CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY & UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL OVERVIEW & APPLICATION TIPS

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES (CSU)

- Nation's largest university system with 23 great options

- Known for quality teaching and preparing job-ready graduates; "learn by doing" approach

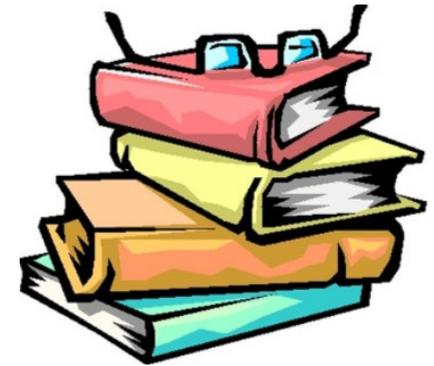- More affordable university education for California residents

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

- System of public research universities highly ranked worldwide

- 9 undergraduate campuses; theoretical approach

- Known for pioneering research, innovation, and discovery

- Davis
- Berkeley
- Santa Cruz
- Merced
- Santa Barbara
- Los Angeles
- Irvine
- Riverside
- San Diego

A-G REQUIREMENTS *(SEE HANDOUT)*

- Both the UC's and CSU's utilize the A-G requirements.

- Sequence of required high school courses.

  - Minimum Grades of "C" or better in required subjects.

  - GPA / 10-12 Weighted GPA *(extra grade points limited to 8 semesters)*

- www.ucop.edu/agguide/

- See CSU/UC Comparison Handout for more specific info.

A-G COURSE AREAS

- (A) History / Social Science *(2 years required)*
- (B) English *(4 years required)*
- (C) Mathematics *(3 years required / 4 recommended)*
- (D) Lab Science *(2 years required / 3 recommended)*
- (E) Language Other Than English *(2 years required / 3 recommended)*
- (F) Visual & Performing Arts *(1 year required)*
- (G) College Preparatory Elective *(1 year required)*

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Schools vary by size, selectivity/impaction, location, and majors offered

- Campuses may offer virtual or in-person tours

- Admissions Reps may visit Bonita High School/Career Center virtually or in-person *(watch for dates in Daily Bulletin)*

- Research majors and compare campuses at:

  - www2.calstate.edu/apply

  - admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/campuses-majors/

  - www.californiacolleges.edu.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES (COLLEGE SEARCH)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- **Must meet CSU or UC Eligibility**
  - Complete the A-G course requirements
  - Each course should be completed with C- or better.
  - Validation rules only apply in Math / LOTE *(CSU/UC)*, and Chemistry *(CSU only)*
  - Minimum GPA's may vary by campus or major
  - **UC's – 3.0 min GPA**
  - **CSU's – 2.5 min GPA** (2.0-2.49 for some less selective campuses w/ supplemental criteria)

SAT & ACT TESTING CHANGES / UPDATES

- **For Seniors,** the CSU & UC Campuses are <u>not</u> requiring or using the SAT or ACT for admission or scholarship purposes. Scores may only be used for placement purposes <u>after</u> the student has been admitted.

- **For 9th-11th grade,** the **UC** plans to continue <u>not</u> relying on SAT/ACT for admission.

- However, the **CSU** has temporarily suspended usage of SAT/ACT <u>so stay tuned</u>!

- **AP test scores** should still be reported on CSU & UC applications.

- **BHS will be offering a FREE SAT test for Juniors in March. Sign ups will be in December.**

CSU & UC IMPACTION *(SEE HANDOUTS)*

California State University

- 7 CSU campuses that are <u>fully impacted</u> (more selective) in all majors include: Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, and San Luis Obispo.

- Other 16 CSU campuses may be <u>less impacted</u> at the first-time freshmen level depending on the major.

- See the 2022-23 *CSU Impacted Programs Matrix* Handout.

University of California

- Some UC campuses have much lower admit rates and higher average GPA's than other campuses, so <u>apply broadly</u>. For example, UCLA had a 10.8% admit rate and UC Merced had an 87.6% admit rate last year.

- UC's are also looking at number of A-G classes, rigor, extracurricular activities, leadership, community service, etc.

- See the *UC Freshman Application Data* Handout & *Helpful Hints on Activities & Awards*

CAL POLY POMONA INFORMATION

- Cal Poly Pomona has slightly higher eligibility requirements for Out-of-Area students due to impaction. (more than 20 programs impacted)

- PERK!! Local Area (BHS) students have admission priority to non-impacted majors; slight advantage for impacted major(s).

CAL POLY POMONA BRONCOS

TO GET STARTED WITH APPLICATION (FOR SENIORS):

- Create email for college applications

- Create account with username and password at www2.calstate.edu/apply (CSU) or admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply (UC)

- Have following items available:

  - High school transcript

    - <u>SSID</u>: Statewide Student ID# on <u>bottom left hand corner of transcript</u>.

  - SAT/ACT (not required), AP Test Scores

  - Application fee $70 (per campus)

  - Accept check, money order, credit / debit card, or fee waiver

CSU & UC APPLICATION INFO *(SEE "SENIOR TIPS FOR CSU/UC" HANDOUT)*

QUICK TIP

California State University

- Submit anytime between <u>October 1 – November 30</u>.

- **No personal statements** or essays for CSU, except for special programs or some scholarships.

- **No letters of recommendation**, except for EOP or some scholarships.

- Only send transcripts if requested; some campuses may request a **7th semester transcript** including the senior's grades from first semester.

- Choose a **first choice major** and an **alternate major** if allowed.

University of California

- Submit anytime between <u>November 1 – November 30</u>. Can start working on application in August.

- Answer 4 of 8 Personal Insight Questions **(PIQ's)**

- Complete **Activities & Awards** section of application.

- **No letters of recommendation**, except for some majors or scholarships. Sometime Berkeley will ask for one after the application has bee<u>n</u> submitted.

- 7th Semester transcripts are generally <u>**not**</u> requested.

- Choose a **first choice major** and **alternate major** if allowed.

APPLICATION FEE WAIVER

- You will be notified at the time you apply if you qualify.

- Upon qualification you are allotted a max of 4 fee waivers to the CSU or UC.

- Not based on school's free/reduced lunch program.

EOP – EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Who might qualify?

- Low income

- First generation

- Historically disadvantaged students with academic potential for success

- Students must apply to EOP to qualify and provide the CSU with names/emails of two recommenders that can speak to your qualifications for the program.

What are some of the benefits?

- Summer transition programs

- Extra advisement

- Tutoring

- Skills development programs

- EOP Grant (part of financial aid)

CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOPS *(SENIOR STUDENTS)*

- <u>CSU Application Workshops</u> for Senior Students in the BHS Library

  - Tues, October 19th (2:45-4:30pm)

  - Thurs, October 21st (2:45-4:30pm)

  - Just show up if you need help!

CSU

The California State University

UC APPLICATION WORKSHOPS *(SENIOR STUDENTS)*

- <u>UC Application Workshops</u> for Senior Students in the BHS Library
  - Tues, November 2nd (2:45-4:30pm)
  - Thurs, November 4th (2:45-4:30pm)
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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION QUESTIONS / CUSTOMER SERVICE *(SENIORS)*

CSU Customer Service

- *Live Chat* feature in the application.

- Contact 857-304-2087

- CalStateApply@liaisoncas.com

  - Check website for hours of operation

  - Campus specific questions should be directed to your individual program or campus.

UC Customer Service

- *Live Chat* feature in the application.

- Contact 800-207-1710

- ucinfo@applyucsupport.net

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