# ADMISSIONS FACTORS

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- Interview (some)
- Letter of Recommendation
A-G CLASSES?

- Specific coursework needed for UC/CSU eligibility
- “C” or better = passing
- UC and CSU GPA derived from these classes in 10th and 11th grade only
COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS (A-G)

A – History
   1 year of World History and 1 year of U.S. History
B – English
   4 years of English
C – Math
   3 years of Math (Algebra 1-2 or Integrated Math 1a/b, Geometry 1-2, and Algebra 3-4)
D – Science
   2 years of laboratory science (Biological and Physical)
E – World Language
   2 years of the same language
F – Visual or Performing Arts
   *1 year of the same discipline (Visual Art, Music, Theater)*
G – College Prep Elective
   1 year of an academic elective from the above categories

*Must pass all classes with a grade of a “C” or better*
WHEN DO I TAKE THE SAT AND/OR ACT?

• Junior year – Spring
• Senior year – Fall

• Many schools will accept the December SAT of students senior year
23 CSU CAMPUSES
EXPLORE CSU CAMPUSES

- Matching Assistant - Select criteria for a college search
- Comparative View - Comparison of campus statistics with sorting options
- Campus Facts - Detailed campus profiles with photos, links and videos
- Distance Search - Find the campus closest to any zip code
- CSUMentor Search - Utilizes a Google search engine specific to CSUMentor. It will search only websites of CSUMentor and CSU campuses.
- FAQs - University Selection - Frequently asked questions and answers about specific CSU campuses
- Inquire to the CSU Campuses - Find a direct way to contact the campus for more information
- Explore Majors/Search CSU Degrees - Find majors or degrees by CSU campus or keywords
CSU ELIGIBILITY INDEX

- GPA (10th and 11th a-g classes) X 800+ SAT Reasoning (Math and English only) = Eligibility Index

- GPA 3.5 x 800 = 2800
- SAT 550 + 610 = 1160
- 2800 + 1160 = 3960

- **2900 Minimum Eligibility Index**
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SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
FALL 2015 ADMITTED FRESHMEN

- Average GPA 3.83
- Average SAT Reasoning (critical reading & math) 1169
- Average ACT 26 (not including writing)
- Average eligibility Index 4000+

- No D/F policy (both on A-G and non A-G courses) in the senior year!
9 UC CAMPUSES

http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/
NEW: THE UC PERSONAL STATEMENT

• Student will have 8 questions to choose from. They must respond to any 4 of the 8 questions.

• Each question is limited to a maximum of 350 words.

• Which questions the students choose to answer is entirely up to them; But they can select questions that are most relevant to their experience and that best reflects their individual circumstances.

• All questions are equal: All questions are given equal consideration in the application review process, which means there is no advantage or disadvantage to choosing certain questions over others.
UC FRESHMAN ADMISSION PROFILE
FALL 2015

Berkeley  4.14
Davis    3.96
Irvine   3.91
Los Angeles  4.11
Merced  3.44
Riverside 3.56
San Diego 4.03
Santa Barbara 3.92
Santa Cruz 3.70

UC Holistic Application Review

- UC and Private Colleges review a student comprehensively

- Your academic achievements are evaluated in light of the opportunities available to you and your demonstrated capacity to contribute to the intellectual life of the campus.

- Academic **GPA** (for UC, a-g courses) – A.P. courses only are weighted

- **Test scores** (ACT plus Writing or the SAT)

- Number of, content of and **performance in academic courses beyond the minimum a-g requirements**

- Number of and performance in UC-approved **honors, AP** and transferable college courses.

- **ELC** (Top 9% of your high school class at the end of your junior year)

- **Quality of senior year program**

  - Outstanding performance in one or more specific subject areas.

  - Outstanding work in one or more special projects in any academic field of study.

- **Recent, marked improvement** in academic performance.

- **Special talents, achievements and awards** in a particular field (art, athletics, special skills such as proficiency in other languages, unusual promise of leadership, such as significant community service or student government.

- **Academic accomplishments in light of your life experiences** and special circumstances, including but not limited to: disabilities, low family income, first generation to attend college, need to work, difficult family or personal situations, etc.
Out of State Public Schools

• ASU (Tempe, AZ)
  3.0 GPA minimum

• Northern Arizona Univ (NAU)
  2.5 GPA considered

• Grand Canyon University
  3.0 GPA minimum or
  ACT 19 or SAT 920

• Colorado State
  Avg GPA 3.2-3.8

• University of Colorado (Boulder)
  Middle 50% approx. 3.27-3.9 gpa
COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- University Website
- Admissions Requirements
- Application Deadlines
  - Early Action, Early Decision, Regular Decision

- UC & CSU
  - November 30th

- Private College/University
  - Consider using Common Application
TIPS FOR SUCCESS

• Plan ahead
• Stay organized
• Find the BEST FIT college for YOU
• Choose a rigorous yet balanced schedule
• Commit long-term to your passions
• Take initiative and be a leader
• Don’t be afraid to utilize your resources and ask for help
• It’s never too early to start researching your post high school plans!
NEXT STEPS

- College List
  - Reach
  - Good Fit
  - Safe

- Maintain rigorous academic schedule
  Take math senior year!

- Update CSU Mentor, UC pathways
COLLEGE SEARCH

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.californiacolleges.edu

THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?