



CALIFORNIA FOUR SYSTEMS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

	Community Colleges	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Private Colleges
Number Statewide Local schools in each system	109 Harbor, El Camino, Compton, Long Beach, LA Trade Tech, LA Southwest, West LA, Cerritos, etc.	23 CSU Dominguez Hills, Los Angeles, Long Beach, Fullerton, Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, etc.	10 UCLA, UCI, UCSB, UCSC, UCR, UCB, UCSD, UCD, UCSF, UCM	Over 70 USC, Pepperdine, La Verne, Loyola-Marymount, Claremont, Redlands, Occidental, etc.
Nature of Programs and Curriculum	Two-year schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career and job entry majors • Transfer Classes • AA degrees • Vocational certificates • Concurrent enrollment (for high school students) 	Four-year schools with graduate programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various majors, depends on campus • Pre-professional training • BA and BS degrees • Master's degrees • Teaching credentials 	Four-year schools with graduate and professional programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various majors, depends on campus/Research Institution • Pre-professional training • BA and BS degrees • Doctorates and professional degrees (i.e. law, medicine, dentistry) 	Varies according to size
Costs: Fees and/or Tuition (does not include room and board)	About \$800 per year	About \$3,116 per year	About \$9,800 per year	About \$32,000-50,000 per year
Supported by:	Public tax monies and student fees	Public tax monies and student fees	Public tax monies and student fees	Private funds and tuition fees
Entrance Requirements for Freshmen 1) Subject and GPA 2) Test	No subject requirements; must be 18 years old or a high school graduate	A full pattern of subject requirements. At least 2.0 GPA in A-G subjects SAT: Reasoning or ACT	Specific A-G academic subject requirements. At least 3.0 GPA in A-G subjects. SAT: Reasoning or ACT w/writing and two (2) SAT: Subject Exams in two different subject areas	SAT: Reasoning or ACT w/writing Some require SAT: Subject Tests as well Check catalogs for specific test requirements.