



Hello Class of 2023!

The Counselors & Ms. Gwen welcome
you to your Senior Presentation!



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Senior Presentation:

An Overview of the Graduation
Requirements and Preparing for the
College Application Process



Objective


- ◆ To provide an overview of graduation requirements, college admissions requirements and the college application process.



Rationale

- ◆ To help students prepare for a successful senior year and to explore post-secondary options.





Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023

English	40 credits	Current Life or Adulting	5 credits
Social Studies	30 credits	Visual/Perf. Art/CTE	10 credits
Math	20 credits	World Language/CTE	10 credits
Laboratory Science (10 biological/10 physical)	20 credits	Electives	<u>65</u> credits
Physical Education	20 credits	Total Credits Needed:	<u>220</u>

- Minimum GPA of 1.75
- 20 hour Community Service Requirement



Post secondary plans

- Community college (e.g. COA, BCC, etc.) options:
 - Transfer to a 4-year college
 - Complete an Associates degree in a Vocational program to prepare for the work world.
- 4-year college (e.g. UC's, CSU's, HBCU's, etc.)
- Military (e.g. Coast Guard, Air Force, Army, etc.)
- Apprenticeship programs (e.g. electricians, plumbing, carpentry, construction, etc.)
- Employment



What factors are colleges looking at to determine freshman admission?

- ◆ High School Graduation
- ◆ Completion of certain classes (A-G requirements)
- ◆ GPA
- ◆ Test Scores—many schools are test blind or test optional now.
- ◆ Other—personal statements, activities, secondary school reports, letters of recommendation, auditions, portfolios, etc.



A large, dark, ornate key with a heart-shaped bow, resting on a textured, yellowish-brown surface. The key has a long, slender shaft and a complex, multi-toothed bit. The background is a coarse, granular material, possibly sand or gravel, with a warm, earthy tone.





What are the community colleges looking for?

High School Graduation	Yes or student is 18 or older
A-G Completion	No
Minimum GPA in A-G required	None
SAT/ACT Requirement	None
Other Requirements	None



Community College

- ◆ Vocational and Transfer Programs offered.
- ◆ Research Community colleges for specific programs and visit campuses.
- ◆ Apply on-line: www.peralta.edu (Laney, College of Alameda, Berkeley & Merritt) or www.cccapply.org
- ◆ Alameda/California Promise



Community College

- ◆ Apply in April 2023
- ◆ After submitting an application, students will meet with a college counselor to plan their educational program. Students may need to take tests in English or math or provide a high school transcript for placement.
- ◆ Can start classes summer or fall, 2023.
- ◆ Transfer information from CC to UC or CSU provided at www.assist.org.

UC & CSU: A - G Requirements

Grades of “C” or Higher

A) History/Social Science (2 Years Required)

World History & U.S. History

B) English: (4 Years Required)

C) Math: (3 Years Required, 4 yrs Recommended)

Algebra I , Geometry, & Algebra II

D) Lab Science (2 yrs Required, 3 yrs Recommended)

1yr Biological Science, 1 yr Physical Science

E) Language Other Than English

(2 Years Required, 3 yrs Recommended)

F) Visual & Performing Arts (1 Year Required)

Dance, Drama/Theater, Music or Visual Art

G) College Preparatory Elective (1 Year Required)



23 California State Universities

- ♦ California Polytechnic University, Pomona
- ♦ California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo
- ♦ California State University, Bakersfield
- ♦ California State University, Channel Islands
- ♦ California State University, Dominguez Hills
- ♦ California State University, East Bay
- ♦ California State University, Fullerton
- ♦ California State University, Long Beach
- ♦ California State University, Los Angeles
- ♦ California State University, Monterey Bay
- ♦ California State University, Northridge
- ♦ California State University, Sacramento
- ♦ California State University, San Bernardino
- ♦ California State University, San Marcos
- ♦ California State University, Stanislaus
- ♦ Chico State University
- ♦ Fresno State University
- ♦ Humboldt State University
- ♦ Maritime Academy
- ♦ San Diego State University
- ♦ San Francisco State University
- ♦ San Jose State University
- ♦ Sonoma State University



Apply: Oct. 1- Nov. 30
www.calstate.edu/apply



What are CSUs looking for?

