

How To Get To College

ESUHSD College Night 2025





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Taking a look at the four-year college systems in California

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Community College

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What to focus on each year of high school



01

Four Year Colleges





When entering an
ESUHSD high school,
all students
are put on the
A-G Completion Path



A-G refers to the minimum requirements to apply to CSUs, UCs and most private colleges and universities



A-G (College Requirements)

Students must pass classes with C- or higher to receive credit

**"A":
SOCIAL SCIENCE**

2 YEARS

**"B":
ENGLISH**

4 YEARS

**"C":
MATHEMATICS**

**3 YEARS
4 YR. RECOM.**

**"D":
SCIENCE**

**2 YEARS
3 YR. RECOM.**

**"E": WORLD
LANGUAGE**

**2 YEARS
3 YR. RECOM.**

**"F": VISUAL/
PERFORM. ARTS**

1 YEAR

**"G": COLLEGE
PREP ELECTIVE**

1 YEAR

California State University (CSU)



- 22 campuses across California
 - Cal Poly and Cal Maritime are integrating to one campus - will be official for Fall 2026
- Meet A-G requirements with C- or higher
- Maintain 2.5 or higher GPA in A-G courses in G.10-11
 - GPA between 2.0-2.49 may be evaluated for admissions based on [supplemental factors](#)
 - Supplemental factors may include:
 - Number of courses exceeding minimum "A-G" requirements,
 - GPA in math and/or science courses,
 - Household income,
 - Extracurricular and leadership involvement,
 - Educational program participation in high school
- SAT/ACT no longer required for admissions



University of California (UC)



- 9 Undergraduate campuses across California
- Meet A-G requirements with C- or higher
- Maintain 3.0 or higher GPA in A-G courses in G.10-11
- SAT/ACT no longer required for admissions
- [Application evaluated by 13 components](#) including:
 - Number of courses beyond A-G requirements
 - Senior year courses
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Academic accomplishments in light of special circumstances such as:
 - Personal and family situations/circumstances
 - Need to work/low family income
 - First generation to attend college

Private Colleges

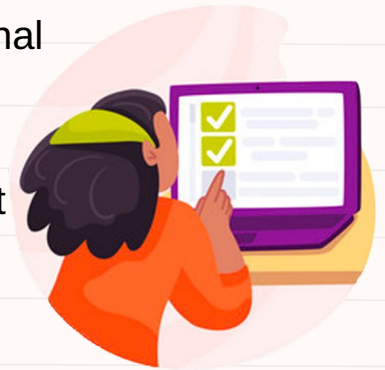
- Meet A-G requirements with C or higher (minimum)
 - Check with individual colleges for additional requirements
- Minimum GPA varies per college
- SAT/ACT requirement based on individual college
 - **Required:** students must take SAT/ACT
 - **Test Optional:** up to student whether or not submit test scores
 - **Test Blind:** students do not have to take SAT/ACT
- Over 80 private, non-profit private/independent colleges in California



Notable CA Private Universities: **Stanford University**, University of Southern California, Pepperdine University, **University of San Francisco**, **St. Mary's College**, University of the Pacific, Dominican University, **Santa Clara University**

SAT Information

- FREE School Day SAT for Juniors only - **March 4, 2026**
 - Students must opt-in
 - Contact school's administration for more information
- **REMINDER** - UC and CSU systems do not require the SAT for college admissions
 - SAT scores will only be used for placement purposes in English and Math
- Some private schools require SAT for admissions; some are optional
- Releasing SAT scores to colleges:
 - Select college(s) as a recipient during G.11 SAT
 - If not, go to www.collegeboard.com to send your score report
- SAT prep resources, check out [Khan Academy](#)
- In G.10 and interested National Merit Scholarship?
 - Click [here](#) for more information for alternate entry





Eligible vs. Competitive

Eligible

- Minimum A-G Completion
- Minimum GPA
- Easy 12th grade schedule w/ few A-G courses
- Few extracurricular or community activities

