



Top 5 University of California & Cal State University Application Mistakes

1. Your high school graduation requirements may not fulfill the U.C. or CSU eligibility requirements. Make sure you understand the “A-G Requirements.”
2. Note: Competitive students understand that “recommended” means “you should take it.”
<http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/>
3. The U.C.s and Cal States require ONE year of the SAME Fine Art. Students often take two different semesters of art (e.g. one semester of Drama, one semester of Ceramics) but this does NOT fulfill the U.C. requirement.
4. Any grades below a C in an academic class will not count. If you have a D or F in an academic class, you must re-take this class. (Exception, if a student is able to receive a grade of C- or higher in a subsequent level Math or Language other than English class, the previous D or F has been “validated” and you will not need to repeat the class.) Make sure to speak with your counselor or a trusted professional advisor about what options you have.
<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/q-and-a/repeating/#1>
http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/subjects.asp
5. Unlike many other colleges and universities, the U.C.’s do not “Super Score” the SAT. They use the highest total score from ONE sitting. (The Cal States DO Super Score the SAT, not the ACT).
<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/q-and-a/examination/index.html>
6. The U.C.’s do not require the Subject Tests, however they are STRONGLY recommended for certain majors (e.g. Engineering, Math & Science related majors). Repeat rule about “recommended” from #1
<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html>

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