High School Graduation	Yes
A-G Completion	Yes
Minimum GPA(gr 10-12) in A-G classes	2.5** (see next slide for more info)
SAT/ACT Requirement	Not required. If you provide scores, they will be used for placement purposes only.
Other Requirements	Application questions will ask about activities, work experience, leadership, etc.



New Admissions Policy



- ◆ Since CSU is test blind (SAT/ACT will not be considered for admissions), they have changed the way they will evaluate applications.
- ◆ Minimum Qualifying A- G GPA = 2.5 (“minimally eligible”) Students will be evaluated for admission.
- ◆ Campuses can choose to evaluate students with A-G GPA between 2.0 - 2.49.



Supplemental Factors



- ◆ CSUs may also look at supplemental factors. They could include **academic factors** such as total number of A-G's or specific subject GPA and **non-academic factors** such as work experience, activities, and leadership.
- ◆ Each campus will determine which factors they will consider.
- ◆ “Supporting Information” application section will address non-academic factors.



Non – Impacted CSU Campuses

These campuses use CSU Minimum Eligibility
for Admission.

- ◆ Bakersfield
- ◆ Channel Island
- ◆ Dominguez Hills
- ◆ Humboldt
- ◆ Maritime
- ◆ San Francisco
- ◆ Sonoma
- ◆ Stanislaus

AHS Students

**Receive Priority at:
CSU East Bay and
San Francisco
State!**

Note that some majors at these
campuses may be impacted
(e.g. nursing, engineering,
etc.)



CSU Campuses Impacted in All Programs

- ◆ These are the most competitive CSU campuses.
- ◆ Admission decisions are made by major
 - Fresno
 - Fullerton
 - Long Beach
 - Los Angeles
 - San Diego
 - San Jose
 - San Luis Obispo

9 University of California Campuses

- ◆ University of California, Berkeley
- ◆ University of California, Davis
- ◆ University of California, Irvine
- ◆ University of California, Los Angeles
- ◆ University of California, Merced
- ◆ University of California, Riverside
- ◆ University of California, San Diego
- ◆ University of California, Santa Barbara
- ◆ University of California, Santa Cruz

Applications are now open

Submission period

Oct 1st – Nov 30th

www.universityofcalifornia.edu





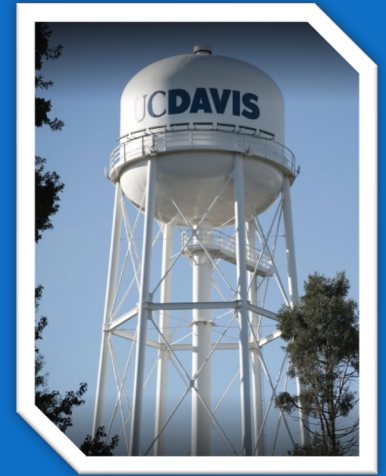
What are UCs looking for?

High School Graduation	Yes
A-G Completion	Yes
Minimum GPA(gr 10-12) * in A-G classes	3.0 *
SAT/ACT Requirement	Not required. If you provide scores, they will be used for placement purposes only.
Other Requirements	Personal Insight Questions, Activities

* For GPA purposes, only 8 semesters of AP/Honors grade bumps considered.



