

Graduate School Preparation



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TYPES OF GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

- Masters Degree: 2-3 years (depending on program)
- Professional Degree
Examples: MPH, J.D, MBA..
- Doctorate: 5-7 years to complete (depending on program)
Highest academic credential



TYPICAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- A Baccalaureate degree
- A minimum grade point average (usually a 3.0 or higher).
- An entrance examination (GRE or specified test)
 - Check with school to see if you need to take an exam
 - There may be a GPA required to possibly waive the exam or courses you can use in place of the exam
- Some preparation in the proposed field of study (*i.e. internship, research*)
- *Personal Statement*



TYPICAL ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS CONT..

- *Resume or CV*
- *Letters of Recommendation*
- *Course Prerequisites (as applicable to program)*
- *Admissions Interview*

Admissions requirements vary based on graduate program



FINANCIAL AID

VARIES BY PROGRAM, SCHOOL AND ELIGIBILITY

Financial aid is based on your eligibility and what is available to you at the school. Check with admissions rep. and financial aid dept. at school(s) or your choice to help you understand what could be available to you as a student.

Doctoral Programs

- Assistantships, Fellowships, Scholarships

Masters Programs

- Loans, Scholarships and/or Employer

Merit based funding

Scholarships, fellowships, school or college awards, assistantships

Need based funding

Work Study programs, student loans

International Student Funding

CA Education Code Funding (AB540, AB130 and AB 131)



