

	UC	CSU	Community College System
What are some facts about this system?	-there are 10 campuses -you can earn a BA or BS degree there -you need a minimum GPA of 3.0 to apply	-there are 23 campuses -you can earn a BA or BS degree there -you need minimum GPA 2.0 to apply	-there are 109 campuses -All high school graduates can go regardless of GPA -ACT/SAT aren't needed
What would I need to do to prepare for this system?	-Earn a GPA of 3.0 or above in high school -Take the A-Gs -Study for and take the ACT or SAT test and 2 subject tests	-get a GPA of 2.0 or above in high school -take the A-Gs -study for and take the ACT or SAT test	-Take as many A-G classes possible -Do my best in high school
Why would I choose this system?	-it has the major I want to study -it has a good academic reputation -there are dorms on campus where I can live	-it has the major I want to study -it has sports or clubs I like -there are academic support programs available	-there is a campus near my house -A community college will help me get ready for a four year college -the fees are low

Sample Outline

I. Introduction – What is the big topic?

- The benefits of going to college
- The types of colleges in California and how to prepare for them
- The types of financial aid available

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

- There are many benefits to going to college
 - College graduates make more money
 - People with a college degree have more choices in the jobs they are qualified to do
 - In college you get to meet new people and learn new things
- There are 3 main types of colleges in California and each is different
 - 2-year community colleges
 - 4-year public colleges and universities
 - 4-year private college/universities

Students should begin preparing for college in middle school

 - Take the A-Gs
- Take the SAT or ACT and 2 SAT subject tests
 - Participate in extra curricular activities and volunteer

III. Conclusion

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

Whether they choose a 4-year public university, a private college or start at a community college, college graduates have more opportunities for a good paying, enjoyable career. Students should start preparing in middle school so that they will be ready to go to the college of their choice.