Does not mean that a student will be accepted to their 1st choice campus



Competitive

- Taking A-G courses beyond the minimum
- Higher GPA
- Competitive 12th grade schedule w/ A-G courses
- Several, recurring extracurricular or community activities

Better chance for students to be accepted to highly competitive or impacted majors



Spartan East Side Promise



- Agreement between ESUHSD and SJSU
- Students meet requirements → Guaranteed admissions to SJSU
- For more information, visit the [SESP website](#)



Meet A-G requirements
with minimum 2.5 GPA

Includes FREE summer
transition program

Requirements

Summer Program

01



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04

Eligibility

Graduate from an
ESUHSD school

Admissions

Guaranteed admissions as
undeclared major (does not
guarantee acceptance into desired
major)





Application Timeline



Aug. 1

UC application portal
opens



Oct. 1

UC, CSU and Financial
Aid applications open
for submission



Dec. 1

Application deadline
for UC/CSU
(Select CSU have later
deadlines)

**Deadlines for Private Colleges will vary. Please check with each college.*



Jan-Mar

Community College
applications open



Mar. 2

Financial Aid priority
deadline for Cal
Grants



Feb-Apr

College Acceptance/
Financial Aid
packages



02

Community Colleges





Community College

- Two-year college to complete General Education (GE)
- Transfer to any four-year college upon completion
- CC's have transfer agreements with certain UCs and CSUs (TAG)
 - If completed requirements for intended major, guaranteed admissions to university
 - Different CCs have different transfer agreements
 - Check each CC individually to see if they have what you want
- Only requirement to attend CC is high school diploma or be 18 years old

Local Community Colleges

- De Anza College
- Evergreen Valley College
- Mission College
- San Jose City College
- West Valley College
- Foothill College
- Ohlone College
- Gavilan College



California Promise Program

Each community college has their own “promise program”

- **FREE** Tuition (for eligible students)
- Books, materials, fees **COVERED**
- VTA Card
- Up to two (2) years!

Qualifications

- California Resident
- First time, full time college student
- *Must apply for FAFSA/CADAA*
- GPA, course completion rates



[De Anza College](#)

[Evergreen Valley College](#)

[Mission College](#)

[West Valley College](#)

[San Jose City College](#)

[Foothill College](#)

[Ohlone College](#)



CSU - Transfer Success Pathway

Purpose: to increase access to any of the CSU's 22 universities

Eligibility: First time freshman student who either:

- Wasn't eligible to attend the CSU at the time you graduated from high school; Or
- Didn't attend a CSU because of personal or financial reasons
- Graduate from high school and did not receive college credit after high school graduation
 - Agreement cycle Aug 1-Oct 31 immediately after HS graduation

Eligible students can apply to the program to:

- Enter agreement with selected CSU and receive guaranteed admissions to degree program and campus
 - Students must meet all TSP requirements within three years.
 - Available degree programs vary by each CSU.

For more information, visit [CSU's Transfer Success Pathway](#) webpage



UC Transfer Program

Three different transfer paths:

1. Transfer Pathways

- a. Major is known
- b. Receive set of courses to get prepared for major
- c. Transfer to any of the nine UCs

2. Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)

- a. Have desired campus (six of nine campus have TAG agreements)
- b. Submit separate TAG application to chosen campus
- c. Meet GPA and course requirements, → guaranteed admissions

3. Pathways+

- a. Major is listed under Pathways
- b. Freedom to explore other campus while ensuring a spot at one of the six TAG campuses
- c. Best of both worlds: guaranteed spot at UC, receive support



