

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING CHART 2014–2015

PREPARATORY SUBJECTS A–G REQUIREMENTS	YEARS REQUIRED	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
A. HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE U.S. History, U.S. Government, Civics, World History, Cultures and Geography	Two (2) years. One year U.S. History or ½ year of U.S. History and ½ year of U.S. Civics or American Government; one year of World History, Culture and Geography.					
B. ENGLISH	Four (4) years of college-preparatory English Composition and Literature.					
C. MATHEMATICS Algebra, Geometry, Intermediate Algebra, or Higher Level Mathematics	Three (3) years required. Four (4) years recommended. Strongly encourage math to be taken in the senior year.					
D. LABORATORY SCIENCE Biology, Chemistry, Physics	Two (2) years required. Three (3) years recommended.					
E. LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	Two (2) years required. Three (3) years recommended. At least two years of the same language. American Sign Language is acceptable.					
F. VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS Dance, Drama/Theatre, Music, Visual Art	One (1) year. A single yearlong course.					
G. COLLEGE-PREPARATORY ELECTIVES	One (1) year of academic courses in any of the above A–F areas beyond those required.					

See “A–G Course Lists” at www.ucop.edu/doorways to find out which classes at your high school count.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE SYSTEMS AT A GLANCE

SYSTEM	CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	INDEPENDENT COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES
NUMBER OF CAMPUSES	112	23	10	75
COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM	None Required	ACT or SAT	ACT or SAT and two SAT Subject Tests	Varies: check with the college or university of your choice
DEGREES OFFERED	Associate Degrees and Vocational Certificates	Bachelor’s, Master’s and Joint Doctoral Degrees	Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral and Professional Degrees	Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctoral and Professional Degrees
COST (CA residents)	Approximately \$46 per unit	Approximately \$6,000 per year	Approximately \$15,000 per year	Varies: approximately \$35,000 per year

- Financial Aid is available to students that demonstrate financial need. A limited number of merit scholarships are also available.
- Information is subject to change.

CSULB REQUEST INFORMATION

www.csulb.edu/beachinfo

Stay connected to *The Beach!* Register today to receive information on admission preparation, next steps, academics, special events and campus resources.

CALIFORNIA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

California Community Colleges (CCC)

- The CCC system is composed of 112 campuses throughout the state.
- Must be 18 years of age, a high school graduate, or equivalent to attend.
- Offers associate degrees and a wide range of program certificates.
- Students may attend for two years then transfer to a college or university.
- Costs are low and financial aid is available.

The California State University (CSU)

- The CSU system has 23 campuses throughout the state.
- CSU usually admits the top third of high school graduates.
- CSU is the largest four-year system of higher education in the nation.
- Each campus reflects its own personality, academic focus and strengths.
- CSU offers a practical and applied Liberal Arts education that prepares students for either graduate school or the job market.

The University of California (UC)

- The UC system has 10 campuses throughout the state.
- UC usually admits the top 12.5 percent of high school graduates.
- UC has nationally ranked academic and athletic programs.
- UC provides an education based in research and theory that prepares many students for graduate or advanced degree programs.

Association of Independent California Colleges & Universities (AICCU)

- The AICCU has 75 colleges and universities throughout the state.
- Many are nationally ranked.
- Offers a number of different degree programs, including Fine Arts, Law, Medicine and Psychology.
- Costs vary depending on the school. Financial aid is available to qualifying students.

WEBSITE RESOURCES

California Colleges

www.californiacolleges.edu

Californiacolleges.edu is the state's official website that provides information about higher education in California for students, counselors and parents.

California Community College

www.cccco.edu

Obtain general information and links to all two-year public institutions.

California State University

www.csumentor.edu

Helps students and their families learn about the California State University (CSU) system. Explore CSU campuses, plan for college, apply for admission, take a virtual campus tour and plan to finance higher education.

University of California

www.ucop.edu

Provides students with information on the University of California (UC) system. Links to the ten campuses, admission information and services.

California Independent Institutions

www.aiccu.edu

Obtain general information on private institutions, campus matching assistance, college profiles, view enrollment statistics and deadlines.

Financial Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Allows students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online, renew applications and check their FAFSA account. A link to FAFSA in Spanish is available.

Scholarships

www.fastweb.com

Fastweb is the nation's largest scholarship search engine; it assists students in finding scholarships, colleges and jobs.

SAT Testing Information

www.collegeboard.com

Prepare for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests by practicing online with actual SAT test questions. Save time by registering for the SAT and SAT Subject Tests online.

ACT Testing Information

www.act.org

Register for the ACT online, look up test dates and deadlines along with testing locations and school codes.

For more information on planning for college, visit www.outreach.csulb.edu.



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