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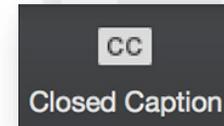
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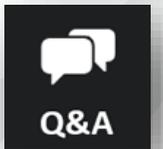
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# A Transfer Guide for CA Community College Students

Presenter: Lezra Chenportillo, M.Ed.

San Jose City College | Career Transfer Counselor



# Introduction

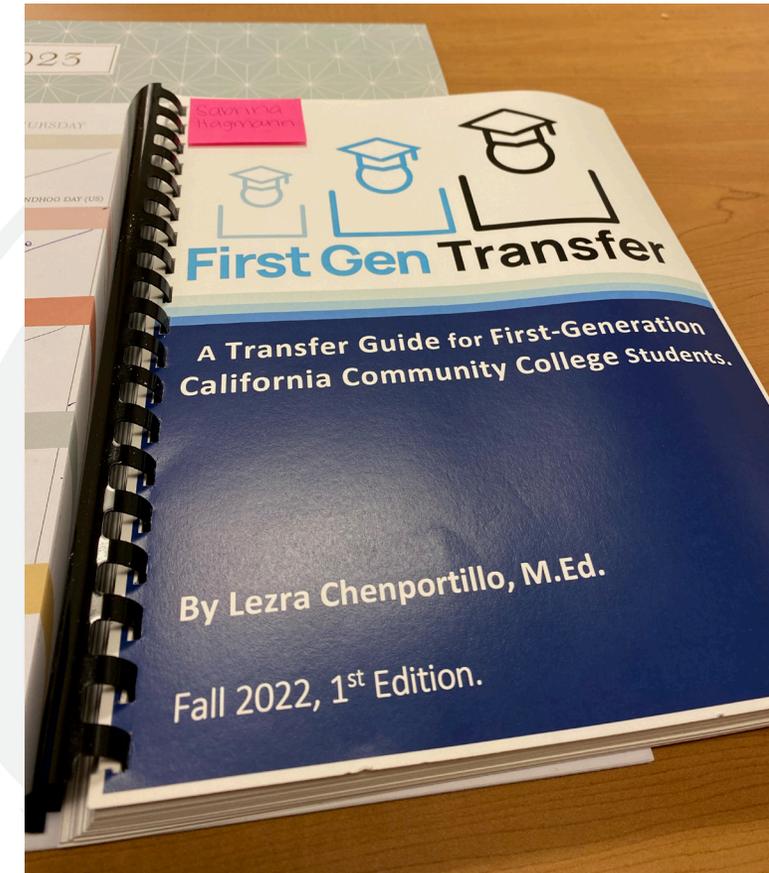
## Lezra Chenportillo, M.Ed.

- Tenured, Counseling Faculty at SJCC
- Counselor for our Career Transfer Center
- Former HS Counselor & University Adviser
- First Generation College Student