Visit [UC Transfer Program's website](#) for more information

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College Resource

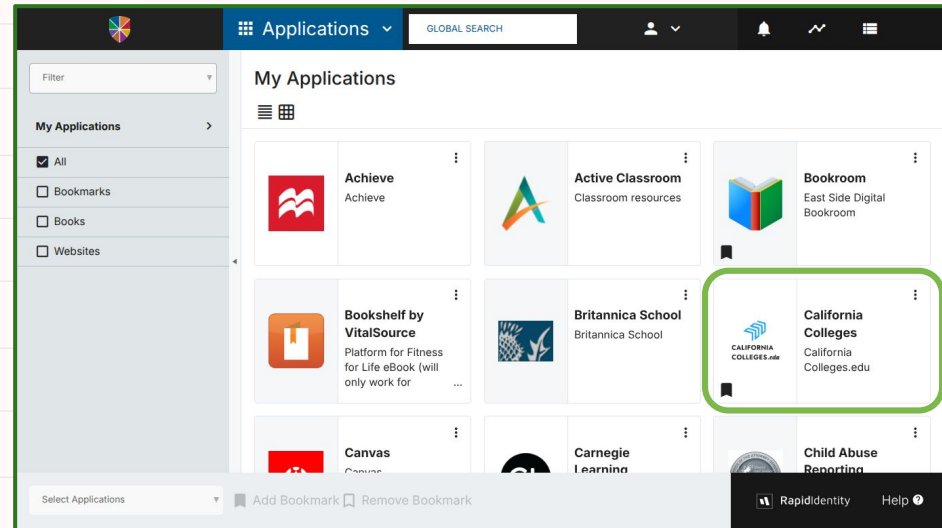


California Colleges (CCGI)

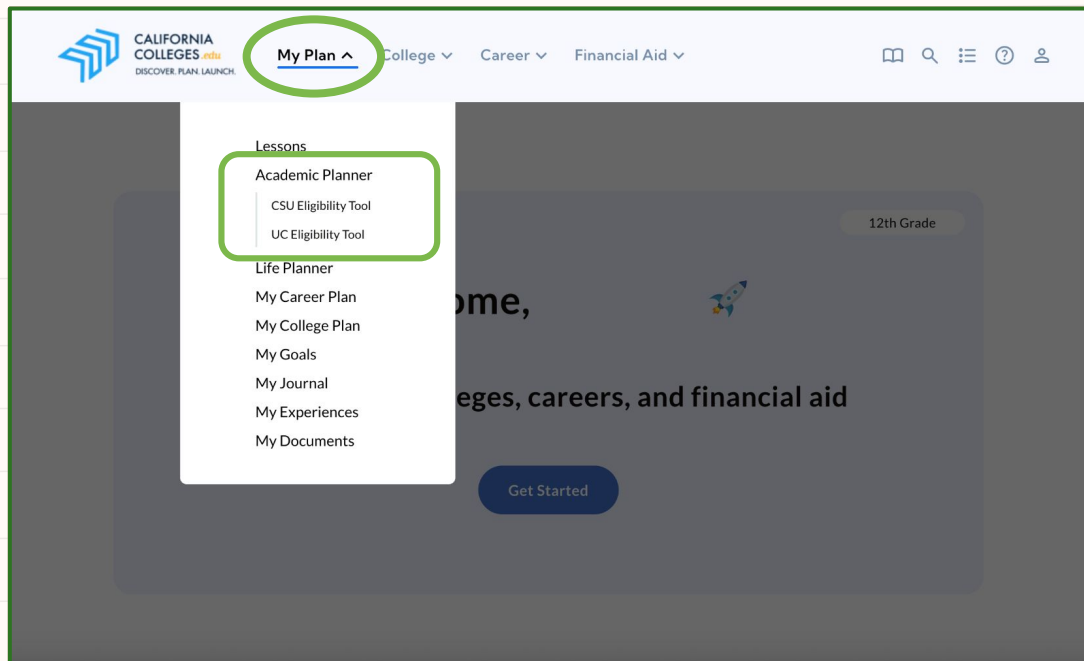
CCGI is a comprehensive post-secondary planning tool with the following resources:

