

Admissions Requirements

California Community College

- For California residents, admission to any of California's 110 community colleges is simple. You will be admitted to the community college of your choice if you meet at least one of the following conditions:
- You are 18 years of age or older, with or without a high school diploma
- You are a high school graduate
- You have the equivalent of a high school diploma

California State University

- The CSU requires a minimum 15-unit pattern of courses for admission as a first-time freshman. Each unit is equal to a year of study in a subject area. A grade of C or higher is required for each course you use to meet any subject requirement.
- The grades you earn in high school are the most important factor in CSU admission decisions. Your high school grade point average is calculated using your grades in all your college prep *a-g* classes completed after the 9th grade. Below 2.0 does not qualify for regular admission.
- Test scores are required unless you have a grade point average above 3.0 *and* are a resident of California. The CSU uses a calculation called an eligibility index that combines your high school grade point average with the score you earn on either the SAT or ACT tests. For admissions purposes, the CSU uses only the SAT scores for mathematics and critical reading. Even if you have a GPA above 3.0, it is useful to take either an SAT or ACT as the score may indicate if you do not need to take English and math placement tests after you are admitted and before you enroll at the CSU.

University of California

- To be eligible for the UC system, you must earn a high school diploma or equivalency and satisfy the three requirements no later than your high school graduation for minimum eligibility:
- The Subject Requirement: You must complete the 15 yearlong high school courses listed below. These courses are also known as the "a-g" subjects. At least seven of the 15 yearlong courses must be taken in your last two years of high school.

- The Examination Requirement: If you are applying for admission for the fall of 2010 and the fall of 2011, all applicants must submit scores from the following tests:
 - The ACT Assessment plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test. The critical reading, writing and mathematics scores on the SAT must be from the same sitting. If you take the ACT, you will be asked to report your scores on each section of the test as well as your composite score.
 - Two SAT Subject Tests: These must be in two different areas, chosen from the following: English, history and social studies, mathematics (Level 2 only), science or language other than English.
 - If you are applying for admission for fall 2012 or beyond, you will have to submit scores for the ACT Assessment plus Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test only. SAT Subject Test scores may be considered in the evaluation of your application, but they no longer will be required.
- The Scholarship Requirement: This requirement defines the grade point average (GPA) you must earn in the "a-g" subjects and the test scores you must achieve to be eligible for admission to UC. The University uses an Eligibility Index — a combination of GPA and test scores — to determine if you meet this requirement. The minimum GPA is 3.0 for California residents.

<p>Private Colleges and Universities</p>

- Admission requirements for private colleges will vary by school, depending on the level of selectivity. It is important the students check with each individual school regarding requirements, including academic course sequence, admissions testing, minimum grade point average, and other individual requirements.