

# University Tuition Comparison <sup>1</sup>

(2012-2013)

Institution	Estimate Annual Tuition
California Community Colleges	\$ 1,104.00
California State University (CSU)	\$ 7,002.00
University of California (UC)	\$13,200.00
Woodbury University	\$30,492.00
University of Southern California (USC)	\$43,722.00
Occidental College	\$43,490.00

(based on full-time attendance)

## Tuition is relative...

The tuition amounts noted above, are paid in 2 annual payments during registration for institutions on the semester system (16 weeks each) and in 3 annual payments for those on the quarter system (10 weeks each).

Tuition is higher for independent institutions because they receive no state funding. Therefore, they also do not charge “out-of-state” tuition. Out-of-state and international students at Glendale Community College are charged \$181 per unit since the State of California cannot financially assist non-California residents.

University tuition should not be seen as a “barrier” by low and middle-income students until all financial aid sources have been exhausted. <sup>2</sup> Tuition is a relative expense. The real question is: **What will tuition cost *after* applying for financial aid?** The GCC Transfer Center has assisted many low-income students who have been admitted to USC, UCLA, CSUN, CSULA, and other four-year institutions that offer diverse sources of financial aid.

## Four-year college/university financial aid formula

the → COLLEGE BUDGET (cost to study at 4-year school)  
minus → STUDENT'S RESOURCES (student's contribution)  
determines → STUDENT'S UN-MET NEED (or financial aid award)

<sup>1</sup>Comparison based on a 12-unit load per term, during the 9-month academic year of September through June.

<sup>2</sup> The **priority financial aid filing period for transfer students, is January 2 through March 2** of each year, since university financial aid awards are decided early in Spring. Attend a Glendale Community College Financial Aid Workshop in early January if you need assistance with completing the FAFSA & the FAF (only necessary for some private universities. See Financial Aid lists for which forms to complete.)