Senior Planning Guide
2025-2026

SCHS Tritons

12th Grade College Information 2025-2026
Make sure to read Triton News weekly and visit www.sctritons.org/guidance/college

CREDITS AND GRADUATION

You can view your unofficial transcript on the Aeries Student and Parent Portal. If you see errors, please reach out to your counselor. You need to complete a minimum of 220 credits by graduation, including all individual subject requirements. Credits completed beyond the required amount in any subject will count as elective credits. If you are applying to a UC or CSU school, and most other colleges, you need to have earned at least a C in all the A-G subject requirements.
Seniors who may be at risk of not meeting graduation requirements will meet with their counselors during the week of September 23rd-26th to review their progress and explore options for support. Please be sure to bring any questions you may have about credits and post high school plans.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS:

Launch UC, CSU, California Community College, and Financial Aid applications all in one place:
California Colleges Guidance Initiative (CCGI) - www.californiacolleges.edu

University of California:
Application fee is $80 per campus. Requires Personal Insight Questions. Applications are available online NOW. UC schools will only request a copy of an official transcript once they have offered you admission to their campus (March 2026). Questions? Email ucinfo@applyucsupport.net
Submit Applications: October 1st – December 1st. SAT/ACT scores are *not* used in admission. Scores may be used in course placement after admission. Please see the UC Admissions website for specific updates.

California State University:
Application fee is $70 per campus. CSU schools will only request a copy of an official transcript once they have offered you admission to their campus (March 2026). **Submit applications: Oct. 1 – Dec. 1st. SAT/ACT scores *not* used in admissions decisions.**

Private / Out-of-State Schools: Many private and out-of-state colleges require students to use the **Common Application (www.common app.org)**. This electronic application allows the student to apply to multiple schools using a more streamlined process. Application fees will vary. Refer to the colleges' websites for information and deadlines. You must INVITE YOUR COUNSELOR TO YOUR COMMON APP PROFILE in order for the school profile, transcript, letter of recommendation, and mid-year report to be uploaded by your counselor. Check the SCHS website for your counselor's email address.
Note: The senior class currently has 624 students - you may need this info. Also, there is **no more class ranking**.
Submit applications early!! DON'T wait until the last minute. Systems tend to have glitches during the final days of the application window.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

UC and CSU do NOT require transcripts or letters of recommendation submitted with your application. However, most private schools and some out-of-state schools and scholarships require letters of recommendation and/or secondary school reports. There are two versions of the letter of recommendation request: one for your counselor and one for your teachers. Find them all at: **www.sctritons.org/guidance/college** We also have a brag sheet for your parents.

Due to the volume of requests, **you need to give your school counselor at least two weeks to write a thorough letter**. A late request will result in a generic letter or no letter at all. With the various due dates of college applications, and the Thanksgiving break and winter break, you need to complete the Letter of Recommendation Survey (via Google Form) by:
Monday, October 20, 2025

TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts can be ordered from www.parchment.com . There is a fee for each transcript ordered. Please note: The "self-view" version is NOT always accurate. But the version the SCHS registrar sends will always be accurate. If applying to a school using the **Common Application or SEND EDU** your transcript will be sent electronically, for no charge, as part of the counselor's report. You must invite/link your counselor in the Recommender's section.
All colleges, including UC/CSU, will require FINAL transcripts with second semester grades. STUDENTS will need to order these via Parchment.com by June 5, 2026. Students will choose **"Hold for Grades/Wait for Final grades"**.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS (CEEB Code 052814)

Register online: SAT www.collegeboard.org ; ACT www.actstudent.org
Students must send test scores directly to colleges. SCHS does not send any test scores. You may choose up to four colleges on the registration form, and you can add additional colleges for a fee via the SAT and ACT websites. Certain applications will allow students to report planned testing dates and then have scores sent at a later date. **Many, but not all, colleges have continued to waive the requirement for SAT/ACT but can use it for placement purposes. Refer to individual college websites for details and score deadlines.**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS

You must register for AP exams on BOTH College Board AND Total Registration. Make sure to have College Board send your AP scores to each college you apply to: **www.collegeboard.org.**
Visit www.sctritons.org/guidance/ap-exams for more information.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

If you are planning to participate in Division I or II sports at the college level, you must meet NCAA requirements and fill out an NCAA student release form. You must create a profile with the NCAA Eligibility Center to make sure you're on track to meet NCAA requirements: **https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/**

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

No SAT or ACT scores are needed to enroll at a community college. Placement tests only required upon request by the school. Each of the community colleges hosts a Senior Day to introduce programs and visit the campus, typically in the spring. Make sure to look into the Freshman Advantage Program (early registration) and Honors Program at your campus. Some dates TBD.

