Community College 101

The Transfer Pathway to the CSU Baccalaureate degree

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Topics for today

• Higher Education in California

• Taking the Community College Transfer Route
  • The transfer advantage: The Associate Degree for Transfer
  • Tips on navigating the CCC route successfully

• Your Opportunity To Ask Questions
OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS IN CALIFORNIA

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Role of the Community College

- California Master Plan for Higher Education (1960)
  - “The California Community Colleges have as their primary mission providing academic and vocational instruction for older and younger students through the first two years of undergraduate education (lower division). In addition to this primary mission, the Community Colleges are authorized to provide remedial instruction, English as a Second Language courses, adult noncredit instruction, community service courses, and workforce training services.”
Community College Facts

- 112 campuses, 72 districts
- 2.6 million students
- Most affordable choice of post-secondary education in CA
- Accessible—maybe
- The majority of undergraduate college students in CA attend a CCC (75.8%)
- Entering point to college for most students of color, first-generation, non-traditional and low-income students
Percent of AAPI Total Enrollment in Public Two-Year and Public Four-Year Institutions, 1985 to 2005

Source: U.S. Department of Education, IPEDS
Percentage Distribution of first-year course taking by race/ethnicity, 2003 Cohort

Source: Authors’ calculations based on CCCCPO data (see text box).
THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PATHWAY
• The Associate Degree for Transfer Pathway
  • What and Why?
  • AA-T/AS-T Degree Requirements
  • Academic Programs & Majors

• Benefits to Students
  • Transfer Preparation
  • CSU Admission
  • CSU Degree Requirements

• Resources
What and Why an ADT??

• Workforce need for more degrees
  • 2 for 1: Associate’s degree imbedded in Bachelor’s degree
    • Increase associate degrees
    • Increase transfer
  • Immediate benefit to student

• Response to student mobility – portable preparation
  • Students attending multiple community colleges
  • Ability to prepare for multiple CSU campuses
  • (Eventually) Preferred pathway
What and Why an ADT??

1. Create **clearer transfer pathways** that reduce excess units and increase system capacity.

2. Increase the number of transfer students **earning** an associate degree.

3. Increase the number of students **transferring** to the university system.

4. Make the associate degree the **preferred transfer pathway** for all students.
Complete a 60 semester (90 qtr.) units Associate Degree for Transfer

+ 60 semester (90 qtr.) units of BA or BS degree coursework after transfer to a CSU campus

120 semester unit Bachelor’s Degree
AA-T/AS-T Degree Requirements

• Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
  • The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC-CSU) or the CSU General Education-Breadth Requirements.
  • A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.
• Earn a minimum grade point average of 2.0.
• Each community college develops a degree within the Transfer Model Curriculum

• AP, IB, credit from other community colleges may be applied toward the ADT degree requirements
Available Degree Programs

FIND YOUR PATH
Are you ready to find your path to earning both your associate and bachelor's degrees with only 120 units?

There are currently more than 1,000 AA-T and AS-T degrees offered in a wide variety of fields. Use the search tool below to explore all of the majors that are available, and find out which California community college or California State University campus is in your area.

To learn more about how to earn an AA-T or AS-T degree and receive guaranteed admission to a California State University campus to complete your bachelor's degree, please contact the community college or local college.

Search by Major of Interest
To proceed with your search, please select at least one Major of Interest, California Community College (CCC) Campus and/or California State University (CSU) Campus from the menus below:

Submit

YOUR FUTURE AWAITS
Similar Degrees in the CSU

An AA-T / AS-T degree is "similar" to a CSU baccalaureate degree when the CSU campus determines that a student with the ADT can successfully complete the bachelor's degree within 60 additional units.
ADT in CSU Admission

• For “similar” programs, an ADT degree covers the lower division general education and major preparation admission requirements

• For impacted (selective) majors, ADT provides a small GPA advantage

• Earning an ADT guarantees admission as an upper division student to the CSU but not specifically the campus or major of choice
More General Information...

