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
UC Campuses

- 9 campuses
- Minimum GPA 3.0 (10th and 11th grade only)
- Local Campuses: UC Riverside and UC Irvine
Are you still there? Type in the chat!

- One UC Campus you have visited before
- Or
- One UC Campus you would like to visit
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
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
- Fastweb.com
Thank you!

Please type your questions in the Chat.