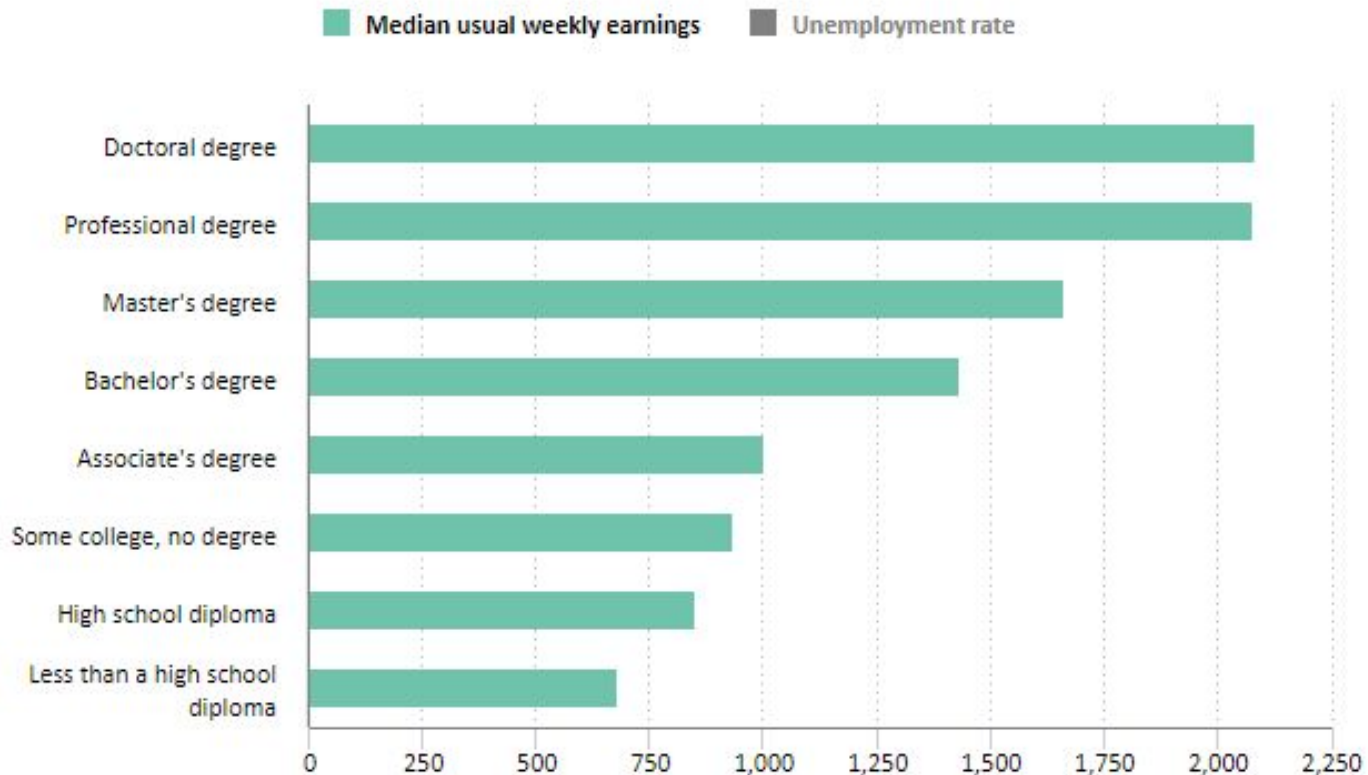
GAP YEAR

- ❖ Seek Opportunities to build your resume
 - ❖ Take some time to explore interests and opportunities in field you are interested in pursuing
- ❖ Earn money, learn new skills and/or polish existing skills
 - ❖ Work to earn money and gain experience in your desired field
- ❖ Work on admissions requirements
 - ❖ Focus on preparing for entrance exams
 - ❖ Take any pre-req courses for programs and/or take courses to maintain strong GPA



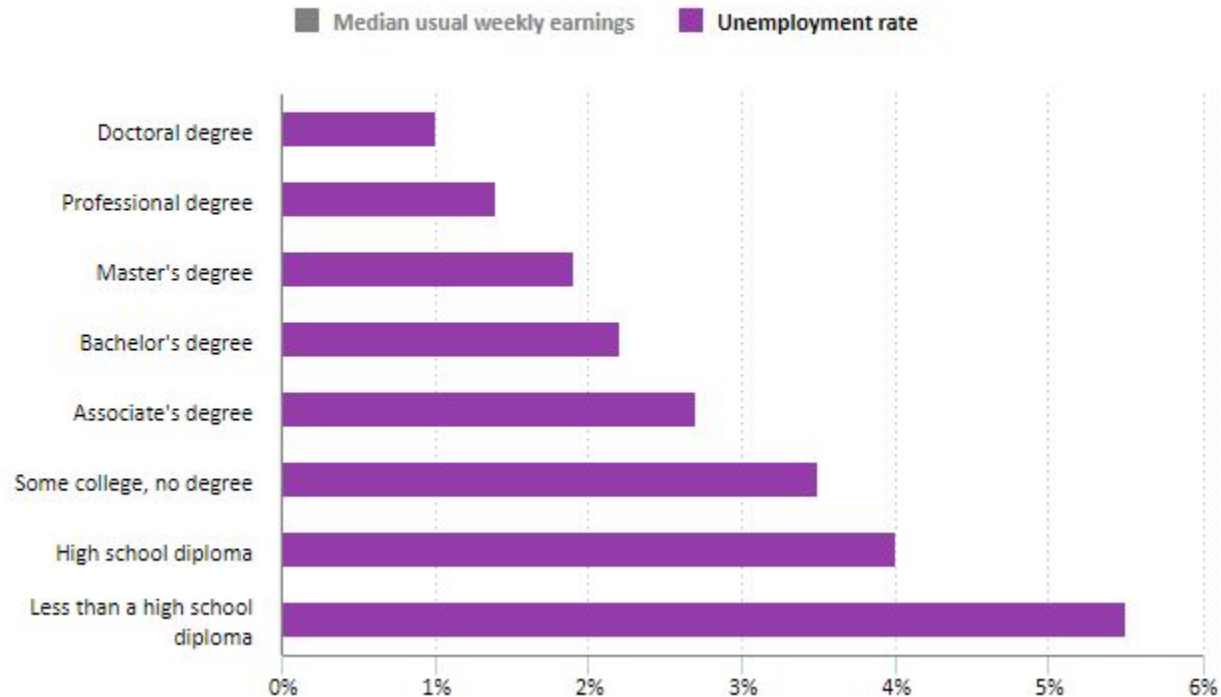
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Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2022



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GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL?

- Maintain a strong GPA
- Talk to your professors, family and friends about graduate school plans
- Explore careers that you are interested in pursuing, and when ready begin researching graduate programs.
- Get involved at CSUCI. Look for research, internship and volunteer opportunities



Researching Programs



- Select programs and schools of interests
- Review admissions requirements
 - Find out about pre-requisites, if required
- Should start researching at least a year or more in advance. Program application cycles vary.
- Okay to take time off in between undergrad. & grad studies.



