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# Colleges and Universities in California

California has **288 four-year degree-granting institutions** active in the federal directory — 68 public, 148 private nonprofit, and 72 private for-profit.

The list below is every active, degree-granting institution IPEDS classifies at the four-year level. It is a directory, not a ranking. Two-year colleges, certificate-only schools, and institutions that have closed or stopped reporting are not here.

## Four-year institutions

| Institution                                           | City          | Control            | Notes |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|-------|
| Abraham Lincoln University                            | Glendale      | Private for-profit |       |
| Academy for Jewish Religion California                | Los Angeles   | Private nonprofit  |       |
| Academy of Art University                             | San Francisco | Private for-profit |       |
| Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Sciences        | Oakland       | Private nonprofit  |       |
| Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine College-Berkeley | Berkeley      | Private nonprofit  |       |
| Agape College of Business and Science                 | Fresno        | Private nonprofit  |       |
| Alder Graduate School of Education                    | Redwood City  | Private nonprofit  |       |
| Alhambra Medical University                           | Alhambra      | Private for-profit |       |
| Alliant International University-San Diego            | San Diego     | Private for-profit |       |
| America Evangelical University                        | Gardena       | Private nonprofit  |       |
| American Film Institute Conservatory                  | Los Angeles   | Private nonprofit  |       |
| American Jewish University                            | Los Angeles   | Private nonprofit  |       |
| American Medical Sciences Center                      | Glendale      | Private for-profit |       |
| American University of Health Sciences                | Signal Hill   | Private for-profit |       |
| Angeles College                                       | Los Angeles   | Private for-profit |       |
| Antelope Valley Community College District            | Lancaster     | Public             |       |
| Antioch University-Los Angeles                        | Culver City   | Private nonprofit  |       |

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|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Antioch University-Santa Barbara                        | Santa Barbara | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Arizona College of Nursing-Ontario                      | Ontario       | Private for-profit |                |
| Art Center College of Design                            | Pasadena      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Ashford University                                      | San Diego     | Private for-profit |                |
| ATI College-Whittier                                    | Whittier      | Private for-profit |                |
| Azusa Pacific University                                | Azusa         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Bakersfield College                                     | Bakersfield   | Public             |                |
| Berkeley School of Theology                             | Berkeley      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Bethesda University                                     | Anaheim       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Biola University                                        | La Mirada     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Cal Northern School of Law                              | Chico         | Private for-profit |                |
| California Aeronautical University                      | Bakersfield   | Private for-profit |                |
| California Baptist University                           | Riverside     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California Career College                               | Canoga Park   | Private for-profit |                |
| California College of ASU                               | Los Angeles   | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California College of the Arts                          | San Francisco | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California Health Sciences University                   | Clovis        | Private for-profit | Medical school |
| California Institute of Advanced Management             | Alhambra      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California Institute of Arts & Technology               | National City | Private for-profit |                |
| California Institute of Arts & Technology-National City | National City | Private for-profit |                |
| California Institute of Integral Studies                | San Francisco | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California Institute of Technology                      | Pasadena      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California Institute of the Arts                        | Valencia      | Private nonprofit  |                |

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| California Jazz Conservatory                            | Berkeley        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California Lutheran University                          | Thousand Oaks   | Private nonprofit  |                |
| California Miramar University                           | San Diego       | Private for-profit |                |
| California Northstate University                        | Elk Grove       | Private for-profit | Medical school |
| California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo | San Luis Obispo | Public             |                |
| California State Polytechnic University-Humboldt        | Arcata          | Public             |                |
| California State Polytechnic University-Pomona          | Pomona          | Public             |                |
| California State University Maritime Academy            | Vallejo         | Public             |                |
| California State University-Bakersfield                 | Bakersfield     | Public             |                |
| California State University-Chancellors Office          | Long Beach      | Public             |                |
| California State University-Channel Islands             | Camarillo       | Public             |                |
| California State University-Chico                       | Chico           | Public             |                |
| California State University-Dominguez Hills             | Carson          | Public             |                |
| California State University-East Bay                    | Hayward         | Public             |                |
| California State University-Fresno                      | Fresno          | Public             |                |
| California State University-Fullerton                   | Fullerton       | Public             |                |
| California State University-Long Beach                  | Long Beach      | Public             |                |
| California State University-Los Angeles                 | Los Angeles     | Public             |                |
| California State University-Monterey Bay                | Seaside         | Public             |                |
| California State University-Northridge                  | Northridge      | Public             |                |
| California State University-Sacramento                  | Sacramento      | Public             |                |
| California State University-San Bernardino              | San Bernardino  | Public             |                |
| California State University-San Marcos                  | San Marcos      | Public             |                |
| California State University-Stanislaus                  | Turlock         | Public             |                |
| California University of Science and Medicine           | Colton          | Private nonprofit  | Medical school |
| California Western School of Law                        | San Diego       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Career Networks Institute                               | Santa Ana       | Private for-profit |                |
| Carrington College-Administrative Office                | Sacramento      | Private for-profit |                |
| Carrington College-Sacramento                           | Sacramento      | Private for-profit |                |
| Casa Loma College-Los Angeles                           | Sherman Oaks    | Private nonprofit  |                |