Advice from the UC



- ◆ Be realistic in your choices
 - Use the tools in SCOIR to compare your GPA and tests scores to students who have been admitted from AHS.
 - Check the various school websites for the number ranges of admitted students
- ◆ Take time with your Personal Insight Questions
- ◆ Provide Context and Details



Advice from the UC continued



You have experienced a lot in your high school years— COVID-19, Social Justice Movement, etc. UC encourages students to share their experiences especially if they feel they have been significantly affected. Should you choose to address any of this in your application, remember this is not the place for commentary but for your **personal** experiences and how you have been **personally** impacted.



Impaction at the UC Campuses

- ◆ All UC campuses are selective in terms of admissions. It is all a matter of degrees.
- ◆ UC Merced is the only campus which is not impacted and will accept all eligible applicants.





UC Personal Insight Questions

- ◆ There are 8 questions total. You choose 4 out of 8 to answer.
- ◆ You decide which questions to answer— all have equal weight.
- ◆ Maximum word limit of 350 per question.
- ◆ This is an opportunity to let the admissions committee know about you as a person.
- ◆ Write about your growth and learning experiences.
- ◆ Use extra comments box to explain any discrepancies and to provide additional information.
- ◆ For more information: ucal.us/personalquestions



Additional Comment Boxes

- ◆ Two areas available— one after Academic section, one after PIQs.
- ◆ Limited space. Full sentences are not expected.
- ◆ Academic comment box allows 500 characters. Use it to explain things like grade discrepancies, scheduling limitations, etc.
- ◆ Additional Comment Box after PIQs allows for 550 words. This is NOT space for an additional PIQ but use it to explain something or to provide more information about something that may not have fit in your PIQs.

Comparison chart



Categories	Community College	CSU	UC
A-G completion	No	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in A-G classes	No	2.5	3.0
SAT/ACT required	No	No	No
		Not required	Not required
Other requirements	Need a high school diploma or need to be 18 years old	Supporting Information Questions.	Personal Insight Questions, activities

Common Application



- ◆ Utilized by many private and out of state colleges & universities including many HBCUs
- ◆ Requires 2 Teacher Recommendations & Counselor Recommendation/Report [Secondary School Report (SSR)]
- ◆ Website: www.commonapp.org



Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU)

- ◆ Common Black College Application- one application fee to apply to all 58 member colleges <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- ◆ California Community Colleges HBCU Transfer Guarantee Program- a guaranteed admissions agreement between the community colleges and HBCUs <https://ccctransfer.org/hbcu/>



College Application Websites

- ◆ UC's: www.universityofcalifornia.edu
 - Minimum Academic G.P.A 3.0 *in A-G classes*
- CSU's: www.calstate.edu/apply
 - Minimum Academic G.P.A 2.5 *in A-G classes*
- ◆ Private/Out of State Colleges:
www.commonapp.org or see specific college websites



Secondary School Reports & Letters of Recommendation

- ◆ Required by private schools and/or all schools which use the Common App.
- ◆ You must complete AHS Student Profile packet (all parts)-available online in the Counseling Section.
- ◆ Deadline to submit packet: **October 1** by **3:45 pm**
- ◆ Counselors and teachers are unavailable during fall/winter breaks to work on SSR/letters.
- ◆ Your counselor may contact you to review your packet if needed.
- ◆ **CSUs and UCs do NOT require Secondary School Reports or letters of recommendation.**



Application Deadlines

- ◆ November 30th for UC
- ◆ November 30th for CSU
- ◆ December /January for Private Universities
- ◆ For Out of State Colleges see school website for deadlines
- ◆ Early Decision & Early Action: Nov 1st
 - Early Decision is Binding
 - Early Action is NOT Binding



College Admissions Testing (SAT/ACT)

- ◆ SAT/ACT are not required by the UC or CSU systems. Even if you provide tests scores they will not consider them in the admissions process.
- ◆ Other colleges/universities have their own Test Policies. You need to check the requirements for all schools to which you plan to apply.
- ◆ If you do want to take the SAT or ACT:
 - ❖ Last SAT/ACT seniors can take are in December
 - ❖ SAT with Writing is no longer available
 - ❖ SAT Subject Tests are no longer available



Sending SAT or ACT Scores

- ◆ If you tested and if you want to send your scores, here is some information to know:
 - Official Scores must be sent from the **College Board or ACT websites**.
 - Send CSU scores to CalStateApply code 3594 for SAT or to any CSU campus— all campuses will have access to those scores.
 - Send UC scores to one campus— all campuses will have access to those scores.