Resources to Research Graduate Programs



CSU Degrees <http://degrees.calstate.edu>

UC Degrees

<http://graduate.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/degree-search>

U.S. News-beyond College

https://www.usnews.com/best-graduate-schools?Int=top_nav_grad_schools

Graduate School Guide <http://www.graduateguide.com>



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GRADUATE SCHOOL PREPARATION SUPPORT AT CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS

GRADUATE SCHOOL SUPPORT IN THE ADVISING CENTER:

- Support students in their understanding of graduate school
- Provide graduate school information to interested individuals
- Discuss the importance of and opportunities in graduate education and assist with career counseling.



Fall Semester

Graduate & Professional School Fair Broome Library Plaza

Graduate & Professional School Fair

The Graduate Studies Center hosts a Graduate and Professional School Fair during the fall semester, and offers students and alumni a wide variety of graduate and professional school programs to choose from. This fair is your opportunity to network with local, regional, and national institutions that are actively recruiting for their schools and programs.



For Students



For Recruiters

Spring Semester

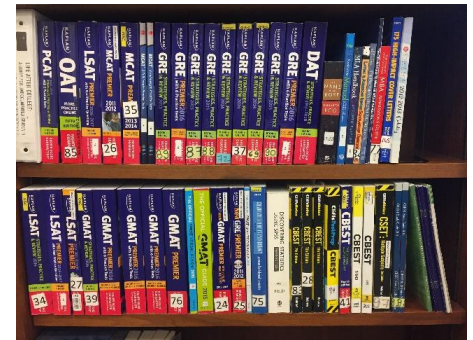


Graduate School Panel Night



Additional Resources

- Graduate School Preparation Canvas course
 - <https://cilearn.csuci.edu/enroll/4ADFLB>
- Supplemental Graduate Studies Center resources
 - <https://www.csuci.edu/advising/gsc/resources.htm>
- Test Preparation Resources
 - Check out in Bell Tower 1552



Grad School **PREP**



How to Prepare for Graduate School During a Gap Year

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 6 at 2 p.m.
(VIRTUAL) [VIA ZOOM](#)



Writing your Personal Statement

TUESDAY, MAR. 12 at 2 p.m.
(HYBRID) Broome 2680 & [VIA ZOOM](#)



How to Request Letters of Recommendation for Graduate School Admission

THURSDAY, MAR. 28 at 11 a.m.
(VIRTUAL) [VIA ZOOM](#)



How to Prepare for Graduate School

THURSDAY, APR. 25 at NOON
(IN PERSON) BT 1568



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OR VISIT: [GO.CSUCI.EDU/GSC24](https://go.csuci.edu/gsc24)

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Graduate Studies Center



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through Dolphin Navigate:
<https://csuci.campus.eab.com/>

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(BT 1552)!



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GRADUATE PROGRAMS & ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AT CSU CHANNEL ISLANDS

Graduate Studies Center

www.csuci.edu/gsc/

Career Center

www.csuci.edu/careerdevelopment/services/graduateschool.htm

Extended University

<http://ext.csuci.edu/index.htm>

School of Education

<http://education.csuci.edu/index.htm>

Writing and Multiliteracy Center (WMC)

<https://www.csuci.edu/wmc/>



CSU Channel Islands Graduate & Credential Programs

School of Education:

- MBA
- MS Biotechnology & Bioinformatics
- MS Biotechnology/MBA Dual degree
- MS Computer Science
- MS Mathematics
- MS in Nursing
- Master's in Public Administration
- Credential
 - Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
 - Single Subject Teaching Credential
 - Education Specialist Teaching Credential
 - Administrative Services Credential
- Masters Degrees
 - MA-Educational Leadership
 - P12
 - Higher Education
 - MA-Education
 - Disability Studies
 - Curriculum and Instruction
 - MS - School Counseling w/ PPS credential
- Doctoral degree - EdD
 - Educational Leadership



FINAL THOUGHT

- How will your undergraduate degree, exploration, and preparation fit into your long-term plan to excel in your chosen career?



**Please take a minute to fill out our
presentation/workshop survey.
Thanks!**

