GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of Secondary Education
Department of 7-12 Instructional Services

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

All students are **strongly** encouraged to attend 4-year public or private universities following high school. Cal State Universities and Universities of California require a certain number and sequence of courses, which are called the A-G requirements (see below). Students must pass these courses with a C or better, in order for a student to be eligible to apply to a CSU or UC.

REQUIRED "A-G" COURSES
a. History/Social Science – 2 YEARS REQUIRED Two years of history/social science, including one year of World History, cultures and Geography; and one year of U.S. History or one-half year of U.S. History and one-half year of Civics or American Government.
b. English – 4 YEARS REQUIRED Four years of college-preparatory English that include frequent and regular writing, and reading of classic and modern literature. One year of ELD C can be used to meet this requirement.
c. Mathematics – 3 YEARS REQUIRED, 4 YEARS RECOMMENDED Three years of college-preparatory mathematics that include the topics covered in elementary and advanced Algebra and two- and three-dimensional Geometry. Approved integrated math courses may be used to fulfill part, or all of this requirement, as may math courses taken in the seventh and eighth grades that your high school accepts as equivalent to its own math courses.
d. Laboratory Science – 2 YEARS REQUIRED, 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED Two years of laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of these three foundational subjects: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Advanced laboratory science classes that have Biology, Chemistry or Physics as prerequisites and offer substantial additional material may be used to fulfill this requirement, as may the final two years of an approved three-year integrated science program that provides rigorous coverage of at least two of the three foundational subjects.
e. Language Other than English – 2 YEARS REQUIRED, 3 YEARS RECOMMENDED Two years of the same language other than English. Courses should emphasize speaking and understanding, and include instruction in grammar, vocabulary, reading, composition and culture. Courses taken in eighth grade that your high school accepts as equivalent to its own World Language courses can be used to meet this requirement
f. Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) – 1 YEAR REQUIRED A single yearlong approved arts course from a single VPA discipline: Dance, Drama/Theater, Music or Visual Art.
g. College-Preparatory Electives – 1 YEAR REQUIRED One year (two semesters), in addition to those required in "a-f" above, chosen from the following areas: Visual and Performing Arts (non-introductory level courses), History/Social Science, English, Advanced Mathematics, Laboratory Science and language other than English (a third year in the language used for the "e" requirement or two years of another language).

The pages that follow provide more specifics on the admission requirements for University of California, California State University, private Universities, and Community Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

For more information, visit: *http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu*

Campus Locations: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego, and San Francisco (upper divisions School of Dentistry, Medicine and Nursing). All of the campuses adhere to the same admissions guidelines and high academic standards; yet each one has its own distinct character. Among the campuses there are five medical schools, three law schools, and a school of veterinary medicine, as well as professional schools of business administration, education, engineering, oceanography, and many others. Over 350 major academic areas of study can be found within the university system. The University of California admits the top 9% of California high school graduates.

UC Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to the University as a freshman, a student must meet the (1) subject requirement, (2) Earn a grade point average (GPA) of a 3.0 or better in A-G courses with no grade lower than a C.

1. **Subject Requirement**
   To satisfy this requirement, a student must have successfully completed a specific sequence of high school courses (**"A-G" REQUIREMENTS**) in the subjects listed on the previous page.

2. **GPA Requirement**
   Earn a GPA of a 3.0 or better in A-G courses with no grade lower than a C.

Students who have met the minimum requirements and aren't admitted to any UC campus to which student has applied, will be offered a spot at another campus if space is available, provided:

- The student ranks in the top 9% of California high school students, according to the updated Statewide Index, or
- The student ranks in the top 9% of the graduating class at a participating high school. The University of California refers to this as "Eligible in the Local Context" (ELC).

**Be sure to talk with School Counselor or check the UC Admissions Website for most up-to-date admissions requirements.*

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Students should complete the University of California Undergraduate Application Form available at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. A student may apply to as many as nine of the University campuses (all except San Francisco) on one application and choose a different major or program for each one selected. The online application opens October 1 for the fall term filing period.

Cost

The cost of attending a University of California campus is based on a student's academic program, place of residence, life-style, and campus location. There are required fees for the nine-month academic year. The educational fee is the same on all campuses, but the University registration fee and campus student fees vary. Please refer to the university's website for updated information on fees. These fees are subject to change based upon the adopted state of California budget. **Note:** The costs for room and board, books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses are additional factors in the student's total school budget.

Application Period

To make sure that a student will be considered for admission to the campus of his/her choice and to the major or program of study he/she wants to pursue, the application should be completed online during the appropriate Priority Filing Period shown below. In addition, other documents must be sent to the admissions office. (Do not send a transcript until requested to do so by the campus.) It is also very important to file during this period if the student plans to apply for financial aid, on-campus housing, or other special programs where early application is important.

All UC Campuses

Fall Quarter/semester:	File October 1 to November 30 of senior year
Winter Quarter/spring semester:	File July 1 - 31 of senior year

Applications can be completed beginning August 1, but cannot be submitted before October 1. Applications must be submitted by the last day for each filing period listed above. Most campuses do not accept applications after this date. **Note:** On some university campuses, certain schools and colleges may not accept applications for admission to the winter or spring terms. Check with the admissions office at the campus the student wants to attend before the filing period.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITIES (CSU)

For more information, visit: *calstate.edu/apply*

The CSU is the largest, one of the most diverse, and one of the most affordable systems of senior higher education in the United States (23 campuses, 405,000 students). The CSU system offers more than 1,400 Bachelor's and 500 Master's degree programs in over 200 subject areas. The CSU system is designed to provide quality education to Californians through broad liberal education with preparation for specific professional and occupational goals. The CSU system admits the upper one-third of California high school graduates. **Campus Locations:** Bakersfield, California Maritime Academy, Cal Poly-Pomona, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Eastbay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Marcos, Sonoma, and Stanislaus.