How Many Schools Should I Apply to?

- ◆ It's a good idea to apply to at least 6-8.
- ◆ Shoot for your dream school, but also have a list of several safe schools that you feel reasonably sure will accept you.
- ◆ Make sure you have a “backup” school.
- ◆ Consider application costs (Approx. \$70 per application)
- ◆ Apply for application fee waivers if you think you qualify



Things to remember

- ◆ Use an email account that you will check regularly and consider linking it to your phone. It should NOT be your school email. Colleges will continue to communicate with you during the summer when you may no longer have access to your school account. Check your spam email.
- ◆ Have your transcript in front of you when entering your classes and grades.
- ◆ Make sure you have read the application instructions or taken advantage of any built-in help features especially if you have special circumstances. Ask for help if you need it!
- ◆ Before you submit your college applications make sure you double check all items. Once you submit, you cannot retrieve it.
- ◆ Deadlines matter. Don't wait until the last day.



After the application is submitted

- ◆ Check your e-mail accounts daily, including your school email.
- ◆ Respond to campus requests in a timely manner.
- ◆ Set up and check your admission portals
 - this is the primary way for colleges to communicate with you with regards to missing documents, orientation, etc.
- ◆ Deadlines are still important!



Financial Aid For College

- ◆ **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA):**
 - FAFSA/CADAA is available **October 1st-Mar 2nd**
 - Should be completed by ALL seniors
 - Application will screen student eligibility for **loans, grants, and work study**
 - Application available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.caldreamact.org
- ◆ **Cal Grants:** GPA Verification submitted electronically by AHS for all seniors. You must complete FAFSA or CADAA by Mar. 2 to qualify.
- ◆ Submit your applications as soon as possible!



CSS Profile

(College Scholarship Service Profile)

- ◆ Is a financial aid application utilized by Private Colleges.
- ◆ Is only available through the CollegeBoard website & costs \$25.
- ◆ UC's & CSU's do not require the Profile.



SCOIR

◆ AHS's new College and Career software.

A screenshot of the Scoir web application interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'My Colleges' and 'My Profile', a green 'Apply with Scoir' button, and icons for a college building, chat, notifications, search, and a user profile. The main content area features a welcome message 'Welcome to the Scoir fam, Ms. Gwen' with navigation arrows. Below this are two primary action cards: 'Invite a supporter' with a handshake icon and a 'Get Started' button, and 'Discover best-fit careers' with a briefcase icon and a 'Start YouScience' button. A lower section titled 'Apply with Scoir' includes a 'Learn More' link and a card about the ease of applying, accompanied by an illustration of a person on a globe with a lightning bolt. On the right, a sidebar menu for 'Gwen Meyer "Ms. Gwen"' lists various features like 'Discover', 'My Colleges', 'My Profile', 'Message Center', 'Events & Deadlines', 'Compare Colleges', 'All College Sessions', 'Support', 'Change Password', and 'Sign Out'. The bottom of the sidebar has a 'Sign Out' button with an external link icon.

