

University High School Senior Parent Coffee

Class of 2021

*Please visit the UHS Counseling Webpage by going to “Counseling” on the UHS Website or at <http://universityhigh.iusd.org/counseling> as well as the UHS Counseling Canvas page

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Please note that this alpha breakdown will be used for all student needs EXCEPT any required counselor recommendations for college admissions -- the alpha breakdown from the 19-20 school year will be used for counselor recommendations

Important Websites/Resources

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

Angela Gatlin– Coordinator (email: angelagatlin@iusd.org)

*Visit the College & Career Center website for information on colleges, UHS college visits, financial aid, scholarships and more. (<http://universityhigh.iusd.org/ccc> or go to “Counseling” then “College & Career” on the UHS Website)

COLLEGE WEBSITES

- www.universityofcalifornia.edu (UC system)
- www2.calstate.edu (Cal State University system)
- www2.assist.org (Explore college majors at UC, Cal State, and Community Colleges)
- www.commonapp.org (Common Application)
- www.californiacolleges.edu (Links and resources for all Colleges and Universities in CA)
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TESTING WEBSITES

SAT I Reasoning Test and SAT II Subject Tests

*<http://www.collegeboard.com/>

SAT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Oct. 3	Sep. 4	Sep. 22
Nov. 7	Oct. 7	Oct. 27
Dec. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 24

ACT Test

* <http://www.actstudent.org/>

ACT	Registration	
Test Date	Deadline	Late Fee Required
Oct. 10, 17, 24, 25	Sep. 17	Sept. 18-25
Dec. 12	Nov. 6	Nov. 7-20

*Please note that many universities are now test-optional and may not require SAT or ACT scores. If scores are required, students must send official test scores to colleges through these websites**

Financial Aid Websites:

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (application for financial aid)

<http://www.fastweb.com/> (scholarship search)

<http://www.calgrants.org/> (information on Cal Grants)

SENDING OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

UC and CSU do not require transcripts until you have been accepted and plan to attend (final transcript only). For schools with a portal for counselors to upload information (i.e. CommonApp, Coalition, SendEDU, MIT, Georgetown, etc.) counselors will send your official transcript (make sure that you are inviting your counselor to upload your transcript in this scenario). If schools do not provide an option for counselors to submit transcripts for you, you will be responsible for sending your own transcript. Please either see Mrs. Yang to obtain an official copy to be mailed or visit Parchment [here](#) to send electronically and track your transcript.

UNI High School Graduation Requirements

Credit Requirement – 215 credits

A semester course = 5 credits

Typically a student earns: 30 credits/semester; 60 credits/year

All students are required to complete the following:

- A. English – Forty (40) credits
- B. Social Science - Thirty (30) credits (Global/World, US History, Political Science, and Economics).
- C. Health – Five (5.0) credits
- D. Science - Twenty (20) credits
- E. Mathematics - Twenty (20) credits including Algebra 1/Math 1.
- F. Physical Education - Twenty (20) credits
- G. Visual Performing Art - Ten (10) credits of either a visual or performing art OR World Language OR CTE (Career Technical Education)

College Eligibility Requirements

“a – g” MINIMUM Subject Requirements for UC/CSU schools

All students are required to complete the following requirements with a “C-” or higher in order to be UC / CSU eligible:

- A. History** - 2 years of history/social science, including:
 - 1 year of World History (Global)
 - 1 year of US History or ½ a year of US History and ½ a year of Civics (Econ) or Government (Poli. Sci.)
- B. English** – 4 years required of college preparatory English
- C. Mathematics** – 3 years required, 4 recommended including:
 - 1 year of Algebra 1/Math 1, 1 year of Geometry/Math 2, & 1 year of Algebra 2/Math 3
- D. Science** – 2 years of laboratory science required, 3 years recommended including: 1 year of Biology & 1 year of Chemistry
- E. World Language** – 2 years required, 3 recommended
- F. Visual and Performing Art** – 1 year required
 - 1 yearlong Visual or Performing Art course
 - Examples: Dance, Drama, Art, Music, etc.
- G. College Preparatory Elective** – 1 year in addition to those required in “A – F” categories (i.e. History, Social Science, Math, World Language, etc.)