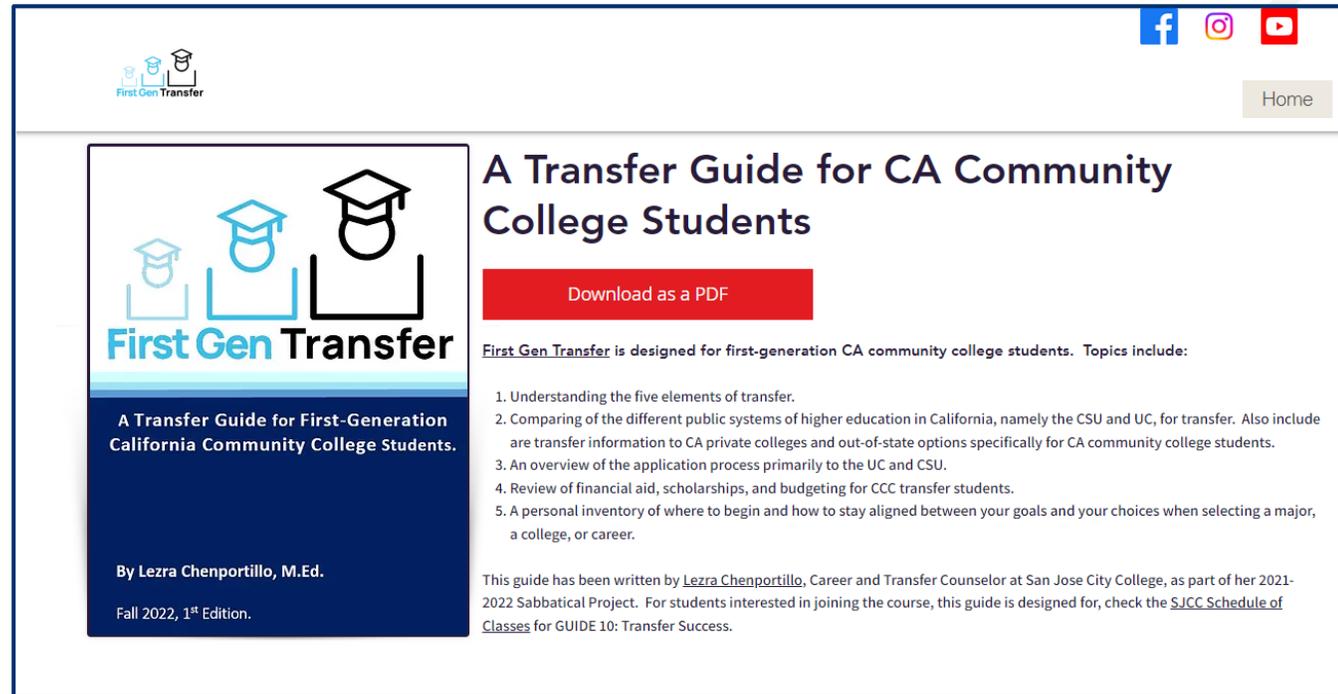


# Session Agenda

- I. **Big Picture:** *Intersegmental Education, Equity, & Teaching transfer with a First Gen Student Approach*
- II. **Into the Weeds:** *Overview of the Transfer Guide*
- III. **Next steps:** *Current status & how to use this guide?*
- IV. **Your voice:** *FAQ? Comments? Suggestions?*



# Before we begin. Find the transfer guide here. Download for *free*.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the First Gen Transfer website. At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, and a 'Home' button. The main content area features a large graphic with three graduation caps and the text 'First Gen Transfer'. Below this is a red button that says 'Download as a PDF'. To the right of the graphic, the title 'A Transfer Guide for CA Community College Students' is displayed. Below the title, there is a list of five topics covered in the guide. At the bottom of the page, there is a note about the guide's author and its purpose.

**First Gen Transfer**

**A Transfer Guide for First-Generation California Community College Students.**

By Lezra Chenportillo, M.Ed.  
Fall 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition.

## A Transfer Guide for CA Community College Students

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First Gen Transfer is designed for first-generation CA community college students. Topics include:

1. Understanding the five elements of transfer.
2. Comparing of the different public systems of higher education in California, namely the CSU and UC, for transfer. Also include are transfer information to CA private colleges and out-of-state options specifically for CA community college students.
3. An overview of the application process primarily to the UC and CSU.
4. Review of financial aid, scholarships, and budgeting for CCC transfer students.
5. A personal inventory of where to begin and how to stay aligned between your goals and your choices when selecting a major, a college, or career.

This guide has been written by [Lezra Chenportillo](#), Career and Transfer Counselor at San Jose City College, as part of her 2021-2022 Sabbatical Project. For students interested in joining the course, this guide is designed for, check the [SJCC Schedule of Classes](#) for GUIDE 10: Transfer Success.