Getting an AA-T or an AS-T Degree...

makes it easy to transfer from a California community college into the CSU system. Check out our degree options to find one that's right for you.

What's New
New AA-T Degree Available in Spanish
The Spanish AA-T will provide you with the necessary foundational skills for majoring in Spanish/ Spanish Literature.
Read More

Important Dates
October 1, 2014
The initial application period for admission to a California State University (CSU) campus for...
NEXT STEPS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE SUCCESS
1\textsuperscript{st} STEP: Choose a community college and apply for admission.

- Choose a Community College (CC)
  - Location; programs offered; support services; community.
- Admissions for attending a CC:
  - Graduated from HS;
  - 18 years or older;
  - Or, have a GED.
2nd STEP: Assessment Exams

• The assessment (aka placement exams) assess level of mastery for:
  • English
  • Mathematics
• PREPARE for the CCC assessment exams*
• Schedule an appointment at your community college to take the placement exam
3rd STEP: Counselor and educational planning (EP)

• You will need:
  • Assessment results for English and Math placement
• Be familiar with the CC schedule of classes
• Be familiar with CSU-GE Breadth and IGETC.
• Be open to various pathways:
4th STEP: Learn more about various resources and activities on your campus

• Identify any programs that suit your needs & help you become part of the campus community.
  • Priority enrollment; scholarships; Cal WORKS; EOP&S; & other programs.
  • Review courses that will help you decide on your major or career (e.g. College Counseling 100)
• Explore campus clubs and campus activities available
5th STEP: Register for courses

• Appointment provided via portal after you submit admissions information. Be on time for your appointment!
• Choose courses that align with your EP:
  • General education
  • Major preparation courses (www.assist.org)
  • Have alternate courses selected prior to appointment
• If you are ‘waitlisted’, attend the first class meeting
6th STEP: Apply for Financial Aid

- March 2 deadline for FAFSA 2015-2016
  - Re-new yearly at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Board of Governor’s (BOG) Fee Waiver available for CCC students that qualify.
- California Dream Act (AB-540) students may qualify for in-state tuition.

http://www.cadreamnetwork.org/ab-540
First Year:
• Meet with counselor often (at least twice a semester).
• Focus on completing the CSU Golden Four Requirements as soon as possible.
• Review major preparation courses for the CSU campus that you plan.

Second Year:
• Take major courses required for the 4-year university (see www.assist.org).

Second year +:
• When ready to Transfer meet with transfer counselor to obtain GE certification.
• If transferring as ADT applicant be sure to:
  • Submit intent to graduate.
  • & CSU verification.
• Apply online at www.csumentor.edu.
Final STEP & Final Thoughts

Tips for successful transfer:

• **Math and English** often have prerequisite courses. Begin with those courses ASAP!
• Take advantage of programs that your CC offers like transfer-oriented programs or Honors programs.
• **Strong rapport with counselors** (especially transfer counselors/transfer staff in the transfer center) and faculty can only help you.
• Be open to various pathways at CC; get involved while on campus to explore other options and majors, but maintain GPA!
• Consider attending all **summer and winter inter-sessions** to graduate and/or transfer on time.

Your entourage:

• Academic counselor(s)
• Program counselor(s)
• Faculty (office hours)
• Transfer Director/Advisor
• Tutors
• Classmates
• Financial Aid
• Admissions representatives at your CC
• Helpful websites
REFERENCES

To Apply or Locate Your Nearby California Community College

www.cccapply.org
http://www.cccco.edu

Preparing for the community college assessment exam
Accuplacer Study Guide/CollegeBoard
Study guides and other resources are available on each community colleges test centers webpages

To learn more about the CSU Transfer Requirements:
www.calstate.edu/transfer
www.csumentor.edu

For More Information on all California Public and Private Colleges
www.californiacolleges.edu
Questions?