

**SB 1440 (Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act)**  
OR  
**The Associates Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/ AS-T)**

- Introduced By Senator Padilla and signed by the governor on September 29th, 2010

<http://sd20.senate.ca.gov/legislation>

**Purpose and Steps to Complete the Program**

- Enables California Community Colleges and California State Universities to collaborate on the creation of AA/ AS Transfer Program, which guarantees students' admission to the CSU system with Junior Standing, and are given priority registration when applying to a particular program to complete their Bachelor's.
- This Joint Transfer program means students can complete their Associate degrees and complete a good portion of their Bachelor's degree requirements by fulfilling 120 units by the time they transfer:
  - 60 of those units will be to complete a baccalaureate degree that's been deemed similar to the baccalaureate program at their prospective CSU. → broken down further under "Eligibility".
- Students work with Community College advisors to develop an academic plan that includes the specific course requirements (general education, major preparation, elective courses).

**Specific Degrees Towards a Bachelor's Degrees in Accordance with the Transfer Program**

Administration of Justice, Early Childhood Development, Art History, Anthropology, Business Administration, Communication Studies, Computer Science, Elementary Education, Computer Science, English, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Philosophy, Music, Kinesiology, History, Psychology, Political Science, Sociology, Journalism, Studio Arts, and Theater Arts.

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**Applications for Admission to a CSU Campus Will Open**

October 1st for the Fall 2014 term

**Eligibility to Transfer into a Baccalaureate Program at a CSU**

(1) Completion of 60 semester units, or 90 quarter units, that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:

(A) The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education-Breadth Requirements.

(B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

(2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

### **Specifics of the Bill and Why It Was Introduced in the First Place**

- This bill would authorize the California State University to require a transferring student to take additional coursework at the California State University in specified circumstances, and would prohibit the California State University from requiring a transferring student to repeat courses that are similar to those taken at the community college that counted towards the units required for the associate degree for transfer.
- Many transfer students leave the community college system having completed transfer requirements, but are unable to participate in community college graduation ceremonies, do not have a degree to show for their work, and are ineligible for some awards and scholarships because they did not fulfill current requirements for an associate degree.
- It is more cost effective as well, because students can complete 60 of their units towards their intended baccalaureate program, at a community college.
- Students that are assessed below a collegiate level or test into remedial courses will not be denied to participate in this program, but remedial courses will not count in obtaining the AA-T/ AS-T.
- The Legislative Analyst's Office will keep records of students' progress and completion rates.

[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=200920100SB1440](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=200920100SB1440)