Saddleback College **www.saddleback.edu**	*Family Night:* TBD (typically December)
	Senior Day: TBD (typically March)
	Honors Program: Applications due late April 2026
	Freshman Advantage: Applications due early May 2026
Irvine Valley College **www.ivc.edu**	***Orange Coast College*** **www.orangecoastcollege.edu**
Santiago Canyon College **www.sccollege.edu**	***Mira Costa College*** **www.miracosta.edu/**

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid is available to eligible students at all colleges and community colleges. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) or the California Dream Act Application (**CADAA**) is now required for high school graduation. Access the applications through your CCGI account at www.californiacolleges.edu. Most colleges and trade schools also require these forms for financial aid, as well as scholarships. For Cal Grant consideration, you must file between October 1, 2025 and March 2, 2026, though you may create your account now. A CSS/Financial Aid Profile (https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/) is required by some private colleges and universities. Each college has a different filing deadline (September – February). Submit profile at least 4 – 6 weeks before filing deadline. Call 1-800-4-FED-AID or Commission's Student Support Services at (888) 224-7268 for assistance. Visit our Futureology counselor in the College and Career Center for more information.

GPA OPT-OUT FORM

The SCHS Guidance Department will automatically submit GPAs for ALL twelfth grade students to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) in order to be considered for Cal Grant Funds. If you wish to opt-out of the submission, you must pick up the "Opt-Out Form" from the Guidance Office and return it by Friday, September 19th.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit the SCHS Guidance website and select "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu. Apply to multiple scholarships; much of this free money goes unclaimed. This list is updated frequently during the school year, so be sure to visit weekly!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Not sure where to start? Visit: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search
Future Ready with college application help all day **October 14th and 15th**. Our Future Ready event is a campus-wide experience designed to help students plan for life after high school. Activities will take place in the Triton Center, College & Career Center, and various classrooms across campus, featuring workshops, guest speakers, and resources focused on college, careers, and postsecondary success. Visit our College and Career Counselor, Laura Jasso (lajasso@capousd.org), in the College and Career Center next to the library.
Discounts on out-of-state tuition: https://www.wiche.edu/wue   **Follow us on Instagram: @SCHSGuidance**

SCHS Common Application Cheat Sheet

common app

EDUCATION SECTION
- **SCHS CEEB Code:** 052814
- **Date of High School Entry:** August 2022
- **Graduation Date:** June 2026
- **College/University coursework:** If you took any courses at a community college, list the college(s) in this section.
  - Choose: Credit awarded directly by college
  - There is no place to list your college classes in the common app, please have your official community college transcript sent directly to your colleges. (This does **NOT** apply to the UCs and CSUs)

GRADES AND COURSES:
- **Graduating Class Size:** 624
- **Class Rank reporting:** None
- **GPA Scale:** 4
- **GPA weighting:** Weighted
- **Cumulative GPA:** List your (W) Total GPA from Aeries Transcripts → (W) Total GPA (4.4595) 3.8649
- **Course Scheduling System:** Semester
- **Grading Scale:** A-F
- **Schedule:** Semesters
- **Course Level:** Look at your transcript in Aeries:
  - **AP Classes =** Advanced Placement (AP)
  - **Honors Classes =** Honors
  - **Any class with a "P" next to it that is _not_ Honors/AP =** College Prep
  - **Any class with no "P" next to it (For Example: PE or Student Govt) =** Regular/Standard
- **Semester Grades:** Input your Semester 1 and 2 grades and put "No Grade" under "Final Grade"
- **Semester Credits:** Typically, most of our classes are 5 credits per semester (there might be some exceptions so check your transcript under the column that says "Comp" to see how many credits you completed for that class
  - Input Credits earned each semester and then add them together under "Final"

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:
- Go to **My Colleges** in your common app and click on each of your schools to see if they require Recommenders, this can be found on the landing page if you scroll down to "Recommendations"
- Students should waive their right to Letters of Recommendations on the FERPA, this means that you are waiving your right to see what your teachers/counselors have written about you in their recommendations. This shows that you trust that your recommenders are writing strong letters for you!

COUNSELOR INFORMATION:

Students with last names: A-CRO	Students with last names: CRU-HAX	Students with last names: HAY-MED
Ms. Desiree Valdry School Counselor **djvaldry@capousd.org** (949)492-4165 ext. 13026	Ms. Diana Chumley School Counselor **dmchumley@capousd.org** (949)492-4165 ext. 13025	Ms. Jessica Wertner School Counselor **jnwertner@capousd.org** (949)492-4165 ext. 13011
Students with last names: MEE-ROO Ms. Sandra Spencer School Counselor **sjspencer@capousd.org** (949)492-4165 ext. 13013	**Students with last names: ROP-Z** Mrs. Samantha Bahnam School Counselor **sabahnam@capousd.org** (949)492-4165 ext. 13010 Interim counselor until Jan. 1st: Garrett Gall gigall@capousd.org	**AVID and Military based students** Ms. Ashley Genova School Counselor **algenova@capousd.org** (949)492-4165 ext. 13012