- 4-Year Plan/A-G Status Monitoring
- College Search
- Career Exploration
 - Personality
 - Interests
 - Values
- Financial Aid

Go to [ARMS](#) and find the California Colleges app



CCGI Tools



Academic Planner:

- Create four year plan

CSU Eligibility Tool:

- View A-G status for CSU

UC Eligibility Tool:

- View A-G status for UC



CSU/UC Eligibility

Select either “CSU Eligibility” or “UC Eligibility” under “My Plan”

The screenshot shows the California Colleges website's CSU Eligibility Tool. The navigation bar includes 'My Plan', 'College', 'Career', and 'Financial Aid'. The 'My Plan' dropdown is open, showing 'Academic Planner', 'Life Planner', 'My Career Plan', 'My College Plan', 'My Goals', and 'My Journal'. The 'Academic Planner' is selected, and the 'CSU Eligibility' tab is active. The 'CSU Eligibility Status' section shows a 'Requires Review' warning and a message: 'You need your counselor's help to determine your status. Review the eligibility details below.' The 'Your eligibility details' section shows a greeting 'Hi' and a message: 'Your status can't be determined based only on your verified A-G courses. Review the [courses that are not verified as A-G](#) with your counselor to determine if they contribute to your eligibility for CSU admission. [How to meet CSU Eligibility Requirements](#)'. The 'CSU GPA' section shows a gauge with a value of 4.15 and a message: 'You're currently meeting the minimum GPA requirement for the CSU. Great job!'. The 'Subject area progress' section shows a progress bar for areas A through G, with A, C, E, and G marked as satisfied (green checkmarks) and B, D, F marked as unsatisfied (red exclamation marks). The 'Total years progress' section shows a progress bar for total years, with a message: 'You're currently missing 0.5 total year of A-G courses for your grade level. Plan to take the courses you're missing and complete them with a C- or better. Talk to your counselor for help. [Learn about grade level progress recommendations](#)'.

CSU Eligibility Tool
Check your progress toward meeting CSU eligibility requirements.

Lessons Academic Planner Life Planner My Career Plan My College Plan My Goals My Journal

Academic Planner CCCs **CSU Eligibility** UC Eligibility CSU Application Info UC Application Info

CSU Eligibility Status

Requires Review You need your counselor's help to determine your status. Review the eligibility details below.

Your eligibility details

Hi

Your status can't be determined based only on your verified A-G courses. Review the [courses that are not verified as A-G](#) with your counselor to determine if they contribute to your eligibility for CSU admission. [How to meet CSU Eligibility Requirements](#)

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CSU GPA

0.0 2.0 2.5 4.0 4.15

You're currently meeting the minimum GPA requirement for the CSU. Great job!

[How the CSU calculates your GPA](#)

Subject area progress

A B C D E F G

- You've satisfied areas A, C, E, G. Congratulations!
- You're off track for your grade level in areas B, D, F. Talk to your counselor about your courses, grades, and options.

[Learn about grade level progress recommendations](#)

Total years progress

0 145


You're currently missing 0.5 total year of A-G courses for your grade level. Plan to take the courses you're missing and complete them with a C- or better. Talk to your counselor for help. [Learn about grade level progress recommendations](#)

Scroll Down to see eligibility details

Subject Area Progress:
Lists subject area requirements & if met

Weighted A-G GPA
*Extra point for AP Courses

Subject Area Eligibility



CALIFORNIA COLLEGES

DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.

