

california educational systems at a glance

system	California Community Colleges (CCC)	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Independent Colleges and Universities
number of campuses	112	23	10	75
college entrance test	None Required	ACT or SAT on most CSU campuses are required for students with grade point averages under 3.00*	ACT with writing or SAT	ACT or SAT (check with college or university of your choice)
degrees offered	Associate degrees and vocational certificates	Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees	Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, and professional degrees	Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral, and professional degrees
in-state student fees/tuition (subject to change)	\$46 per unit (before financial aid)	Average \$6,633 (before financial aid)	Average \$13,200 (before financial aid)	Average \$33,109 (before financial aid)
financial aid	You can afford to go to college! Financial Aid is available from colleges and universities, State and Federal governments, businesses and other organizations. All qualified students will receive a Cal Grant, which is "free" money that covers full student fees and/or living expenses at California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California. Maximum Cal Grants at independent colleges and universities are \$9,084; the average financial aid package at these institutions is \$29,038.			
*Applicants who are not required to submit test scores are encouraged to take standardized admission tests for advising and for placement in appropriate courses.				

california colleges and universities

California Community Colleges (CCC)

- Admit all students who are 18 years old or a high school graduate
- Enroll high school students under special arrangement to earn college or high school credits
- Prepare students to transfer to any college or university for a Bachelor's Degree
- Have low fees and offer financial aid
- Offer a wide variety of opportunities to enhance your future and enrich your life
- For more information, visit the website
www.californiacolleges.edu
www.icanaffordcollege.com

California State University (CSU)

- Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths
- Each campus has its own special geographic features and traditions
- CSU offers quality education in the liberal arts and sciences and specialized training for a variety of career fields
- On-campus housing is available on most campuses
- For more information, visit the website
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University of California (UC)

- Each campus has its own personality, academic focus, and strengths
- Offers various advanced degrees, including medicine and law
- Has many nationally ranked academic and athletic programs
- On-campus housing is available on all campuses
- For more information, visit the website
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Independent California Colleges and Universities

- 75 not-for-profit, fully accredited private colleges that offer over 350 different degrees
- Average Financial Aid package is almost \$29,038, and 85% of all students receive some form of financial aid
- Each school is different which offers students the opportunity to choose the type of educational environment that best suits their needs
- For more information, visit the website
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Specialized Schools and Colleges

- Most students 18 years of age or older are eligible for admission; however, at WASC accredited specialized colleges, it is recommended that students follow the High School Planning Chart on the reverse side
- Courses or programs offered are specialized (i.e., fashion design or automotive technologies) for direct entrance into careers

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