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The California College Explorer

Student Friendly Services

Vision to Reality

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What is SFS

- ◆ Provide a single entry point for information about California colleges
- ◆ Allow for exploration of options available in each segment
- ◆ Provide planning and guidance
- ◆ Enable a powerful personal portfolio



An Intersegmental Initiative

- ◆ **State Department of Education**
- ◆ **University of California**
- ◆ **California State University**
- ◆ **California Community Colleges**
- ◆ **California Independent Colleges**



Web Access Statistics

- ◆ **In 1996 30% of high school seniors had web access**
- ◆ **By 2000 that figure increased to 94%**

Source Arts & Science Group, Baltimore, MD



Challenges

- ◆ **Accurately represent all segments**
- ◆ **Gain high levels of campus participation**
- ◆ **Coordinate and consult extensively**
- ◆ **Populate site with meaningful information**
- ◆ **Develop functions not available on other California higher education sites**





All you know is that you want to go to college in California...but where?

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THE ULTIMATE ONLINE CATALOG OF CALIFORNIA'S INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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CLICK HERE TO
**CUSTOMIZE
THIS SITE**

Targeted at ...

- ◆ **Middle school**
- ◆ **Early high school**
- ◆ **High school seniors**
- ◆ **Community College students**
- ◆ **Adult learners**



Services for Site Visitors

- ◆ **Campus Exploration**
 - ◆ **Planning and Guidance**
 - ◆ **Personal Portfolio**
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- ◆ **All tailored to the individual visitor**





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EXPLORE CAMPUSES

Explore California's Colleges & Universities

The tools below will help you identify quickly campuses that meet your needs.

- [Matching Assistant](#) - Find campuses that meet your specific requirements
- [Comparative View](#) - Compare colleges and universities in California
- [Key Facts](#) - Obtain a brief overview of participating campuses
- [Campus Tours](#) - Learn more about a specific campus
- [Search](#) - Search the Colleges.edu website or California college websites by topic

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Campus Exploration

- ◆ **Comparative Match Assistant**
- ◆ **Parametric searches**
- ◆ **Key Facts**
- ◆ **Virtual Tours**
- ◆ **Links to campus sites**
- ◆ **General Searches**





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Requirements

Freshman Planner

Transfer Planner

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Planning for College

This section of Colleges.edu allows students to plan their education to meet the entrance requirements of colleges and universities in California.

- [Admissions Requirements](#) - General information on admissions requirements for each of the California higher education segments
- [Freshman Planner](#) - High school students can plan coursework to meet college entrance requirements
- [Transfer Planner](#) - Transfer students can plan coursework to receive the maximum transfer credits

Planning and Guidance

- ◆ **Admissions planner**
- ◆ **Financial Aid planner**
- ◆ **Frequently Asked Questions - FAQ**
- ◆ **Career/education planning**
- ◆ **Timeline management assistant**



General Education (GE) Breadth Requirements

Your schools: Glendale College | Santa Monica College | [Add/Edit](#)

Classification	Action	Course Name	Grade	College	Status Message	Help
A1: Oral Communication	Add/Edit	Speech 1	B	Glendale College	Highest Priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A1 ▪ A2 ▪ A3 	More info
A2: Written Communication	Add/Edit	English Composition 1	A	Glendale College		
	Add/Edit	English Literature 1	B	Glendale College		
A3: Critical Thinking	Enter course					
B1: Physical Science	Add/Edit	Physics 1	A	Glendale College	Highest Priority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B4 Recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ B1 ▪ B2 ▪ B3 	More info
B2: Life Science	Add/Edit	Biology 1	A	Santa Monica College		
B3: Laboratory Activity	Add/Edit	Biology Lab 1	A	Santa Monica College		
B4: Mathematics/ Quantitative Reasoning	Add/Edit	Math 1	A	Santa Monica College		
C1: Art (Art, Dance, Music, Theatre)	Add/Edit	Art 1	C	Glendale College	Recommended: Three courses in these two areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ C1 ▪ C2 	More info
C2: Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages)	Enter course					

Personal Portfolio

- ◆ **Personal account**
- ◆ **Secure information controlled by student**
- ◆ **Incrementally built**
- ◆ **Reduces burden of data entry**
- ◆ **Includes academic performance**
- ◆ **Transferable to any project application**



Benefits for ...

- ◆ **Students**
- ◆ **Parents and Families**
- ◆ **Counselors and Teachers**
- ◆ **Campuses**



For Student

- ◆ **Provide a single point for information**
- ◆ **Make the college exploration easier**
- ◆ **Understand admissions requirements**
- ◆ **Portfolio**
- ◆ **Ease the burden of college application**



For Parents and Families

- ◆ **Information to assist their students**
- ◆ **Helpful information about the process**
- ◆ **Financing a college education**
- ◆ **Help with the college exploration process**



For Counselors & Teachers

- ◆ **Accurate information on requirements**
- ◆ **Key contacts and facts**
- ◆ **Materials for class exercises**
- ◆ **Reduce some of the workload**
- ◆ **Portfolio to populate student's application**



For Campuses

- ◆ **Extends exposure of campus**
- ◆ **Presents campus perspective**
- ◆ **Highlights key programs**
- ◆ **Easily maintained and updated**
- ◆ **Will be extended to meet campus needs**



Transformations

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◆ www.colleges.edu

◆ www.californiacolleges.edu





Questions or Comments?