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Senior Year Calendar

August-Sept.	**Aug 1-** UC Application opens. Launch application by logging into Clever and clicking on CaliforniaColleges.edu icon. **Aug 1** - Common Application for private and out-of-state colleges opens: commonapp.org - Register for Oct. SAT or ACT, (only if you choose to do so, this will depend on what colleges you're applying to and their testing policies) - If you do take the SAT or ACT, make sure your scores are received by the college's application deadline. Send your SAT or ACT scores from the official testing site to colleges you're applying to. - Finalize your college list with Likely, Target, and Reach schools - Finalize Early Action or Early Decision plans - Make a list of usernames and passwords for all web portals - Attend college rep. visits at your school - Draft essays/personal statements - Explore the Futureology Youtube channel to learn about college related topics: Check out the "Guide to the UC application" and "Guide to the Common Application" videos - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkLGcY4B6WFoZ6X2uwyQoQ - If you have not already done so, request letters of recommendation from your teacher(s) and/or counselor (this only applies if you're applying to schools that require letters of rec.) - Register for AP exams if you choose to do so
October	**Oct 1** CSU Application opens. Launch application by logging into Clever and clicking on CaliforniaColleges.edu icon. **Oct 1**: FAFSA application becomes available. Go to at https://studentaid.gov/ OR CCGI to apply - Dream Act application becomes available. Go to: **https://dream.csac.ca.gov/** OR CCGI to apply *If you're unsure which application you need to complete, please contact your college and career counselor - Try to submit any financial aid applications (FAFSA and/or CSS Profile (For participating private universities) - Note: some private colleges want ALL documents in by your application deadline. - Most community college applications open - Register for SAT or ACT as needed (finish by December) - Attend college rep. visits at school - Work on supplemental essays for private and out-of-state schools that may have them - Schedule an appointment with your College and Career Counselor for feedback on your essays - Schedule college interviews (optional unless the college specifically reaches out and invites you) - Apply for scholarships - If considering Saddleback College, schedule appointment with your school's assigned community college counselor
November	**Nov 1-15** Early Decision/Early Action Deadline for some universities - Deadline to pay for AP exams
December	**Dec 1st - UC & CSU Application Deadline** - Create portals for colleges that require one after you apply (ALL CSUs and UCs) - Apply for scholarships - December is the last SAT or ACT date most colleges will accept (Note: Many colleges are still test-optional for the Class of 2026). Visit fairtest.org to see who is test optional.
January	**Jan** - Deadline to submit application for some private and out-of-state universities - Regular Decision deadlines for private universities vary, check your college's website for any deadlines - Check your personal email regularly (colleges will likely communicate with you via email)

	• Some colleges request a 7th semester transcript from applicants at this time – check your email/portals • Apply for scholarships • If considering Saddleback College, schedule an appointment with your community college counselor

February	• Visit (or revisit) colleges, if possible. Check out virtual visits if needed! https://campustours.com/
	• Keep up grades— the second semester still counts!
	• Apply for scholarships
	• Reach out to your college and career counselor if you want to learn about community colleges and need help applying
	    ○ Research CA Promise Program (free tuition for up to 2 years)
	    ○ Complete all necessary steps to receive priority registration for classes, also known as freshmen advantage for many community colleges (deadline for priority registration at community colleges is typically **May 1st!**)

March	• Admission decisions from UCs, CSUs, and many private colleges will be released • Compare college financial aid letters or packages • Register for placement testing if needed • Review housing application deadlines for schools you were accepted to
April	• Final admissions decisions come in • Talk to financial aid offices, if needed • Accept or decline any waitlist offers • Personally thank your recommendation writers
May	• **May 1 - Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) (Deadline to commit to one university)** • Put down deposit on your one chosen college • Apply for housing
June	• **Final transcript needs to be sent via parchment to your final college** • Use College Board's website to send official AP scores to your one chosen college

Senior Financial Aid Worksheet

On Friday during tutorial, you can come in for support in launching your financial aid applications. You can also book a 1:1 appointment with your college and career counselor to complete your application.

Senior Checklist

__ **Create FAFSA or CADAA Account (see page 2)**

__ **Gather important information required (see page 2)**

__ **Bring a fully charged Chromebook when booking a 1:1 appointment**

What is Financial Aid?

Financial Aid is money to help pay for college or trade school. It can come in the form of grants (free money), scholarships (free money), and loans (money you have to repay after college).

How do you get Financial Aid?

First, you complete a financial aid application. Then, the information from the application is sent to the colleges you applied to, and they will use that information to provide you with a financial aid offer.

Why should I apply?

- You must complete a financial aid application to qualify for the **Promise Program** (*free college for 2 years*) at Saddleback College and other local community colleges. Note: Family income does not matter, you just have to complete an application to qualify!

- You never know how much financial aid you're going to get unless you apply and students who apply for financial aid are more likely to attend college/trade school after graduation.

