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WHY COLLEGE

WHAT DOES “COLLEGE” MEAN?

It's any kind of education you get after high school. It could be at a university, a community college, or an applied technology college. College can be anything from a one-year certificate in diesel mechanics or a two-year associate degree in dental hygiene to a four-year bachelor's degree in engineering and beyond. All of these programs count as college, and one of them is right for you!

COLLEGE LEADS TO A BETTER FUTURE.

College is more than training for a career. It's about self-discovery, learning to think critically, and living independently. People with a college education on average:

- Live longer, healthier, more satisfying lives.
- Have jobs with better pay, better health care, and better retirement benefits.
- Enjoy more career and life opportunities.
- Have more time to spend with their families.

COLLEGE IS FOR EVERYONE.

YOU are college material. Put aside any doubts you may have, and start believing in yourself. Even if you don't have the best grades, you can still attend college and graduate. Remember, different colleges have different admissions requirements. There are colleges in Utah that are right for you.

“My professors do more than just teach, they care about me and my learning and are willing to help me pursue my dreams.” -Jacqueline, Westminster College

*“Five adjectives that describe my experience at SLCC are challenging, exciting, fun, curious, and determined!”
-Carina, SLCC*



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PREPARING FOR COLLEGE



TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES IN GRADES 9 – 12

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If you take these classes, you are more likely to be ready for college.

ENGLISH 4 Credits

MATH 4 Credits taken in a progressive manner (*Secondary Math I, II, and III, plus one class higher than Math III*)

SOCIAL SCIENCE 3.5 Credits

SCIENCE 3 Credits of lab-based natural science (*one each of biology, chemistry and physics*)

LANGUAGE 2 Credits of a world or classic language (*other than English*) taken in a progressive manner



courtesy of DSU

MATH RECOMMENDATIONS

To best prepare yourself for college, Utah's colleges and universities suggest that you follow these math recommendations in high school (grades 9-12):

Recommendation 1

Each year in high school you should take the most rigorous math class for which you qualify.

Recommendation 2

You should successfully complete Secondary Math I, II and III, plus one class higher than Math III.

NOTE: Math 1010 should not be substituted for any component of Secondary Math I, II and III, which cover more content than 1010 does (Intermediate Algebra).

Recommendation 3

For your senior year, check with your college advisor to see which math class beyond Math III is most appropriate for your possible college major.

NOTE: Students interested in STEM or other math-intensive careers should take one or more of the following classes prior to high school graduation.

- HS Calculus* or AP Calculus* or IB Math*
- HS Precalculus †
- AP Statistics
- Concurrent enrollment Math 1050
- Any math class with Math 1050 as a prerequisite

*Students interested in non-STEM majors are usually better served with math classes that are not calculus focused but still fulfill USHE General Education Quantitative Literacy classes, such as Math 1030, 1040, or Statistics 1040.

† HS Precalculus covers the content of Math 1050, Math 1060, and some statistics.
Math recommendations approved by the Utah State Board of Regents on March 28, 2014.



Not fluent in college speak?
Visit StepUpUtah.com/glossary

REGENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES, START SAVING EARLY, AND REAP THE REWARDS.

The class recommendations on page 2 meet the requirements for the Regents' Scholarship, which encourages Utah high school students to prepare for college by taking the right classes and saving for college.

You should apply for the Regents' Scholarship during your senior year of high school, but you need to start planning now and take the right classes in order to qualify. You could earn as much as \$6,400* for college—so aim high and challenge yourself!

To learn about the requirements—such as the classes you need to take and the ACT scores and grades you need to qualify—visit **RegentsScholarship.org** and check out the program guide.

*Award amounts are subject to legislative funding and may vary from year to year.

*Funded by the State of Utah and administered by the Board of Regents, the Regents' Scholarship may be used at any public college or university in the Utah System of Higher Education, as well as Brigham Young University – Provo, LDS Business College, and Westminster College. For more information, visit **RegentsScholarship.org**.*



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EARN COLLEGE CREDIT IN HIGH SCHOOL

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT (CE)

CE classes are either taught at your high school or on a college campus, and allow you to earn both college and high school credit. Ask your school counselor for details. CE classes can also give you a head start on college general education requirements, and include math, social studies, language arts, fine arts, humanities, world languages, and career/technical education programs.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

These challenging high school classes prepare you for college with more advanced material. Based on your score on the AP exam offered at the end of the school year, you could also earn college credit.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB)

IB diploma students take classes in six subjects, perform community service, and write an extended essay. Classes last one or two years. Earning a passing grade on the final exams or earning an IB diploma can make you eligible for college credit and other benefits. **IB is only offered at some high schools. Check with your high school counselor.*

WHAT IS GENERAL EDUCATION?

