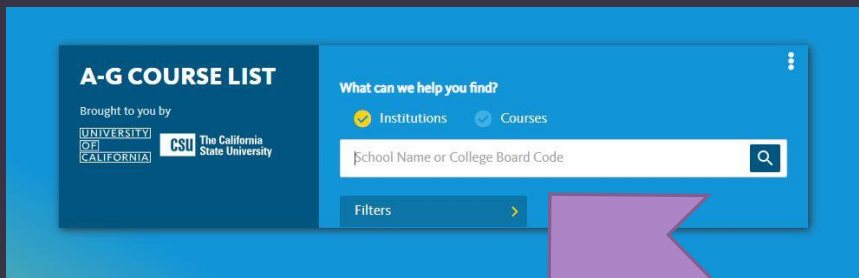
To be eligible for UC's and CSU's you **NEED** a **C** or **better** in these classes:

Letter	Area	Years Required	Years Recommended
A	History/Social Sciences	2 years	
B	English	4 years	
C	Mathematics	3 years	4 years
D	Laboratory Sciences	2 years	3 years
E	Language Other Than English	2 years	3 years
F	Visual and Performing Arts	1 year	
G	College-Preparatory Electives	1 year	

Knowing the A-G's cont.

Find out your school specific A-G requirements:

<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>



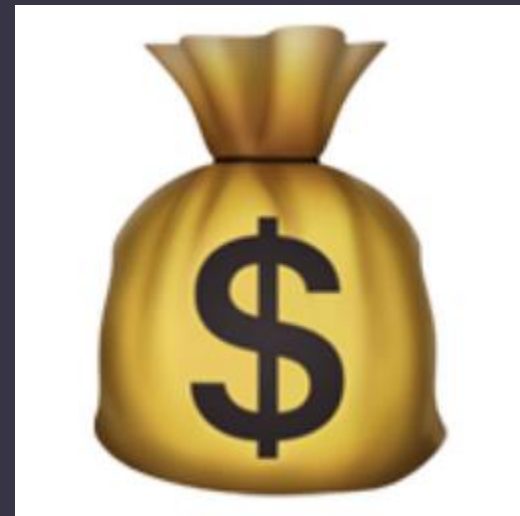
CSU Application Process

- www.calstateapply.edu
- Oct. 1st – **Dec. 2nd**
- Take ACT/SAT by
December of your
Senior year (placement)



Average Cost of Attendance

- **On Campus:**
 - \$25,500 (ish)
- **Off Campus**
 - \$32,700 (ish)
- **With Parents**
 - \$23,100 (ish)
- **Tuition: \$7,600 (ish)**



University of California (UC's)

- **10 Campuses**
 - 9 for Undergraduates
- **“4 Year” Programs & Post Bac.**
 - Bachelor's of Arts & Science
 - Master's Degrees
 - Doctorate Degrees
- **Requirements**
 - A-G Subject Requirements
 - GPA
 - Graduation



Eligibility Criteria for UC's



- Eligibility
 - A – G coursework (15 units total)
11 of them complete before the 12th grade.
 - High School Graduation
 - 3.0 **minimum** weighted GPA (no grade lower than C)
- **Impacted campuses/majors may require SAT Subject tests**
- Top 9% in your class = guaranteed admission (UC's overall if min. req. met)
- Holistic Review
- SAT/ACT – may be used as alt. method of fulfilling min. requirements or course placement

UC Application Process

- ❑ www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- ❑ Aug. 1st (prep period)
- ❑ **OCT. 1 – DEC. 2nd** (filing period)
- ❑ Compose **Personal Insight Questions**



Personal Insight Questions (PIQ's)

- You will have 8 questions to choose from. You must respond to only 4 of the 8 question
- Each response is limited to a **maximum of 350 words.**
- Which questions you choose to answer is entirely up to you:
But you should select questions that are most relevant to **your experience** and that **best reflect your individual circumstances**

3 examples (out of 8)

- Describe an example of your leadership experience in which you have positively influenced others, helped resolve disputes or contributed to group efforts over time.
- Describe how you have taken advantage of a significant educational opportunity or worked to overcome an educational barrier you have faced.
- What have you done to make your school or your community a better place?

Holistic Review: 13 Factors

Beyond grades and test scores

- Academic GPA
- Courses beyond A – G
- Honors/AP/IBO
- Top 9% of HS class, end of junior year
- **Senior Year Classes**
- **Doing all you can with what is offered**
- Outstanding in a subject
- Outstanding projects
- **Marked academic improvement**
- Special talents/achievements
- Special Projects tied w/curriculum
- **Accomplishments in light of tougher circumstances**
- **Location of your school/home**

Average Cost of Attendance

○ On Campus:

○ \$45,300 (ish)

○ Off Campus:

○ \$43,600 (ish)

○ **TUITION & Fees: \$20,134**

Fun Fact: “more than 53% of UC’s California undergrads pay no tuition”

[https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-cost-of-attendance/)

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Estimated average costs for California residents, 2025–26

This chart estimates the cost of attending UC for one year as a new California resident undergraduate. For a significant proportion of our students, these expenses are offset by grants and scholarships.

Keep in mind that your total cost will vary depending on your personal expenses and the campus you attend.

Direct costs	On campus	Off campus
UC Tuition	\$14,934	\$14,934
Campus fees	\$1,700	\$1,700
Campus housing and meals	\$20,500	
Health insurance allowance/fee	\$3,500	\$3,500
Total direct costs	\$40,634	\$20,134

Indirect costs	On campus	Off campus
Books and supplies	\$1,400	\$1,400
Housing & meals		\$18,000
Personal transportation	\$3,200	\$4,100
Total indirect costs	\$4,600	\$23,500

TOTAL COST (direct and indirect)	\$45,234	\$43,634
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Impaction (both CSU's and UC's)

- Impaction means that a campus receives more eligible applicants than they can accommodate and therefore must restrict enrollment to that campus (often requiring higher eligibility standards)
- Impacted Campuses
- Impacted Majors and Programs
- Impacted Groups: (Freshman, Transfers)

Similarities



- Public Institutions
- A – G Rigorous Curriculum
 - GPA after 9th Grade
- ACT or SAT exams **for placement**
- Offers Bachelors, Masters, and Professional Degrees
- Have impacted/closed majors at some campuses
- Only have to fill out one application for all 23 CSU's or 10 UC's. (Fee's apply to each)

Differences

- The Application Process
- The Cost of Attendance
- Holistic Review (UC)



List of Resources

- www.assist.org (A – G)
- www.calstateapply.edu
(Apply)
- www.universityofcalifornia.edu
(Apply)
- www.fafsa.gov (Free Money)
- www.actstudent.org (ACT)
- www.collegeboard.org (SAT)



Ask Yourself...

- Am I on the A – G college prep track?
- Whose responsibility is it to make sure I am?
- What if I have a “D” grade on my transcript in an A – G course?
- Who can I go to for guidance and assistance?

WHERE CAN YOU GO?

- High School Counselor
- AVID/TRiO/CalSOAP
- High School Teachers
- The colleges in your area
- The internets, specific campus website
- Me! (Gema) 707-826-3576
- AND.....



ONE MORE COOL WEBSITE!!!

www.californiacolleges.edu

- **Career Planning**
 - Explore Careers and Job Outlooks
- **High School Planning**
 - Planning timeline, How to succeed in High School
- **College Planning**
 - Explore Schools, Programs, Majors, and test prep
- **Financial Aid Planning**
 - Scholarships, Grants, etc...
- **Your Portfolio**
 - Tools and Resources appropriate to YOU.

Questions?

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<https://hcoe.org/college-expo/>

