

# UC/CSU Workshop

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# Agenda

- Similarities and Differences
- A-G and Testing Requirements
- CSU and UC Campuses
- Application Timeline
- Application Information
- Financial Aid and Scholarships

# How are UC and CSU similar?

- Public universities
- Require students to meet the A-G Requirements
- Campuses offer Bachelors, Masters, and Professional degrees
- Only have to complete one online application

# How are UC and CSU different?

- University of California (9 campuses); California State University (23 campuses)
- Application processes vary
  - UC Holistic Review
- Higher acceptance rate at CSU
- More research and theory-based teaching at UC
- Minimum eligibility requirements (GPA)
  - UC (3.0 GPA)
  - CSU (2.5 GPA)



# A-G Requirements

## for UCs and Cal States

**A** HISTORY  
2 years required



**B** ENGLISH  
4 years required



**C** MATHEMATICS  
3 years required through Algebra 2



**D** LAB SCIENCES  
2 years required—3 recommended



**E** FOREIGN LANGUAGES  
2 years required—3 recommended



**F** VISUAL/PERFORM. ARTS  
1 year required



**G** COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE  
1 year required



*Grades of "C" or higher are required for all A-G courses.*

# Testing Requirements

- At this time, the UC and CSU systems are NOT requiring current Juniors (Class of 2022) to submit SAT/ACT scores.
- We do not know what the requirement will be for current Sophomores or current Freshmen.

\*If a student submits SAT/ACT scores, the school will only look at the scores once the student has accepted admission. Scores will NOT impact admission.

# How do I pick which campuses to apply to?

- Location
- Student body size
  - Small: up to 5,000 students
  - Medium: 5,000 -15,000 students
  - Large: 15,000+ students
- Degrees
- Campus life
  - Athletics
  - Clubs/Student Organizations
  - Community Service opportunities

# CSU Campuses

- 23 campuses
- Minimum 2.5 GPA (10th and 11th grade only)
- Local Campuses: CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, and CSU San Marcos





Are you still there?  
Type in the chat!

- One CSU Campus you have visited before

Or

- One CSU Campus you would like to visit



# CSU Application

- October 1 - November 30
- One online application for all 23 campuses
- No letter of recommendation required
- Cost of attendance (per year) ranges from \$20,000-\$30,000

CAL STATE **APPLY**

# UC Campuses

- 9 campuses
- Minimum GPA 3.0 (10th and 11th grade only)
- Local Campuses: UC Riverside and UC Irvine