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| CBD College                                        | Los Angeles    | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Chamberlain University-California                  | Rancho Cordova | Private for-profit |                |
| Chapman University                                 | Orange         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science  | Los Angeles    | Private nonprofit  | Medical school |
| Church Divinity School of the Pacific              | Berkeley       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Claremont Graduate University                      | Claremont      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Claremont Lincoln University                       | Claremont      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Claremont McKenna College                          | Claremont      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Claremont School of Theology                       | Los Angeles    | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Concordia University-Irvine                        | Irvine         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Crafton Hills College                              | Yucaipa        | Public             |                |
| Cypress College                                    | Cypress        | Public             |                |
| Daybreak University                                | Anaheim        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Design Institute of San Diego                      | San Diego      | Private for-profit |                |
| DeVry University-California                        | Ontario        | Private for-profit |                |
| DHARMA REALM BUDDHIST UNIVERSITY                   | Ukiah          | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology          | Berkeley       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Dominican University of California                 | San Rafael     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Dongguk University Los Angeles                     | Los Angeles    | Private nonprofit  |                |
| EDvance College                                    | San Francisco  | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine | Santa Monica   | Private for-profit |                |
| Epic Bible College & Graduate School               | Sacramento     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Feather River Community College District           | Quincy         | Public             |                |

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| FIDM-Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising   | Los Angeles     | Private for-profit |
| Fielding Graduate University                       | Santa Barbara   | Private nonprofit  |
| Five Branches University                           | Santa Cruz      | Private for-profit |
| Foothill College                                   | Los Altos Hills | Public             |
| Foothill-De Anza Community College District        | Los Altos Hills | Public             |
| Franciscan School of Theology                      | San Diego       | Private nonprofit  |
| Fremont University                                 | Cerritos        | Private for-profit |
| Fresno City College                                | Fresno          | Public             |
| Fresno Pacific University                          | Fresno          | Private nonprofit  |
| Fuller Theological Seminary                        | Pasadena        | Private nonprofit  |
| Glendale Career College                            | Glendale        | Private for-profit |
| Gnomon                                             | North Hollywood | Private for-profit |
| Golden Gate University                             | San Francisco   | Private nonprofit  |
| Grace Mission University                           | Fullerton       | Private nonprofit  |
| Graduate Theological Union                         | Berkeley        | Private nonprofit  |
| Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts                    | San Jose        | Private for-profit |
| Harvey Mudd College                                | Claremont       | Private nonprofit  |
| Haven University                                   | Garden Grove    | Private nonprofit  |
| High Tech High Graduate School of Education        | San Diego       | Private nonprofit  |
| Homestead Schools                                  | Torrance        | Private nonprofit  |
| Hope International University                      | Fullerton       | Private nonprofit  |
| Humphreys University-Stockton and Modesto Campuses | Stockton        | Private nonprofit  |
| Institute of Buddhist Studies                      | Berkeley        | Private nonprofit  |