**** Please note that due to covid-19, the CSU and UC systems are suspending the letter grade requirement for A-G courses completed in spring 2020 for all students. A mark of “CR” in an A-G course from spring 2020 will satisfy requirements.**

NEED HELP WITH YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS?

Virtual Application Workshops: Get help with any of your college applications on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 with Mrs. Gatlin and a Counselor

Wed. Oct. 7

Wed. Oct. 14

Wed. Oct. 21

Wed. Oct. 28

Wed. Nov. 14

Wed. Nov. 28

CAL STATE UPDATES

<http://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

- Testing
 - CSU will temporarily suspend the use of ACT/SAT examinations in determining admission eligibility for all CSU campuses for 2021-2022
- Admissions
 - Graduates of California high schools will be eligible for admission by earning a 2.50 or greater "a-g" GPA
 - A GPA between 2.00 and 2.49 may be evaluated for admission based upon supplemental factors
 - Campuses and programs designated as impacted may utilize higher "a-g" GPA thresholds for applicants, as well as identify supplemental criteria in making admission decisions
- Credit/No Credit
 - CSU will consider course grades of "credit" or "pass" as fulfilling "a-g" requirements for those courses completed during spring 2020
 - All other coursework must be graded and a grade of C- or better
 - Grades of credit/no credit will not be included in the calculation of high school GPA.

NON-IMPACTED CAMPUS	IMPACTED CAMPUS	ALL PROGRAMS IMPACTED
Will admit all <i>eligible</i> students *Some majors impacted	Local Region students admitted first *Out of region selected by EI Rank *Some majors impacted	Local region <i>not</i> guaranteed admission **pref. consideration for local region *ALL MAJORS IMPACTED
Bakersfield	Chico	Fresno
Channel Islands	East Bay	Fullerton
Dominguez Hills	Monterey Bay	Long Beach
Stanislaus	Northridge	San Diego
Maritime	Pomona	San Jose
San Francisco	Sacramento	San Luis Obispo
Humboldt	San Bernardino	Los Angeles
	San Marcos	
	Sonoma	

*This data comes from the 20-21 CSU admission cycle

UC INFORMATION

<http://universityofcalifornia.edu>

Statistics of UNI Acceptances to UCs - Class of 2020

UC Campus	Berkeley	Davis	Irvine	LA	Merced	Riverside	SD	SB	S. Cruz
Admits	38	56	64	35	27	90	67	88	64
Avg. GPA	4.34	4.20	4.21	4.37	3.78	3.97	4.32	4.25	4.01
GPA Range	4.00 - 4.61	3.70 - 4.61	3.57 - 4.61	3.78 - 4.61	3.08 - 4.61	3.21 - 4.61	3.49 - 4.61	3.70 - 4.61	3.11 - 4.61
Avg SAT	1520	1480	1480	1520	1400	1430	1520	1500	1450
SAT Range	1300 - 1590	1310 - 1590	1130 - 1590	1250 - 1590	1100 - 1570	1130 - 1580	1250 - 1590	1300 - 1590	1280 - 1570
Avg ACT	34	33	33	34	30	31	34	34	32
ACT Range	30 - 36	28 - 36	24 - 36	30 - 36	21 - 35	22 - 35	26 - 36	28 - 36	25 - 36

14 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW FACTORS

<https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/applying-as-a-freshman/how-applications-are-reviewed.html>

