

California Community Colleges: A Pathway to the UC and CSU

Advising Students on the Community College Transfer Option



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10 Campuses Statewide – Premier Research Institutions – 5 Medical Schools/Centers

1 in 3 UC students is a transfer student – UC transfer students do just as well as freshmen admits

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23 CSU Campuses Statewide – 8 Off-campus Centers – Highest Transfer Institution in the State – 2/3 CSU Students are Transfers – Largest Number of Teacher Credential Students

This session will cover:

- ✓ CSU and UC's commitment to transfer
- ✓ New policies affecting CCC transfer students
- ✓ How transfer from the CCC works
- ✓ “Best advice” for prospective transfer students
- ✓ Information resources
- ✓ Counselor feedback

Who should consider transfer?

Any student can benefit from starting his or her path to a public-four year degree at a California Community College

Students choose the transfer path for many reasons:

- Undecided on academic or career goals
- Have not met requirements for freshman admission
- Second chance at first choice four year institution
- Are not ready or able to leave home
- Want the affordability of community colleges
- Want additional academic preparation or exploration in specific academic areas

Transfer and the California Master Plan for Higher Education

- The *CA Master Plan for Higher Education* specifies:
 - CSU and UC offer priority admission to all eligible California Community Colleges (CCC) students
- Best path to transfer to CSU/UC is via the CCC
- **All CSU and UC** campuses welcome transfer students

How Transfer Works

- Choice of coursework at CCC is very important
 - Students complete General Education at the CCC in most majors
 - Students must also complete major preparation courses which are critical to admission in many transfer majors
- As with freshmen applicants:
 - Transfers must meet minimum eligibility at CSU/UC
 - Some campuses are more selective in their admission process

CSU Transfer Admission Requirements

Minimum eligibility requirements for transfer

- Upper-Division Transfer**
 - 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable coursework
- Lower-Division Transfer
- Minimum grade point average of 2.0 or better in transferable coursework attempted
- Completion of the CSU General Education requirements in at least the four basic subjects:
 - Oral Communications
 - Written Communications
 - Critical Thinking
 - Quantitative Reasoning
- Good standing at the last institution attended

Admission to UC as a Transfer Student

- Minimum eligibility requirements for transfer to a University of California
 - 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable coursework
 - 2.4 min. college GPA (eligibility vs. selection)
 - 7-course pattern with a “C” or better
- In addition, transfer applicants should complete:
 - Lower-division general education requirements
 - Lower-division major preparation courses

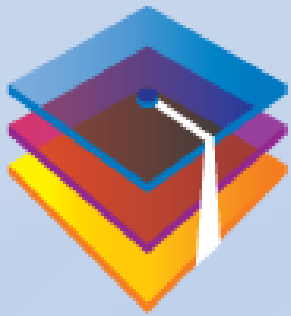
UC Transfer Preparation Initiatives

- Online Transfer Admission Planner (UC TAP)
- Transfer Admission Guarantees (TAG)
 - Excluding Berkeley, Los Angeles and San Diego
- Transfer Preparation Programs
 - Summer and Residential Programs
 - Community College and High School Support
 - Peer Mentoring
 - Personal Advising and Motivation
 - Counselor Professional Development

Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR Act / SB 1440)

Three Advantages to Pursuing this Transfer Pathway:

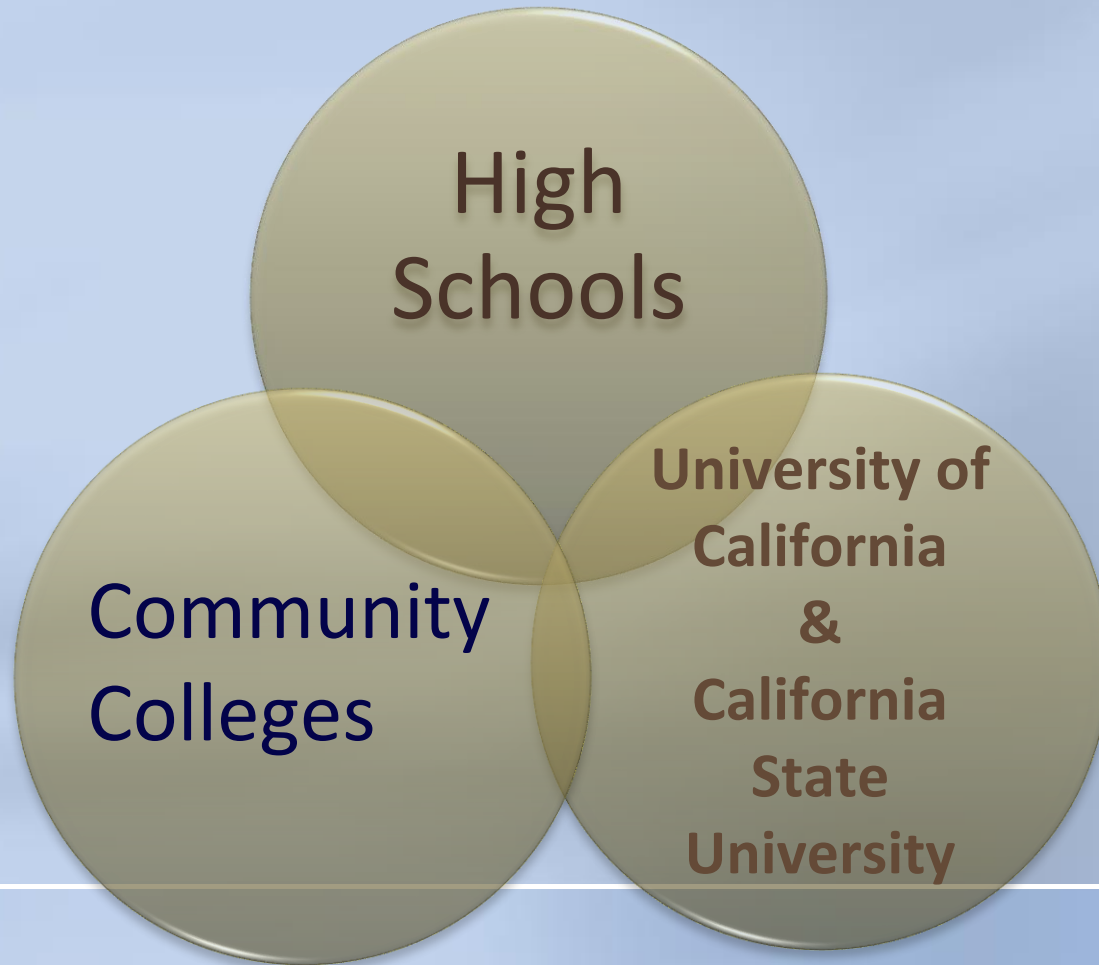
1. Allows a student at the California Community Colleges to earn an Associate Degrees **for transfer** (AA-T/AS-T) while preparing for transfer to the California State University
2. Creates a clearer course taking pathway in preparing for upper-division major coursework, eliminating un-necessary units
3. **Guaranteed priority admission consideration at the California State University:**
 - Admission to a CSU campus
 - Program deemed similar at the CSU
 - Admission with Junior status
 - and no more than 60 additional units to complete the similar baccalaureate degree



Associate Degree for TransferSM

- **The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (STAR Act /SB 1440) The Associate Degrees for Transfer includes:**
 - 60 semester units/90 quarter units of coursework including
 - General Education (CSU GE-Breadth or CSU-IGETC)
 - 18 semester unit/27 quarter units of lower division coursework (defined by the CCC)
 - No additional local graduation requirements required
- The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) degrees target the **top 20 transfer majors** offered at the CSU, which will cover 91% of the students transferring.
- For more information visit www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com

Transfer is a Partnership



'Best Advice' for High School Students

#1 Improve college readiness: Students should take rigorous college preparation courses *throughout* high school

- Take math *all four years* in high school
- Take advantage of the early assessments programs
 - CSU's Early Assessment Program (EAP) CST exam in 11th grade English and mathematics
 - Community college assessment/placement exams

Students should consider **concurrent enrollment** opportunities which enable students to experience college while in high school

Students should consider taking advantage of community college summer sessions following high school graduation

'Best Advice' for High School Students

#2 Research their options

- Not all CCCs offer the same programs or opportunities
- Some CCCs offer more transferable courses in a major(s)
 - Explore colleges and majors at www.californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu

#3 Enroll in community college on time!

- Competition for CCC courses is increasing
- The CCC admission process has several steps that should be completed early in the spring semester of 12th grade in order to register for classes when summer/fall registrations opens in late April or May

Steps for Enrolling at a California Community College

Advise your students on the CCC admission & enrollment steps:

- Apply online at www.CCCApply.org
- Schedule and take the assessment exams at the community college
- Attend the college's new student orientation session
- Apply for financial aid prior to the March deadline (www.fafsa.gov) & Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW)
- Meet with a CCC counselor to schedule first semester classes
- Register for classes and pay registration fees on time
- Meet with a CCC counselor to create a long-term educational plan

WHO DO U WANT 2B?
www.whodouwant2b.com/

Important Considerations!

- For students to receive priority registration at the community college, they must have an educational goal AND a student educational plan
- Financial aid recipients must now have an educational goal
- Student should apply for financial aid in January of senior year
- Make sure their community has received the aid
- Monitor Cal Grant B utilization to save for 4-yr
- Go full time, if possible, to “efficiently” use aid
- AB 540 Affidavit (if needed)
- Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW)

Visit www.Icanaffordcollege.com

Tips for Transfer Success in CCC

If possible, attend full time, work part time

Four strong predictors for success:

1. full-time enrollment
2. continuous enrollment
3. work no more than 15 hours per week
4. complete transfer level English and math in first year of college

Helps to utilize financial aid efficiently

- Consult financial aid staff at your college for expert advice on grants, loans and scholarships

Tips for Transfer Success in CCC

Students should decide on a major and campus no later than the start of sophomore year at CCC

- Know which campus(es) and major(s) they want to target and which have transfer guarantee programs
- Some majors such as STEM (i.e. engineering and biology) require that students declare their intent in their freshman year;
- Follow recommended curriculum for majors (www.assist.org), including competitive GPA
- Students need to make sure they are following the appropriate GE pattern for their intended major and campus

Tips for Transfer Success in CCC

Student should be advised to:

- Work closely with their CCC counselors, transfer center staff and CSU or UC rep to develop a transfer plan early
- Develop, then follow, a plan, but update it regularly
- ASSIST (assist.org) is helpful but no substitute for personal academic advisement
- Review the admission and program information on the website of the CSU or UC campuses you are interested in transferring to

Counselor Best Practices

- Include CCC and transfer information in student general college-going presentations starting in 9th grade to ensure students are aware of academic expectations in CCC and transfer opportunities and requirements
- Provide awareness of the enrollment timeline and matriculation process for CCC

Counselor Best Practices

Provide introduction to the transfer process workshops:

- Invite representatives from four-year universities, local community colleges and successful transfer students to speak to students
- Encourage students to explore careers and majors while in high school
(www.whodoyouwant2b.com)
- Investigate the higher education website

Information Resources

Admission Requirements/Applications

- www.CCCApply.org
- www.CSUMentor.edu
- uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu (UC Admission)
- Uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu (UC Transfer Planner)

Locate Transferable Coursework by CCC, CSU or UC

- www.assist.org

Associate Degree for Transfer (STAR Act)

- www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com

Advisement Resources

- www.ccctransfer.org
- www.whodouwant2becom
- www.icanaffordcollege.com

Thank you, Now it's Your Turn



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