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| Integrity College of Health                   | Pasadena        | Private for-profit |                |
| InterCoast Colleges-West Covina               | West Covina     | Private for-profit |                |
| Interior Designers Institute                  | Newport Beach   | Private for-profit |                |
| John Paul the Great Catholic University       | Escondido       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Keck Graduate Institute                       | Claremont       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| La Sierra University                          | Riverside       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Laguna College of Art and Design              | Laguna Beach    | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Latin American Bible Institute                | La Puente       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Laurus College                                | San Luis Obispo | Private for-profit |                |
| Learnet Academy Inc                           | Los Angeles     | Private for-profit |                |
| Life Chiropractic College West                | Hayward         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Life Pacific University                       | San Dimas       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Lincoln University                            | Oakland         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Lionel University                             | Carpinteria     | Private for-profit |                |
| Loma Linda University                         | Loma Linda      | Private nonprofit  | Medical school |
| Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art         | Van Nuys        | Private for-profit |                |
| Los Angeles College of Music                  | Pasadena        | Private for-profit |                |
| Los Angeles Community College District Office | Los Angeles     | Public             |                |
| Los Angeles Film School                       | Hollywood       | Private for-profit |                |
| Los Angeles Mission College                   | Sylmar          | Public             |                |
| Los Angeles Pacific University                | San Dimas       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Los Angeles Valley College                    | Valley Glen     | Public             |                |
| Loyola Marymount University                   | Los Angeles     | Private nonprofit  |                |

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| Marshall B Ketchum University                             | Fullerton     | Private nonprofit  |
| Menlo College                                             | Atherton      | Private nonprofit  |
| Meridian University                                       | Petaluma      | Private for-profit |
| Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey | Monterey      | Private nonprofit  |
| Minerva University                                        | San Francisco | Private nonprofit  |
| MiraCosta College                                         | Oceanside     | Public             |
| Modesto Junior College                                    | Modesto       | Public             |
| Moorpark College                                          | Moorpark      | Public             |
| Mount Saint Mary's University                             | Los Angeles   | Private nonprofit  |
| Musicians Institute                                       | Hollywood     | Private for-profit |
| National University                                       | San Diego     | Private nonprofit  |
| Naval Postgraduate School                                 | Monterey      | Public             |
| New York Film Academy                                     | Burbank       | Private for-profit |
| Newschool of Architecture and Design                      | San Diego     | Private for-profit |
| North Orange County Community College District            | Anaheim       | Public             |
| North-West College-San Diego                              | San Diego     | Private for-profit |
| Northcentral University                                   | San Diego     | Private nonprofit  |
| Northeastern University Oakland                           | Oakland       | Private nonprofit  |
| Notre Dame de Namur University                            | Belmont       | Private nonprofit  |
| Oak Valley College                                        | Rialto        | Private nonprofit  |
| Occidental College                                        | Los Angeles   | Private nonprofit  |
| Otis College of Art and Design                            | Los Angeles   | Private nonprofit  |
| Pacific College                                           | Costa Mesa    | Private for-profit |
| Pacific College of Health and Science                     | San Diego     | Private for-profit |



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| Pacific Oaks College                              | Pasadena         | Private nonprofit  |
| Pacific School of Religion                        | Berkeley         | Private nonprofit  |
| Pacific States University                         | Los Angeles      | Private nonprofit  |
| Pacific Union College                             | Angwin           | Private nonprofit  |
| Pacifica Graduate Institute                       | Carpinteria      | Private for-profit |
| Palo Alto University                              | Palo Alto        | Private nonprofit  |
| PCI College                                       | Cerritos         | Private for-profit |
| Pepperdine University                             | Malibu           | Private nonprofit  |
| Pitzer College                                    | Claremont        | Private nonprofit  |
| Platt College-Anaheim                             | Anaheim          | Private for-profit |
| Platt College-Los Angeles                         | Alhambra         | Private for-profit |
| Platt College-Ontario                             | Ontario          | Private for-profit |
| Platt College-Riverside                           | Riverside        | Private for-profit |
| Point Loma Nazarene University                    | San Diego        | Private nonprofit  |
| Pomona College                                    | Claremont        | Private nonprofit  |
| Presbyterian Theological Seminary in America      | Santa Fe Springs | Private nonprofit  |
| Presidio Graduate School                          | San Anselmo      | Private nonprofit  |
| Providence Christian College                      | Pasadena         | Private nonprofit  |
| Rancho Santiago Community College District Office | Santa Ana        | Public             |
| RAND School of Public Policy                      | Santa Monica     | Private nonprofit  |
| Reach University                                  | Oakland          | Private nonprofit  |
| Reiss-Davis Graduate School                       | Los Angeles      | Private nonprofit  |
| Rio Hondo College                                 | Whittier         | Public             |

