

	UC	CSU	Community College System
What are some facts about this system?			
What would I need to do to prepare for this system?			
Why would I choose this system?			

Sample Outline

I. Introduction – What is the big topic?

- a.
- b.
- c.

II. Body – Choose three main ideas to cover. Under each main idea, give three supporting details.

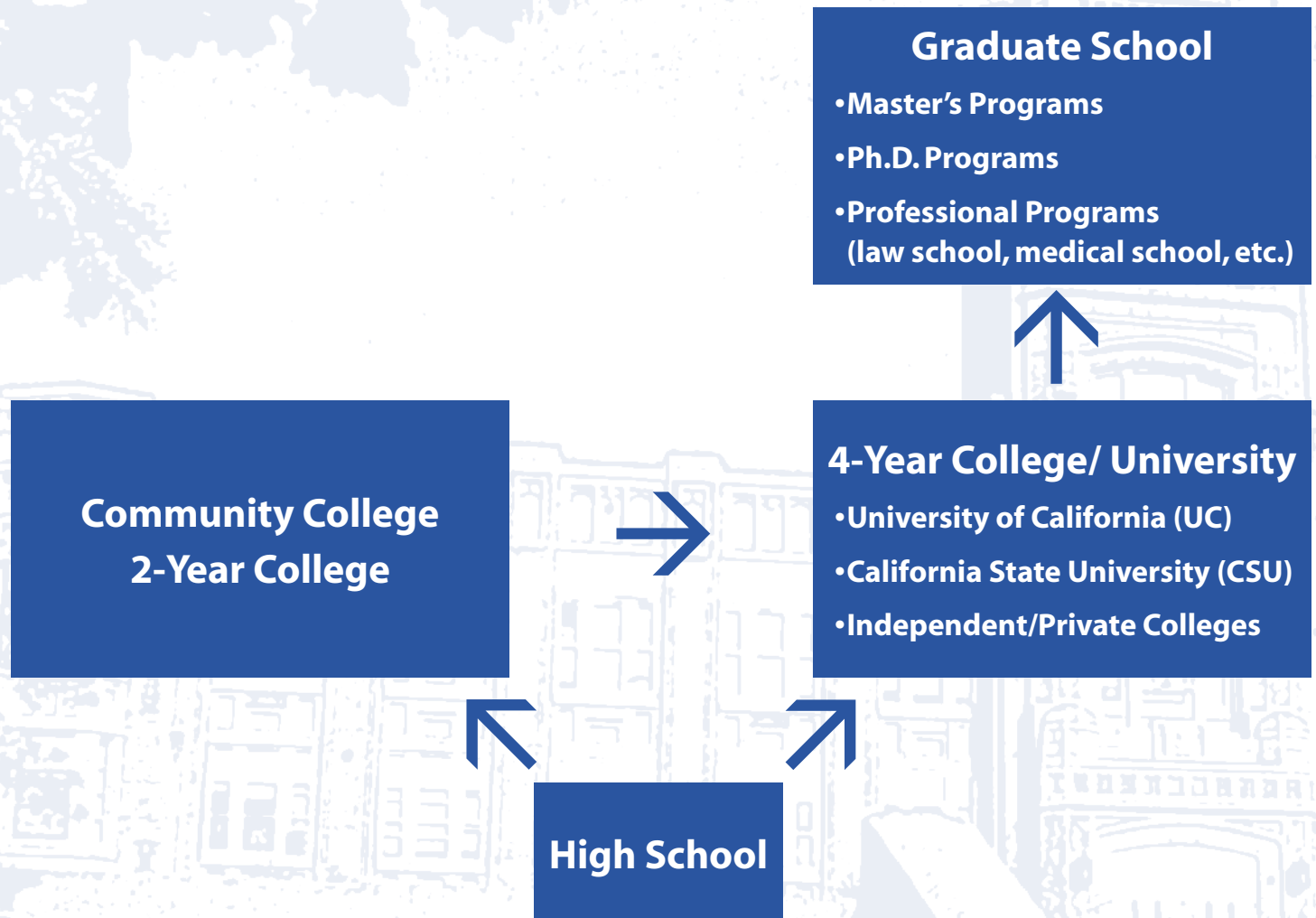
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III. Conclusion

Provide a point that wraps up everything you said above and/or provides an inspiring or personalized ending to the essay.

Which College is Right for You?

Paths to College



Things to think about when choosing a college:

- ▶ **Academics:** What majors are available? What is the academic reputation of the college?
- ▶ **Academic Help:** Are there academic support programs that will provide tutoring if you need it?
- ▶ **Size:** How many students attend the school? How big are the typical freshman courses?
- ▶ **Location:** How far is the college from home? Is it in a rural, urban, suburban setting? What is the area surrounding the campus like?
- ▶ **Living:** Do most students live on or off campus? Are there dorms available for all freshmen students to live in?
- ▶ **People:** Who are the students and where do they come from?
- ▶ **Social Opportunities:** What clubs are available? What sport teams?

