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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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113 Community Colleges Statewide – Transfer Programs - Career Technical Education Programs – High School Transition Program
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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
  - The UC and CSU Transfer Pathway Initiatives
- The CCC Student Success Initiative
  - The Student Success and Support Program (SSSP)
- How transfer from the CCC works
- “Best advice” for prospective transfer students
- Information resources
- Q & A and Feedback
By 2018 Most Jobs in the U.S. Will Require A Post-Secondary Education

Source: March CPS data, various years: Center on Education and the Workforce forecast of educational demand to 2018 as reported in Pathways to Prosperity (Harvard, February 2011)
A Recent Study by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office Confirmed….

Students who enrolled full time OR remained in the community college for 4-6 years* are

MOST LIKELY to achieve a completion outcome.

African American and Latino students were disproportionately represented in the cluster that had the lowest levels of success, both in their coursework and the attainment of a degree, certificate or transfer.

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
Associate Degree For Transfer
A Pathway To The CSU Degree
California State University
Transfer Admission Requirements
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
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
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 unnecessary 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
   - GPA bump for admissions consideration
Transfer Requirements
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
  • UC Pathways – NEW!
UC Transfer Pathways:

Your roadmap to 10 top majors

http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparation-paths/
Transfer is a Partnership

High Schools

Community Colleges

University of California & California State University
‘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
  - AP Courses and Exams
  - Career Exploration and/or Course if possible

**Students should consider concurrent enrollment** opportunities which enable students to experience college while in high school (be mindful of academic progress while in H.S.)

**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
• Can be advantageous to enroll at the feeder CCC for impacted institutions
• Some CCCs offer more transferable courses in a major(s) – important for being competitive
  • 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 – Take assessments seriously!
• Attend the college’s new student orientation session
• Apply for financial aid prior to the March deadline (Cal Grant 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 complete educational plan
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 CCC has received the application – turn in additional paperwork to CCC.
- Monitor Cal Grant B utilization to save for 4-yr.
- Go full time, if possible, to “efficiently” use aid.
- AB 540 Affidavit (if needed) – Dream Act Application.
- Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW).

Visit [www.Icanaffordcollege.com](http://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
5. College involvement

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; extensive math requirements

• 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

• Advise students to prepare/take assessments seriously
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) (http://www.cacareercafe.com/)
Information Resources

Admission Requirements/Applications

- [www.CCCApply.org](http://www.CCCApply.org)
- [https://secure.csumentor.edu/planning/](https://secure.csumentor.edu/planning/) (CSU Planner)
- [www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu) (CSU Admission)
- [uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu) (UC Admission)
- [Uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://Uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu) (UC Transfer Planner)

Locate Transferable/Articulated Coursework

- [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

Associate Degree for Transfer (STAR Act)

- [www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com](http://www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com)

Advisement Resources

- [www.ccctransfer.org](http://www.ccctransfer.org)
- [www.whodouwant2becom](http://www.whodouwant2becom)
- [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com)
Thank you, Now it’s Your Turn

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www.admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors