

CALCULATING YOUR ELIGIBILITY FOR IN-STATE TUITION (AB 540) IN CALIFORNIA

To calculate whether you meet the eligibility requirements for California's in-state tuition (AB 540), you will need to know about your:



1. **Attendance** at one or more of these California schools:

- Semesters attended in a **California high school**;
- Classroom hours completed in a **California adult school**;
- **Noncredit** classroom hours (or in limited cases, semester and/or quarter units) completed at a **California community college**
- **Credits** in semester and/or quarter units completed at a **California community college**;



2. At least one of these **degree(s)** earned in California:

- High school diploma
- GED
- Associate degree
- Minimum transfer requirements to a CSU or UC

You can find this information in the unofficial academic transcripts or attendance records of the California high school(s), adult school(s), and/or community college(s) you attended. You can also check in with your school counselor to learn how to calculate this information.

Important: Only classes taken after 2001 may be used to meet in-state tuition (AB 540) requirements.

What is considered full-time?

The attendance requirements used to meet in-state tuition (AB 540) must be equivalent to full-time. However, you can use part-time attendance to build up to full-time equivalency.

Type of School	1-Year Full-Time Attendance	3-Year Full-Time Attendance
High School	55 credits	165 credits
Adult School	420 classroom hours	1260 classroom hours
Community College (Credit courses)	24 semester credit units; or 36 quarter credit units	72 semester credit units; or 108 quarter credit units
Community College (Noncredit courses)	420 classroom hours	1260 classroom hours

Additional Resources

- Learn about the requirements for in-state tuition (AB 540) in California in our AB 540 Quick Guide available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- Keep track of your progress meeting the requirements by using our [AB 540 Attendance Worksheet](#).

Make sure to use our [In-State Tuition Tool \(ISTT\)](#) to help you determine whether you qualify for in-state tuition (AB 540) in California! The ISTT will provide you with a quick summary of the attendance and degree requirements you have or still need in order to be eligible.