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| Saint Mary's College of California                       | Moraga        | Private nonprofit  |
| Samuel Merritt University                                | Oakland       | Private nonprofit  |
| San Diego Christian College                              | Santee        | Private nonprofit  |
| San Diego Community College District-District Office     | San Diego     | Public             |
| San Diego Global Knowledge University                    | San Diego     | Private for-profit |
| San Diego Mesa College                                   | San Diego     | Public             |
| San Diego State University                               | San Diego     | Public             |
| San Francisco Bay University                             | Fremont       | Private nonprofit  |
| San Francisco Conservatory of Music                      | San Francisco | Private nonprofit  |
| San Francisco State University                           | San Francisco | Public             |
| San Joaquin College of Law                               | Clovis        | Private nonprofit  |
| San Joaquin Valley College-Central Administrative Office | Visalia       | Private for-profit |
| San Joaquin Valley College-Visalia                       | Visalia       | Private for-profit |
| San Jose State University                                | San Jose      | Public             |
| San Mateo County Community College District Office       | San Mateo     | Public             |
| Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute       | La Jolla      | Private nonprofit  |
| Santa Ana College                                        | Santa Ana     | Public             |
| Santa Clara University                                   | Santa Clara   | Private nonprofit  |
| Santa Monica College                                     | Santa Monica  | Public             |
| Saybrook University                                      | Pasadena      | Private nonprofit  |
| Scripps College                                          | Claremont     | Private nonprofit  |
| Shasta Bible College and Graduate School                 | Redding       | Private nonprofit  |
| Shasta College                                           | Redding       | Public             |
| Simpson University                                       | Redding       | Private nonprofit  |
| Skyline College                                          | San Bruno     | Public             |
| Smith Chason College                                     | Los Angeles   | Private for-profit |

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| Sofia University                                  | Palo Alto       | Private for-profit |                |
| Soka University of America                        | Aliso Viejo     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Solano Community College                          | Fairfield       | Public             |                |
| Sonoma State University                           | Rohnert Park    | Public             |                |
| South Baylo University                            | Anaheim         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Southern California Institute of Architecture     | Los Angeles     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Southern California Institute of Technology       | Anaheim         | Private for-profit |                |
| Southern California Seminary                      | El Cajon        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Southern California University of Health Sciences | Whittier        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Southwestern Law School                           | Los Angeles     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Stanbridge University                             | Irvine          | Private for-profit |                |
| Stanford University                               | Stanford        | Private nonprofit  | Medical school |
| Starr King School for the Ministry                | Oakland         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| State Center Community College District           | Fresno          | Public             |                |
| SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary        | El Dorado Hills | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Taft College                                      | Taft            | Public             |                |
| Teachers College of San Joaquin                   | Stockton        | Public             |                |
| The Chicago School at Anaheim                     | Anaheim         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| The Chicago School at Los Angeles                 | Los Angeles     | Private nonprofit  |                |
| The Chicago School at San Diego                   | San Diego       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| The Colleges of Law at Santa Barbara              | Santa Barbara   | Private nonprofit  |                |
| The Colleges of Law at Ventura                    | Ventura         | Private nonprofit  |                |
| The Master's University and Seminary              | Santa Clarita   | Private nonprofit  |                |
| The University of America                         | Temecula        | Private nonprofit  |                |