No matter what you study in college, you'll take a few classes in these main subjects to develop your thinking, writing, and problem-solving skills.



ENGLISH



MATH



SCIENCES



ARTS



HUMANITIES

GRADE-BY-GRADE CHE

11TH GRADE:



TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES.

- Sign up for classes such as Concurrent Enrollment (CE), Advanced Placement (AP), and International Baccalaureate (IB).
- Take the right math class for your future career. Work with your school counselor to choose the right one.
- Take the ACT in the spring. Use test prep resources at [UtahFutures.org](https://utahfutures.org).



VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

- Find questions to ask during your campus visits at [StepUpUtah.com](https://stepuputah.com).



THINK ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE.

- Estimate how much financial aid you could qualify for using the FAFSA4Caster at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov).
- Apply for scholarships. Search online, in your community, and check your parents' workplaces.
- Contact a Regents' Scholarship specialist to make sure you're on track. Details at [RegentsScholarship.org](https://regentscholarship.org).



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12TH GRADE:



APPLY TO COLLEGE ON TIME.

- Retake the ACT if you want to improve your score.
- Apply to colleges. Participate in Utah College Application Week.
- File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at **FAFSA.gov** as early as October. Need help? Find a FAFSA event at **StepUpUtah.com/events**.
- See if your college offers other financial aid after you've filed a FAFSA.
- Apply for the Regents' Scholarship if you're pursuing it.



NARROW IT DOWN.

- Visit any colleges you've been accepted to.
- Sign up for orientation at your college of choice.
- Send your final high school transcripts (your official high school records) to your college once you graduate.



PREPARE TO GO.

- Secure your housing.
- Attend college orientation.
- See how quickly you'll need to fulfill your college math requirements. Math pre-requisites and math ACT scores have expiration dates!
- If you're not going to college right away, see how you can defer admission.
- If you're planning on military or religious service before you attend, complete your college's FERPA form so your parents can communicate with the college on your behalf.

CHOOSING A COLLEGE



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FIND A UTAH COLLEGE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU!

- What careers interest you? What is your dream job?
 - Explore them at [UtahFutures.org](https://utahfutures.org).
- What kind of degree will get you there?
 - One-year certificate, two-year degree, four-year degree, or more?
- What type of college campus best suits you?
 - Close to home or far away? Urban city or small town? Small college or large university? Live in the dorms or off campus?
- Consider fun opportunities like study abroad, student government, intramural sports, and internships.
- Visit a college campus. Contact the admissions office to set up a guided tour. Ask lots of questions about what student life is like.
- Learn about other people's college experiences.
 - Ask your family and friends, neighbors, teachers, and school counselors what they liked about college, what they found challenging, and what advice they can give you.

BYU

Brigham Young University

Brigham Young University – founded, supported, and guided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints – seeks to develop students of faith, intellect, and character who have the skills and the desire to continue learning and to serve others throughout their lives.

Take a Tour

Visit: tours.byu.edu
Phone: 801-422-4431



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
facebook.com/byuadmissions

How to Apply

Online: besmart.com
Phone: 801-422-4104



“There’s this atmosphere of everybody trying to build each other up. Everybody’s smiling all the time.”
– Cassandra

“I knew BYU would push me to become my best.”
– Sterling



DSU

Dixie State University

Located in sunny St. George, DSU offers students “active learning, active life.” The most affordable university in Utah, Dixie offers more than 150 programs, small class sizes, and personalized attention that make the Dixie Life truly unique.

Take a Tour

Visit: explore.dixie.edu
Phone: 435-652-7590



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
@thedixielife

How to Apply

Online: admissions.dixie.edu
Phone: 435-652-7777



“The Career Center worked with me to find a job during my last year in the business program. Before I graduated, I already had two great job offers. Getting my degree at Dixie State was the best decision I ever made.” – Quin



LDSBC

LDS Business College

LDS Business College is about getting students into good jobs, good careers, and good professions – quickly. Eighty-five percent of LDSBC graduates are employed immediately following graduation (four semesters) at \$35K and above.

