

# The California Community Colleges: Pipeline to Transfer



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# Where Can You Transfer?



- Where can you transfer to as a community college student?

**Anywhere!**

- California State University (CSU)
- University of California (UC)
- Private Colleges/Universities
- Out-of-State Schools

# Transfer Students



- Private Colleges/Universities
  - Varies by school
  - Ivy Leagues are still difficult to get accepted into
    - Many require SATs and ACTs
  - Some schools accept with as little as 12 units and a 2.0 GPA
- Out-of-State Schools
  - Many of our neighboring states accept the general education pattern for UC and/or CSU
  - Some consider completion of an AA/AS/ADT as fulfilling GE

# Transfer Students



- Upper division Transfer students receive priority admission to UCs and CSUs
  - Lower GPAs are accepted
  - Registration priority over freshmen



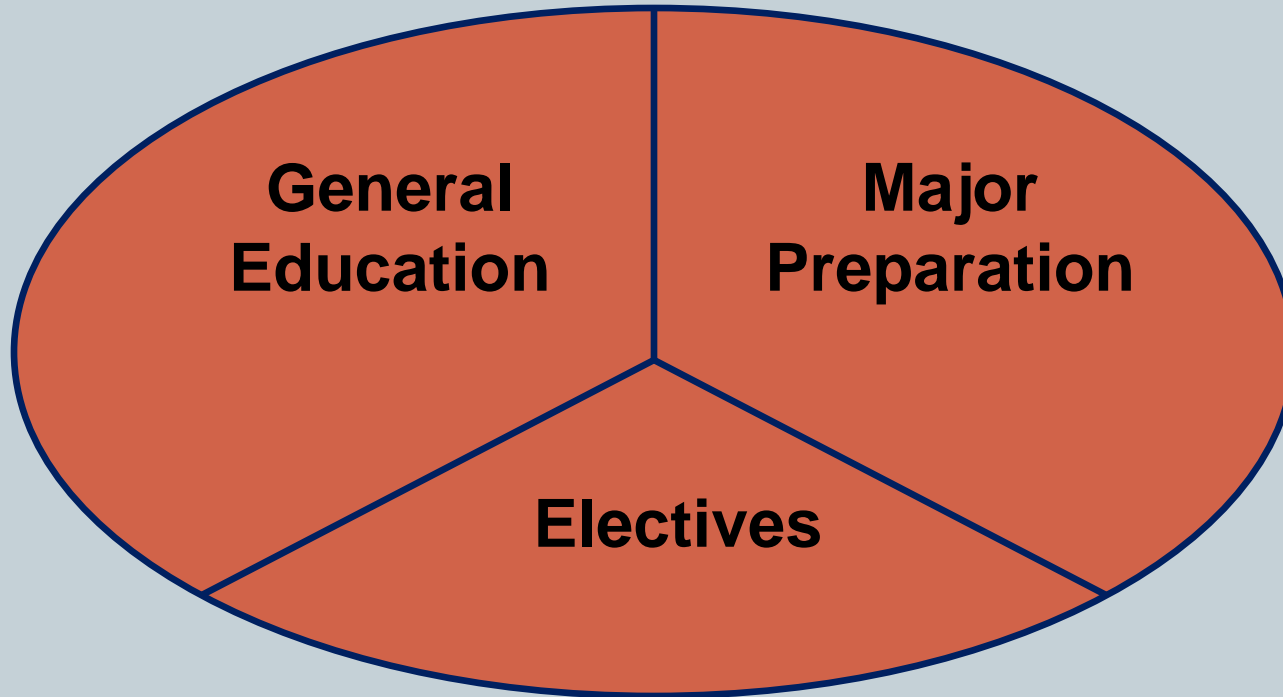
# Upper Division Transfers



- Upper Division Transfers (for UC and CSU)
  - 60 units required at the time of transfer
  - Junior status
  - DOES NOT require high school transcripts
  - DOES NOT require SAT or SAT

Transfer students  
receive priority admission  
over high school students

# Components of a Transfer Program



*General Education + Major Preparation + Electives = 60 units*

*\* Pie is not drawn to scale since the number of major preparation courses vary by major.\**

# CSU & UC Transfer



- Minimum Requirements for a CSU
  - 60 transferable units
  - 2.0 GPA Completion of certain required courses
    - General Education and Major Preparation Courses
- Minimum Requirements for a UC
  - 60 transferable units
  - 2.4 GPA (Average 3.4 GPA\*)
  - Completion of certain required courses
    - General Education and Major Preparation Courses

Impacted  
campuses/majors  
require higher GPAs

\*<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/transfer/preparing-admission/transfer-gpa/index.html>

# ADT: Associate in Arts/Science Degree for Transfer



- 60 units with a minimum 2.0 GPA
  - Major coursework
  - General Education (CSU GE or IGETC)
  - Electives (if needed to reach the 60 unit minimum)
- No extra community college requirements for an AA/AS needed
- Guaranteed admission to a CSU campus
- Priority admission to impacted programs
  - GPA boost of a 0.1



Associate Degree  
for Transfer  
*A Degree with a Guarantee.™*



# Transfer Admission Guarantees



- **TAGs**

A formal contract for community college students that guarantees admission to 1 of 6 UC campuses given a certain GPA threshold and completion of specific coursework

**Only Available for UC Campuses**

*(except UC Berkeley, UCSD & UCLA)*

UC Davis  
UC Irvine  
UC Merced  
UC Riverside  
UC Santa Barbara  
UC Santa Cruz



# California State University Statistics



- Graduation Rate of CCC Students who Transfer to CSU → 74%

<http://asd.calstate.edu/csrde/ccct.htm>

- Graduation Rate of CSU Students who Enroll as Freshmen → 54%

<http://asd.calstate.edu/csrde/fff.htm>

- Freshmen who graduate in 4 years → 19%

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB1450](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1450)

# University of California Statistics



- Graduation Rate of Students who Transfer to UC → 55% in 2 years  
87% in 4 years
- Graduation Rate of Students who Enroll as Freshmen → 62% in 4 years  
84% in 6 years

# Benefits of a Community College



- Cost
- Smaller classes (in general)
- Offers students an introduction to college
- Ability to explore different majors
- Allows students extra time to mature
- Completion of lower division coursework
- More flexibility to work and attend school full time

# Advice for Future Community College Students



- Take English and Math assessments in spring of senior year (and take them seriously)
- Enroll in an Orientation in spring or summer
- Take English and Math courses as soon as possible
- Meet with a counselor to develop an ed plan



# Advice for Future Community College Students



- Join a learning community and/or program
- Enroll in a counseling course during their first year
  - Can help students who are undecided on a major
  - Increases retention and academic success
- Remind students that it's ok to transfer in 3 years



# Advice for Future Community College Students



- Seek out Transfer Center Services
  - Transfer Workshops
  - Transfer Admission Guarantee Information
  - College Representative Visits to Campus
  - Visits to 4 year college/universities
  - Major and Career Exploration
  - Transfer Day

# Questions?



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