Financial Aid Application Worksheet

STEP 1: Determine if you should complete the FAFSA **or** the CADAA. (You only complete one)

FAFSA FederalStudentAid
An office of the U.S. Department of Education

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- U.S. Citizen (use student's status, not parent's)
- Permanent Resident (Green Card Holder)
- Eligible non-citizen (for example: granted Asylum or Refugee status by US Citizenship and Immigration Services**)**

☐ **This is the application I will complete**

California DreamAct

CADAA (California Dream Act Application)
- Have attended school in California for 3 or more years by time of graduation
- Undocumented
- No social security number
- U Visa holders
- Have temporary protected status (TPS)

☐ **This is the application I will complete**

Not sure? Contact Ms. Jasso- lajasso@capousd.org or stop by the College & Career Center!

STEP 2: **Create your account** based on the application that applies to you. **See page 3** for **FAFSA** Directions. **See page 4** for **CADAA** Directions.

STEP 3: Gather the following information for the day you apply:

- Your Social Security Number
- Parent's Social Security Number (if applicable)
- Parent's email
- Parent's date of birth (Month, Day, Year)
- Date parents were married, separated, divorced, remarried or widowed

Note: We understand that this information is sensitive and private. If you would rather complete this part of the application at home, you're welcome to do so!

Creating your FAFSA Account

*The student **and** parent must each create a StudentAid.Gov account to submit the FAFSA.*

Both the student and parent should follow the steps below to create their own individual accounts.

1. Go to studentaid.gov

2. Click on "Create Account" in the upper right corner of the page

3. Click on "Get Started"

4. Enter your Full Legal Name

5. Enter your Date of Birth

6. Enter your Social Security Number

7. Create a username:

   _____

8. Create a strong password:

   _____

9. Enter your mailing address.

10. Enter your mobile phone number.

11. Select your communication preferences.

12. For security, complete the challenge questions and answers.

13. Confirm and verify your information.

14. Enable two-step verification by verifying your (personal) email address and/or mobile phone.

15. Write down your back-up code:

    _____

16. You've created your account! You are now ready to complete the 2026-27 Application!

Creating your CADAA Account

1. Go to **dream.csac.ca.gov**

2. Under Student Account, go to "**Need an Account**? Click **here** for first-time account registration"

3. Click "Continue" to answer eligibility questions

4. Enter your Full Legal Name

5. Enter your Date of Birth

6. Create a User ID (at least 8 characters):

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7. Enter your mailing address.

8. Enter your mobile phone number.

9. Enter your email address (use a personal email address)

10. Click Register

11. You will be sent an email to Create a Password. Create your password: _____

12. Go back to the CADAA page (dream.csac.ca.gov) and log in with your username and password.

13. You'll be emailed an authentication code. Check your email and type in the authentication code that is sent to you.

14. Answer the Challenge Questions.

15. You've created your account! You are now ready to complete the 2026-2027 Application!

COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER
(NEXT TO THE LIBRARY)

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Ms. Jasso

College & Career
Counselor

M,W,Th and F:
8 AM - 3:30 PM
T: 9:30 - 5pm

**Drop in at break,
lunch, or after school**

Appointments available

lajasso@capousd.org

www.cusd-futureology.org

Mrs. Arevalo

Career Guidance
Specialist

Every other Monday &
Tuesdays & Wednesdays
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Drop in at break,
lunch, or after school**

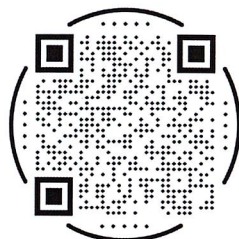Appointments available

mnarevalo@capousd.org

www.cca.capousd.org

Get support with:

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Best College Fit
- ACT/SAT Planning
- College Applications College Essays
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Major Exploration
- Career Exploration

Make an appointment

Get support with:

- Career Technical Education (CTE) courses & pathways
- Interviewing & Resumes
- Career Exploration
- Career presentations
- College @ Capo (Dual Enrollment) & more

Make an appointment

To make an appointment email:
mnarevalo@capousd.org

COLLEGE & CAREER TIDE TIME WORKSHOPS

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STUDENTS: JOIN US FOR A WORKSHOP & ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN THE COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER (NEXT TO THE LIBRARY)

▶ TIDE TIME WORKSHOPS

- **College Essays 101 (Seniors) - September 9th**
- **Guest speaker SCHS Alum: From Saddleback to UCLA - September 16th**
- **Building a Resume (All Grades) - October 1st**
- **Future Ready with CTE (All Grades) - October 21st**
- **How to Take a Community College Class in High School (All Grades) - October 28th**
- **Building a College Resume (Juniors & Seniors) - November 18th**
- **Financial Aid 101 (Seniors) - December 2nd**
- **Community College 101 (Seniors) - December 9th**

▶ DROP-INS WELCOME!

