

# Virtual College Panel Frequently Asked Questions

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# First Year Admission/Intent to Enroll Deadlines for Fall 2020

## May 1st

- CSU Bakersfield
- Cal State Fullerton
- Cal State Long Beach
- Cal State LA
- CSU Northridge
- Stanislaus State
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Maritime Academy
- San Diego State
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Berkeley
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- UC Santa Cruz
- UC Davis

## June 1st

- CSU Channel Islands
- Chico State
- CSU Dominguez Hills
- Humboldt State
- CSU Monterey Bay
- Cal Poly Pohnoma
- Sacramento State
- Cal State San Bernardino
- San Francisco State
- CSU San Marcos
- San Jose State
- Cal State East Bay
- Sonoma State
- Fresno State



# Part 1: General Frequently Asked Questions about Higher Education During COVID-19

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## College Preparation

- 1. Can you give advice on choosing a college when you have not yet visited any of them or had a tour?**

Many colleges have published their virtual campus tours online. If you don't know where to start, we recommend exploring [YouVisit](#), which offers 360 experience & virtual reality!

## General Admission

- 1. How are colleges considering conditional admission, waitlist, etc during this period of time?**

Please check the [CSU section](#) & [UC section](#) for system-side decisions. Keep in mind that many impacted campuses may have individual plans to evaluate the waitlist.

- 2. If I'm already admitted this year, can I defer my enrollment to a quarter/semester or a year later but due to the uncertainty of how Fall 2020 will look like? What should I do?**

Please check the campus specific flexibility. Although this is not a problem with community colleges, students must be proactive to contact the admission offices directly. Some campuses such as [UCSC](#) allow a quarter to a year deferral based on an individual student's circumstance.

## College Requirements

- 1. Knowing that different school districts have different grading policies during COVID-19 and many students don't have full access to internet at home, how can institutions process Spring 2020 semester grading fairly so all students can successfully transition and get admitted to attend Fall 2020?**

Community colleges do not weigh students' overall grades heavily. If you are enrolling in any community college and you do not have access to devices to continue with remote learning, make sure to seek support. For instance, [Foothill College](#) has a computer loan program to support their students.

- 2. Where can I find the makeup summer class to transfer to my chosen college in Fall 2020? If I'm a junior now, can I also take makeup summer classes? If so, where?**

It's OKAY to not have all the questions answered! Admission officers at all colleges are aware of the impact COVID-19 having on all our high school students.

If you're currently a senior high school student who has been admitted to a 4-year college, we recommend reaching out directly to your Admission Offices and explain your case. Admission officers

know the best-suited summer recovery courses you can take to make up certain classes prior to your enrollment in Fall 2020.

If you're currently a junior high school student, we recommend you contact your academic counselors for the best recovery course options. Depending on different community colleges, you can also take a virtual class during summer to makeup certain courses in your junior year that you believe will make a big difference in your admission application for Fall 2021.

**3. How are colleges handling dual enrollment (high school students taking college-level courses, college students taking other school courses, etc)**

Dual Enrollment is a wonderful way of getting ahead of some core curriculum depending on the institution and program you wish to enroll in. It is definitely something to research if applying to multiple schools. Some will grant you credit but some may only see it as added rigor without credit.

**4. How can I send in my official transcript with my school stamp during shelter-in-place? Will there be a transcription submission extension?**

Many schools are still processing transcript requests and many universities will and can take electronic official docs and their submissions as date/time stamps for student records. If you need an extension please reach out to your university of interest and let them know you have exhausted what you believe are the resources available to you. Don't say I cant send my transcripts because my school is closed because we can also call and find a different story which will not help your end review.

## Financial Aid

**1. With an increasing unemployment rate, do institutions have emergency funds and financial assistance for your students? How can the student access those resources?**

At community colleges, they have various Promise Programs which offer the first two years of college free of tuition. Depending on the community college you're attending in Fall 2020, each community college has additional incentives to provide to their students.

At each 4-year college, different colleges have access to federal funding from the [CARES Act](#) and they are offering various financial assistance programs to students who are experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

**2. Are there opportunities for me to work online if my financial aid offers work-study?**

Depending on the work-study opportunities you apply for, positions that require on-campus presence have stopped due to shelter-in-place. However, positions in departments that can work remotely continue to offer to students.

**3. What is the latest news about financial aid for high school students?**

Financial aid programs remain unchanged for high school students. Colleges and Universities continue to administer financial aid awards for current high school seniors through the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Student Aid Commission (CA Dream Act Application). As updates are

received the San Jose Cal-SOAP Consortium will make new information available through the [Cash for College Campaign](#).

**4. Is there a new deadline for applying for financial aid?**

The FAFSA and CA Dream Act applications deadline remains March 2nd for priority filing.

**5. If a family's financial situation is markedly different in 2020 vs the 2019 taxes that will be used for FAFSA or the CA Dream Application how and when should that be addressed in the financial aid application process?**

If newly admitted students enrolling in the Fall 2020 have had a reduction of household income due to COVID-19 or other reasons since July 2019 and/or 2020, they should check with their Financial Aid Office and website for income adjustment review requests – usually a form to initiate review.

**6. If I haven't decided which school to attend in the Fall 2020, what can I do to have the most accurate information to evaluate my financial aid package? Are financial award letters going to be revised due to the covid impacts? For many of our first gen students their parents have lost their jobs.**

Financial aid award letters are not automatically revised. The student will need to initiate a reassessment of their award letter if the family has experienced a change in their financial situation. If newly admitted students enrolling in the Fall 2020 have had a reduction of household income due to COVID-19 or other reasons since July 2019 and/or 2020, they should check with their Financial Aid Office and website for income adjustment review requests – usually a form to initiate review.

Financial Aid offices have the ability to make professional judgment for students and families that will allow them to receive additional aid needed. Perhaps these offices may take 2-3 days to reply, they will get back to you! In addition, students must check their college portals on the daily basis to get access to the most updated financial aid information. We recommend that you use either [CSU cost calculator](#) or [UC cost calculator](#) to carefully calculate the net cost from individual financial aid packages analyzing the gift aid, loans and scholarships. Once you determine the financial gap that you may need to pay out-of-pocket for the academic year 2020-2021, it's important that students look at the direct cost associated with the college.

We recommend students to always take advantage of scholarships and gift aid first, and evaluate the loans last. If you need to access the loans, make sure you access the federal subsidized loans prior to other loans. Remember to calculate the minimum loan needed to come up with the most affordable price for your family to attend a certain college.

[Please check the 2020 Student Intent to Register/Enroll deadlines on page 1 to meet the appropriate deadlines.](#)

## Part 2: System-wide Frequently Asked Questions

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### Community College

**1. If I have a F grade, can I still enroll in a community college?**

Yes! As long as you graduate high school, you're in! If you worry about future transfer, community colleges can help by guiding what courses you need to take to pursue your academic and career journey. For students who are currently in community colleges, different campuses are supporting their students by switching to appreciate classes, offering flexible Pass/No Pass grading and supporting last-minute withdrawals.

## California State University (CSU)

The safety and well-being of California State University students, faculty and staff are foundational concerns for the institution. During the current health emergency, the CSU is following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Department of State.

For more details, [click here](#) to read CSU's response on admissions to COVID-19.

For more CSU First-time Freshman FAQs, [click here](#).

**1. How are colleges considering conditional admission, waitlist, etc during this period of time?**

Each CSU campus has their individual process. For impacted campuses such as SJSU, they have not used conditional and waitlist admission in a long time. We confirm that some CSU campuses have used the waitlist to get more students into their campus. We recommend contacting specific CSU admission offices to check on how the waitlist has been used.

**2. If I'm already admitted this year, can I defer my enrollment to a quarter/semester or a year later but due to the uncertainty of how Fall 2020 will look like? What should I do?**

There is no CSU-system wide decision on deferment. Please contact individual CSU for more details.

**3. Knowing that different school districts have different grading policies during COVID-19, how can institutions process Spring 2020 semester grading fairly so all students can successfully transition and get admitted to attend Fall 2020?**

Check CSU's update on how undergraduate admission policies and practices change [here](#).

For those students who are currently struggling with remote learning, the CSU policy states that such students can recover Spring 2020 semester grade over the summer. This is a new policy adjustment only being implemented during this period. If you are in this situation, it's important to communicate with your Admission Office to explain your current circumstances.

**4. How can I send in my official transcript with my school stamp during shelter-in-place? Will there be a transcription submission extension?**

The CSU requests that high schools that can provide transcripts by July 15, 2020, do so; however, campuses will continue to accept transcripts through the fall 2020 term. CSU campuses will not rescind conditional offers of admission based on the non-receipt of transcripts. If a student is not able to provide an official transcript, due to extended school closure, CSU campuses may use unofficial or self-reported data for senior year grades and graduation status.

**5. On our future application, how should we indicate any important extracurriculars that we were going to do but couldn't because it got canceled?**

Currently, the CSU doesn't require this information on the Cal State Apply application. Students should check with individual CSU to see how this information will be handled for future terms.

## University of California (UC)

The University has temporarily suspended some of its requirements for admitted students to ensure that they are able to enroll as planned. It also expects to work with students to adjust financial aid packages if family financial circumstances have changed.

In addition, UC has temporarily relaxed some undergraduate admissions policies to ensure high school and transfer students are not penalized by their inability to earn letter grades for academic classes or take standardized tests during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more details, [click here](#) to read UC's response on admissions to COVID-19.

### 1. How are colleges considering conditional admission, waitlist, etc during this period of time?

Prior to the pandemic, if a student has been conditionally admitted and/or on a UC campus waitlist, the condition remains the same emphasizing that the student must graduate with academically strong results. The expectation is that the student is performing at the same level or above in their senior year. Official transcript must be submitted by July 1 and any test scores or exams must be submitted by July 15. If there are changes to what you have previously reported on the application, communicate the change directly to the campus you're interested in. If you have submitted your Intent to Register, it's important to continue to have direct and timely communication with your admission office.

Due to the pandemic, admission officers are willing to accommodate the students' inconsistency in finishing the last semester/ quarter of high school. However, it must be evaluated as a case-by-case scenario. Starting March 31, 2020, The UC suspends the following:

- All the letter grade requirement for A-G courseworks taken in winter, spring or summer terms of 2020
- Standardized testing requirement (SAT & ACT). This is specific to current juniors (class of 2021).
- Transcript submission deadline by July 1. UC will also provide flexibility to students and schools who are unable to submit transcripts by July 1. No student's admission offer will be cancelled for missing the deadline.

Typically, the admission office waits after May 1 to evaluate the total number of students who successfully submitted their Intent to Register then they will start to offer admission letters to waitlisted students.

### 2. If I'm already admitted this year, can I defer my enrollment to a quarter/semester or a year later but due to the uncertainty of how Fall 2020 will look like? What should I do?

UC campus leaderships are discussing the complexity of this matter. We hope to know more UC-wide decisions mid-May and each campus will notify their admitted classes of 2020 as soon as they can. There is no UC-wide decision on deferment. Each campus has its own procedure for considering and approving deferral requests. Please contact the campus admissions office for further information and instructions. Campuses will consider each request on a case-by-case basis, exercising as much flexibility as possible.

**3. Knowing that different school districts have different grading policies during COVID-19, how can institutions process Spring 2020 semester grading fairly so all students can successfully transition and get admitted to attend Fall 2020?**

The UC Regents approved a series of critical, short-term measures:

- Suspending the letter grade requirement for A-G courses completed in winter/spring/summer 2020 for all students, including UC's most recently admitted freshmen.
- Suspending the standardized test requirement for students applying for fall 2021 freshman admission.
- Providing that there will be no rescission of student admissions offers that result from students or schools missing official final transcript deadlines, and student retention of admission status through the first day of class until official documents are received by campuses.
- For transfer students, temporarily suspending the cap on the number of transferable units with "pass/no pass" grading applied toward the minimum 60 semester/90 quarter units required for junior standing.

In addition to the University's actions, the College Board recently announced changes to Advanced Placement (AP) exam content and formats for spring 2020. UC recognizes the effort that students have already applied in these challenging courses and will award UC credit for 2020 AP exams completed with scores of 3, 4 or 5, consistent with previous years. For more info, [click here](#).

## Part 3: Campus-Specific Frequently Asked Questions

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### Foothill College

**1. How are colleges considering conditional admission, waitlist, etc during this period of time?**

Foothill College doesn't have any conditional admission or waitlist. All the students need is either a high school diploma or GED. They welcome any students thinking about the transfer pathway to apply. If students have any questions, email us directly at [admissions@foothill.edu](mailto:admissions@foothill.edu).

For more Foothill College admission information, [visit here](#).

**2. Knowing that different school districts have different grading policies during COVID-19 and many students don't have full access to internet at home, how can institutions process Spring 2020 semester grading fairly so all students can successfully transition and get admitted to attend Fall 2020?**

As long as the student completes all high school courses, Foothill College only looks at high school overall grades for placement purposes to recommend their students on which English and Mathematics class they should take in Fall 2020.

For admitted students, Foothill College offers a [computer loan program](#) to reduce the digital gap. If you have any other questions about this program, please contact Dean Melissa Cervantes at [cervantesmelissa@fhda.edu](mailto:cervantesmelissa@fhda.edu) if you do not have the device to help you study.

**3. With an increasing unemployment rate, does Foothill College have emergency funds and financial assistance for your students? How can the student access those resources?**

Foothill College offers a [Promise Program](#) and provides additional incentives such as book waivers. For their promise program, student's financial aid will not be taken into account as long as they are applying to attend community college for the first time as a full time student. Currently, they have around 900 students and there is no cap on the Promise Program! In addition, Foothill College is working on book cost reduction for their students in case students would like to have hard-cover books during the virtual learning period. For students with learning disabilities, they have reduction through the [Disability Resource Center](#). If you have course reduction approval, you will still be eligible for the Promise Program. For more info, please email [fhfinancialaidoffice@fhda.edu](mailto:fhfinancialaidoffice@fhda.edu).

They also offer emergency loans through the Financial Aid Office and their Foundation in case you do not qualify for financial aid.

**4. What steps do I take to re-enroll at either Foothill or De Anza?**

In order to re-enroll in Foothill/DeAnza please apply to the colleges by going to either <https://foothill.edu/reg/admission/apply.html> or <http://deanza.edu/apply-and-register/>.

**5. How can I send in my official transcript with my school stamp during shelter-in-place? Will there be a transcription submission extension?**

You can send official electronic transcripts to [fntranscripts@fhda.edu](mailto:fntranscripts@fhda.edu) or mail them to Foothill College, Admissions & Records, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022.

We don't need the official transcripts right away, but we will need to see an unofficial in order to assist with placement in Math and English. After applying please visit this page to learn more about placement in English and Math, <https://foothill.edu/assessment/>.

**6. Will my grades transfer from Foothill to DeAnza?**

In most cases yes, but there are some courses that must be taken in sequence at the colleges. To receive assistance with this process please schedule an appointment with an Academic Counselor by using our online scheduling tool at <https://foothill.edu/counseling/>.

**7. How many students can be included in the Foothill Promise program? Is there a limit or is it available to every student who meets the criteria?**

We currently can accept anyone who meets the requirements, please visit this page to learn more about the Promise Program. <https://foothill.edu/promise/>.

**8. If you sent out admission letters, will you honor them knowing the student did not finish 2nd semester?**

Foothill College will accept anyone who has completed high school requirements (GED, High School Proficiency Exam or Diploma). We also accept anyone 18 years or older without the completion of high school requirements. We also offer high school students from 9, 10, 11 and 12 grade to attend part of our Special Admit & Dual Enrollment Program. <https://foothill.edu/reg/admission/>

**9. What, if any, summer programming and activities will your campuses provide in the summer beyond orientation to help students catch up on things they missed not attending Admit Days and college visits before they start the semester or quarter?**

Our next scheduled event is on May 9th, what we call Day on the Hill. We will host this virtually of course, <https://foothill.edu/dayonthehill/> but this is a great opportunity to learn more about Foothill. We offer a fully online orientation through students MyPortal accounts as well. This orientation provides a lot of great information and support tools. Please continue to visit our website for updates on events and please also keep a look out for emails from the college after you apply. Connect with us through Social Media as well to get the latest event and updates about the college, <https://foothill.edu/>.

**10. Is Foothill College ready to offer a full semester of virtual learning?**

Prior to COVID-19 pandemic, Foothill College already offered more than 50% of all their classes online. The staff is constantly improving the virtual learning experience. Even for student services, they are hosting online events for student clubs. They also offer online tutoring support for students in need.

If you want to try virtual learning prior to enrolling in Fall 2020, we recommend trying summer classes (6-week course) at Foothill College. For more info, [visit here](#).

## San Jose State University (SJSU)

**1. How are colleges considering conditional admission, waitlist, etc during this period of time?**

SJSU has admitted their class of 2020. They don't have conditional or waitlist admission. All SJSU admits have been provisionally admitted on subject to verification of their final work. SJSU will continue to work with students going through the verification process through summer.

SJSU is pending on their Intent to Enroll deadline. To learn more about, [visit here](#).

**2. If I'm already admitted this year, can I defer my enrollment to a quarter/semester or a year later but due to the uncertainty of how Fall 2020 will look like? What should I do?**

Announcing on April 22, 2020, SJSU is offering most Fall 2020 courses [online](#). Currently, SJSU students have been online since the beginning of March 2020. Currently, SJSU does not have any official plan for deferral admissions. Please contact [admissions@sjsu.edu](mailto:admissions@sjsu.edu) for a case-by-case response. SJSU encourages any students to pursue their college education as a Spartan and join them as a part of Spartan history during such an unprecedented time.

**3. If you sent out admission letters, will you honor them knowing the student did not finish 2nd semester?**

At SJSU, they will review each case if a student is in this situation.

**4. If we expect students of the class of 2020 to defer or take a gap year and reapply for the fall of 2021, that seems to negatively impact the graduating class of 2021, meaning fewer admission spots, changes to standardized testing rules, etc. Do you plan to accept more students than usual in the fall of 2021?**

Currently, SJSU doesn't have a finalized decision on deferring admission to future terms.

**5. Knowing that different school districts have different grading policies during COVID-19 and many students don't have full access to internet at home, how can institutions process Spring 2020 semester grading fairly so all students can successfully transition and get admitted to attend Fall 2020?**

Please check [CSU's latest update](#) for the grading policies change.

For those students who are currently struggling with remote learning, the CSU policy states that such students can recover Spring 2020 semester grade over the summer. This is a new policy adjustment only being implemented during this period. SJSU Admission Office is willing to work with individual students to successfully enroll in Fall 2020. This situation must be a case-by-case evaluation. If you are in this situation, it's important to communicate with the SJSU Admission Office to explain your current circumstances. They recommend to actively look for a possible online summer recovery course and include your recovery plan in the email. Students must provide proof that they are planning to enroll or they already enroll in a summer course. Once the student completes the summer course, the student must request the transcript from community college to SJSU as soon as possible.

**6. How can I send in my official transcript with my school stamp during shelter-in-place? Will there be a transcription submission extension?**

SJSU will not extend the 7/15 deadline but they will be flexible with students who can meet the deadline. The CSU requests that high schools that can provide transcripts by July 15, 2020, do so; however, campuses will continue to accept transcripts through the fall 2020 term. CSU campuses will not rescind conditional offers of admission based on the non-receipt of transcripts. If a student is not able to provide an official transcript, due to extended school closure, CSU campuses may use unofficial or self-reported data for senior year grades and graduation status.

**7. With an increasing unemployment rate, does SJSU have emergency funds and financial assistance for your students? How can the student access those resources? Are there opportunities for me to work online if my financial aid offers work-study?**

Please look at the [General Financial Aid FAQs section](#) to make sure you understand carefully the complexity of analyzing an individual college's financial aid package.

Depending on the work-study opportunities you apply for, positions that require on-campus presence have stopped due to shelter-in-place. However, positions in departments that can work remotely continue to offer to students.

In terms of other opportunities outside of financial aid and support services, SJSU offers [SJSU Cares](#) which offers financial assistance to eligible students who are experiencing an unforeseen hardship due to COVID-19. This program is working side by side with the Financial Aid Office to provide as much support needed to their students. A part of SJSU Cares include programs that support students with food and home insecurity. For instance, the Spartan Food Pantry has been opened during shelter-in-place and staff have made arrangements for their students to pick up food safely.

**8. Will SJSU or CSU campuses provide emergency funds and provide assistance with appeal requests?**

Students should inquire with the Financial Aid and Scholarship to determine if they qualify for assistance.

**9. How are colleges handling dual enrollment (high school students taking college-level courses, college students taking other school courses, etc)**

SJSU will accept course work from other institutions as long as transcripts are submitted to them so that credit can be posted.

**10. What, if any, summer programming and activities will your campuses provide in the summer beyond orientation to help students catch up on things they missed not attending Admit Days and college visits before they start the semester or quarter?**

Their recommendation for SJSU admitted students is to "stay tuned" to your MySJSU account and emails. Many campus departments and colleges are planning to connect with you during the summer to keep you engaged.

