CSU vs. UC. What’s the Difference?

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UC and CSU Campuses

- **10 UC Campuses**
  - Berkeley
  - Davis
  - Irvine
  - Los Angeles
  - Merced
  - Riverside
  - San Diego
  - San Francisco (only for graduate level studies)
  - Santa Barbara
  - Santa Cruz

- **23 CSU Campuses**
  - Humboldt
  - Chico
  - Sonoma
  - Sacramento
  - Maritime
  - San Francisco
  - East Bay
  - San Jose
  - Monterey Bay
  - Stanislaus
  - Fresno
  - San Luis Obispo
  - Bakersfield
  - Northridge
  - Channel Islands
  - Los Angeles
  - Dominguez Hills
  - Fullerton
  - Long Beach
  - Pomona
  - San Bernardino
  - San Marcos
  - San Diego
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<td>Designated the State's primary academic research institution.</td>
<td>Undergraduate education and graduate education through the master's degree including professional and teacher education.</td>
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<td>Provides undergraduate, graduate and professional education.</td>
<td>Faculty research is authorized consistent with the primary function of instruction.</td>
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<td>UC is given exclusive jurisdiction in public higher education for doctoral degrees and for instruction in law, medicine, dentistry, and veterinary medicine.</td>
<td>Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in educational leadership and other doctorates can be awarded jointly with UC or an independent institution.</td>
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Types of Degrees Offered

**UC Degrees**
- B.A./B.S.
- M.A./M.S.
- Doctorates (Ph.D./Ed.D)
- Professional (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Business/Management)

**CSU Degrees**
- B.A./B.S.
- M.A./M.S.
- Doctorates (Ph.D./Ed.D)*
- Teaching Credentials

*A limited number of CSUs offer these degrees*
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<td>- Prepare students to advance to graduate and professional educational programs</td>
<td>- Prepare the majority of students to enter job market after completion of Bachelor’s degree (practical based; theory and research also included)</td>
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<td>- Heavy emphasis on developing research skills</td>
<td>- More undergraduate majors with professional training</td>
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<td>- Course content mostly theoretical &amp; analytical</td>
<td>- Prepares about 60 percent of the teachers in the state</td>
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<td>- Minimal professional training majors (Computer Science, Engineering, &amp; Nursing, etc.)</td>
<td>- Produces 40 percent of the engineering graduates, and more graduates in business, agriculture, communications, health, education and public administration than all other California universities and colleges combined.</td>
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<td>- Internships and work abroad programs provide students with practical job training to enhance their academic training.</td>
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### Some UC and CSU Facts

**UC**

- 8 out of every 10 California Community College (CCC) transfer applicants are qualified and are admitted to at least 1 UC campus
- 15,986 CCC students enrolled at UC in 2010-2011
- 1 in 3 UC degrees are awarded to students who started out at a CCC
- Students expected to attend full-time; evening classes rare
- Many classes taught by Graduate Assistant (GA)

**CSU**

- 2/3 of CSU students previously attended a CCC
- Over 56,595 CCC students enrolled at the CSU in 2010-2011
- 75% of all CCC students who transfer to a 4-year institution go to CSU
- CSU committed to admit all fully eligible upper division transfers to at least 1 campus in the System
- Students can attend part-time; more evening classes available
- Most classes taught by faculty
## CCC Preparation

### UC
- Min. 60 UC transferable units at CCC
- Min. 2.4 GPA (aim for a 3.3 GPA or higher)
- Follow “7-course” or IGETC pattern (depending on your major)
- Major prep critical ([www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org))
- Required Personal Statements (2)
- Community service, leadership, talents, achievements, honors, campus involvement, GPA, and major prep are asked on app
- TAG Agreements to 7 UCs

### CSU
- Min. 60 CSU transferable units at CCC
- Min. 2.0 GPA (aim for a 3.0 GPA or higher for non-local universities)
- Follow CSU GE or IGETC pattern
- Major prep highly encouraged ([www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org))
- Complete “Golden 4”:
  - English Composition
  - Communication Studies
  - Critical Thinking
  - College Math
UC and CSU Application Filing Periods

**UC**
- Fall quarter/semester: Nov. 1-30
- Spring semester: July 1-31 (only UC Merced)

[www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)

**CSU**
- Fall semester/quarter: Oct. 1-Nov. 30
- Winter quarter: June 1-30
- Spring semester/quarter: Aug. 1-31

[www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)
2011-2012 Tuition and Fees (Year)

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<td>$13,070 - $14,832</td>
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Questions?

- Visit the Transfer Center for more information
- Visit university websites
- Take campus tours
- Helpful websites:
  - www.californiacolleges.edu
  - www.csumentor.edu
  - www.calstate.edu/sas
  - www.uctransfer.org
  - www.universityofcalifornia.edu
  - www.vvc.edu/transfer-center