1. **GPA** – Weighted, academic GPA in all completed "a-g" courses (10-11th grade for eligibility)
2. **TEST SCORES** - Scores on the ACT w/ Writing or SAT Reasoning Test.
 - a. A judge recently issued a preliminary injunction barring University of California campuses from considering SAT or ACT scores in admissions or financial aid decisions after UC had previously decided to be test optional for the 2020-2021 admission cycle. The case is still developing.
 - b. Regardless of the ruling, **UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara and UC Santa Cruz** will **NOT** be using SAT/ACT for comprehensive review. Test scores might be used for class placement purposes.
 - c. SAT Subject Tests are not required but are recommended by some majors on some campuses. Go to: <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/freshman-requirements/exam-requirement/sat-subject-tests.html> for each campus' recommendations regarding SAT Subject Tests
3. **QUALITY OF COURSES** - Number of/performance in academic courses beyond the minimum "a-g" requirements.
4. **HONORS & AP COURSES** - Number of and performance in UC-approved honors and APs
5. **ELC** - Identification by UC as being ranked in the top 9 percent of your high school class at the end of your junior year (Eligible in the Local Context, or ELC).
6. **SENIOR YEAR COURSES** - Quality of your senior-year program as measured by the type and number of academic courses in progress or planned.
7. **QUALITY OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE** relative to the educational opportunities available in your high school.
8. **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCES** in one or more academic subject areas.
9. **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS** in one or more special projects in any academic field of study.
10. **IMPROVEMENT** - Recent, marked improvement in academic performance as demonstrated by academic GPA and the quality of coursework completed or in progress.
11. **SPECIAL TALENTS, ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS** in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate the student's promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of a campus.
12. **SPECIAL PROJECTS** - Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of your high school curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs.
13. **OVERCOMING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES** - Academic accomplishments in light of your life experiences and special circumstances.
14. **LOCATION** of your secondary school and residence.

California Community Colleges

Cost

Local Community College Tuition*	California State University Tuition*	University of California Tuition*
\$1,144 per year	\$5,742 per year	\$14,100 per year

*Cost does not include room and board or books and supplies

* Promise Program = First Two Years Free for CA Residents*

Transfer-Ability

- University of California**

Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) Program:

6 UC campuses (see chart below) offer guaranteed admission to California community college students who meet the GPA and other guidelines specific to that campus, by participating in a TAG program.

GPA of Students Admitted to UC System (Non-Selective Majors)				
	High School (middle 25-75%)	Community College (average)	TAG Program?	TAG GPA
UC Berkeley	4.0 - 4.3	3.77		N/A
UC Davis	4.0 - 4.3	3.48	✓	3.2 - 3.5
UC Irvine	3.9 - 4.3	3.51	✓	3.4
UC Los Angeles	4.2 - 4.3	3.71		N/A
UC Merced	3.4 - 3.9	3.24	✓	2.8 - 3.0
UC Riverside	3.6 - 4.1	3.25	✓	2.7 - 3.0
UC San Diego	4.0 - 4.3	3.64		N/A
UC Santa Barbara	4.0 - 4.3	3.54	✓	3.4
UC Santa Cruz	3.7 - 4.1	3.35	✓	3.0

- California State University Upper-Division Transfer Requirements**

You will need at least 60 semester or 90 quarter transferable units completed by the time you enter a CSU. To make admission decisions, CSU admissions offices look at 3 factors:

- o Your college grades
- o The college coursework you have completed, especially in general education
- o Whether you are in good standing at the last college or university you attended

COMMUNITY COLLEGE INFORMATION

IVC Information:

- IVC Information Night (TBD)
- IVC Freshman Advantage Program (Deadline: April 16, 2021)
- IVC counselor support
 - Irvine Valley College Counselor, Marcy Maldonado, is available to speak to you via telephone or online chat every **Monday from 9-1 pm** and every **Wednesday from 1-4 pm**. If you have any questions about your Matriculation, Transfer, K-12 Special Admissions, or anything else please send an email to mmaldonado22@ivc.edu. Mrs. Maldonado will then reply to you within 24-business hours to schedule an appointment during one of the times mentioned.
 - **Please include the following in your email:**
 - *Full name:*
 - *IVC Student ID# (if you have one):*
 - *High School:*
 - *Short details of what you need support with:*
- No placement tests! Use transcript for placement ☐ Ask your counselor for a copy

Promise Program

- Free tuition available for 2 years at California Community Colleges
 - Must be CA resident and first time college student
 - Must complete FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application by March 2, 2021
 - Must complete Promise Program application by April 16, 2021