Take a Tour

Phone: 801-524-8159
Email: tours@ldsbc.edu

How to Apply

Online: besmart.com
Phone: 801-524-8145



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
facebook.com/ldsbc



“I wanted to get a good job and move out of my parents’ house ASAP. I chose LDS Business College because of its great environment, its size, and its focus to help me reach my goals quickly.” – Michael



SLCC

Salt Lake Community College

As Utah’s most diverse institution of higher education, SLCC is an open access, comprehensive community college and one of the top 10 institutions in the country for associate degrees awarded. SLCC specializes in fully transferable general education courses and job training programs.

Take a Tour

Phone: 801-957-3913

How to Apply

Online: slcc.edu
Phone: 801-957-4073



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
facebook.com/SaltLakeCommunityCollege



“My experience at SLCC has been inexpensive but priceless!” – Kayla

“I am attending SLCC to learn more about the world and myself.” – Osaiasi



STEP AHEAD.

SNOW

Snow College

Consistently ranked as a top institution, Snow College is for students looking to achieve academic success in a fun residential campus environment at an affordable cost. With campuses located in Ephraim and Richfield, students can complete bachelor and associate degrees and vocational training certificates.

Take a Tour

Visit: snow.edu/visit
Phone: 800-848-3399



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
[@snow_college](https://www.instagram.com/snow_college)

How to Apply

Online: snow.edu/apply
Phone: 800-848-3399
Email: snowcollege@snow.edu



"I chose Snow because I knew I would have opportunities to be involved. Thanks to the small, welcoming campus I've been able to be an Ambassador AND still be a newspaper senior staff member, play on intramural teams and go to tons of student life events."
- Kaitlyn

"Snow is different because of the personal environment they create. Your professors actually know your name and work for your success."
- Reece



SNOW COLLEGE

SUU

Southern Utah University

A residential campus of more than 8,800 students, Southern Utah University emphasizes project-based, experiential learning. Close to several national parks, SUU features Division-1 athletics, 150 undergraduate and 10 graduate programs with high acceptance rates to graduate school, and world-class job placement rates.

Take a Tour

Visit: suu.edu/visit
Phone: 435-586-7741



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
[@sutbirds](https://www.instagram.com/sutbirds)

How to Apply

Online: suu.edu/apply
Phone: 435-586-7740
Email: info@suu.edu



"I love SUU because of the individual attention. Whenever I want to learn something more deeply, my professors are excited to help me." - Porter

"It is a wonderful campus, the professors are awesome and there are so many opportunities to get involved. There is always something going on and I am never bored." - Kayla



U OF U

University of Utah

The U of U is a top-100 university in the world and member of the PAC-12. Its more than 100 undergraduate programs prepare students to live and compete in the global workplace.

Take a Tour

Visit: admissions.utah.edu/visit
Phone: 801-581-8761



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
facebook.com/universityofutah

How to Apply

Online: admissions.utah.edu/apply
Phone: 801-581-8761



*"Since my first day on campus, I've felt connected. It started with a first-year learning community that introduced me to some of my best friends."
- Brian*

"I like that I don't have to wait until I'm in graduate school to get involved in noteworthy research here." - KayLene



UCAT

Utah College of Applied Technology

With 8 colleges across the state, the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) welcomes students interested in earning an accredited education that employers are looking for. Since time is money, you can earn your UCAT certificate in just 3 to 18 months.

"I live every day with purpose and I'm proud of the work I do. Technical education gave me the skills to get a great job in less than a year." - Shawn



Bridgerland ATC (Logan/Brigham City)

Visit www.batc.edu • Call 435-753-6780

Davis ATC (Kaysville)

Visit www.datc.edu • Call 801-593-2500

Dixie ATC (St. George)

Visit www.dxatc.edu • Call 435-674-8400

Mountainland ATC (Lehi/Orem/Sp.Fork)

Visit www.mlatc.edu • Call 801-753-MATC (6282)

Ogden-Weber ATC (Ogden)

Visit www.owatc.edu • Call 801-627-8300

Southwest ATC (Cedar City/Kanab)

Visit www.swatc.edu • Call 435-586-2899

Tooele ATC (Tooele)

Visit www.tatc.edu • Call 435-248-1800

Utah Basin ATC (Roosevelt/Vernal)

Visit www.ubatc.edu • Call 435-722-6900

UCAT Statewide

Visit www.ucat.edu • Call 801-341-6000



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facebook.com/UCAT.edu



UTAH COLLEGE
of
APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

USU

Utah State University

It's easy to find your place at USU with residential campuses in Logan and our Eastern campuses in Price and Blanding, as well as 30 regional campuses. We are more than just a school. We are Utah's state university.

