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University High School

Senior Parent Information Meeting

CLASS OF 2026

A copy of this presentation and handout will be available on our website after this presentation.



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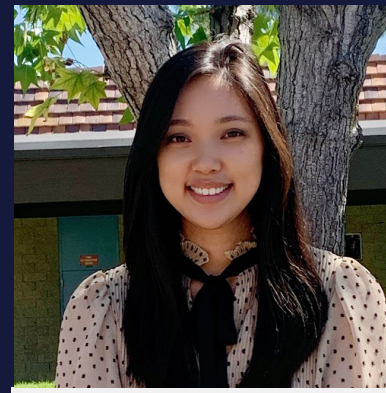
Meet the Counselors



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Today's Agenda



Graduation Requirements



Community College Overview



College Admission Requirements



College Application Processes



Financial Aid



Reminders



Graduation progress can be tracked on the parent portal.

The senior letter went out to students via Canvas and Parent Square. Please make sure your student has read this letter.



Senior meetings were held on September 8th.

Meeting materials are available on Canvas.



Students need 215 credits, including all required courses.

Course requirements include Health, PE, Political Science & Economics.

High School Diploma vs. “A-G” Requirements

<u>CONTENT AREA</u>	<u>HS DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS</u>	<u>A-G REQUIREMENTS</u>
Grade Requirement	D- or higher	C- or higher
English	4 years	4 years
Mathematics	2 years Must include Math 1	3 years required, (4 years recommended) <i>Requires successful completion of Math 3</i>
Science	2 years	2 years required, 3 recommended <i>1 year physical and 1 year biological science</i>
Social Science World History US History Economics Political Science	3 years (1 year) (1 year) (1 semester) (1 semester)	2 years (1 year) (1 year)
World Language/Fine Arts/CTE	1 year	2 years World Language (3 years recommended) <u>AND</u> 1 year Visual/Performing Arts
Physical Education	2 years	
Health	1 semester	
Electives	70 additional credits = 215 credits total	1 year <i>from approved a-g course list</i>

Reasons to Attend Community College



AFFORDABILITY

\$1,350 per year for tuition
(approx.)

FREE two years for CA residents
(CA Promise Program)



SCHOOL/LIFE BALANCE



ACADEMIC FLEXIBILITY



TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

TAG (Transfer Admission Guarantee):
6/9 UC schools participate & 94-97% of
transfers come from community college
TAP (Transfer Alliance Program): UCLA



PERSONALIZED ATTENTION

IVC Honors Program: 3.25
unweighted academic GPA

IVC Honors Program
Application Workshop

2/19/26 via Zoom

bit.ly/ivc-honors-workshop



UNDECIDED MAJOR

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)

Average GPA of Students Admitted to UC System (Non-Selective Majors)

	High School <i>Middle 25-75%</i>	Community College <i>Middle 25-75%</i>	TAG Program?	TAG GPA
UC Berkeley	4.15 - 4.29	3.62-3.97		N/A
UC Davis	4.0 - 4.26	3.43-3.89	✓	3.2 - 3.5
UC Irvine	4.04 - 4.27	3.54-3.92	✓	3.4
UC Los Angeles	4.20 - 4.30	3.72-4.00		N/A
UC Merced	3.41 - 4.04	3.14-3.75	✓	2.8 - 3.0
UC Riverside	3.66 - 4.15	3.19-3.82	✓	2.7 - 3.6
UC San Diego	4.10 - 4.28	3.45-3.91		N/A
UC Santa Barbara	4.13 - 4.29	3.46-3.91	✓	3.4
UC Santa Cruz	3.87 - 4.22	3.21-3.83	✓	3.0

IVC Matriculation Steps

- 1 Apply to IVC
- 2 Submit transcripts
Self-guided placement
- 3 Apply for financial aid
- 4 Orientation
- 5 Advisement/first semester plan
- 6 Register for classes

More info:

<https://admissions.ivc.edu/apply/advantage>

- IVC Counselor Marcy Mendoza is available every other Monday starting September 15th in the CCC during lunch for application help (for students)
- IVC Outreach Specialist Anne Akers can be found during lunch in the crossroads every Friday for general information (for students)

***All steps need to be completed by May 7th (2026 Freshman Advantage Program)**

CSU Overview

- 23 campuses
- 2.5 GPA minimum needed to apply
 - 2.4 - 2.0 may be considered for admission based upon supplemental factors (including household income, GPA in math/science, etc.)
- SAT/ACT scores not considered for admission
- Campus impactation
 - More selective admission criteria
 - 3 categories: non-impacted, some majors impacted, impacted in all majors