## UC Santa Cruz (UCSC)

### 1. How are colleges considering conditional admission, waitlist, etc during this period of time?

Please check the [UC's System-wide FAQs](#) above for the general consensus.

They've already gone out to the waitlist. It is handled the same every admit cycle - we wait until the May 1 SIR deadline for frosh to see the numbers of students who SIR'd and then offer admission to wait listed students to try to meet our target number.

Due to the pandemic, UCSC admission officers are willing to accommodate the students' inconsistency in finishhigh the last semester/ quarter of high school. However, it must be evaluated as a case-by-case scenario. It is crucial that the student must have direct communication with the UCSC admission office if there are any unexpected circumstances or changes to what have been previously reported in the UC application. Please send an email to [admissions@ucsc.edu](mailto:admissions@ucsc.edu).

To learn more about UCSC's 2020 Conditions of Admission Contract FAQs, [visit here](#).

### 2. If you sent out admission letters, will you honor them knowing the student did not finish 2nd semester?

If a student changed their reported coursework from their UC application they need to submit a Schedule Change/Grade Issues form. UCSC will review and respond, letting them know if it affects their admission.

### 3. If I'm already admitted this year, can I defer my enrollment to a quarter/semester or a year later but due to the uncertainty of how Fall 2020 will look like? What should I do?

UC campus leaderships are discussing the complexity of this matter. We hope to know more UC-wide decisions mid-May and each campus will notify their admitted classes of 2020 as soon as they can. There is no UC-wide decision on deferment. Each campus has its own procedure for considering and approving deferral requests. Please contact the campus admissions office for further information and instructions. Campuses will consider each request on a case-by-case basis, exercising as much flexibility as possible.

Understanding that remote instruction and other circumstances impact freshman's decision to attend a college in Fall 2020, UCSC allows deferment to one quarter to start in Winter 2021 or one year to start in Fall 2021. Students can seek to pursue this action through an appeal process. More information about the UCSC Undergraduate Admission Appeal Process [here](#). If you would like to take a gap year, you have the option to reapply again for Fall 2021.

For more specific questions, please email [admissions@ucsc.edu](mailto:admissions@ucsc.edu).

- 4. Knowing that different school districts have different grading policies during COVID-19 and many students don't have full access to internet at home, how can institutions process Spring 2020 semester grading fairly so all students can successfully transition and get admitted to attend Fall 2020?**

Please check [UC's latest update](#) for the grading policies change.

When UCSC offers admission letters, they base on the potential of the student from his/ her academic records since 9th grade. Knowing the students' historical performance, UCSC Admission Office is willing to process case-by-case situations but the students must reach out to them directly about their barriers.

- 5. How can I send in my official transcript with my school stamp during shelter-in-place? Will there be a transcription submission extension?**

The deadline to submit official transcripts is July 1 so they are hoping that schools will have pivoted to a plan to submit official transcripts electronically through verified vendors. The deadline isn't extended but we will not be revoking admission if students get us their official transcripts by the end of September.

- 6. How are colleges handling dual enrollment (high school students taking college-level courses, college students taking other school courses, etc)?**

We request the student submit an official transcript from the college and review for any transfer credit.

- 7. With an increasing unemployment rate, does UCSC have emergency funds and financial assistance for your students? How can the student access those resources?**

Please look at the [General Financial Aid FAQs section](#) to make sure you understand carefully the complexity of analyzing an individual college's financial aid package.

UCSC Financial Aid Office is working to serve both incoming and continuing students. Students' aid can be adjusted based on their needs. Depending on individual students, it will be a case-by-case situation. Please contact UCSC Financial Aid Office at [finaid@ucsc.edu](mailto:finaid@ucsc.edu) for any questions about financial reassessment. For the latest UCSC COVID-19 financial aid updates, [click here](#).

- 8. On our future application, how should we indicate any important extracurriculars that we were going to do but couldn't because it got canceled?**

Students have a few different areas on the UC application where they can provide this information, including the Personal Insight Questions. A person at UCSC reads every freshman application.

- 9. What, if any, summer programming and activities will your campuses provide in the summer beyond orientation to help students catch up on things they missed not attending Admit Days and college visits before they start the semester or quarter?**

Our orientation switched to an online format last year so there will not be a change there. The colleges and departments will be changing how they provide their presentation to an online format. This will "replace" part of Welcome Week.