Take a Tour

Visit: usu.edu/campustour
Phone: 800-488-8108



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
[@usuaggielife](#) [@usueastern](#)

How to Apply

Online: applynow.usu.edu
Phone: 800-488-8108
Email: admit@usu.edu



"My experience at USU Eastern transformed me into a leader and helped me reach my full potential." – Kristalynn

"Undergrad research is a big deal at USU and a unique advantage you can't get anywhere else." – Laura

UtahStateUniversity

UVU

Utah Valley University

UVU provides engaged learning experiences where students take what they learn in the classroom and apply it to real world situations. With growing NCAA Division-1 athletics, award-winning arts programs, and an involved student body, UVU is on the rise.

Take a Tour

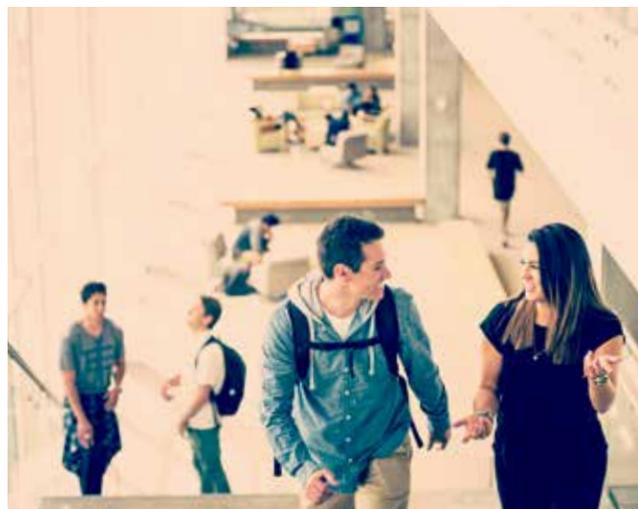
Visit: uvu.edu/futurestudents
Phone: 801-863-8811



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
[@uvulife](#)

How to Apply

Online: uvu.edu/admissions
Phone: 801-863-8706
Email: admissions@uvu.edu



"Professors at UVU really care about helping students succeed. They're always available to talk and bring their real-world experience to class." – Jessica



WSU

Weber State University

Weber State University offers a variety of two- and four-year degrees—and multiple graduate programs—in a small-class environment. Low tuition, scholarships, and financial aid make WSU one of the nation’s most affordable universities.

Take a Tour

Visit: weber.edu/campusvisit
Phone: 801-626-6050
Email: campusvisit@weber.edu



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
[@getintoweber](https://www.instagram.com/getintoweber)

How to Apply

Online: getintoweber.com
Phone: 801-626-6050
Email: admissions@weber.edu



“I chose Weber because no other school felt more like my home away from home. Scholarships, small class sizes and great opportunities; what more could I ask for?” – Haley

“I chose Weber because the first time I visited the campus, it felt like home. I was welcomed as a Wildcat and I’m proud to be one!” – Colt



**WEBER STATE
UNIVERSITY**

WESTMINSTER

Westminster College

Westminster is a nationally recognized, private, comprehensive university dedicated to student learning. With the goal of enabling its graduates to live vibrant, just, and successful lives, Westminster provides transformational learning experiences for both undergraduate and graduate students in a truly student-centered environment.

Take a Tour

Visit: westminstercollege.edu
Phone: 801-832-2200 or
800-748-4753



SEE STUDENT LIFE AT:
[facebook.com/westminsterslc](https://www.facebook.com/westminsterslc)

How to Apply

Online: westminstercollege.edu/apply
Phone: 801-832-2200



“I like how small the campus is—everyone is really friendly. There are lots of opportunities like internships and clubs, things to get you out in the community.” – Kennedy

“Westminster is big into volunteering and that’s one of the reasons why I chose the school. It was really great to get started so early in helping the community.” – Kelsey



WESTMINSTER
COLLEGE

Prepare to scale new heights.