- Schedule yourself during "Drop-ins" at Tide Time

> **Check Canvas & Enriching Students for even MORE events!**

▶ FUTURE READY FRIDAYS (12TH GRADE)

- **Get support with:** College essay writing, College Applications, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Resumes, Career Exploration, & More

**Hosted by Ms. Jasso & Mrs. Arevalo
SCHS College & Career Center**

QUESTIONS? LAJASSO@CAPOUSD.ORG
MNAREVALO@CAPOUSD.ORG

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MEET THE
SADDLEBACK COUNSELOR

Ms. Vasquez

Whether you know what you want to study or you don't know where to start, I am here to help!

- College Applications
- Major & Career Exploration
- Options After High School
- On & Off Campus Recourses
- And much more!

REQUEST A MEETING

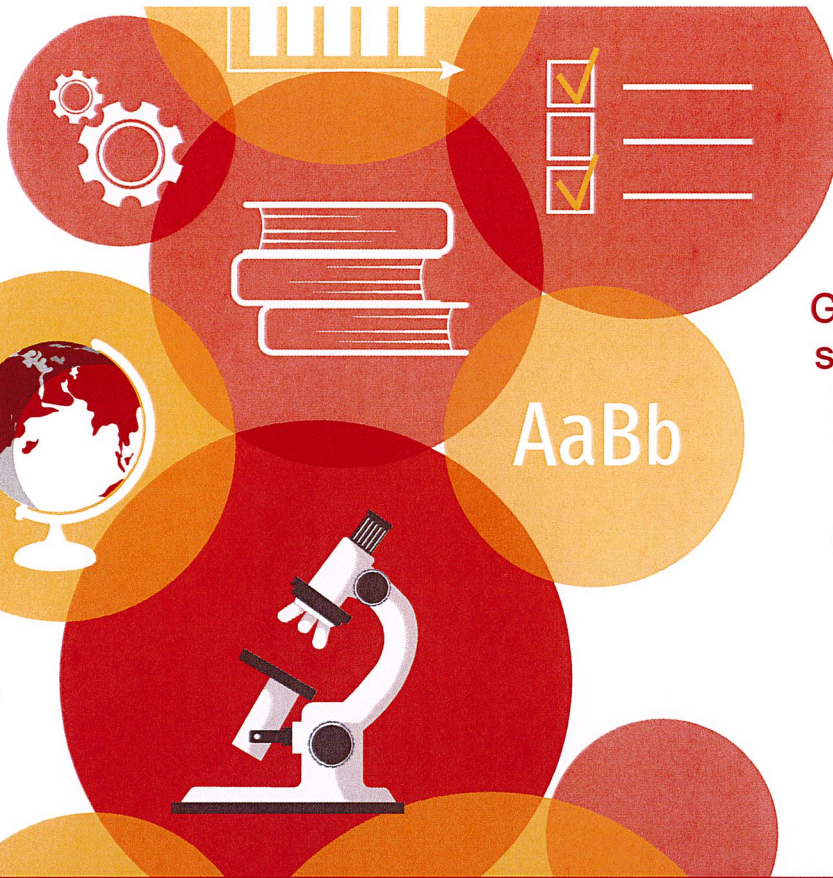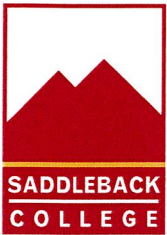Available Wednesdays from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

CONTACT ME

✉ nvasquez@saddleback.edu

PROUD ALUMNI

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SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

Guidance to support our incoming first-year college students.

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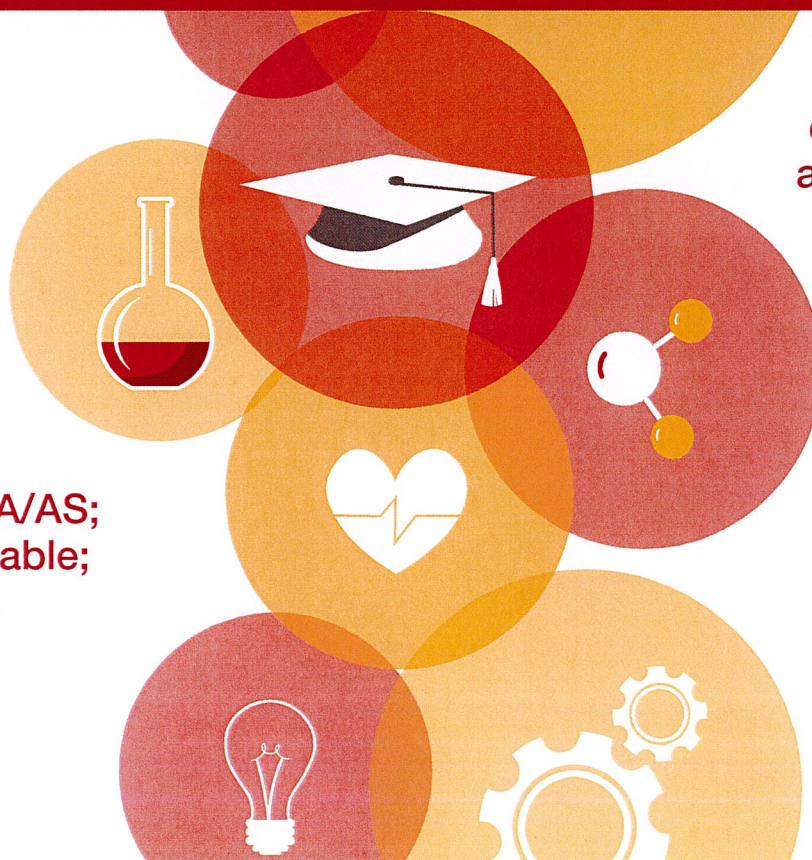Strategies for academic, career and personal success.

