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COLLEGE PLANNING NOW... FOR FALL 2009

CA Community Colleges have a philosophy of "open door" admission. Students who are high school graduates or equivalent, **OR** 18 years old may attend. Community colleges offer many transfer opportunities for their students. Some guaranteed admissions programs with UC and CSU are available. You can take courses that fulfill general education and/or major preparation. Associate Degrees and specialized training for careers and vocations are also offered. Enrichment, personal growth, on-line and distance education (TV) courses are available. Students attend full or part time. Day, evening and weekend classes are available and the cost is affordable.

Many community colleges have programs for high school or college and university course credit. Information for this program is available at local high schools. Visit the California Community College website www.cccapply.org or contact the Admissions Office at your community college of interest for further information.

Entrance tests are NOT required for admission at the California Community Colleges.

CSU Admissions require high school classes (see below) from the A through G course list and the ACT or SAT entrance test for admissions and/or advising and placement. CSU campuses do not use the writing option of the SAT or ACT for admission or placement purposes. San Diego State (www.sdsu.edu/admissions) tests should be taken no later than the **November** test date. Test-date requirements will vary by campus. For additional information on CSU requirements & the CSU Eligibility Index, be sure to visit the CSU Mentor Homepage: www.csumentor.edu

Private colleges & universities admissions vary as widely as do the campuses themselves. Generally, the college admission process is more individualized and comprehensive in nature, combining quantitative measures of the cumulative GPA and entrance test(s) with the qualitative measures of the personal essay, letter (s) of recommendation, and in some cases, an interview. While private college costs may be higher, eligible students often receive a larger financial aid package to assist with the costs.

When considering private/independent schools, it is important to consult the Internet, catalogs, brochures, and to confer with each Office of Admissions.

UC Admissions require high school classes (see below) from the A through G course list. The UC course list for California high schools can be found on the website: <https://admissions.ucop.edu/doorways/list/>. The college entrance tests must be completed by the **December** test date of your senior year to be considered for admission: The ACT including Writing or the SAT Reasoning Test including Writing and two Subject Tests in two different areas chosen from: Math (Level 2 only), English Literature, Foreign Language, Science, or Social Studies. (Check with your UC campus and/or major's Department for test recommendations.)

For further information, contact the UCSD Office of Admissions and Relations with Schools: (858) 534-4831 or for all UC campus information: <http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions>



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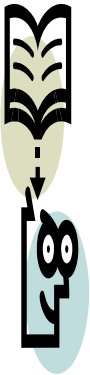
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As a senior, you may have questions about the college application and financial aid process. Check for a Cal-SOAP College Peer Advisor (CPA) on your high school campus from October -- April during your senior year. You may find your CPA in the Counseling Office, Career Center or visiting your classroom. The CPA can help you to complete college applications, understand the financial aid process and provide other relevant information regarding college advisement. Seniors are encouraged to meet with their CPA at school. Note: See your counselor NOW to make sure you are on track for high school graduation and your college of choice!

CSU & UC "A through G" Requirements: The A through G requirements are courses/classes required by both the **CSU** and the **UC**. These courses must be completed with a "C" grade or better. **Note:** The "recommended number of years" for the UC System.



A Social Science/US History/Govt:	CSU: 2 years	UC: 2 years
B English:	CSU: 4 years	UC: 4 years
C Mathematics (algebra, geometry, intermed. algebra, and higher level):	CSU: 3 years	UC: 3 years/4 recommended
D Laboratory Sciences (one biological, one physical; both with a lab):	CSU: 2 years	UC: 2 years/3 recommended
E Foreign Language/ Language other than English (same language):	CSU: 2 years	UC: 2 years/3 recommended
F Visual and Performing Arts (Art, Dance, Theatre/Drama, or Music: a single yearlong approved course from a single discipline):	CSU: 1 year	UC: 1 year
G College Preparatory Elective (from A-F or an approved college preparatory elective course):.....	CSU: 1 year	UC: 1 year

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Advice for Athletes

A student entering college as a 2009 freshman must meet the academic NCAA or NAIA requirements depending on their college campus of choice.

 **National Collegiate Athletic Association**

If you have questions about NCAA requirements for Division I: the qualifier index, qualifier, partial qualifier, non-qualifier, or Division II eligibility requirements, contact the NCAA: 1-317-917-6222 ("Membership Services") or visit their Website: **www.ncaa.org**. For NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse information and online registration, visit the website:

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net



Or phone toll free: 1-877-262-1492

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics:

For NAIA rules, contact their hotline: **816.595.8180** or visit their website for eligibility requirements for athletes, **www.naia.org** and search: "Freshman Eligibility Requirements."

Promoting Parent Advocacy for college-bound students.

All parents and students are invited to attend the 6th annual *San Diego County College Expo* on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Point Loma Nazarene University campus from 8:00am to 12:00pm. This is a **FREE** opportunity for you and your parents to get primed on practical tips and information on how to support student success and college preparation. The *Expo* is a fun way to learn more about the complex process of college admissions. At the *Expo*, you will learn about college admission requirements, how and when to apply for financial aid, meet college students, and interact with other families in our community.

There will be a **Kid's Zone** sure to inspire younger children in creative play for hours!

For event information:
www.collegeexpo.org
 or
858.569.1866
 (Cal-SOAP)

Contact us by email:
collegeexpo@yahoo.com

We hope to see you!!

Entrance Test Information for College-bound High School Juniors

Most colleges will accept both the SAT and ACT, so check!

If entrance tests are a college admissions requirement, take your entrance test **before** the **last acceptable test date required for admission** by your college(s) of interest. Cal-SOAP recommends that you take college entrance test(s) in your junior year and again in the early fall of your senior year. The ACT and SAT are different; practice for *your* test. Some students may find that one test is easier than the other, therefore, you may want to take both. Check with your high school counselor to see if you qualify for a **fee waiver**.

ACT: www.actstudent.org

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008
September 13, 2008	Check on the website above for deadlines; they are currently not available for fall ACT tests.
*October 25, 2008	
**Dec. 13, 2008	

SAT & Subject Tests: www.collegeboard.com

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008
October 4, 2008	Check on the website above for deadlines; they are currently not available for fall SAT tests.
*November 1, 2008	
**Dec. 6, 2008	

(Test Dates above are tentative and may change.)

*Last test date for SDSU; check with other campuses
 **Last test date for UC campuses

