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Which University system is best for you, the California State University system or the University of California system?

The California State University and University of California systems comprise the four-year segments of the California System of Higher Education. The CSU system is comprised of 23 campuses; the UC system 10 campuses. In making your decision about which system to attend, it is important to recognize that each system has a different mission. The difference in mission is reflected in both freshman and transfer admission requirements, the majors available, the types of degrees offered, and the nature of the curriculum. Listed below are some of the important differences between the two university systems that may assist you in selecting the system which will best fit your needs.

The MISSION of the California State University is:

- To advance and extend knowledge, learning, and culture, especially throughout California.
- To provide opportunities for individuals to develop intellectually, personally, and professionally.
- To prepare significant numbers of educated, responsible people to contribute to California's schools, economy, culture, and future.
- To encourage and provide access to an excellent education to all who are prepared for and wish to participate in collegiate study.
- To offer undergraduate and graduate instruction leading to bachelor's and higher degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, the applied fields, and the professions, including the doctoral degree when authorized.
- To prepare students for an international, multi-cultural society.
- To provide public services that enrich the university and its communities.

The MISSION of the University of California is:

The distinctive mission of the University is to serve society as a center of higher learning, providing long-term societal benefits through transmitting advanced knowledge, discovering new knowledge, and functioning as an active working repository of organized knowledge. That obligation, more specifically, includes undergraduate education, graduate and professional education, research, and other kinds of public service, which are shaped and bounded by the central pervasive mission of discovering and advancing knowledge.

MINIMUM TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

CSU: Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units including 30 units of general education and the completion of oral communication, written communication, critical thinking and mathematics/quantitative reasoning with a minimum GPA of 2.0. These requirements must be completed by the end of spring if applying for fall transfer; the end of summer if applying for spring transfer. **A higher GPA will be required for admission to impacted campuses and majors.** It is possible to fulfill all of the lower-division general education requirements with the completion of either the CSU Lower-division General Education Pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

UC: Completion of 60 UC-transferable semester units including the completion of two English composition courses, one mathematics course, and four courses from at least two of the following areas: arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and biological and physical sciences, with a minimum GPA of 2.4.

Most campuses require a much higher minimum GPA. These requirements must be completed by the end of spring if applying for fall transfer; the end of summer if applying for winter transfer and the end of fall if applying for spring. For most, but not all, UC campuses and majors it is possible to fulfill all of the lower-division general education requirements with the completion of the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). Make certain that your selected campus and major accept the IGETC.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE - 2012-2013 Academic Year Expenses (data as of November 2011/does not include housing/room & board expenses)

CSU: System Tuition \$ 5,970/year (undergraduate programs)
 Campus Fees/Books \$ 2,668/year
 TOTAL \$ 8,638/year (average)

UC: System Tuition \$13,200/year (undergraduate programs)
 Campus Fees/Books \$ 4,168/year
 TOTAL \$17,368/year (average)

Non resident: CSU - \$14,004/year (average) UC - \$38,738/year (average)

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS AVAILABLE – Most majors are available at campuses of both the CSU and UC systems. There are notable exceptions, however, due to their difference in missions. Access articulation agreements between CSU and UC systems and the California Community Colleges, as well as information concerning majors, at www.assist.org. To determine what majors are offered at which universities, select Explore Majors and the Area of Study based on your interests.