

University Tours Frequently Asked Questions

1. Where/ How do I apply to attend a tour?

- Students must be a part of one of the Student Equity Learning Communities: La Comunidad, Guardian Scholars, or Black Scholars
- If you are active in one of the learning communities, we will send an email to your GCC student email account informing you about upcoming tours. We send emails for each tour separately.
- There will be a link in that email to direct you to the application for the tour.
- Make sure you complete and submit the application by the stated deadline.

2. When can I apply for the university tour?

- We usually open applications for HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Tour during the beginning of each spring semester.
- We usually open applications for the Northern California University Tour during the beginning of each spring semester.
- We usually open applications for the Southern California University Tour during each winter term, typically early January.
- We usually open applications for Local University Tours throughout each fall semester.
- **Check with the Student Equity office or check your GCC student emails for details and exact dates.**

3. What if I am not a Student Equity Learning Community Student?

- If spots become available, we will open seats to other students. Please call our office at 818-240-1000 x3520 or stop by San Fernando 122 to ask to be placed on the waitlist.

4. Do I need a minimum GPA to qualify to apply?

- No minimum GPA required

5. When are the tours scheduled?

- Southern California University Tours are typically scheduled during winter.
- HBCU Tours are typically scheduled during spring break.
- Northern California University Tours are typically scheduled during spring break.
- Local University Tours are typically scheduled during fall.

6. How much do trips cost?

- Northern California University Tours require a \$25 deposit to secure your spot. Upon arrival, we will return \$20 and keep \$5. If a student reserves a spot but doesn't attend, they will forfeit their \$25 deposit.
- Southern California University Tours require a \$25 deposit to secure your spot. Upon arrival, we will return \$20 and keep \$5. If a student reserves a spot but doesn't attend, they will forfeit their \$25 deposit.

- HBCU Tours require a \$100 deposit to secure your spot. Upon arrival, we will return \$75 and keep \$25. If a student reserves a spot but doesn't attend, they will forfeit their \$100 deposit.

7. How long are the tours?

- Southern California University Tours are 2 days (1 night, 2 days)
- Northern California University Tours are 3 days (2 nights, 3 days)
- HBCU Tours are 7 days (6 nights, 7 days)
- Local University Tours are one day

8. Is transportation provided?

Yes, transportation is provided

- Northern and Southern California University Tours provide bus transportation.
- HBCU Tours provide both airfare and bus transportation.
- Local University Tours provide bus transportation.

9. Can I bring a friend or family member that does not attend GCC?

- No, students that do not attend GCC may not attend university tours.

10. What universities do we visit?

- Northern and Southern California University Tours include a mixture of CSU's and UC's.
- HBCU's are Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Schools may include state universities and private schools.
- Local University Tours include local UC, CSU, and Private Universities.

11. Can I request a university that I would like to go to?

- You may talk to a Student Equity counselor and suggest a school that you would like to visit. However, there are no guarantees.

12. Will food be provided?

- Northern and Southern California University Tours only provide transportation and hotel accommodations. Food and any other necessities will need to be the student's responsibility.
- HBCU Tours provide some food throughout the trip.
- Local University Tours don't include food.

13. Where can I get more info on the tours?

- You can stop by the Student Equity Office in SF 122.

14. For overnight trips, do we get our own room?

- No, students must share a room with their peers.
- Students may request a specific roommate, but nothing is guaranteed.

15. How will I know if I am accepted to attend the tour?

- All students who apply will receive an email notifying them of a decision. If accepted, the email will include a list of mandatory orientation dates. Students must attend orientation in order to attend a university tour.

16. When are the tour orientations?

- Orientations are scheduled before the tours. The email will contain the dates and times for orientations.

17. What is discussed in the orientation sessions?

- Orientations are conducted by Student Equity counselors.
- Students must complete required paperwork before going on the tours; these documents are distributed and discussed at these orientations.
- Timelines and tour schedules are discussed.
- Student expectations.
- Deposits are accepted during orientations.
- We answer all additional questions there.

18. What if I cannot attend any of the orientation dates/times?

- If you are unable to attend the orientation dates provided in the email, you must call our office or stop in and ask for a 30-minute one-on-one orientation appointment with a counselor.

19. What should I expect on the tours?

- Admission Presentations from University staff
- Sight-seeing opportunities for HBCU, Northern Cali, and Southern Cali tours
- Meeting new people and making new friends
- Meeting Student Equity counselors
- Fun activities