Open a UESP account today.

A dollar saved is one less dollar of student debt.

- Free to open
- No minimum contributions required
- Flexible investment options
- Federal and Utah state income tax advantages
- Participation in the Regents' Scholarship could earn you a UESP Supplemental Award

Learn More
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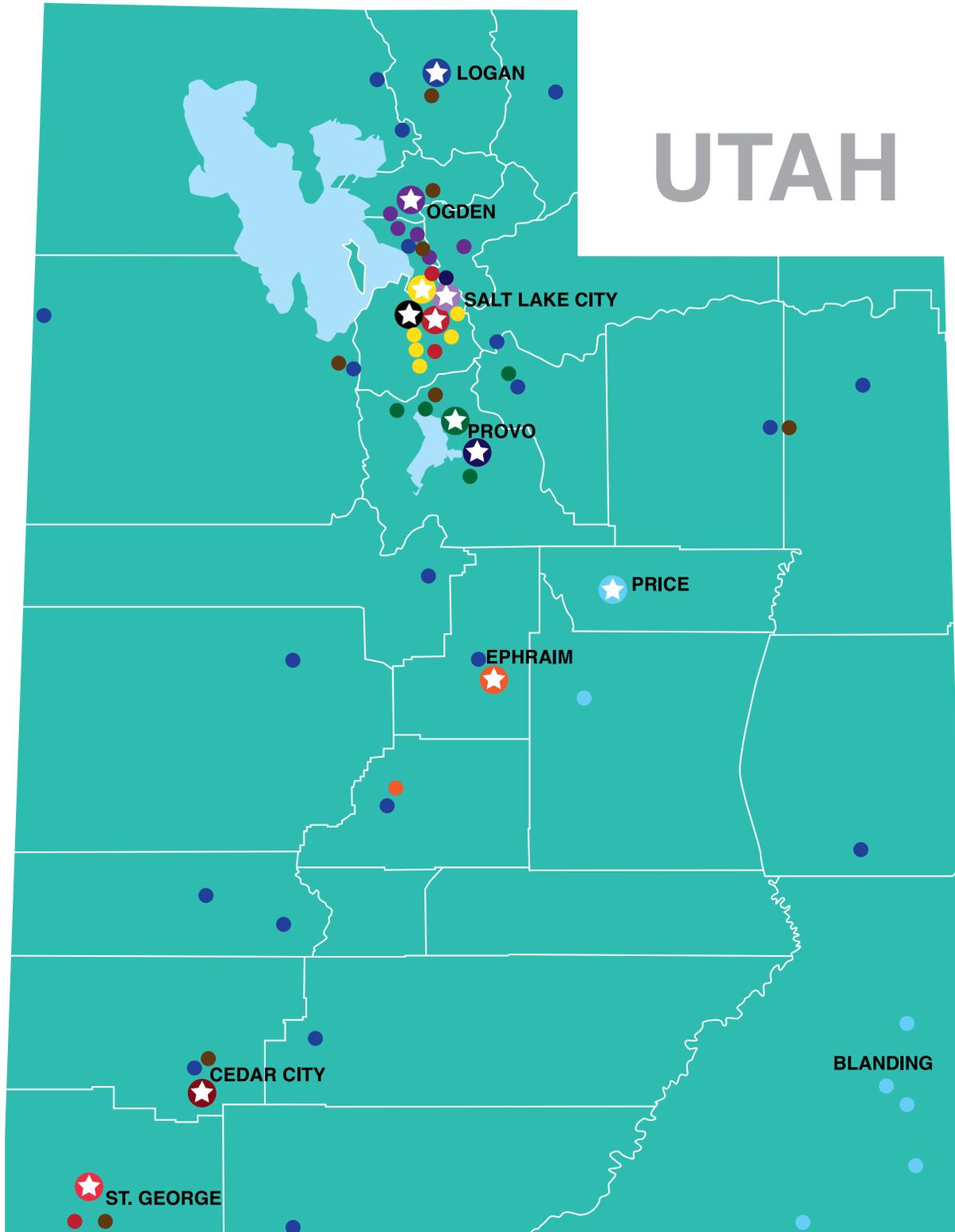