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| The Wright Institute                                          | Berkeley      | Private nonprofit  |                            |
| Thomas Aquinas College                                        | Santa Paula   | Private nonprofit  |                            |
| Thomas Jefferson School of Law                                | San Diego     | Private nonprofit  |                            |
| Touro University California                                   | Vallejo       | Private nonprofit  | Medical school             |
| Touro University Worldwide                                    | Los Alamitos  | Private nonprofit  |                            |
| Trinity Law School                                            | Santa Ana     | Private nonprofit  |                            |
| United States University                                      | San Diego     | Private for-profit |                            |
| Unitek College                                                | Fremont       | Private for-profit |                            |
| University of California College of the Law-San Francisco     | San Francisco | Public             |                            |
| University of California-Berkeley                             | Berkeley      | Public             | Land-grant                 |
| University of California-Davis                                | Davis         | Public             | Land-grant; Medical school |
| University of California-Irvine                               | Irvine        | Public             | Land-grant; Medical school |
| University of California-Los Angeles                          | Los Angeles   | Public             | Land-grant; Medical school |
| University of California-Merced                               | Merced        | Public             | Land-grant                 |
| University of California-Riverside                            | Riverside     | Public             | Land-grant; Medical school |
| University of California-San Diego                            | La Jolla      | Public             | Land-grant; Medical school |
| University of California-San Francisco                        | San Francisco | Public             | Land-grant; Medical school |
| University of California-Santa Barbara                        | Santa Barbara | Public             | Land-grant                 |
| University of California-Santa Cruz                           | Santa Cruz    | Public             | Land-grant                 |
| University of California-System Administration Central Office | Oakland       | Public             |                            |
| University of East-West Medicine                              | Sunnyvale     | Private for-profit |                            |
| University of La Verne                                        | La Verne      | Private nonprofit  |                            |
| University of Massachusetts Global                            | Aliso Viejo   | Public             |                            |
| University of Phoenix-California                              | Ontario       | Private for-profit |                            |

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| University of Redlands                            | Redlands        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| University of San Diego                           | San Diego       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| University of San Francisco                       | San Francisco   | Private nonprofit  |                |
| University of Silicon Andhra                      | Milpitas        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| University of Silicon Valley                      | San Jose        | Private for-profit |                |
| University of Southern California                 | Los Angeles     | Private nonprofit  | Medical school |
| University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences   | San Marcos      | Private for-profit |                |
| University of the Pacific                         | Stockton        | Private nonprofit  | Medical school |
| University of the People                          | Pasadena        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| University of the West                            | Rosemead        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| University of West Los Angeles                    | Inglewood       | Private for-profit |                |
| Vanguard University of Southern California        | Costa Mesa      | Private nonprofit  |                |
| West Coast University-Center for Graduate Studies | Los Angeles     | Private for-profit |                |
| West Coast University-Los Angeles                 | North Hollywood | Private for-profit |                |
| West Coast University-Ontario                     | Ontario         | Private for-profit |                |
| West Coast University-Orange County               | Anaheim         | Private for-profit |                |
| West Los Angeles College                          | Culver City     | Public             |                |
| Westcliff University                              | Irvine          | Private for-profit |                |
| Western University of Health Sciences             | Pomona          | Private nonprofit  | Medical school |
| Westminster Theological Seminary in California    | Escondido       | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Westmont College                                  | Santa Barbara   | Private nonprofit  |                |
| Whittier College                                  | Whittier        | Private nonprofit  |                |
| William Jessup University                         | Rocklin         | Private nonprofit  |                |

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| Woodbury University                                        | Burbank     | Private nonprofit |
| World Mission University                                   | Los Angeles | Private nonprofit |
| Yeshiva Ohr Elchonon Chabad West Coast Talmudical Seminary | Los Angeles | Private nonprofit |
| Yo San University of Traditional Chinese Medicine          | Los Angeles | Private nonprofit |
| Yosemite Community College District Office                 | Modesto     | Public            |

## Public university systems

System membership as recorded in the IPEDS directory. Counts are of four-year public members in this table only, so a system that also runs two-year campuses will show more members in its own materials.

| System                                      | Four-year public members here |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| California Community College System         | 20                            |
| California State University                 | 24                            |
| Los Angeles Community College District      | 3                             |
| San Mateo County Community College District | 1                             |
| University of California                    | 11                            |
| University of Massachusetts                 | 1                             |

## Sources

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- Filters applied: currently active (CYACTIVE), degree-granting (DEGGRANT), and institutional level (ICLEVEL). Flags in the Notes column are the IPEDS HBCU, TRIBAL, LANDGRNT, and MEDICAL fields.

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