

College Information Night:

An Overview on College Admission

May 2023

Presented By

Connie Dominguez & Kristin Vernon

Housekeeping

- All participants are muted.
- Use chat for general questions.
- This powerpoint will be available on our website soon.
- Links are underlined, in blue font

Agenda

- ❖ College Fit
- ❖ Ways to Explore Careers/Majors
- ❖ College Options
- ❖ College Planning Tips
- ❖ Questions (if time permits)

College Fit

```
graph TD; A[College Fit] --> B[Social]; A --> C[Academic];
```

Social

- Location (urban/suburb/rural)
- Distance from home
- Size (direct/indirect impact)
 - Access to academic support & opportunities
- Campus Life
 - Greek Life/Sports/Dorms
- Campus Community
 - Diversity / Religious / Political

Academic

- Access/Support to explore or declare a specific major
- Pace: Quarter vs. Semester
- Learning Style: Analytical Research v. Hands-on
- Lecture Hall or Seminar
- Professors (access/office hours)
- Access to internships
- Goal: Graduate School or Workforce

Ways Students Can Explore Careers/Majors

- Career Surveys (Naviance or other online tools)
- Favorite academic courses or projects
- Community college course (of interest)
- Informational interviews.
- High School Summer Research programs
- Summer job/internship
- Talk to parents, relatives about their careers
- Check out majors via UC/CSU websites

College Options

- Community College Transfer Program
- Cal State University (CSU)
- University of CA (UC)
- Common App (Private Colleges)
- Out-of-State Public Universities

Community College Transfer Program

Transfer Benefits:

- Save money and less stress.
- A-G pathway not required but recommended.
- Fresh start (Community College GPA).
- More time to explore:
 - academic interests / majors / careers
 - where to transfer to
- Better chance of admission to UC/CSU.

Applying to a Community College

- Apply in Spring of Senior Year.
- Application is free.
- Workshops offered in the College Center
- Students with IEPs should also reach out to campus Disability Resource Center for services.
- Community college courses taken during high school are free but will be part of transfer GPA.

Transfer Resources

- Students must transfer into a major.
- Each campus has specific transfer requirements for certain majors
 - [IGETC](#) (Required transfer courses)
 - [ASSIST](#) (Prerequisites to major)
- Community college courses are free during high school:
 - Start working on transfer courses while also exploring possible majors.

Transfer Tips to Consider

How long does a transfer program take? It depends on:

- Concurrent Enrollment during high school
- English and math placement requirements
- Number of units taken each semester/quarter
- Time needed to explore and select major and which university to transfer to.
- Preparation and access to prerequisites for intended major.

UC/CSU Transfer Programs

Transfer Success Pathway: Dual Admission to the CSU

- Associates Degree for Transfer
- Priority admission and redirection.

UC Transfer Agreement Guarantee (TAG)

- TAG is offered at all UC campuses, except for UCLA, Berkeley, & San Diego.
- TAG to one campus and also apply to others

"TAG/Transfer Info Night" held in fall.

Cal State Universities (CSU)

- Career-focused, most are semester system
 - Hands-on Learning approach
- One application can be used for all campuses
- About \$70 per campus (Fee Waivers available)
- Apply online Oct - Nov of Senior Yr.
- Explore CSU Majors

SF State guarantees admission for eligible applicants living in San Mateo (Local Admission and Service Area)



CSU Admission Criteria

Non-Impacted Campuses

- Plenty of space to admit all eligible applicants.
- May have some impacted majors.

Impacted Campuses (more selective)

- Not enough space to admit all applicants.
- All majors, including undeclared, are impacted.
- May review beyond minimum requirements.
 - Rigor & extracurricular activities.
 - Preparation for chosen major

***Impacted Campuses**

(for Fall 2023 Freshmen Applicants)

- Cal Poly SLO
- Fresno State
- CSU Fullerton
- Cal State LA
- CSU Long Beach
- San Diego State
- San Jose State

If you are considering applying to an impacted campus, enter your interested field of study and search "All Campuses" at [CSU Degrees](#)

University of California (UC)

- Liberal Arts (Analytical & Research focused)
- Qtr system (except for Cal & Merced)
- One application for up to 9 campuses
- About \$70 per campus (fee waiver available)
- Application opens in August
 - Submit Oct - Nov.

Click here to search for
[UC Majors by Campus](#)

● Davis

● Berkeley

● Santa Cruz

● Merced

● Santa Barbara

● Los Angeles

Irvine ●

● Riverside

● San Diego

UC Admission Reviews

13 Comprehensive Factors. Such as:

- GPA's from A-G courses (10th- 11th)
- # A-G semesters (avg. 26)
- 9th - 11th Rigor (Honors/AP/College)
- Senior Year Schedule (Rigor)

Holistic Approach (School & life experiences):

- Academic & Personal Achievements,
- Academic Spark, intellectual drive. etc.
- Leadership, contribution to society, etc.
- [How UC Applications Are Reviewed](#)

Common App (Private Colleges)

Common App opens in July

- Streamlines the application process
- Around 900 colleges, mostly privates and a few out-of-state public universities

Fees (to apply) vary (fee waivers available)

Deadlines (vary)

Early Action/Early Decision

Rolling Admission / Regular Decision

Which Application Deadline is Best?

Early Action / Early Decision (binding)

Not relying on fall senior grades for GPA improvement.

Decision in mid-December: admitted, denied or deferred to regular pool.

Regular Decision allows more time to:

Submit a polished application, better essays, improve grades, explore/visit campuses, compare financial aid packages, etc.

Admission to Private Colleges (Generally)

Focus on college fit and personal/academic achievements. Admissions will most likely require:

- Transcripts (initial & mid-year)
- Teacher Recommendation Letter(s)
 - 11th grade (generally 1 or 2 teachers)
 - Check campus website for details
- Counselor Recommendation Letter(s)
 - Students email counselor for steps in the fall.

Out-of-State Public Universities

- Tuition for resident & non-resident differ
- Many are not impacted (lots of space)
- Affordable (compared to UC/CSU)
- Check [WUE](#) for in-state tuition programs
- Admission requirements may differ from UC/CSU
- Some use the Common App

Financial Aid

- Financial Aid lessons were presented in 11th grade English classes.
- Students learned how to
 - Identify the cost to attend college,
 - Types of available financial aid
 - How/when to apply for financial aid
- Additional Financial Aid Workshops held during senior year.
- Go to [FAFSA.GOV](https://fafsa.gov) for more information.

A Few Final Tips

- Encourage students to read emails from College Center and/or their counselor.
- Juniors should begin using Naviance to start building list of colleges they are interested in applying to (SuperMatch).
- Students also use Naviance to see when college representatives are visiting Carlmont.

Thank You for Joining Us!