The 411 On CSU Transfer
Advising Your High School Seniors on the Transfer Pathway

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Topics for today

• Taking the Community College Transfer Route
  • Tips to Share With Your Students On How To Navigate the Community College Route Successfully
  • The Transfer Advantage: The Associate Degree for Transfer

• Your Opportunity To Ask Questions
Community College Facts

- 113 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
STEP 1: Choose a community college and apply for admissions

• Choose a Community College (CC)
  • Location; programs offered; support services; community
• Requirements for attending a CC:
  • Graduated from HS;
  • 18 years or older;
  • Or have a GED
Step 2: Take your assessment exams

• Schedule an appointment to take your exam
• You will need one for:
  • English placement
  • Mathematics placement
Step 3: Meet with a Counselor

- Take your assessment results to your first meeting
- Familiarize yourself with catalog and schedule of classes
- Be familiar with CSU-Breadth and IGETC Inter-segmental General Education Curriculum
- Bring all questions you may have to the meeting
  - Be prepared to discuss majors
- Tailor your Education Plan to suit your needs (e.g. transfer, other responsibilities)
Connect your students to their CCC

- Organize a campus tour
- Expose your students to EOPS, Honors, DSS services
- Understand the matriculation process?

- Are there any certificate or degree programs in the student’s area of interest and, if so, are there any additional resources, i.e. workshops, online information, other experts
Questions all students should ask their CCC counselors:

1. Which classes should I register for this semester?
2. Which math and English courses did I place into?
3. How do I figure out what I want to major in?
4. How do I determine where I want to transfer?
5. When do we create my Student Education Plan that shows all the classes I need to finish?
6. What kind of support programs and activities are there for students interested in transferring?
7. What is the difference between a certificate, associate’s degree and a bachelor’s degree?
8. When is the add/drop/withdraw deadline?
Step 4: Learn about various resources on campus

- Identify any programs that suit your needs
  - Priority Enrollment; scholarships; transfer-oriented; students with dependents; Calworks; EOP&S; culturally relevant.
- Scholarships that require F/T enrollment
- Transfer Center
- Review courses that will help you decide on your pathway (e.g. Counseling 100, etc.)
Step 5: Register for classes

- Appointment provided after admissions information is turned in; be on time for your appointment!
- Find courses that align with Student Education Plan
  - Alternate courses
  - Major Prep.
- Waitlist and attend first class meeting; add course if available.
General Ed (GE) Options

• “IGETC” = Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum
  • Accepted by UC, CSU and many CA private schools
• “CSU GE” = Calif. State University GE
  • Accepted by CSU and many CA private schools

NOTE: Most PRIVATE schools do NOT require students to complete GE prior to transfer – but it may be advantageous to do so ($$$$)

Learn more at www.assist.org
Step 6: Apply for Financial Aid

• March 2 deadline for FAFSA 2015-2016
  • Re-new each year
• Board of Governor’s (BOG) Fee Waiver
• AB-540 students qualify for in-state tuition
Step 6: Transfer Timeline

• Year 1: complete English & mathematics pre-requisites
• Year 1: review additional course requirements for universities you are considering
• Year 2: Complete CSU Breadth or IGETC requirements
• Year 2: Select a proposed major
• Year 2: Complete major prep (www.assist.org)
• Year 2/3: Apply to transfer
Step 7: Choose a College or University for transfer

• Where will you grow academically, socially and personally?

• What are your main concerns?
  • Affordability; location; university climate

• Research all schools thoroughly
  • Financial aid package; geographic location; opportunity for research; student life

• Apply!
  • Scholarships; programs; internships; research opportunities
Associate Degree For Transfer

A Pathway To The CSU Degree
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.
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

• Benefits to Students
  • CSU Admission
  • CSU Degree Requirements
The concept:

60 semester units for Associate Degree for Transfer

+  

60 semester units of coursework after transfer to a CSU campus

120 semester unit Bachelor’s Degree
Benefits Of Pursuing an ADT

- Power of two degrees – associate degree and a bachelor’s degree

- Ability to prepare for a major at multiple CSU campuses with the same preparation

- Clear roadmaps can equal less cost and a shorter time to graduation
Each community college develops a degree within the Transfer Model Curriculum.

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### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS FOR TRANSFER (AA-T)

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**List A:** Select one (1) course from the following:
- BIO 101: Human Biology (4.0)
- PSYCH 101: Biological Psychology (4.0)

Note: For CSU, both are strongly recommended.

**List B:** Select one (1) course from the following:
- Any course not selected from List A (4.0)
- PSYCH 113: Human Growth and Development (3.0)

**List C:** Select one (1) course from the following:
- Any course not selected from List B (3.0)
- PSYCH 120: Social Psychology (3.0)
- PSYCH 125: Introduction to Abnormal Psychology (3.0)
- PSYCH 130: Psychology of Addictions & Substance Abuse (3.0)
- PSYCH 135: Human Sexuality (3.0)
- PSYCH 140: Child and Adolescent Development (3.0)
- PSYCH 145: Psychology of Death and Dying (3.0)

**Major Requirements:**
- 13.5-14.0 units
- (up to 16 units may be double-counted)

**Total Units Required for the Degree:**
- 60.0 units

To earn this AA-T, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Completion of 60 CSU-transferable semester units, with an overall grade point average of at least 2.0.
2. Completion of a minimum of 22 semester units in the major, with a grade of "C" or better, and
3. Certification of completion of either the California State University General Education Breadth Pattern (CSU GE) or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC).

Note: While a minimum of 2.0 is required for admission, some majors may require a higher GPA. Please consult with a counselor for more information.
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...
Searching Degree Options
Questions?

www.calstate.edu/transfer

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