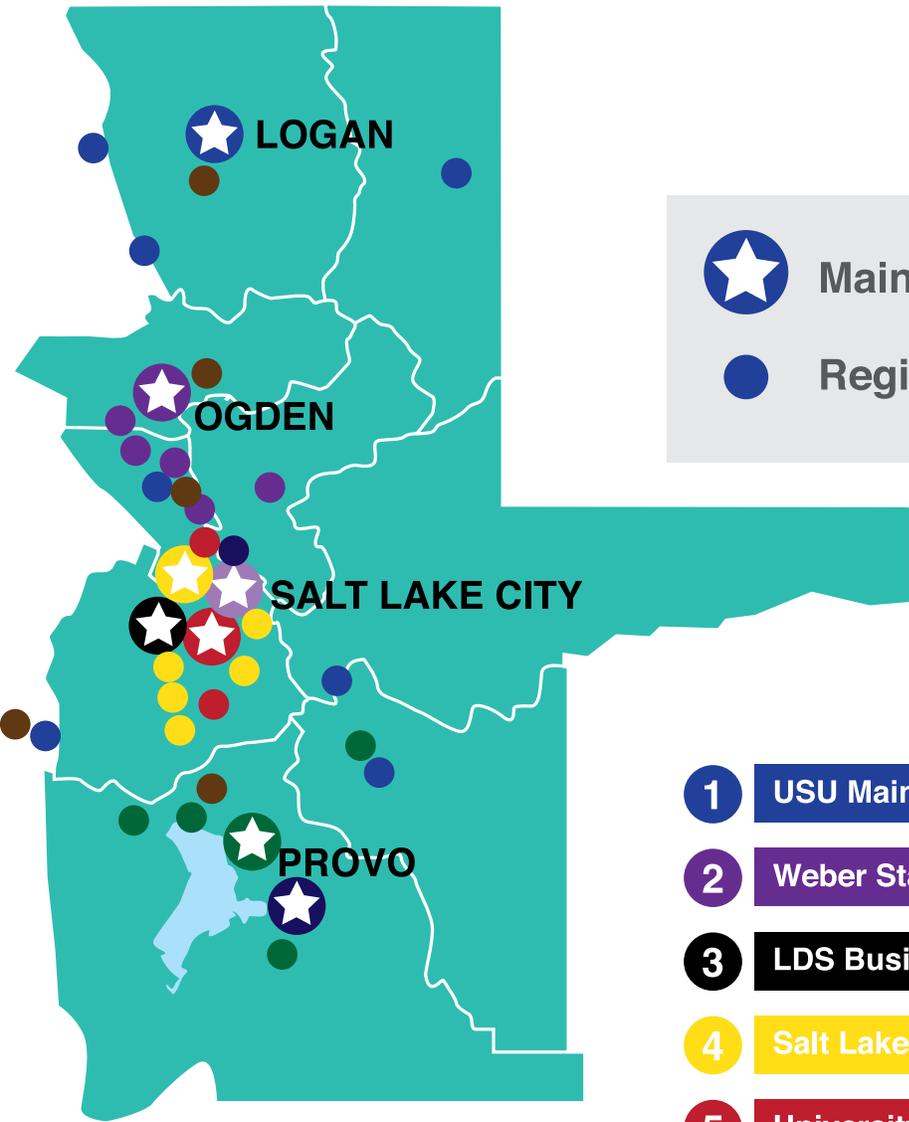
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SCHOOLS AND LOCATIONS





-  Main campus
-  Regional campuses and sites

- 1** USU Main Campus • Logan
- 2** Weber State University • Ogden
- 3** LDS Business College • Salt Lake City
- 4** Salt Lake Community College • Salt Lake City
- 5** University of Utah • Salt Lake City
- 6** Westminster College • Salt Lake City
- 7** Utah Valley University • Orem
- 8** Brigham Young University • Provo
- 9** USU Eastern • Price & Blanding
- 10** Snow College • Ephraim
- 11** Southern Utah University • Cedar City
- 12** Dixie State University • St. George
- 13** UCAT Applied Technology Colleges (ATC's)

