

## 2008/2009 Estimated Costs For California Colleges

Living On-campus				
	California Community Colleges	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	California Independent Colleges (based on median costs)
<b>Fees/Tuition</b>	\$480*	\$3,797	\$8,062	\$25,918
<b>Books and supplies</b>	\$1,566	\$1,566	\$1,523	\$1,728
<b>Room and board</b>	\$7,800**	\$9,439	\$12,083	\$9,640
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$2,394	\$3,314	\$3,632	\$3,125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,240</b>	<b>\$18,116</b>	<b>\$25,300</b>	<b>\$40,411</b>

Living Off-campus				
	California Community Colleges	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	California Independent Colleges (based on median costs)
<b>Fees/Tuition</b>	\$480*	\$3,797	\$8,062	\$25,918
<b>Books and supplies</b>	\$1,566	\$1,566	\$1,523	\$1,728
<b>Room and board</b>	\$10,692	\$10,152	\$9,657	\$9,288
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$3,546	\$3,738	\$3,758	\$3,701
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$16,284</b>	<b>\$19,253</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$40,635</b>

Living With Parents/Commuting from Home				
	California Community Colleges	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	California Independent Colleges (based on median costs)
<b>Fees/Tuition</b>	\$480*	\$3,797	\$8,062	\$25,918
<b>Books and supplies</b>	\$1,566	\$1,566	\$1,523	\$1,728
<b>Room and board</b>	\$4,266	\$4,050	\$4,120	\$3,767
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$3,528	\$3,524	\$5,488	\$3,701
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,840</b>	<b>\$12,937</b>	<b>\$19,193</b>	<b>\$35,114</b>

The cost of attending college includes a number of expenses. Fees and tuition are just a part of college costs. The full cost includes textbooks and school supplies, room and board, and other living expenses. In the charts above, "Fees and Tuition" are for residents of California for California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California. Nonresidents pay higher fees. In general, dependent students whose parents reside in California or independent students who have been in California more than one year, are considered state residents. Independent colleges have a range of tuition and fees from \$5,000 to \$33,000 and usually do not have additional tuition for nonresidents.

"Books and Supplies" include average costs for textbooks, paper supplies, and computer supplies (not the purchase of a computer) related to full-year, full-time enrollment. "Miscellaneous" costs include estimates for personal expenses, entertainment, transportation, and, at some colleges, an allowance for health insurance.

The three charts represent different living situations: On-campus, dorm living, off-campus, apartment living, or living at home with parents. "Room and Board" for on-campus living, includes the cost of the dorm or apartment and any meal plan the student might have. It may also include estimates of groceries and eating out for students with small meal plans. Off-campus estimates include rent, groceries, and utilities. Commuter estimates include transportation, as well as groceries and utilities.