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
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
Community College Facts

Accessible:
113 campuses, 72 districts
2.6 million students

Most affordable choice of post-secondary education in CA

The majority of undergraduate college students in CA attend a CCC (75.8%)

Entering point to Post-secondary education (college) for most:
• Students of color
• First-generation
• Non-traditional and
• Low-income students
Community College Pathway

Offers Students The Following Options:

- Personal Enrichment
- Basic Skills Development
- Workforce Training & Retraining
- Career Technical Training & Certificates
- Transfer Preparation to 4 Year Institutions
- Associate Degrees/Associate Degrees for Transfer
The Transfer Process

Student enters Santa Rosa Junior College with plans to transfer to a college or university.

LOWER DIVISION
- Freshman
- 30 Units
- Sophomore
- 60 Units
- Upper Division
- 90 Units
- Senior
- 120 Units

UPPER DIVISION
- Major Preparation Courses
- General Education Courses
- Elective Courses
- Transferable Units
- 60+ Units

SRJC Associate Degree
- 60 Units

Student receives Bachelor’s Degree
- 120+ Units

UPPER DIVISION
- Upper Division Major Courses
- Upper Division GE Courses
- Minor or Elected Courses
The CSU’s GE Transfer Curriculum

60 Sem. (90 Qtr.) Units of Lower-Division Transferable Coursework
2.0 Minimum Grade Point Average
30 units of General Education
GE Breadth or IGETC

American Institutions*

“Golden Four”

Oral Communication
Written Communication
Quantitative Reasoning
Critical Thinking

(Grade of “C” or Better)
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
So, what should students take?

Unsure of Major
• English
• Math – don’t wait!
• General Education
  \((CSU-GE Breath or IGETC)\)
• Discipline of interest
• Career/Major Research
• Study Skills
• Work Experience

Determined Major (as of now!)
• English
• Math
• Major Prep Course
  \((www.assist.org)\)
• General Education
• Study Skills
• Work Experience
Advising Your Graduating H.S. Seniors
Best Advice for High School Students

Be College Ready . . .

• Take math all four years of high school

• Complete the CSU’s Early Assessment Program exams in English and Math (qualifying score eliminates Assessment test at CCC)

• Concurrent enrollment at the CCC
  – Experience college while in HS
  – Tuition fee is waived
Requirements for attending a CC:
- 18 years or older;
- Graduated from HS;
- Or have a GED

Choose a Community College (CC)

113 Community College Location in California

Research the programs & support services at the local community college(s)

Apply for Admissions
Advise your students to:

- Take the CCC assessment results to the first meeting with community college counselor
- Familiarize themselves with the community college catalog and schedule of classes
- Be familiar with CSU GE-Breadth and IGETC General Education Curriculum
- Introduce your students to ASSIST.org
- Help them formulate question they should bring with them to their first CC counseling meeting (e.g. majors, transfer programs, CTE)
Community College Assessment Exams

Student will be required to take:
  – English placement
  – Mathematics placement

Advise your students to prepare before taking the CC assessment exam
  – Review and take the practice exam

Schedule an appointment to take the CC exam
Connect your students to their Local Community College(s)

Organize a community college campus tour

During the Community College Tour make sure to expose your students to the various resources on the CC campus such as:

- EOPS, Honors, DSS services, Resources for Students with dependents; Calworks; EOP&S

Invite Your Local Community College Outreach Staff to Your Schools Events (College Nights)

Understand the matriculation process and explain to your students the CC matriculation process
Register for classes

- Appointment provided after admissions information is turned in; be on time for your appointment!

- Create a Student Education Plan with CC Counselors
  - Major Prep.
  - General Education

- If waitlisted, attend the first class meeting; add course if available.
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 and/or IGETC requirements
- Year 2: Select a proposed major
- Year 2: Complete major prep (www.assist.org)
- Year 2/3: Apply to transfer
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 Degree Holders
- Increase Transfer Student Rates
- Immediate Benefit To Students:
  - Student Mobility – Portable Preparation
  - Ability to prepare for multiple CSU campuses
- CSU Admission
- Meet CSU Degree Requirements
The Concept

60 semester units for Associate Degree for Transfer

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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

• AP, IB, credit from other community colleges may be applied toward the degree requirements
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
www.adegreewithaguarantee.com