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Community College

4 Year Universities / Colleges



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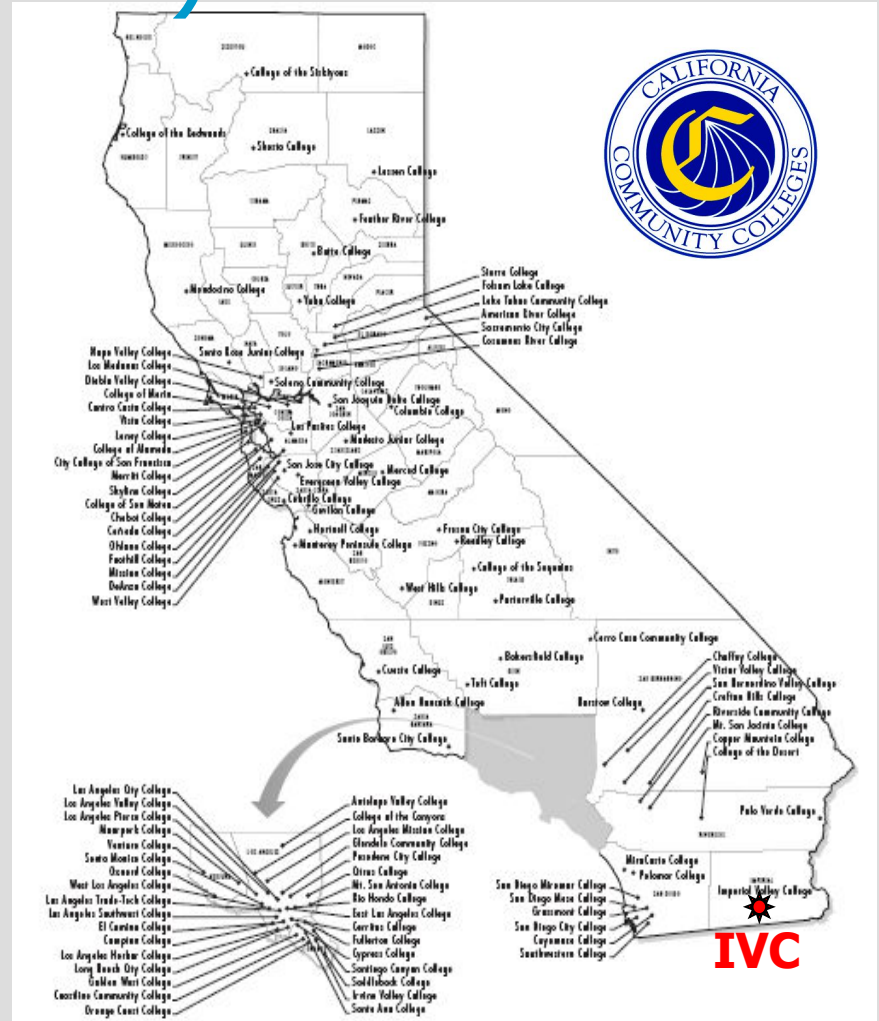
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Private Colleges

# California Community Colleges (CCC)

- 113 campuses
- Total Spring 2015 enrollment:  
1,485,407 students
- Open to any student pursuing  
higher education (18+ or  
Diploma/GED)



[www.cccapply.org](http://www.cccapply.org)

# California Community Colleges Offer:

- HS Concurrent Enrollment
- Basic skills and English as a second language
- Job skills
- No minimum GPA
- HS Diploma or equivalent only requirement
- Certificate Programs
- Associate Degrees
- Transfer to a 4-Year University/College
- Flexible schedules (Day, evening, and weekend classes)

# California State University (CSU)

- 23 Campuses in CA
- One of the largest higher education system in the country
- 460,000 students,
- Bachelors and Master's Degrees
- One of the nation's most diverse higher educational institutions



# California State University

- Eligibility Requirements:
  - [A-G Courses](#)
  - [2.0 GPA Minimum](#)
  - [SAT Reasoning](#) Exam Score or [ACT](#) Exam Score
- Applications accepted from [October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>](#)
  - <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
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- Impacted campuses and majors may have stricter or additional requirements. Just because you have a 2.0, does not guarantee you will get in to the campus of your choice.

# University of California (UC)

- 10 campuses in CA – only 9 open for undergraduates
- UC Merced (2005) newest UC in 40 years.
- 250,000 students total
- Focus on teaching, research and public service



# University of California

- Minimum [GPA is 3.0](#)
- Application is based upon:
  - [A-G Courses](#) and [GPA](#)
  - [SAT Reasoning](#) or [ACT with Writing](#)
  - [2 SAT Subject Tests - for some majors](#)
  - [Extracurricular Activities](#) and [Involvement](#)
  - [Personal Statement](#)
  - [Letters of Recommendation \(UC Berkeley only\)](#)
- Applications accepted from [November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>](#)
  - Applications are available now and we will be working on them during bootcamp

# "a-g" Course Requirements

- a. **History/Social Science** – 2 years
- b. **English** – 4 years
- c. **Mathematics** – 3 years (4 years recommended)
- d. **Laboratory Science** – 2 years (3 years recommended)
- e. **Language Other Than English** – 2 years (3 years recommended)
- f. **Visual and Performing Arts** – 1 year
- g. **College-Preparatory Elective** – 1 year

# Private/Independent Colleges & Universities

- Around 1600 Private Universities and Colleges in the US.
- About 70 of them are in California
- Provide large scholarship/financial aid packages
- Smaller class size and faster graduation rates
- Requirements and Deadlines will VARY



# Tips for YOU . . .

- Visit the campuses
- Create list of scholarships.
- Attend college fairs and parent nights
- Contact university representatives
- Keep choices open.
- Register for PSAT/SAT/ACT
- Remind them of deadlines
- Get familiar with college prep and campus websites

# People that can Help

- Counselors
- College Advisors
- Teachers
- College Access programs
- Parent Coordinators
- Current college students

# College Going Vocab



# What is Naviance?

- Portal for you to organize your application materials.
  - Send information to colleges (letters of Recommendation)
  - See if your profile makes you a good match for this school
  - Help you find scholarships
  - Update Ms. O on how the college process is going and what needs to be sent.
- Share it with your family
  - Show your parents all you are doing on Naviance!

# Application Portals

- Cal State Apply - <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
  - One place you can apply to all the CSU campuses
- Common App – [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
  - One application that you can submit to multiple schools
  - Supplemental questions may be asked for certain schools.
- University of California - <https://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/applicant/login.htm>
  - One place to apply to the UC campuses.
- The Coalition Application - <http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org/>

# Types of Applications

- Early Action –
  - When a student applies early but does not have to let the school know they will be attending until May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Early Decision –
  - When you apply early decision and are admitted, you must attend that university.
  - This may also be called a binding decision
- Single Choice Early Action
  - When a school only allows you to apply to one school early action
- Deferred Decision – “the Holding Pattern”
  - The school is not ready to make a decision and would like to hold on to your application and make a decision a bit later.