The 10 UC Campuses

Degrees awarded:

Bachelor's degrees

Master's degrees

Ph.D.s

Professional degrees



To Attend a UC

- ✓ Fulfill the A-G requirement while in high school.
- ✓ Graduate from high school.
- ✓ Earn as many As and Bs as possible - to be eligible to apply, you will need a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- ✓ Take either or both the SAT or ACT test.
 - Take the PSAT during your **sophomore** year of high school to practice for the SAT.
 - Take the SAT or ACT test during your **junior** year - the lower your GPA, the higher SAT/ACT scores (the tests you take for college) you will need.
 - Take two SAT subject tests in your choice of subjects.
- ✓ Apply for financial aid to help you pay for your college education. The types of financial aid that are available are:
 - Grants are money that the government gives you for free.
 - Scholarships are money that private donors give to you to pay for college.
 - Work-study is money set aside for you to work for, and loans are money that you are given that you have to pay back (usually *after* you graduate from college).

The 23 CSU Campuses

Degrees awarded:
Bachelor's degrees
Master's degrees



To Attend a CSU

- ✓ Fulfill the A-G requirement while in high school.
- ✓ Graduate from high school.
- ✓ Earn as many As and Bs as possible – to be eligible to apply, you will need a minimum GPA of 2.0.
- ✓ Take either or both the SAT or ACT test.
 - Take the PSAT during your **sophomore** year of high school to practice for the SAT.
 - Take the SAT or ACT test during your **junior** year – the lower your GPA, the higher SAT /ACT scores (the tests you take for college) you will need.
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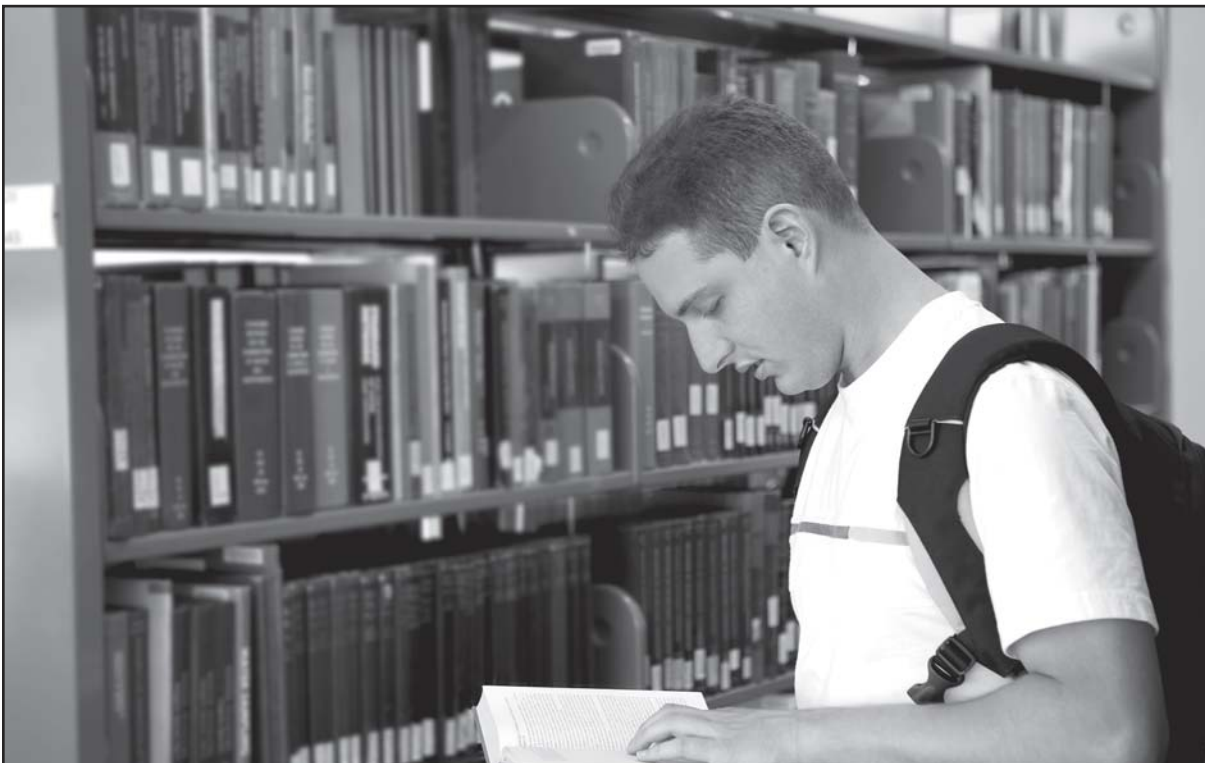
75 Independent College/ University Campuses