## Santa Clara University (SCU)

**SCU's leadership team through all this has relied on three main principles:**

1. Protect the safety and well-being of our community
2. Preserve and invest in our core academic mission of teaching, learning, and research; and
3. Minimize the financial impact of the shelter-in-place orders and the related economic downturn, while trying to avoid furloughs and layoffs.

### **1. How are colleges considering conditional admission, waitlist, etc during this period of time?**

SCU wants to prevent over enrollment so they are very cautious with offering additional spots for waitlisted students. SCU is taking many factors into consideration to offer equal educational access to both domestic and international students. SCU has already offered spots for waitlisted students to be a part of incoming freshman for Fall 2020. If you have any questions, please contact the SCU admission office at [admission@scu.edu](mailto:admission@scu.edu).

To learn more about SCU's Undergraduate Admission Updates, [visit here](#).

### **2. If I'm already admitted this year, can I defer my enrollment to a quarter/semester or a year later but due to the uncertainty of how Fall 2020 will look like? What should I do?**

Currently, SCU is planning to open their campus as usual in Fall 2020. They do not have any specific plan for the deferment process. SCU is waiting for the federal and state guidance to provide the accomodate their students. If you have any specific questions, please contact the SCU admission office at [admission@scu.edu](mailto:admission@scu.edu).

### **3. Knowing that different school districts have different grading policies during COVID-19 and many students don't have full access to internet at home, how can institutions process Spring 2020 semester grading fairly so all students can successfully transition and get admitted to attend Fall 2020?**

If you are in a difficult situation, SCU would like to see how their students "step up to the challenge"! SCU is evaluating grading policies and special student circumstances as a case-by-case basis. It's crucial that the student must maintain direct communication with SCU Admission Office at [admission@scu.edu](mailto:admission@scu.edu).

### **4. With an increasing unemployment rate, does SCU have emergency funds and financial assistance for your students? How can the student access those resources?**

Please look at the [General Financial Aid FAQs section](#) to make sure you understand carefully the complexity of analyzing an individual college's financial aid package.

Please email SCU Admission Office at [admission@scu.edu](mailto:admission@scu.edu) about your financial situation. SCU is working to provide as much financial support to both domestic and international students.

**5. How are colleges handling dual enrollment (high school students taking college-level courses, college students taking other school courses, etc)**

At SCU, they will grant you credit depending on the college level course being completed. They encourage their students to think of this process as buying time available for double majoring, studying abroad, or getting creative with their degrees when enrolled. They discourage simply doing dual enrollment to graduate earlier because students should enjoy the full college experience and provide them time to mature, however they also understand college is expensive and saving a semester or quarter can help many families too. Remember, you will only be an undergraduate once!

**6. Will SCU provide emergency funds and provide assistance with appeal requests?**

SCU is committed to working with their students to the point of our ability and available resources. All appeals will be responded to but may not come before the May 1 deposit deadline. They encourage all families to have a contingency plan if time is of the essence.

**7. If you sent out admission letters, will you honor them knowing the student did not finish 2nd semester?**

All students are encouraged to continue performing at the academic level they have been doing and in extreme cases we do reserve the right to rescind any previous offers made. Please contact SCU Admission Office at [admission@scu.edu](mailto:admission@scu.edu) to explain your individual case.

**8. If we expect students of the class of 2020 to defer or take a gap year and reapply for the fall of 2021, that seems to negatively impact the graduating class of 2021, meaning fewer admission spots, changes to standardized testing rules, etc. Do you plan to accept more students than usual in the fall of 2021?**

Yes. SCU is currently in target to grow and expand the university enrollment from an estimated 5500 to 6000 which will help in the scenario presented within your question.

**9. On our future application, how should we indicate any important extracurriculars that we were going to do but couldn't because it got cancelled?**

Students are welcome to update resumes or simply explain to colleges by adding this to the extracurricular section of the Common Application they will submit.

**10. What, if any, summer programming and activities will your campuses provide in the summer beyond orientation to help students catch up on things they missed not attending Admit Days and college visits before they start the semester or quarter?**

At this time all summer events have been either canceled or postponed until further notice. SCU like many other campuses have expanded their online or virtual options for all students and families to take advantage of. Admission directors at SCU always encourage students to take advantage of this opportunity to set up zoom or google hangout sessions with current students or alumni to learn more and not be afraid to reach out to the school if students feel something helpful may be missing and can be added.