My Plan

College

Career

Financial Aid

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Courses that are verified as A-G

Track your A-G progress based on courses verified against the [high school A-G Course List](#)

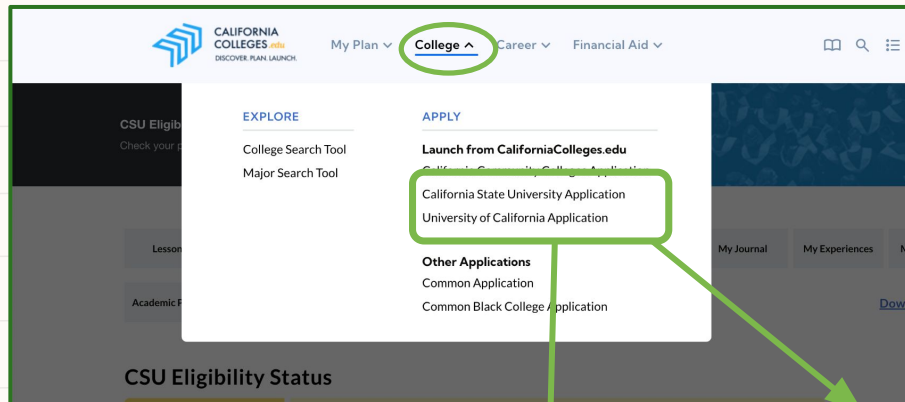
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This tool assumes you'll pass enrolled courses with a C- or better when calculating your eligibility. Your A-G progress will update when your final grades are received.

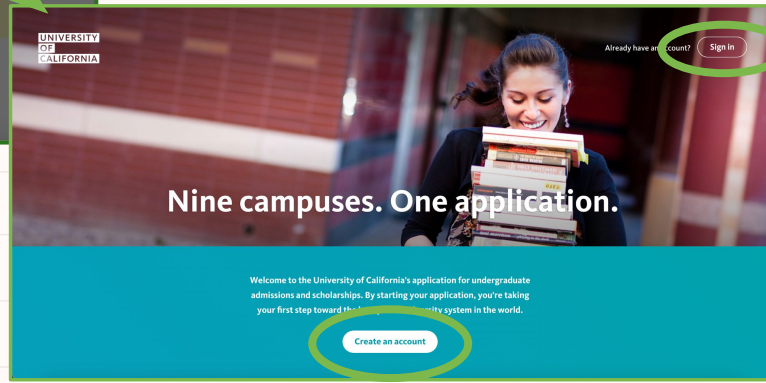
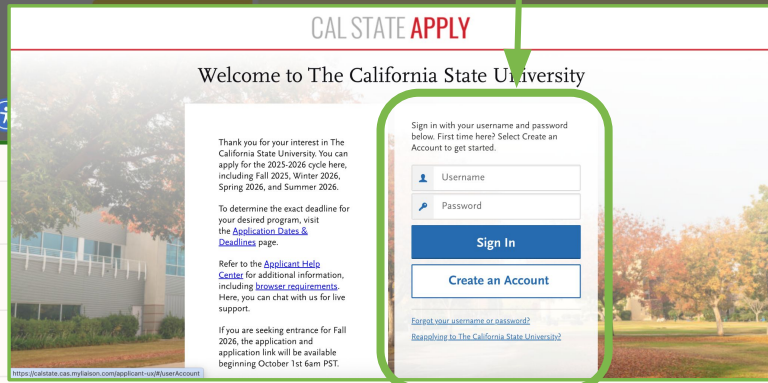
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- View which courses satisfy A-G requirements
- See which subject area requirements have been completed or which subject areas need to be met
 - Subject area off track → student has not met subject area requirement
- “UC Honors” → extra point added to GPA (weighted GPA)

Application Launch Through CCGI



- Launch CSU and/or UC college application through CCGI
- Coursework and grades will import directly into CSU and UC application
 - Import is rough draft - be sure to double check courses and grades



College Search

The screenshot shows the California Colleges.edu website. The top navigation bar includes links for My Plan, College (highlighted with a green circle and a blue arrow pointing to the EXPLORE section), Career, and Financial Aid. The EXPLORE section contains a link to the College Search Tool (also highlighted with a green circle). The main content area is titled 'Search Colleges' and features a search bar and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for Location (California Only, All U.S.), California College Type (Community College, State University, University of California, Independent Colleges), Programs/Majors, Level of College, and Type of College. A list of colleges is displayed, including ABC Adult School, Academy for Jewish Religion California, Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Sciences, and Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine College-Berkeley. Each college entry includes details such as location, size, public/private status, average net price, and acceptance rate. A heart icon is visible next to each college entry, and a blue arrow points to the heart icon for ABC Adult School. A callout box with a green border and orange text says 'Heart interested colleges to save to profile'.