FACTS AT A GLANCE

INSTITUTIONS	FALL 2015 ENROLLMENT	CERTIFICATES	APPLIED ASSOCIATE	ASSOCIATE	BACHELOR'S	MASTER'S	DOCTORATE
Brigham Young University <i>www.byu.edu</i> 801-422-5000	32,615				X	X	X
Dixie State University <i>www.dixie.edu</i> 435-652-7590	8,426	X	X	X	X		
LDS Business College <i>www.ldsbc.edu</i> 801-524-8145	2,000	X	X	X			
Salt Lake Community College <i>www.slcc.edu</i> 801-957-4111	23,831	X	X	X			
Snow College <i>www.snow.edu</i> 1-800-848-3399	5,111	X	X	X	X*		
Southern Utah University <i>www.suu.edu</i> 435-586-7700	8,881	X	X	X	X	X	
University of Utah <i>www.utah.edu</i> 801-581-7200	31,673				X	X	X
Utah College of Applied Technology <i>www.ucat.edu</i> 801-341-6000	36,193	X					
Utah State University <i>www.usu.edu</i> 800-488-8108	28,622	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah State University Eastern <i>www.usueastern.edu</i> 800-202-8783	2,017	X	X	X	X	X	X
Utah Valley University <i>www.uvu.edu</i> 801-863-4636	33,211	X	X	X	X	X	
Weber State University <i>www.weber.edu</i> 801-626-6050	25,955	X	X	X	X	X	
Westminster College <i>www.westminstercollege.edu</i> 801-832-2200 800-748-4753	2,821	X			X	X	

FALL ADMISSION DEADLINE/APP FEE	SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE	16-17 TUITION & FEES FOR 1 YEAR (BASED ON 15 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER)	AVG. ON-CAMPUS HOUSING	AVG. ON-CAMPUS MEAL PLAN COST FOR 1 YEAR (19 MEALS/WK)	FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINE
Priority December 1 Final February 1 \$35	February 1	\$5,300 LDS \$10,600 Non-LDS	\$3,385	\$4,060	May 1
Year-round \$35	March 1	\$4,840 Resident \$13,854 Non-Resident	\$1,790	\$2,698	July 1
10 days prior to semester \$35	March 1	\$3,240 LDS \$6,480 Non-LDS	N/A	N/A	July 1
August 19 \$40	March 1	\$3,688 Resident \$11,726 Non-Resident	N/A	N/A	April 15
Open \$30	March 1	\$3,592 Resident \$12,070 Non-Resident	\$1,900	\$2,400	June 1
May 1 \$50	March 1	\$6,530 Resident \$19,808 Non-Resident	\$3,167	\$3,900	July 1
Priority December 1 Regular April 1 \$45	Priority December 1	\$8,520 Resident \$27,040 Non-Resident	\$4,874	\$4,292	February 1
Year-round	Year-round	Utah HS Students \$0 Adults \$1.75-\$2.00/ clock hr	N/A	N/A	Year-round
Year-round \$50	December 1	\$6,866 Resident \$19,780 Non-Resident	\$3,000	\$3,590	March 15
Year-round \$50	March 1	\$3,594 Resident \$6,689 Non-Resident	\$1,800	\$3,398	March 15
August 1 \$35	First Priority February 1	\$5,530 Resident \$15,690 Non-Resident	N/A	N/A	Year-round
Open \$30	Priority January 9 Transfer Students March 1	\$5,524 Resident \$14,748 Non-Resident	\$4,374.57	\$2,629	May 1
August \$50	August 1	\$32,104 Resident \$32,104 Non-Resident	\$5,208	\$2,982	March 15



APPLYING TO COLLEGE

FIND THE COLLEGE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.

Did you know November is Utah College Application Month? Participate in your school's Utah College Application Week the fall of your senior year. You'll be able to apply to at least one college during the school day where there will be help available if you need it. Make sure you meet the college application deadlines. Ask your school counselor for details.

"I looked at a lot of schools and SUU was the only one I found with a 24-7 college experience. You don't commute to come to SUU, you live here, you learn here, and you play here." – Alex, SUU



More info @
StepUpUtah.com/blog

**UTAH COLLEGE
APPLICATION WEEK** 



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STEP 1
SUBMIT
YOUR COLLEGE
APPLICATION

STEP 2
SEND IN
YOUR
TRANSCRIPTS

STEP 3
APPLY FOR
FINANCIAL
AID BY FILING
THE FASA

STEP 4
APPLY
FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

PAYING FOR COLLEGE



IT'S POSSIBLE.

