



## CALIFORNIA FOUR SYSTEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION & THEIR REQUIREMENTS

		Community Colleges (CC)	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Private Colleges
<b>Colleges Statewide</b>		110	23	10	Over 70
<b>Local schools in each college system</b>		LACC, ELAC, LA Southwest, LA Trade Tech, Harbor, West LA, Long Beach, El Camino, Santa Monica, Pasadena, Compton, Cerritos, etc.	CSU Los Angeles, Northridge, Dominguez Hills, Long Beach, Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona, etc.	UCLA, UCI, UCSB, UCSC, UCR, UCB, UCSD, UCD, UCSF, UCM (Merced)	USC, Stanford, Pepperdine, La Verne, Loyola-Marymount, Claremont, Redlands, Occidental, etc.
<b>Nature of Programs and Curriculum</b>		Two-year schools • Transfer classes • AA/AS degrees • Vocational certificates • Concurrent enrollment (for high school students)	Four-yr schools with graduate and professional programs: • Various majors, depends on campus • BA, BS, MA and MS degrees • Doctorate and professional degrees (i.e. law, medicine, dentistry) • Teaching credentials	Four-year schools with graduate and professional programs: • Various majors, depends on campus/Research Institution • BA, BS, MA and MS degrees • Doctorate and professional degrees (i.e. law, medicine, dentistry) • Teaching credentials	Varies
<b>Costs: Fees and/or Tuition (does <u>not</u> include room and board, books, or other supplies) Based on 2011-2012 Year</b>		Approx. \$1,000 a year (\$36 per unit)	Approx. \$6,489 per year	Approx. \$13,200 per year	Approx. \$16,000-\$40,000 per year
<b>Funded by:</b>		Public tax monies and student fees	Public tax monies and student fees	Public tax monies and student fees	Private funds and tuition fees
<b>Entrance Requirements for Freshman</b>	Subject and GPA Requirements	No subject or GPA requirements; must be 18 years old or a high school graduate.	Graduate HS; meet eligibility index, minimum of 2.0 GPA; full pattern of A-G subject requirements completed w/ grades of C or better.	A-G academic subject requirements completed w/Cs or better; At least a 3.0 GPA and meet; only UC approved courses calculated in GPA (grades 10-12).	Prefer students who have met UC entrance requirements. Above 2.5 GPA (grades 9-12).
	Test Requirements	No college entrance exams required; college placement exam for enrollment in certain courses is required	SAT Reasoning Test and/or ACT	SAT Reasoning Test and/or ACT; Subject Tests recommended	SAT Reasoning Test or ACT; some require SAT Subject Tests. Check catalogs for specific test requirements.