Everything You Wanted To Know About California Colleges
What To Expect

- How To Choose A Campus
- 4 Systems of Higher Education
- Eligibility and Admissions Requirements
- What Admissions Officers Look For
- Senioritis
How To Choose A Campus

What factors are important to you?

- Distance from home
- Size of the campus
- Academic Reputation
- Majors offered
- Cost and financial aid resources
- Student Life
- Athletic Programs
- Academic Advisement/Counseling Services
- Job Placement Services
How Not To Choose A Campus

- How bomb the football team is is not a reflection of how good the school is.
- Your boyfriend/girlfriend is going.
- You decided in 7th grade you wanted to go.
- Your school counselor told you to attend.
- The tuition is very low.
- It’s a party school.
- The brochure is nice.
- You are going to college, not running away to college.
## 4 Systems of Higher Education

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<td><strong>Number in CA</strong></td>
<td>23</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>70+</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Degree/Certificates Offered</strong></td>
<td>Bachelors &amp; Masters Degrees</td>
<td>Bachelors, Masters Degrees, Doctorates &amp; Professional Degrees</td>
<td>Associates Degrees &amp; Vocational Certificates</td>
<td>Varies (Associates Degrees, Vocational Certificates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctorates, Professional Degrees)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Mission</strong></td>
<td>Teaching &amp; learning</td>
<td>Research Institution</td>
<td>Life-long learning</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Group Targets</strong></td>
<td>Top 33% of graduating high school class</td>
<td>Top 12.5% of graduating high school class</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cost &amp; Fees</strong></td>
<td>$5,000 (20,000 including books, room and board, etc.)</td>
<td>$8,900 (26,000 including books, room and board, etc.)</td>
<td>$20/unit</td>
<td>$5,000-$40,000</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Financial Aid Available</strong></td>
<td>ALL 4 types of financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study) are available.</td>
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<td>FAFSA &amp; GPA Verification Form are due March 2nd of 12th grade</td>
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## System Requirements

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<td><strong>Courses</strong></td>
<td>A-G</td>
<td>A-G</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>A-G recommended</td>
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<td><strong>Entrance Exams</strong></td>
<td>SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT</td>
<td>SAT Reasoning Test OR ACT <em>Plus</em> Writing AND Two SAT Subject Tests from two different disciplines</td>
<td>English and mathematics placement tests</td>
<td>Varies (SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT is often required)</td>
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<td><strong>GPA Minimum</strong></td>
<td>2.0 in A-G courses (taken during 10th-11th grades)</td>
<td>3.0 in A-G courses (taken during 10th-11th grades)</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Honors &amp; AP</strong></td>
<td>Often Recommended</td>
<td>Recommended</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Varies (Often recommended)</td>
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<td><strong>Personal Statement</strong></td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<td><strong>Letters of Recommendation</strong></td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<td><strong>Application Deadline</strong></td>
<td>November 30</td>
<td>November 30</td>
<td>Rolling</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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Why The UC Track

If a student completes all the academic requirements necessary to fulfill the University Of California course requirements, he/she will be eligible to attend

- ALL Community Colleges
- ALL California State Universities
- MOST Private and Independent Colleges
University of California Eligibility

There are three ways to achieve University Of California eligibility

1. Eligibility in the Statewide Context
2. Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC)
3. Eligibility by Examination Alone
UC Requirements

- **Academic**
  - A-G Requirements
  - GPA
  - SAT Reasoning Test (or ACT plus Writing), and SAT Subject Tests
    - Need to take these tests before December of your senior year
  - AP & Honors Courses

- **Supplemental**
  - Personal Statement
  - Extracurricular Activities
  - Honors and Awards
  - Proof of Leadership
# A-G Requirements

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<tr>
<th>Minimally Eligible Applicant</th>
<th>Competitively Eligible Applicant</th>
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<td>2 years of History / Social Science</td>
<td>3 years of History / Social Science</td>
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<td>4 years of English</td>
<td>4 years of English (AP / Honors)</td>
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<td>3 years Math (<em>minimum Algebra 2</em>)</td>
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<td>2 years of Laboratory Science</td>
<td>3 years of Laboratory Science</td>
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<td>2 years of a Foreign Language</td>
<td>3-4 years of a Foreign Language</td>
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<td>1 year of Visual / Performing Arts</td>
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<tr>
<td>1 year of College Prep Elective</td>
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UC-Approved Course List