Campuses not currently impacted

- Monterey Bay
- Maritime
- Dominguez Hills



CSU Application

- One application for multiple schools
 - <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
 - Grades are SELF-REPORTED → do not send transcript at time of application
 - If your student is reporting SAT/ACT scores for placement purposes (optional), you must submit official test scores
 - No letters of recommendations needed/accepted
- Filing period: October 1st - December 1st
 - After application has been submitted, student will receive an email from each CSU to open an account.
 - Check account on a weekly basis; you could miss a deadline!
 - Some CSUs may ask for a transcript after fall semester of 12th grade
- Final Transcript must be sent by July 1st!

UC Application

- **Nine campuses, one application**
 - <https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu/my-application/login>
 - Application opens: August 1st
 - Filing period: October 1st -December 1st
- **Do not send any official test scores or transcripts**
 - Students self-report grades and scores, and submit official information only to the UC you will attend
 - SAT/ACT scores NOT considered for admission
- **No letters of recommendation accepted/required**
- **March 1-March 31-admissions notifications received through campus portal**
- **May 1-SIR (Student Intent to Register) Due. Submit only one!**
- **July 1-Final Transcript Due**



UC Admissions

Factors for Comprehensive Review:

- Academic GPA in A-G Course Completion (3.0 Minimum)
- Quality of Courses
- Honors & AP Courses
- ELC
- Senior Year Courses
- Quality of Academic Performance
- Outstanding Academic Performance
- Outstanding Academic Accomplishments
- Improvement
- Special Talents, Achievements, Awards
- Special Projects
- Overcoming Special Circumstance
- Location



UC Personal Insight Questions

Applicants will be asked to give short answers to four personal insight questions out of eight options.

There is no advantage to choosing certain questions over others.

These questions are meant to let a student's unique voice and personality shine through.

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/personal-insight-questions.html>

Private & Out of State Schools



www.commonapp.org

Check to see if the colleges you are applying to are using the Common Application.

If not, check each college's website for application details.

Requirements for testing and grades vary from school to school.

Most private and out of state schools are test-optional.

Please check each school's website for specific standardized testing requirements.

Out-of-State Schools

- Merit/Need-based scholarships offset out-of-state fees
- Pay reduced tuition and fees through Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Participating States

Alaska	Idaho	North Dakota	Washington
Arizona	Montana	Oregon	Wyoming
Colorado	Nevada	South Dakota	
Hawai'i	New Mexico	Utah	

For more information, please visit www.wiche.edu/wue

College Recommendations

Counselor

- Students must download the counselor recommendation packet from Canvas or UHS Counseling Website
- Please allow counselor **two weeks** to complete your recommendation
- If applying *EA/ED*, packet must be submitted by **October 1, 2025**
- If applying *REGULAR DECISION*, packet must be submitted no later than **November 12, 2025**

PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THAT A COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATION IS REQUIRED

Teacher

- Students should speak with each individual teacher they wish to request a recommendation from
- Students are recommended to ask teachers if they are willing/able to write a recommendation *before* sending the request on Common App
- If a teacher is using Common App/school electronic submission, they can request recommendation through Common App



Transcript

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UC/CSU Schools:

DO NOT send transcripts at time of application.
Transcripts can be sent once students have been accepted and plan to attend (final transcript only).

Schools with online portals for counselor submission:

Counselors will send the transcript.
This goes for Common App, Georgetown, MIT, etc.

Schools without online portals for counselor submission:

Student will need to send their own transcript.

Sending your transcript:

www.parchment.com

If schools don't accept electronic submissions, see Mrs. Buckland so an official copy can be mailed.

Application Workshops

Students can receive help with any of their college applications on
Wednesdays during office hours (9:55 am - 10:35 am)

Ms. Rohrer Ng and a counselor will be available in the MPR on:

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Wednesday, Oct. 15

Wednesday, Oct. 29

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Wednesday, Nov. 19

FAFSA Dates/Deadlines

IUSD Financial Aid Night



Time & Place TBD

FAFSA Opens by Oct. 1st



Visit [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) for details

June 30: FAFSA application closes



FAFSA needs to be completed by March 2nd for
CSU/UC Schools/Cal Grant Eligibility

Attend FAFSA Application Workshops



Office Hours

Tuesday, October 7th

Wednesday, October 8th

Thursday, October 9th

Students will be emailed with an
assigned date!