COUNSELING 100
COLLEGE COURSE

LEARN MORE

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Orientation to college, career and educational planning.

COUN 100—AA/AS; CSU Transferrable; 1.5 units.

Available at our local high schools.

Future Ready

SAN CLEMENTE TRITONS

BY SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS

San Clemente Tritons are Future Ready!

October 14th and 15th

Join us and choose what session you want to be in! UC/CSU room, Community College room, or Common App/out of state colleges room

*Please choose a session or one will be chosen for you

sign up here!

How to take advantage:

- Receive help applying to your college of choice
- College essay feedback
- Talk to college and military reps
- Trade/vocational school info

WUE

Western Undergraduate Exchange

How does WUE work?

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) is a tuition savings program that makes attending out-of-state colleges and universities more affordable for students. Through WUE, you receive a reduced tuition rate, giving you more education options for your money.

Out-of-state tuition is expensive, sometimes two to three times the cost of in-state tuition. With WUE, participating public colleges and universities across the West agree to charge out-of-state students no more than 150% of the school's in-state tuition. Tuition savings may vary depending on the college or major. **The bottom line: You save big with WUE and almost always pay less than out-of-state tuition.**

170 institutions

$12,517 average savings per student

How do I get started?

1. **Check your eligibility** by home state/territory, college and major through our online WUE Savings Finder.

2. **Meet admissions requirements and deadlines** for the WUE college.

3. **Apply directly** to the college(s) of your choice.

4. **Contact the college** — it's the best source of information about how you can save money through WUE.

WICHE
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

Questions? Visit wue.wiche.edu ✉ info-sap@wiche.edu ☎ 303.541.0267

Participating colleges and universities

As of April 2025

Residents of the following 15 U.S. states, as well as well as American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam, are eligible to apply.

* denotes a 2-year college

ALASKA
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Fairbanks
University of Alaska Southeast

ARIZONA
Arizona State University/Downtown
Arizona State University/Polytechnic
Arizona State University/Tempe[†]
Arizona State University/West Valley
Arizona Western College *
Central Arizona College *
Chandler-Gilbert Community College *
Cochise College *
Coconino Community College *
Eastern Arizona College *
Estrella Mountain Community College *
GateWay Community College *
Glendale Community College *
Mesa Community College *
Mohave Community College *
Northern Arizona University
Northland Pioneer College *
Paradise Valley Community College *
Phoenix College *
Pima Community College *
Rio Salado College *
Scottsdale Community College *
South Mountain Community College *
University of Arizona[†]
Yavapai College *

CALIFORNIA
Barstow Community College *
Cal Poly Humboldt
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Bakersfield
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Maritime Academy
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento
California State University, San Bernardino
California State University, San Marcos
California State University, Stanislaus
College of the Siskiyous *
Feather River Community College *
Lake Tahoe Community College *
Lassen Community College *
San Francisco State University
San Jose State University
Sonoma State University
University of California, Merced

COLORADO
Adams State University
Aims Community College *
Arapahoe Community College *
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado Mountain College *
Colorado Northwestern Community College *
Colorado State University
Colorado State University-Pueblo

Community College of Aurora *
Community College of Denver *
Fort Lewis College
Front Range Community College *
Lamar Community College *
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Morgan Community College *
Northeastern Junior College *
Otero College *
Pikes Peak State College
Pueblo Community College *
Red Rocks Community College *
Trinidad State College *
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Northern Colorado
Western Colorado University

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
Northern Marianas College *

GUAM
University of Guam

HAWAI'I
University of Hawai'i at Hilo
University of Hawai'i at Manoa
University of Hawai'i Maui College
University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu

IDAHO
Boise State University
College of Eastern Idaho *
College of Southern Idaho *
Idaho State University
Lewis-Clark State College
North Idaho College *
University of Idaho

