There are 4 different types of colleges/universities in California. Each school system has unique programs and different emphasis in the classroom. We want to make sure that you find a school that’s best for your learning styles and your career goals! All 4 systems have tons to offer. Remember, there is no such thing as a best school -- just the best school for you!

### University of California (UC)

- **9 campuses that grant Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral degrees.**
- **Minimum “a-g” GPA:** 3.00
- **Admissions Process:** GPA and SAT/ACT test scores are most important for admission, but a comprehensive review considers other factors such as extra-curricular involvement, personal qualities of the applicant, and significant improvement.
- **Tuition cost:** $13,900 per year
- **Stand Out Programs:** Biological & Life Sciences, Environmental Studies, Engineering & Computer Science, Ethnic Studies, Social Sciences, Language & Literature, Humanities, Math & Physical Sciences

### California State University (CSU)

- **23 campuses that grant Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral degrees.**
- **Minimum “a-g” GPA:** 2.00
- **Admissions Process:** Only GPA and SAT/ACT test scores are considered during admissions.
- **Tuition cost:** $5,742 per year
- **Stand Out Programs:** Journalism, Criminal Justice, Nursing, Kinesiology, Speech Pathology, Music/Audio Recording, Animation/Game Development, Interior & Fashion Design, Social Work, Business, Accounting
Private Colleges & Universities

★ 72 accredited degree-granting non-profit independent colleges serve California. Many campuses are small, religiously affiliated universities. They operate individually!

★ Minimum “a-g” GPA: varies by campus
★ Admissions Process: varies by campus
★ Tuition cost: $30,000 - $50,000
★ Stand Out Attractions: Prestige, Staff to Student Ratio, Unique Programs, Scholarships Awards, Women’s Colleges, Religious Affiliation

California Community Colleges

★ 114 colleges that grant certificates, Associates degrees, and limited Bachelor’s degrees, as well as provide transferable lower-division coursework to 4-year universities. UC offers a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG Agreement) at 6 campuses (excluding UCLA, UCB and UCSD).

★ Minimum “a-g” GPA: No minimum GPA
★ Admissions Process: Open enrollment allows any student 18+ to attend.
★ Tuition cost: $46 per unit
★ Stand Out Attractions: Automotive/Aircraft Technology, Cosmetology & Barbering, Fire Technology, Police Academy, Culinary Arts, Dental & Nursing Assistant

Differences in Teaching & Career Goals

Each school system caters to various learning styles and operates with different career and goals in mind.

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College Choices Worksheet

Student Name: __________________________________________
High School: ____________________________________________

Safety School
You feel very confident about your chances of getting accepted. This school offers priority enrollment to students applying from your high school.

Good Chance School
You meet or exceed their GPA coursework (i.e. A-G), and standardized test score requirements, and the rest of your application is strong.

Reach School
You fall short in one area, but exceed the other requirements, and have a strong essay and letters of recommendation.

Complete the list of schools and majors you are interested in apply to:

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### California State University:

- System website: [www2.calstate.edu/apply](http://www2.calstate.edu/apply)
- Explore CSU majors: [degrees.calstate.edu](http://degrees.calstate.edu)

### University of California:

- System website: [universityofcalifornia.edu](http://universityofcalifornia.edu)
- Explore UC selectivity: [admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- Admissions Requirements:
  - ★ Minimum 2.0 GPA
  - ★ SAT or ACT - No Writing
- Recommended:
  - ★ SAT Subject Exam-for competitive majors
  - ★ Involvement in clubs, activities, community service, etc.
Choosing Your Major

**What is a Major?**
A *major* is a concentration of courses that gives a student basic knowledge of a field of study. A *major* is not definitive of your future career.

**What are the 4 Categories of Majors?**
- **Humanities:** The branches of learning that investigate human constructs and concerns.
- **Engineering:** The practical application of science to commerce or industry.
- **Math & Science:** The branches of learning that concentrate on mathematical and scientific principles.
- **Social Studies:** The fields of academic scholarship, which explore aspects of human society.

**What are the Majors in these Categories?**

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**EARLY ACADEMIC OUTREACH PROGRAM**
TRUE Colors Theory

The TRUE Colors Theory assessment is a model for understanding yourself and others based on your personality temperaments. This assessment pairs your personal traits with careers and fields of work that best suit your personality. Each color corresponds with certain characteristics and careers. Find which color fits you best!

### BLUE
**Organized & Idea Doers**
- Warm, communicative, compassionate, idealistic, spiritual, & sincere

**Characteristics:**
- Ask questions
- Caring
- Easy going
- Expects harmony
- Hates conflict
- Knows everyone
- Likeable
- Loves to check on people
- Needs appreciation
- Open

**Suitable Career Paths:**
- Artist
- Child Care
- Counselor/Psychologist
- Medical Aide
- Medical Specialist
- Registered Nurse
- Social Worker
- Teacher/Educator
- Therapist

**Characteristics:**
- Decisive
- Demandig
- Expects efficiency
- Expects results
- Has strong opinions
- Likes conflict
- Needs to be in charge
- Separates facts from feelings
- Wants action/change

**Suitable Career Paths:**
- Biologist
- Chemist
- Computer Programmer
- Dentists
- Historians
- Mathematicians
- Physicist
- Professors/Instructions
- Software Engineers
- Surgeons

I look for meaning and significance in life. I need to contribute, encourage, and care.

### GREEN
**Controllers & Idea Generators**
- Analytical, conceptual, intuitive, logical, perfectionistic, & abstract

**Characteristics:**
- Ask questions
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I value intelligence, insight, fairness, and justice. I need explanations and answers.

### GOLD
**Analyzers & Idea Perfectors**
- Loyal, dependable, prepared, thorough, sensible, punctual, & organized

**Characteristics:**
- Asks informative questions
- Doesn’t like repetition
- Doesn’t like small talk
- Fact-oriented
- High standards
- Keeps to schedules
- Private person
- Structured
- Works alone

**Suitable Career Paths:**
- Actuaries
- Analysts
- Audio-Visual Technicians
- Auditors
- Bank Tellers
- Dispatchers
- Investigators
- Librarians
- Receptionists/Clerks

**Characteristics:**
- Boisterous
- Bold & impulsive
- Expects freedom
- Great verbal skills
- Likes people
- Likes to be in action
- Makes quick decisions
- Positive & optimistic
- Wants to be liked

**Suitable Career Paths:**
- Chief Executive
- Detectives
- Emergency Services
- Engineers
- Judges/Arbitrators
- Lawyers
- Managers
- Producers
- Sales Agents

I have a strong sense of what is right and wrong in life. I need to follow rules and respect authority.

### ORANGE
**Persuaders & Idea Promoters**
- Witty, spontaneous, impulsive, impactful, generous, optimistic, bold, & charming

**Characteristics:**
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I value skill, resourcefulness, and courage. I need fun, variety, simulation, and excitement.