Check Email



It is imperative your students read and check their email regularly.

Make sure they're using an appropriate email address.

- Colleges and universities send most communications via email
 - Be sure they check spam & junk folders
- Using their name for their email address can make it easier for colleges to track students records
- We asked students to double check their email address on Aeries to ensure it is one they monitor regularly

College Admissions Stress



Be open and honest about college possibilities. Be realistic, well-informed and aware of limitations (financial, geographic, etc.).



Offer support, not influence. Lend a hand with organization and deadline reminders.



Understand some aspects are beyond anyone's control.



Make sure your students are taking care of themselves.

Personal and Social Resources

The following support is available on campus for all students



School Counselors

See alpha breakdown

Provide mental health and wellness, academic, and college and career support for all students



Project Success Support Specialist

Matthew Castillo

Provides small group support to build resiliency skills



Mental Health Specialists

Dr. Tohidian

Collaborate with school counselors to provide additional mental health support, crisis response services, and resource linkages to students and families

Personal and Social



IUSD Family Counseling Center

- Short-term evidence-based mental health services for students and families
- Group counseling
- Psycho-educational workshops
- Referrals to community agencies and other programs

The Well Space

- Room 218
- Open to students before school, snack, office hours, lunch and for short periods of decompression time during class

Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 988

- Available 24 hours
- Free and confidential support for people in distress
- Prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones

Say Something Anonymous Reporting System

- Available 24 hours
- Submit secure and anonymous safety concerns
- Help identify and intervene upon at-risk individuals before they hurt themselves or others

Meet the College and Career Support Staff



Mrs. Rohrer Ng
College & Career Coordinator



Mr. Hernandez
ROP Specialist



Meet the CCC Ambassador Team

- COLLEGE & CAREER -



Follow Us @
uhs.ccc.ambassadors

- Instagram
- Newsletter
- New Events: Volunteer Fair & Alumni Panel

College & Career Center

College & Career

Welcome to the UHS College & Career Center!

Felicia Rohrer Ng, College & Career Coordinator (feliciang@iusd.org)

Jose Hernandez, ROP Career Specialist (josehernandez2@iusd.org)

RECENT FLYERS

IRVINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

College, Career & Life Readiness Fair

2024-2025

OCTOBER 28 • 5-7PM

All students, families & community members are invited to attend!



University High
4771 Campus Dr. Irvine, CA

- ✓ INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS
- ✓ SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES
- ✓ CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) PATHWAY INFORMATION
- ✓ COURSE ENROLLMENT
- ✓ LISTEN AND LEARN WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- ✓ NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION (NCAA) INFORMATION

COLLEGE RESOURCES



[UHS College Visits \(fall\)](#)



[IVC Dual Enrollment](#)



[2 & 4 Year Colleges](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID



[UHS Program Nominations](#)



[Scholarships](#)



[Financial Aid](#)

TESTING



[UHS AP Website](#)



[SAT](#)



[ACT](#)

Look for announcements on [CCC Canvas Page](#)

College & Career Center

- College Visits
- Workshops (Mock Admissions Workshop Sept. 24th)
- IUSD College Fair @ IHS on Oct. 28th
- Scholarships/Financial Aid
- Fee Waivers
- Standardized Test Information
- Community Service
- Work Permits
- Jobs/Internships/Career Fairs
- Resumes/Interviewing



What is Financial Aid?

Recommendation: Run the net price calculator for each school you are applying to check your cost

- Gift aid
 - Scholarships
 - Grants
- Self-help aid
 - Loans
 - Employment opportunities
- College and Career Center
 - Check out scholarship links



Coastline ROP

- After-bell ROP/CTE provider
- Senior spring interest
- UC/CSU – Transferable courses “G”
- Community College Articulations
- Internships
- Personalize the elective experience
- Distinguished Student Recognition
- Google classroom resource
- Contact Jose Hernandez: josehernandez2@iusd.org



SCAN ME

How to Contact Your Student's School Counselor



Send us an email



Call us on the phone



Schedule an appointment
to meet via Zoom



Schedule an appointment
to meet in person



Stay Informed



Check your student's graduation year class Canvas page



Follow us on Instagram @unicounselors



Visit universityhigh.iusd.org/counseling



Access California Colleges



Make sure your email address is updated in Aeries!