Santa Ana High School                        ATP/CEEB code: OS3235
Santa Ana Unified
Dan Salcedo, Principal

Street Address: 520 West Walnut Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Mailing Address: 520 West Walnut Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Phone: (714) 567-4901
Web site: http://www.sausd.k12.ca.us

Note: Santa Ana USD
WASC Accredited or Candidate: Yes
List Last Updated: 06/27/03 7:15 AM

Course List for 2003-04
The following courses meet requirements for admission to the University of California.
Underlined courses denote extra honors credit (✩): a=5, b=4, c=3.
Courses that are marked with an asterisk (*) and a blue diamond (◆) can not be used as an elective


a-History / Social Science - 2 years required
Two years of history/social science, including one year of World History, Cultures or Geography; and one year of US History or one-half year of US History and one-half year of American Government/Civics

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<tr>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>Transcript Abbreviation(s)</th>
<th>Honors Type</th>
<th>Course Notes</th>
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<tr>
<td>American Government (AP) ✩</td>
<td>AP Prin Amer Govt</td>
<td>AP</td>
<td>Semester</td>
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<td>Principles of Am. Democracy</td>
<td>Prin Amer Dem</td>
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http://www.ucop.edu/doorways
Taking The Right Exams

SAT Test

AND/OR

ACT Plus Writing

AND

SAT Subject Tests
(2 subject tests from 2 different subject areas: history, literature, math (Level II only), science, language other than English.)
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<th>ACT vs. SAT</th>
<th>ACT Plus Writing</th>
<th>SAT</th>
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<td>Test Purpose:</td>
<td>Achievement</td>
<td>Aptitude</td>
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<tr>
<td>Test Content:</td>
<td>Math, English, Writing, &amp; Science Reasoning</td>
<td>Critical Reading, Writing, &amp; Math Reasoning</td>
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<td>Method of Scoring:</td>
<td>Number of right answers &amp; no penalty for wrong answers</td>
<td>Score adjusted for guessing &amp; penalty for wrong answers</td>
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What Do UC Admissions Officers Look For?

UC Comprehensive Review

1. High school grade point average in UC-required courses.
2. Standardized test scores.
3. Number of, content of and performance in academic courses completed beyond the University’s minimum eligibility requirements.
4. Number of, and performance in honors and AP courses.
5. Being identified as “eligible in the local context” by ranking in the top 4 percent of the high school class, as determined by the University’s academic criteria.
6. Quality of the senior year program, as measured by the type and number of academic courses in progress or planned.
What Do UC Admissions Officers Look For?

UC Comprehensive Review (cont’)

7. Quality of academic performance relative to educational opportunities available in the applicant’s school.
8. Outstanding performance in one or more academic subject areas.
9. Outstanding work in one or more special projects in any academic field.
10. Recent marked improvement in academic performance.
11. Special talents, achievements, and awards in a particular field, or experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership or ability to contribute to the intellectual vitality of the campus.
What Do UC Admissions Officers Look For?

UC Comprehensive Review (cont’)

12. Completion of special projects that offer significant evidence of an applicant’s special effort, determination or special suitability to an academic program.

13. Academic accomplishments in light of an applicant’s experiences and circumstances, such as disabilities, low family income, first generation to attend college, need to work, disadvantaged social or educational environment, difficult personal and family situations or circumstances, refugee status or veteran status.

14. Location of the applicant’s secondary school and residence, to provide for geographic diversity in the student population and to account for the wide variety of educational environments existing in California.
Remember To Apply Broadly

- Apply to at least 4 campuses before November 30
- Apply across all 4 systems
- Fee waivers allow you to apply to 4 UC’s and 4 CSU’s for free!
Senioritis Vaccine

- College admission is CONDITIONAL

- Though UC/CSU does not use grades earned in the 12th grade to calculate GPA, seniors must still
  - Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA
  - Pass all A-G classes with a C or better

- Notify all campuses of changes in coursework or D/F grades in A-G classes

- Follow through with all reported AP exams

- Respond to campus requests promptly
Questions?

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