

California Higher Education Opportunities

See your counselor or College and Career Center Coordinator, or visit the websites for specific college preparatory courses offered at your school.

	Community Colleges	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Independent Colleges
Website	www.cccco.edu	www.csumentor.edu	admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu	www.naicu.edu
Number of Campuses	109 Statewide	23 Statewide	10 Statewide	76 Statewide
Nature of Programs and Curriculum	Two year colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer coursework • AA and AS degrees • Vocational certificates • Career and job entry majors 	Four year colleges with undergraduate and graduate programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various majors/programs, depending on campus • Pre-professional programs • BA and BS degrees • MA and MS degrees • Teaching credentials • Doctorate degrees offered at some campuses 	Four year colleges with undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various majors/programs, depending on campus • Pre-professional programs • BA and BS degrees • MA and MS degrees • Teaching credentials • Doctorate degrees • Professional degrees (e.g. medicine, law, dentistry) 	Various programs and majors. Environment, size, focus and academic reputations vary. Some are religiously affiliated.
Education and Emphasis	<i>Education:</i> Theoretical and applied <i>Emphasis:</i> Preparation for a four year college and the work place	<i>Education:</i> Theoretical and applied <i>Emphasis:</i> Preparation for graduate school and employment	<i>Education:</i> Primarily theoretical <i>Emphasis:</i> Research, preparation for graduate school	<i>Education:</i> Theoretical and applied <i>Emphasis:</i> Usually liberal arts
Term Type	Semester or quarter systems, depending on the campus	Semester or quarter systems, depending on the campus	Mostly quarter system, but depends on the campus	Semester or quarter systems, depending on the campus
Average Cost/Year	Approximately	Approximately	Approximately	Approximately
Living On-Campus	\$13,000	\$23,000	\$32,000	\$50,000
Living Off-Campus	\$17,000	\$25,000	\$28,000	\$46,000
Living at Home	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$22,000	\$41,000
	www.californiacolleges.edu/finance/how-much-does-college-cost.asp			
How Supported	Public taxes and student fees	Public taxes and student fees	Public taxes and student fees	Private funds and tuition fees
Freshmen Entrance Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No subject requirements • Must be 18 OR a high school graduate OR have high school equivalency, either CHSPE or GED test • No SAT or ACT required • Placement exams in English and Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 15 CSU A-G subject requirements • Minimum 2.0 GPA in A-G subjects; all A-G courses must be met with a grade "C" or better • Below 3.0 GPA requires SAT or ACT • GPA calculated in courses taken in 10-12 grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 15 UC A-G subject requirements • Minimum 3.0 GPA in A-G subjects; all A-G courses must be met with a grade "C" or better • ACT plus Writing or SAT; some recommend SAT subject tests • GPA calculated in courses taken in 10-12 grades 	Variety of requirements. Most prefer students who have met the CSU or UC entrance requirements. Check catalogs, websites or contact the admissions office for specifics.