Tips for Parents of College Bound Students about the College Application Process

- **Communicate**
 - It is a family decision on several levels.
 - Set limits at the beginning that are important to your family. (e.g. cost, distance from home, etc.)
 - Be honest about your aims and aspirations for your child. Agree to disagree.
- **Be realistic**
 - Look for the right fit. The *chemistry* between the child and the college is critical.
 - Check many sources, especially on the internet. Go beyond *US News & World Report* and other media sources. Double check the accuracy of the information.
- **Be optimistic**
 - This should be an exciting time for the family so embrace the experience and explore ALL options.
- **Be supportive and caring**
 - Celebrate your child's accomplishments.
 - Listen to what your child is saying. Listen to what your child is NOT saying (often fears are not verbalized).
 - Let your child take ownership of the process. Find a comfortable place between running the college search process and remaining at a comfortable distance.
 - **"We"** are not applying to college. Your child is. Remember this is your child's journey, not yours.

Preparing for College and Career - Senior Year Checklist

Review your class schedule and make sure you will not be overwhelmed.

Continue to focus on your academic classes. ***Yes! Senior grades count.***

September

Review class schedule, *double check graduation and college admissions requirements*. See your counselor if you have any concerns.
Sign up for and attend Virtual College Visits - contact Mrs. Gatlin.
Actively seek and apply for private and institutional scholarships.
Use Naviance College Match to find colleges.
Begin college applications. Set up username and login information.
Sign up for ACT, SAT 1 and/or SAT subject tests. *All testing should be completed by November. Some colleges will allow for the December test. ****note: most schools are now test-optional*****
Begin/continue writing college essays.
Letters of recommendation: download Counselor Recommendation Packet on Canvas. Ask teachers for their process.

October

Create calendar and keep track of deadlines for applications and financial aid submissions.
Sign up for AP Exams (contact Mrs. Gatlin with questions)
Start UC and CSU applications.
Continue editing your college essays. Have someone that doesn't know you well read it. What did he or she learn about you?
Continue to sign up for and attend Virtual College Visits - contact Mrs. Gatlin
Research scholarships - visit the College & Career Center and CCC Website.
Early Decision/Early Action deadline is usually November 1st. Double check the college websites for specific deadlines.
Start reviewing financial aid. Visit the FAFSA website and apply for a pin number. Contact Ms. Gatlin in the College and Career Center for questions and information.

November

UC/CSU applications due November 30th - try to submit before Thanksgiving
Attend Virtual Application Workshops Wednesday's at 2:30 with Mrs. Gatlin and school counselors
If you need a counselor recommendation, email your completed packet by Nov. 13 for RD. **WE WILL NOT COMPLETE RECOMMENDATIONS OVER WINTER BREAK!**
Take SAT/ACT if you plan to; Send your ACT, SAT 1 and SAT Subject tests scores to all schools. *Even if you sent your scores in 11th grade, re-send.*
Make sure you are taking care of yourself: exercise, eat healthy foods and get extra sleep. If you are feeling overwhelmed, talk to friends, parents and your counselor.

December

Last month to take SAT or ACT if you plan to submit your scores.
If you haven't already, send in your private school applications for Regular Decision - many are due January 1st
Continue reviewing financial aid options. Visit the FAFSA website and apply for a pin number. Contact Ms. Gatlin in the College and Career Center for questions and information.

January

Send SAT/ACT scores you took in December
If you were accepted for Early Decision, you must withdraw your remaining applications.
Continue applying for financial aid.
Counselors will complete mid-year reports, but remember to continuously check your email for any correspondence from colleges.

February

Send an official transcript of first semester senior grades, if not on common app. UC/CSU don't require unless you are specifically asked.
Focus on your academics. You only have one semester left!
Continue to apply for scholarships
Complete FAFSA - deadline is March 1, 2020!
Double check housing deadlines and requirements.

March

Continue to apply for housing and double check specific guidelines for each school.
Attend IVC, OCC or Saddleback Senior days.
Study for AP Exams.

April

Attend Community College night at UNI.
Update FAFSA once your tax returns are complete
Visit colleges you are considering over Spring Break - attend Admit Days.