MONTANA
Dawson Community College *
Flathead Valley Community College *
Great Falls College Montana State University *
Helena College University of Montana *
Highlands College of Montana Tech *
Miles Community College *
Montana State University Billings
Montana State University, Bozeman
Montana State University, Northern
Montana Technological University
University of Montana
University of Montana, Western

NEVADA
College of Southern Nevada *
Great Basin College *
Nevada State University
Truckee Meadows Community College *
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
University of Nevada, Reno
Western Nevada College *

NEW MEXICO
Eastern New Mexico University
Eastern New Mexico University - Roswell *
New Mexico Highlands University
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
New Mexico Junior College *

New Mexico Military Institute *
New Mexico State University
New Mexico State University-Alamogordo *
Northern New Mexico College
Santa Fe Community College *
University of New Mexico
Western New Mexico University

NORTH DAKOTA
Bismarck State College *
Dakota College at Bottineau *
Dickinson State University
Lake Region State College *
Mayville State University
Minot State University
North Dakota State College of Science *
North Dakota State University
University of North Dakota
Valley City State University
Williston State College *

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Utah Valley University
Weber State University

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Washington State University
Washington State University Everett
Washington State University Tri-Cities
Washington State University Vancouver
Western Washington University

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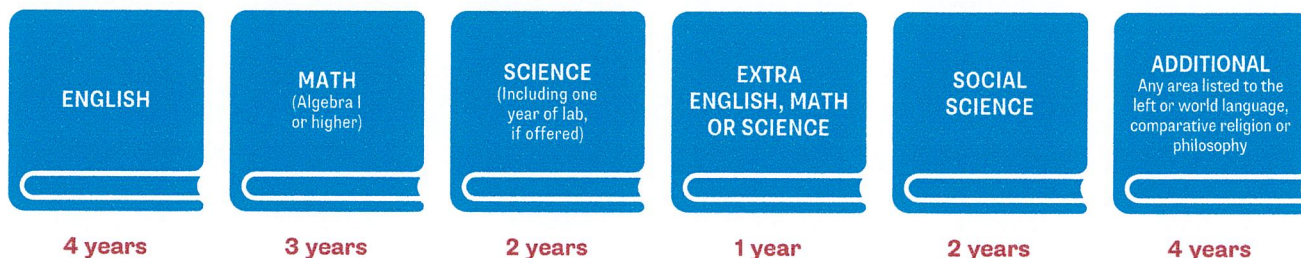[†] limited number of eligible majors

Division I Academic Standards

Division I schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of **full-time enrollment**, you must meet the following requirements:
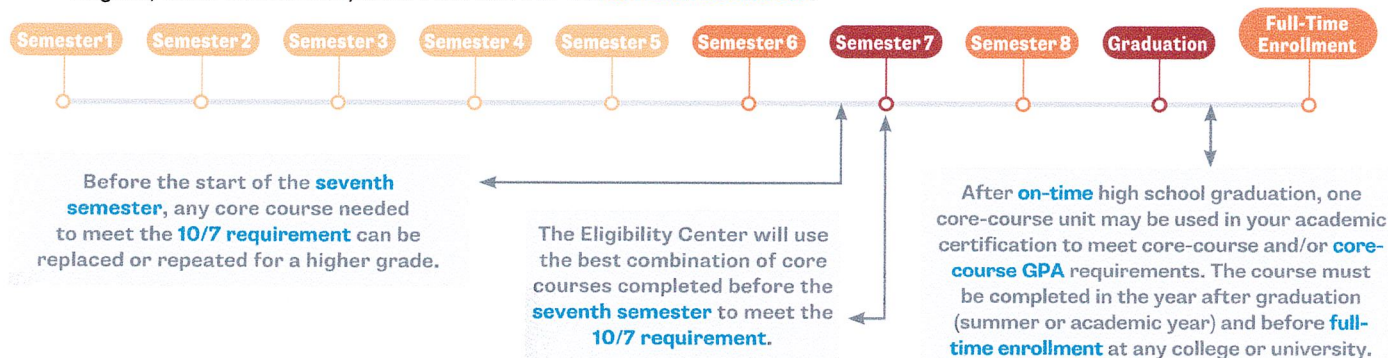
NCAA DIVISION I

1. **Register** for an Academic and Athletics Certification account.
2. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA ENGLISH, MATH OR SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL Any area listed to the left or world language, comparative religion or philosophy
4 years	**3 years**	**2 years**	**1 year**	**2 years**	**4 years**

3. Complete 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in four consecutive academic years (eight semesters) from your initial start of ninth grade. If you graduate from high school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
4. Meet the **10/7 requirement** by completing 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math and science, before the start of the **seventh semester**.

Semester 1 — Semester 2 — Semester 3 — Semester 4 — Semester 5 — Semester 6 — Semester 7 — Semester 8 — Graduation — Full-Time Enrollment

Before the start of the **seventh semester**, any core course needed to meet the **10/7 requirement** can be replaced or repeated for a higher grade.