Search for colleges by:
Location, public vs, private,
majors, cost, size,
acceptance rate, etc.

Heart interested colleges to save to profile

Career Tools

The screenshot shows the 'Career' section of the California Colleges.edu website. The navigation bar includes 'My Plan', 'College', 'Career' (highlighted with a green circle), and 'Financial Aid'. The main content area features three sections: 'Major Search Tool', 'EXPLORE' (with 'Career Search Tool' highlighted by a green circle and an arrow pointing to a callout), and 'ASSESSMENTS' (with a green box around the list of tools and an arrow pointing to a callout). The footer contains the California Colleges.edu logo, contact information, and logos for the California College Guidance Initiative and maialearning.

Major Search Tool
Use this tool to search for programs and majors. You can view a list of colleges that offer the program. To learn more about our major and career data sources.

EXPLORE
Career Search Tool

ASSESSMENTS
Interest Profiler
Work Values
Intelligences
Personality
Skills

Career Search Tool:
Learn more about different careers including education level needed, major, salary, responsibilities and more!

Assessments:
Unsure about career, major or college? Use personality assessments to match personality to different careers and jobs

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04

Preparing Your Student





Start Your College Journey

Grade 9 (Freshman)

- Use the Academic Planner at californiacolleges.edu to plan out your “A-G” courses
 - All ESUHSD students have access to California Colleges (CCGI) through their ARMS account
- Take the classes you need to be ready for advanced classes in your junior and senior year
- Build a strong math and English foundation
- Develop study skills to learn more effectively

Grade 10 (Sophomore)

- Meet with your counselor to identify the best academic pathway for your major of interest
- Focus on your grades. The CSU calculates your GPA for admission using your 10th and 11th grade courses
- If considering a STEM career, take an advanced math course or a course that prepares you for advanced math.

**Information from [CSU Student Success](#)*



Focus on Your College Goals

Grade 11 (Junior Year)

- Continue to strengthen your English and math skills by taking advanced courses
- Select courses that match your career interests. If considering a STEM major, take an advanced math course
- Take community college or dual enrollment courses to earn college credit
- Do well on the CAASPP exam. Your CAASPP score may be used to place you in the appropriate English and math courses when you attend the CSU

**Information from [CSU Student Success](#)*





Finish Senior Year Strong

Grade 12 (Senior Year)

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your transition to college
- Take your final English college prep course such as CSU ERWC, Honors English, AP English, or IB English
- Take an advanced math course that matches your career interest. If considering a STEM career take Pre-Calculus or Calculus
- Take community college or dual enrollment courses to earn college credit
- Stay focused on earning good grades in your final year.

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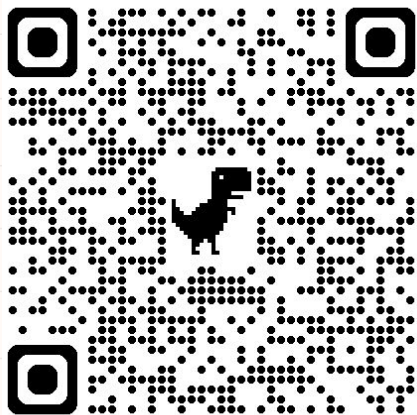
Thank you!

Questions?



We value your feedback!

Help us improve our College & Career Night by completing this short survey:



Additional Workshops happening now in the Student Union!

- FSA ID - First step in completing the financial aid application
 - For senior families only
- CalKids Workshop
 - Students may be entitled to college funds by the state of California