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Recommended Colleges and Universities

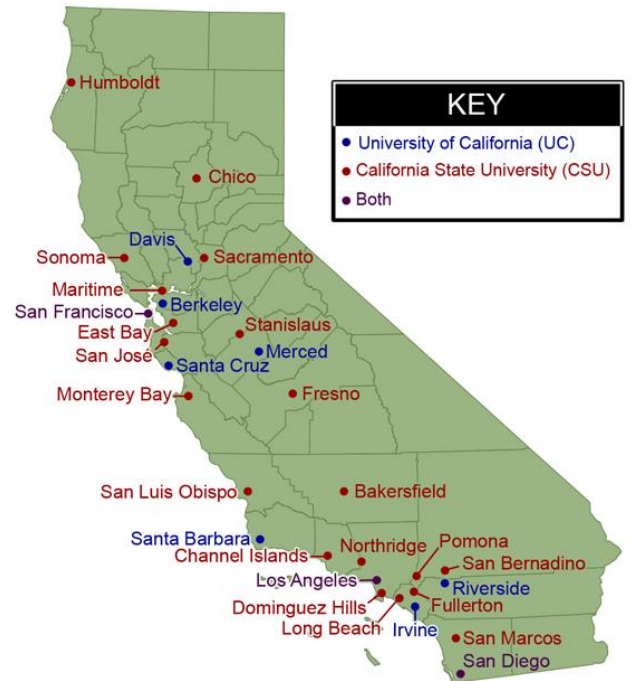
Applying to college is an exciting and yet confusing time! Where do I apply? What's right for me? What schools should I consider? These are all questions that may run through your mind as you browse for colleges to apply to. Here is our friendly reminder that UCLA, USC, CSULA, CSUN, etc. are not the only colleges in California—even more the world! Let's explore some of your other options...

Cal State Universities: Many of the Cal States that we are familiar with are IMPACTED. Meaning: the campus has MORE students than they can instructionally and physically accommodate. That's like a room with a 100-person capacity filled to the brim with 150 people! Here are a list of campuses that are NOT impacted:

CSU Stanislaus	CSU Monterey Bay	CSU East Bay	CSU Bakersfield
Sonoma State University	CSU Dominguez Hills	CSU Channel Islands	CSU San Bernadino

Accessible UC Campuses: It is important to discuss with your counselor or college advisor what will be your **safety, match, and reach schools**. Apply to at least one school from each category so that you are not limiting your options before you have the results! Here are more accessible UC schools to which you may consider applying.

UC Merced UC Riverside UC Santa Cruz



Private California Colleges and Universities: Private institutions normally have MORE money to fund financial aid for their students, so generally these schools will offer better packages—meaning less loans and more grant (read: FREE) money. Here are a few lesser known but wonderful schools in California:

Biola University	Loyola Marymount University (LMU)	Mills College	University of the Pacific
University of San Francisco	Santa Clara University	Chapman University	University of Redlands
University of San Diego	Notre Dame de Namur University	Fresno Pacific	Point Loma Nazarene University

Private Out-of-State Colleges and Universities: Your college options do not end at the Californian border! There are so many great universities and liberal arts colleges that are dying to find students like you—diverse, talented, and motivated! These schools, though perhaps far from home, are prepared to offer you A LOT of money to go the distance to their schools! Here are some notable schools that you should consider applying to:

Franklin and Marshall	Reed College	Hope College	Colby College
Grinnell College	University of Chicago	St. Olaf College	Rice University
Syracuse University	Oberlin College	University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill	Bard College at Simon's Rock
Kalamazoo College	Trinity College	Union College	Bryn Mawr College

Specialty Colleges to Consider: Some students might feel like the schools above do not fit their needs or interests. Here are a few specialty schools that we've identified:

- Sarah Lawrence – women's college
- Scripps College – women's college
- Morehouse College – Historically Black College
- Clark Atlanta University – Historically Black College
- University of Illinois at Chicago – Hispanic Serving Institution
- University of New Mexico – Hispanic Serving Institution
- The Cooper Union for Advancement of Science and Art – covers full tuition
- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) – Design School in LA
- The New School (includes Parsons and Eugene Lang) – historically progressive school
- Colorado College – take one class at a time; focuses on deep learning