May

Take AP Exams.
Complete Senior Survey through Naviance account
Take Placement test(s) at the college you are going to attend. (Your college will notify you via e-mail).
Double check qualifications with NCAA website if you want to play a sport in a 4-year college. Athletes must be certified by the NCAA.

June

Take Final Exams!
Graduation!!!
Send final transcript to UC/CSU or Non-Common App schools after final grades come out. Send your transcript through www.parchment.com or see Mrs. Yang. (If you don't send your transcript you will be denied admission). Your counselor will send final transcripts for Common App schools.

“A Plus Schools for B Students”

Below is a list of great colleges and universities that have high acceptance rates (above 60%) and strong ratings in the 2020 *US News Best Colleges* rankings. From *US News and World Report* 2020

Adelphi University (NY)	Montana State University (MT)	University of Illinois-Chicago (IL)
Auburn University (AL)	North Dakota State Univ. (ND)	University of Indianapolis (IN)
Baker University (KS)	Nova Southeastern Univ. (FL)	University of Iowa (IA)
Belmont University (TN)	Ohio University (OH)	University of Kansas (KS)
Bethel University (MN)	Oklahoma City University (OK)	University of Kentucky (KY)
Biola University (CA)	Oklahoma State University (OK)	University of Louisville (KY)
Clarkson University (NY)	Oregon State University (OR)	University of Maine (ME)
College of St. Scholastica (MN)	Pace University (NY)	U. of Massachusetts-Boston (MA)
Colorado State University (CO)	Quinnipiac University (CT)	U. of Massachusetts- Lowell (MA)
Concordia Univ. Wisconsin (WI)	Regis University (CO)	University of Mississippi (MS)
Creighton University (NE)	Robert Morris University (PA)	U. of Missouri - St. Louis (MO)
Drake University (IA)	Rutgers University - Camden (NJ)	University of Missouri (MO)
Duquesne University (PA)	Rutgers University - Newark (NJ)	U. of Nebraska - Lincoln (NE)
Edgewood College (WI)	Samford University (AL)	University of Nevada – Reno (NV)
Elon University (NC)	Seattle University (WA)	U. of New Hampshire (NH)
Florida Inst. of Technology (FL)	Seton Hall University (NJ)	U. of N. Carolina - Charlotte (NC)
Gannon University (PA)	Shenandoah University (VA)	U. of N. Carolina-Wilmington (NC)
George Fox University (OR)	Simmons University (MA)	University of North Dakota (ND)
George Mason University (VA)	St. Catherine University (MN)	University of North Florida (FL)
Gonzaga University (WA)	St. John Fisher College (NY)	University of North Texas (TX)
Grand Valley State Univ. (MI)	St. John’s University (NY)	University of Oklahoma (OK)
Harding University (AR)	SUNY College of Environmental	University of Oregon (OR)
Hofstra University (NY)	Science & Forestry (NY)	University of Rhode Island (RI)
Iowa State University (IA)	Tennessee Tech. University (TN)	University of San Francisco (CA)
Kansas State University (KS)	Texas Tech University (TX)	University of St. Joseph (CT)
Lipscomb University (TN)	U. of Alabama-Birmingham (AL)	University of St. Thomas (MN)
Long Island University (NY)	University of Arizona (AZ)	University of the Pacific (CA)
Louisiana State University (LA)	University of Arkansas (AR)	University of Wyoming (WY)
Louisiana Tech University (LA)	University of Cincinnati (OH)	Valparaiso University (IN)
Loyola University of Chicago (IL)	University of Dayton (OH)	Virginia Commonwealth Univ. (VA)
Loyola Univ. New Orleans (LA)	University of Delaware (DE)	Wayne State University (MI)
Marquette University (WI)	University of Detroit Mercy (MI)	West Virginia University (WV)
Maryville Univ. of St. Louis (MO)	University of Findlay (OH)	Western New England Univ. (MA)
Mercer University (GA)	University of Hawaii-Manoa (HI)	Wilkes University (PA)
Michigan State University (MI)	University of Houston (TX)	William Carey University (MS)
Misericordia University (PA)	University of Idaho (ID)	