The Eligibility Center will use the best combination of core courses completed before the **seventh semester** to meet the **10/7 requirement**.

After **on-time** high school graduation, one core-course unit may be used in your academic certification to meet core-course and/or **core-course GPA** requirements. The course must be completed in the year after graduation (summer or academic year) and before **full-time enrollment** at any college or university.

» Students with solely **international** academic credentials are not required to meet the 10/7 requirement.

5. Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA**.
6. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official high school transcript** with **proof of graduation** to your Eligibility Center account.
7. Receive academic and athletics certifications from the Eligibility Center.

Example Schedule
How To Plan High School Courses To Meet the 16 Core-Course Requirement

4 x 4 = 16

9th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

Division II Academic Standards

Division II schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of **full-time enrollment**, you must meet the following requirements:

1. **Register** for an Academic and Athletics Certification account.
2. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA ENGLISH, MATH OR SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL Any area listed to the left or world language, comparative religion or philosophy
3 years	**2 years**	**2 years**	**3 years**	**2 years**	**4 years**

3. Earn a minimum 2.2 **core-course GPA**.
4. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official high school transcript** with **proof of graduation** to your Eligibility Center account.
5. Receive academic and athletics certifications from the Eligibility Center.

What if You Don't Meet Division II Standards?

If you have not met all the Division II academic standards, you may not compete in your first year of **full-time enrollment** at a Division II school. However, you will be deemed a partial qualifier. All Division II partial qualifiers may practice and receive an athletics scholarship but may NOT compete during their first year of full-time enrollment.

Division II Worksheet

Use the **Division II Worksheet** to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The Eligibility Center will determine your **academic status** after you graduate. Remember to check your high school's list of **NCAA-approved core courses** for courses you have taken or plan to take.

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

Academic certifications are required for all college-bound student-athletes planning to compete at an NCAA Division II school. If you're being **recruited** by a Division II school, below are the most common decisions you may receive once your academic certification has been completed.
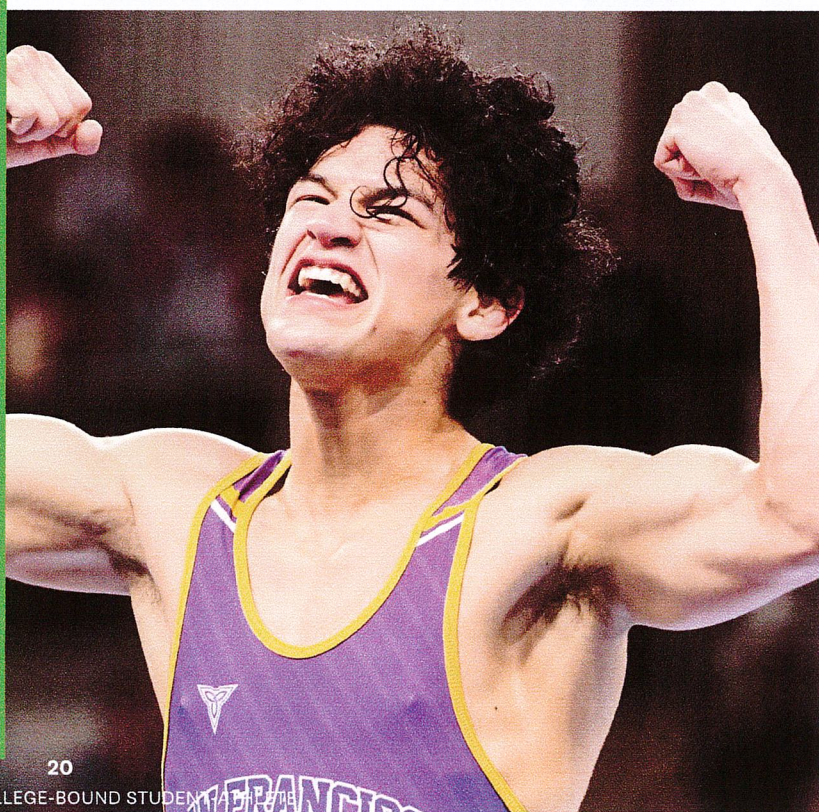
Early Academic Qualifier

If you meet **specific criteria** after three consecutive academic years (six semesters) of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

Qualifier

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

Partial Qualifier

You may practice and receive an athletics scholarship but may NOT compete during your first year of full-time enrollment.
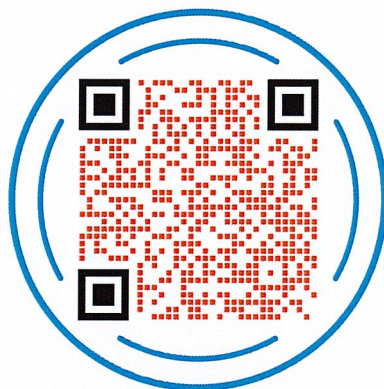
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