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.

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**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.

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