CSU Admission Requirements

A student will qualify for regular admission as a first-time freshman if he/she:

- is a high school graduate
- has, or will have, completed with a grade of "C" or better the A-G courses, which total 15 units (150 credits). (Same as University of California)

NOTE: You may be required to meet higher admission requirements for "impacted" programs or campuses. The CSU designates campuses or major programs as impacted when more applications are received in the initial filing period from CSU eligible applicants than can be accommodated by the campuses. Please refer to the university website for additional information if campuses or majors are impacted.

1. **High School Subject Requirements**
   Must have completed with grades of "C" or better the A-G requirements (on page 20 of this booklet).

2. **Earn a qualifying A-G grade point average**
   a. 2.5 or greater
   b. Between 2.0 and 2.49 may be evaluated based on supplemental factors (not all campuses will review students with the GPA between 2.0 and 2.49)

APPLYING TO CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible between October 1 and November 30 of the preceding school

year for fall semester/quarter enrollment. Although some campuses continue to accept applications after the initial filing period, applicants to "impacted" programs or campuses **must** apply during the priority filing period (**October 1 - November 30**). When instructed to do so by the campus, students should request that their transcripts be sent to each campus to which they have applied. Students should apply online at www.californiacolleges.edu.

Cost

The cost of attending a California State University campus is based on a student's academic program, place of residence, life-style, and campus location. There are required fees for the nine-month academic year. The educational fee is the same on all campuses, but the university registration fee and campus student fees vary. Please refer to the university's website for updated information on fees. These fees are subject to change based upon the adopted state of California budget. **Note:** The costs for room and board, books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses are additional factors in the student's total school budget.

PRIVATE/INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

For more information, visit: *http://www.aiccu.edu*

Examples in our area include: the University of Southern California, Pepperdine University, Chapman University, Biola University, Azusa Pacific University, and Vanguard University (more than 70 different campuses statewide).

The word "independent" identifies a school which has no direct financial link to the state system of education. Independent means that the schools are largely free of governmental direction as they plan their futures. Each has its own special character and strengths. Some independent colleges and universities provide specialized professional or vocational training to prepare the student for a particular job or occupation. Others may offer a broad background in a variety of disciplines and some are major research universities. Most campuses offer a traditional four-year undergraduate curriculum. Some offer a two-year curriculum, while others offer a unique night and weekend curriculum. The independent colleges and universities in California include over 70 campuses with over 350 majors. Over 233,000 students, over 20% of California's undergraduates and graduate students, attend independent schools.

Private/Independent School Admission Requirements

For admission to most four-year independent colleges or universities, the student must meet certain subject, scholastic, and testing requirements. Although admission requirements differ somewhat from school to school, the student who meets the requirements for admission to the University of California will be eligible for admission to most independent colleges and universities. Individual college websites should be consulted for more exact information. For this additional help, be sure to see a high school counselor at an early date. To learn more about college choices in the independent sector you can check out their website at www.aiccumentor.org. In order to explore independent colleges outside of California students and parents can search colleges through the College Board website at www.collegeboard.org.

Costs

The cost of tuition and fees for attending a private, independent college or university varies. Approximately 80% of the full-time undergraduate students attending independent colleges received some type of grant assistance. Please refer to the private or independent college or university's website for updated information on fees. These fees are subject to change based upon the adopted state of California budget.

Curriculum

Major areas of study vary from institution to institution. Some are highly specialized; others offer over one hundred twenty-five major academic areas of study from accounting to zoology. Consult the individual college website and see your counselor.

Application Period

Application filing periods vary from school to school. Generally, applications should be completed by January 1

of the year preceding enrollment for the fall semester or quarter. The student will need to obtain applications and other enrollment information, including application filing deadline, from the campus of choice at a date early in the fall semester of the senior year.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

For more information, visit *http://cccco.edu*

(Examples: Coastline College, Golden West College, Orange Coast College, Santa Ana College)

Community Colleges should be considered by students not able to be admitted to a 4-year university (UC, CSU, Private School). The Community College provides:

- general education for all students
- a two-year Associate of Arts degree in a wide variety of career programs and academic disciplines
- occupational-technical education for students seeking employment skills training (Certificate of Achievement programs)
- lower division study including Associates Degree leading to transfer to a baccalaureate (four-year) degree institution
- remedial education for students who are not prepared to meet the demands of college level instructional programs (basic learning services)
- education for the disadvantaged
- lifelong education for residents of the community including cultural enrichment opportunities
- programs of retraining through vocational education
- recreational and co-curricular programs and community services

California Community Colleges Admission Requirements

Any high school graduate or the recipient of a Certificate of Proficiency or adults 18 years of age or older may attend the community college. Upon approval of the high school principal, and the department of 7-12 Instructional Services, students may be granted permission to take classes, while enrolled in high school.

Cost

A fee per unit is charged each semester. Fees are subject to change. Please refer to the college website for updated information on fees. These fees are subject to change based upon the adopted state of California budget.

Career Programs

Numerous career programs can be pursued at the community college. Each program offers a Certificate of Achievement which may satisfy employment requirements and be useful in securing a job.

Application Period

The second semester of the senior year is the appropriate application period for most community colleges.