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# UC Application

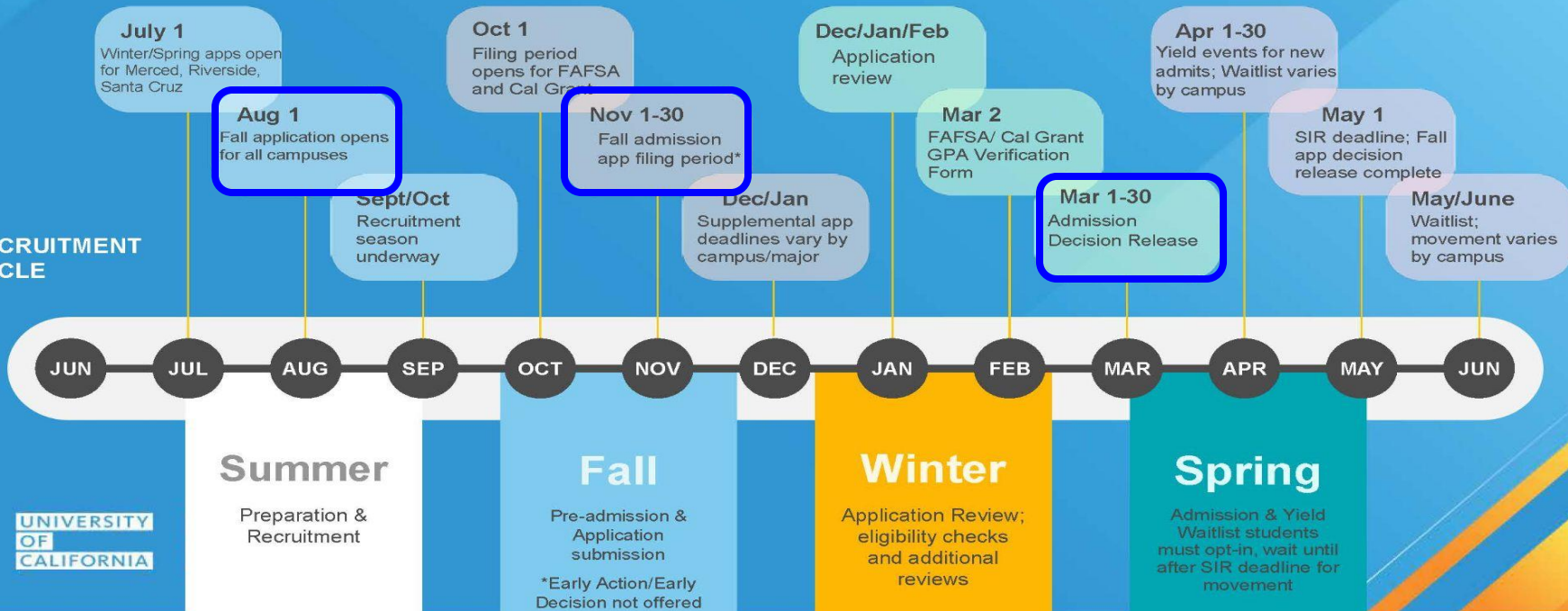


- November 1 - November 30 (opens August 1)
- One online application for all 9 campuses
- No letter of recommendation required
- Personal Insight Questions required for application
- Cost of attendance (per year) ranges from \$34,000-\$37,000

# Sample UC Timeline

## Dates & Deadlines

RECRUITMENT  
CYCLE



# Personal Insight Questions & Holistic Review

- Must choose 4 out of 8 questions
- Maximum of 350 words for each response
- All questions have equal value
  
- 14 criteria include: Academic Achievement; Personal and School Context; Special Talent; Life Challenges; and Special Circumstances

# Tips on the Personal Insight Questions

- Start early
- Use “I” statements
- Be brief and to the point
- Proofread and edit
- Solicit feedback
- Save in a safe place
- Believe in yourself!



# What does it mean if the campus or degree is impacted?

- This means a campus (or specific degree) receives more eligible applicants than they can accommodate and, therefore, must restrict enrollment to that campus (often requiring higher eligibility standards)

## **CSU Impacted Campuses**

- San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Fullerton, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, San Jose

## **Example of Impacted Programs at CSU, Chico**

- Music, Nursing, and Social Work

# Financial Aid and Scholarships

- FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- CADAA: California Dream Act Application
- Application window: October 1 - March 2
- Scholarships

1. You are eligible to complete the [FAFSA](#) if you are a:

- US citizen
- Permanent resident
- Eligible non-citizen
- T visa holder

2. You are eligible to complete the [CADAA](#) if you:

- Are undocumented
- Have a valid or expired DACA status
- Are a U visa holder
- Have Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Meet the non-resident exemption requirements under AB 540

# Questions to ask

- Am I A-G eligible?
- Have I earned a D that I need to re-take in summer school?
- Have I completed two years of World Language and one year of VAPA?
- Which campuses have the Major I am interested in?
- What type of community would I like to live in?
- Do I have the correct documentation to complete my FAFSA or Dream Act application?

# Resources: College Search Tools

- [My Options](#)
- [California Colleges](#)
- [Big Future](#)

# Resources: UC and CSU Applications

- [Cal State Apply](#)
- [UC Application](#)
  
- Fee Waivers
  - [CSU](#)
  - [UC](#)
- [CSU Cost of Attendance](#)
- [UC Cost of Attendance](#)
  
- [CSU Impacted Majors and Campuses](#)

# Resources: Scholarships

- [Scholarship.com](https://www.scholarship.com)
- [Fastweb.com](https://www.fastweb.com)

# Thank you!

Please type your questions in the Chat.

