

Educator Guide: How to Launch California State University Application

Goal

Students will launch the California State University application from CaliforniaColleges.edu in order to apply to college and track their progress from within their account on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

Student Materials

This activity does not include a lesson plan. Instead, it is a resource worksheet for students applying to college and tracking this process from within their accounts on **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.

Tips for Educators

1. Ensure that students know how to log in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu** and have a copy of their transcripts.
2. **CaliforniaColleges.edu** provides a **printable PDF** of the **CSU/UC Eligibility Tool**; this can be individually printed by students or mass printed for groups of students by educators with the correct permissions. Printing this PDF may require collaboration with your district administration or school counselors. Review [How to Download and Print Students' CSU and UC Eligibility Tool Pages](#).
3. Review these step-by-step tutorials to see each of the steps your students will take on CaliforniaColleges.edu: [How to Launch Your Cal State Apply Application](#) and [How to Import Courses and Grades Into Your Cal State Apply Application](#).
 - Download PDFs of video tutorials in landscape orientation to create a printable packet with step-by-step instructions.
 - Not familiar with the type of tutorial liked above? Review [How to Use the Interactive Tutorials](#).

Tracking Application Completion

- Students can track all college applications within their **My Plan** on **CaliforniaColleges.edu**. Review [How to Track Your Cal State Apply Application Status](#). Educators have associated reports.
- Application submission dates for **Cal State Apply** are verified dates. The dates are populated for students upon completing applications when they launch from within their accounts on **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.

Launch Applications Directly from CaliforniaColleges.edu

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What is Cal State Apply?

Cal State Apply is the application you use to apply to all of the California State University (CSU) campuses.

- The application opens **October 1**.
- Your application is due no later than **November 30**.

What should I do before I launch Cal State Apply?

1. Sign in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.
2. Check the **Academic Planner** to see if you have a **CSU Eligibility** tab:

Academic Plan
Keep track of your completed classes, grades earned, and also plan for high school classes using your Academic Plan.

Lessons | **Academic Planner** | Life Planner | My Career Plan | My College Plan | My Goals | My Journal | My Experiences | My Documents

The CSU uses the following admission requirements: you must earn a high school diploma, complete 15 "a-g" courses with a grade of C- or better, and earn a 2.0 GPA or higher in all "a-g" courses completed after 9th grade. The Eligibility Tool below includes your completed and enrolled courses (uploaded by your school district). It measures your progress towards meeting the "a-g" course work and GPA requirements for CSU.

Academic Planner | CCCs | **CSU Eligibility** | UC Eligibility | CSU Application Info | UC Application Info | [Download PDF](#)

CSU GPA

4.15

You're currently meeting the minimum GPA requirement for all CSU campuses. Great job!

Your CSU GPA is based on the grades you earn in all "a-g" courses you complete after 9th grade (including the summer before 10th grade). "UC Honors Approved" courses receive one extra point in the calculation.

Learn more about [how the CSU calculates your GPA](#).

Your courses and grades come from your school district. Transcript data was last submitted on 03/04/2021

Your "a-g" Progress for CSU

Based upon successful completion of coursework this term, for your grade level, you are missing the following number of years of "a-g" courses: 0.5

You appear to not be making progress toward completing courses recommended for your grade level in the following subject areas: B, D, F

Plan to take the courses you are missing and complete those courses with a C- or better to be eligible for CSU.

If you do not have this tab, skip to [How Do I Launch Cal State Apply?](#)

How do I import courses to Cal State Apply?

If you have **CSU Eligibility** tab in **CaliforniaColleges.edu**, follow these steps: [How to Import Courses and Grades Into Your Cal State Apply Application](#).

How do I track my Cal State Apply application?

Follow all directions to complete and submit your application. When you launch **Cal State Apply** from **CaliforniaColleges.edu** the date of the application submission will be recorded in the **College Applications** section of **My Plan**. Learn [How to Track Your Cal State Apply Application Status](#).

Not sure how to use the tutorials linked above? Review [How to Use the Interactive Tutorials](#).