

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Community College

Admission requires high school graduation or being 18 with the ability to profit from community college instruction. At the community college students can complete the first two years of college and transfer as juniors to universities and colleges in California and elsewhere providing they have successfully completed the appropriate course work. Students can also receive vocational and business training which will enable them to enter an occupation. Assessment testing (Math and English) should be taken in the spring of the senior year.

Private Colleges and Universities

Admission requirements vary greatly with each school ranging from the very demanding to the less stringent admission standards. Private schools often take into consideration factors other than the grade point average and test scores. Such factors as special talents and aptitudes, religious affiliation, and high school activities may play a part in the admissions policies at some schools.

Admission to CSU

There are 23 campuses of the California State Universities. Admission is based on the student's state college grade point average and his/her score on the ACT or SAT. The state college GPA is based on work completed in the 10th and 11th grades excluding physical education and military science.

Applications and test dates are available in the Career Center. Information is also available on SAT preparation classes, SAT workshops and study guides. The California State universities also require an English Placement and a Math Placement test. After application is submitted, you will be notified as to time and place of tests.

To be eligible for admission, students with a given grade point average must present the corresponding ACT composite or SAT total score. In general, the lower the GPA the higher the test score required and conversely, the higher the GPA the lower the test scores required. Students with a 3.00 or higher GPA are eligible with any score on the entrance examination. Questions/Applications at www.csumentor.edu.

Admission to UC

The University of California has 9 campuses. The UC in San Francisco is primarily a graduate program in the health professions.

To be eligible for admission to the University of California as a freshman you must meet the Subject Scholarship and Examination Requirements.

If you have any questions or need assistance in determining your eligibility, please contact your school counselor or the Office of Relations with Schools or admissions on the nearest UC campus. Final determination is made by the Campus Admissions Office.

Questions at www.universityofcalifornia.edu.

Subject Requirement

To satisfy this requirement, students must have successfully completed a specific sequence of high school courses often called the "a-g subjects."

To be accepted by the University, they must appear on a list certified by the high school principal as "Courses to Meet Requirements for Admission to the University of California." The grades earned in the "a-g" subjects taken in the 10th and 11th grades are the only grades the University will use to calculate the grade point average for admission. If students take more courses than the minimum required in an "a-g" subject, the University will use only the highest grades earned.

A student is required to complete 15 "a-g" subjects as described above. At least seven of the required units must be taken in the last two years of high school.

Examination Requirements

All freshman applicants must submit test scores, as described below.

1. One aptitude test, either SAT Reasoning Test or ACT/with writing. The composite score will be reported.
2. Two SAT Subject Tests chosen from 2 different subject areas.

** Beginning with the class of 2012, the UC's are no longer requiring the SAT Subject Tests.*

Admission by Examination Alone

If you do not meet the scholarship and subject requirements for admission and have completed less than 12 transferable college units since graduation, you can qualify for admission as a freshman by examination alone. To qualify by examination alone you must score at least 1200 on the SAT. Your total score on the three achievement tests must be 1650 or higher, with no score less than 500 in an individual Achievement Test. High school graduation or a Certificate of Proficiency is required for students who qualify for admission by examination.

For a list of colleges and universities that do not require entrance tests check www.fairtest.org.