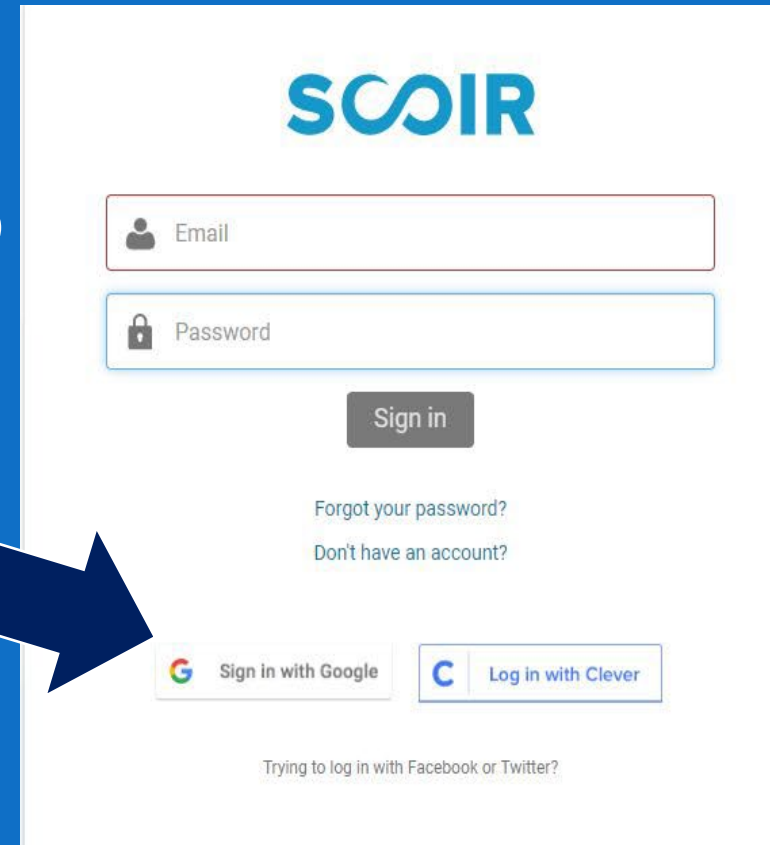


SCAIR

- ◆ Pronounced “score”
- ◆ Utilize College Search, Financial Aid and Career Exploration resources.
- ◆ College Search resources include pictures and videos which highlight student activities/clubs so you can find schools which are a good fit both academically and personally.
- ◆ Sign up for AHS College visits

How to Get Started

- ◆ You need to register with Scoir (<https://app.scoir.com/signup>) using your ausdg.us email.
- ◆ Make sure you are logged into your AUSD Chrome browser
- ◆ Single Sign-in with Google
- ◆ If you have difficulties, contact Ms. Gwen.



The screenshot shows the Scoir login interface. At the top is the 'SCOIR' logo in blue. Below it are two input fields: 'Email' with a person icon and 'Password' with a lock icon. A dark grey 'Sign in' button is positioned below the password field. Underneath the button are two links: 'Forgot your password?' and 'Don't have an account?'. At the bottom, there are two social login options: 'Sign in with Google' (with the Google logo) and 'Log in with Clever' (with a blue 'C' logo). A link for 'Trying to log in with Facebook or Twitter?' is at the very bottom. A large blue arrow points from the text 'Single Sign-in with Google' in the list to the 'Sign in with Google' button.



Need Application Help?

- ◆ Check the College & Career Center website including the monthly newsletters and Ms. Gwen's awesome video tutorials.
- ◆ Application Help Sessions
 - ❖ Evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 - October 4, 6, 10, 17, 20, 24, 27
 - ❖ By appointment during your free periods or afterschool
- ◆ AUSD's Cash for College Night (Financial Aid)
 - In person presentation in December
 - Date To Be Determined

Important Dates

- ◆ October 1: Last date to turn in Student Profile for Secondary School Reports to your counselor.
- ◆ October 1: FAFSA application opens, UC & CSU submission window opens
- ◆ October 3: Alameda City Wide College Night, 6 -8 p.m. at College of Alameda
- ◆ SAT & ACT registration dates for
Dec 3rd test - deadline Nov 3 (SAT)
Dec 10th test – deadline Nov 4 (ACT)
- ◆ November 30th: Application deadline for UC
- ◆ November 30th: Priority Application deadline for CSU





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