College can be expensive. But with many funding options available in the form of scholarships, grants, and more — you CAN go to college.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.

Submitting a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov)** is the gateway to receive financial aid for college.

Financial aid is money in forms of:

- **Work-study:** Allows eligible students to earn money through a part-time job. Work-study jobs are usually on campus, have flexible hours, and come with financial aid benefits.
- **Grants:** Money for college you won't have to pay back as long as you maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP). For more information, check with your college's financial aid office.
- **Loans:** Money you borrow for college that has to be paid back—even if you don't graduate. Explore federal student loans first, as they often have lower interest rates and flexible repayment options compared to private loans.

IF YOU DON'T FILE THE FAFSA, YOU COULD BE MISSING OUT ON FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

MORE WAYS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE:

Scholarships:

Scholarships are often awarded for academic merit as well as outstanding service, leadership, talent, financial need, and more.

Scholarship search tips:

- Use the scholarship toolkit at **StepUpUtah.com**.
- Ask your school counselor or scholarship specialist.
- Check with the colleges you plan to attend. Many will have scholarships posted on their financial aid and department websites.
- Check with community, cultural or religious organizations. Your parents' workplace might also have scholarships or other tuition-assistance programs.
- Sign up for scholarship alerts on websites like **UtahFutures.org**, **CollegeBoard.org**, and **Fastweb.com**.
- **Beware of scholarship scams! You should never pay money to apply for a scholarship.**

▶ **REMINDER: Don't forget about the Regents' Scholarship mentioned on page 3. By taking the right classes and saving for college, you could qualify for a scholarship of up to \$6,400 from the State of Utah.**

UTAH EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS PLAN (UESP)

UESP—Utah's official and only 529 college savings plan—allows you to save money now to use for college later. Earnings grow Utah state and federal tax-deferred. Withdrawals are tax-free when used for qualified higher educational expenses. Your grandparents and other relatives can even contribute money to your account for birthdays and holidays. Visit **UESP.org** for more information. See page 14.

4 WAYS TO GRADU



GRADUATE IN 4 YEARS

SAVE TIME AND MONEY BY FINISHING YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN FOUR YEARS.

1 Take 15 credits each semester. Many colleges in Utah offer tuition at the same rate for 15 credits as for 12, so take just one more class each semester to save money and graduate on-time.

2 Meet with your advisor each semester, or at least once per year, to make sure you're on track.

3 Get involved in campus life. Every college has many clubs and campus organizations that offer opportunities to meet other students with similar interests. Students who are involved in campus life are more likely to stay in school and graduate on-time.

4 Get help when you need it. Whether it's tutoring, visiting the student health center, or accessing mental health services, each campus has student services that are available to you.

12 = 5
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15 = 4
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\$50,000

WHAT AN EXTRA YEAR OF COLLEGE COSTS IN TUITION, LIVING EXPENSES, AND LOST WAGES.

NEED WORK?



LOOK FOR ON-CAMPUS JOBS.



YOU'LL BUILD CONNECTIONS AND STAY FOCUSED ON SCHOOL.



For more college tips, sign up for our newsletter @ StepUpUtah.com.

PARENTS:

HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR COLLEGE.

☞ BE PREPARED ☞

The path to college starts at home. What you say and do affects your child's future career choices just as much as what they learn in school. Use the resources in this guide and on StepUpUtah.com to start discussions, encourage exploration, and make sure your child knows they have options.

☞ HAVE THE TALK NOW ☞

It's never too late to encourage your child to prepare for college and dream about their future. The more you talk with them about their options, the better prepared they'll be, and the better they'll perform in school. Make college a part of your daily conversation.

☞ LOOK LOCALLY ☞

There are many highly rated colleges and universities right here in Utah, and attending college in-state is typically much more affordable than attending out of state. If you'd like to learn more, call the college and arrange a campus tour.

☞ PREPARE FINANCIALLY ☞

There are several ways to make college a reality. Encourage your child to start saving on their own and, combined with your own savings, place funds in a tax-advantaged 529 college savings plan such as the Utah Educational Savings Plan (learn more at UESP.org).

Even \$5 per month adds up!

Visit FAFSA.gov to learn about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the types of financial aid your child could receive, such as grants, scholarships, and loans.