Degrees awarded: Bachelor's degrees

Many also award: Master's degrees and professional degrees

To Attend an Independent College/University

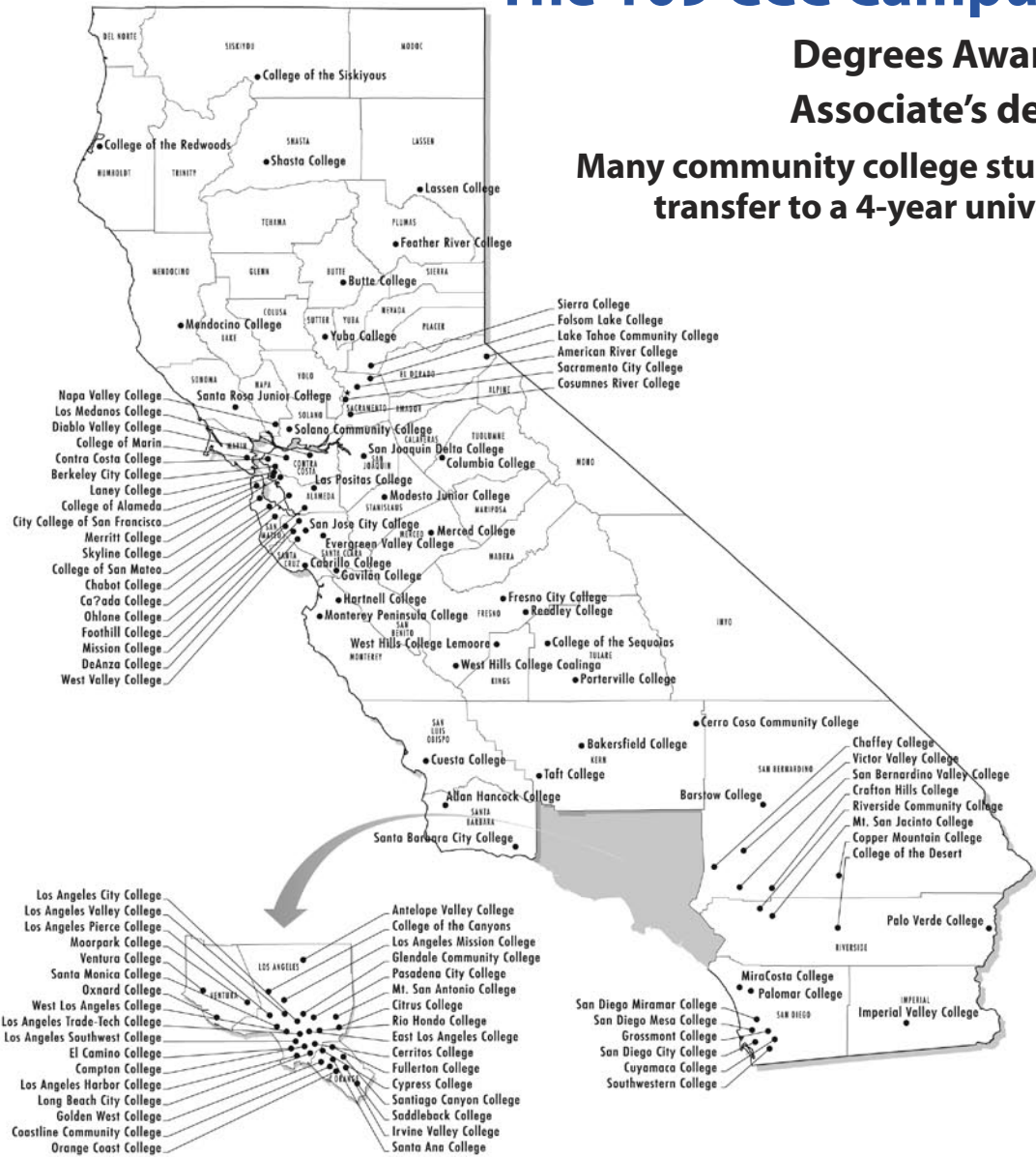
- ✓ Take college prep classes (the A-Gs) while in high school.
- ✓ Check with the college you want to attend to find out the classes and GPA you need. (Each university has its own requirements)
- ✓ Take either or both the SAT or ACT test, depending on the university requirements.
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The 109 CCC Campuses

Degrees Awarded:
Associate's degree

Many community college students
transfer to a 4-year university



To Attend a Community College

- ✓ Take as many college prep classes as possible (the A-Gs) while in high school.
- ✓ Community colleges are open to all students who have graduated from high school, have a GED or are 18 years or older.
- ✓ ACT /SAT aren't required, but students take a placement exam before enrolling in classes.
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