<https://www.firstgentransfer.com/>

Note: Accessible PDF of the Transfer Guide will be Available May 2023



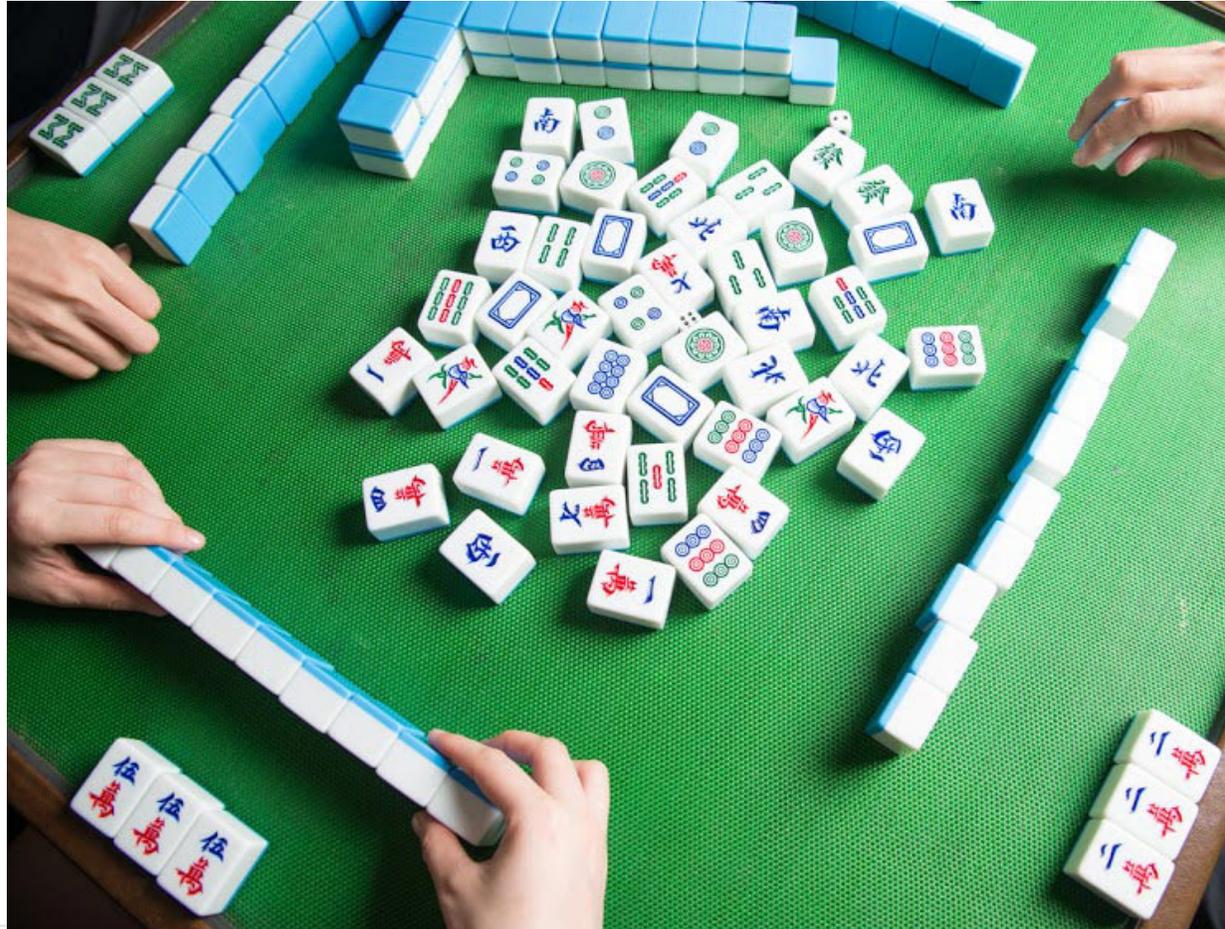
# Dedication

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*For my students and fellow Counselors.  
For our first-generation college students most especially.  
Your questions were once my questions. Your stumbles, I've made them too.  
I hope this guide will offer you clarity in the process of transfer  
and a friendly whisper of wisdom and encouragement  
from someone that is always in your corner.*

# I. Big Picture

# Who is ready to play Mahjong?



# How do students experience **Intersegmental Education**?

Preschool, TK, Kindergarten



High School



Elementary School

5	3			7		
6			1	9	5	
	9	8				
8				6		
4			8		3	
7				2		
	6					2
			4	1	9	
				8		

**STAR WARS** 

Star Wars is a \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ (noun) of \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) versus evil in a \_\_\_\_\_ (noun; place) far far away.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) battles between \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun; vehicle) in \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) space and \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) duels with \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun) called \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) sabers. \_\_\_\_\_ (Plural Noun) called "droids" are helpers and \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun) to the heroes. A \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) power called \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) \_\_\_\_\_ (Noun) s people to do \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) things, like \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun). The Jedi \_\_\_\_\_ (plural noun; type of job) use The Force for the \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) side and the Sith \_\_\_\_\_ (verb) it for the \_\_\_\_\_ (adjective) side.

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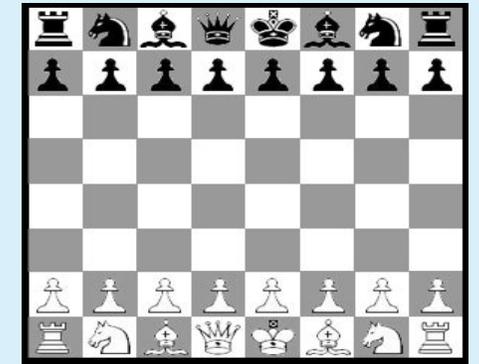
Middle School



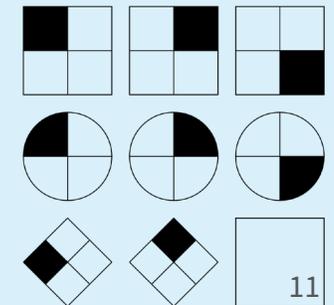
Community College



Transfer University



Graduate School



# How do you learn Mahjong?

**Need a Rule Book  
OR  
Someone that knows the game,  
to teach you both the rules &  
the **STRATEGIES** for winning.**



# Teaching transfer is a form of teaching **Social Capital**. It's the work of **Equity**.



# Freshman Admission vs Transfer Admission







# Guide 10: Transfer Success Course (1.0 unit)

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Course Outline of Record  
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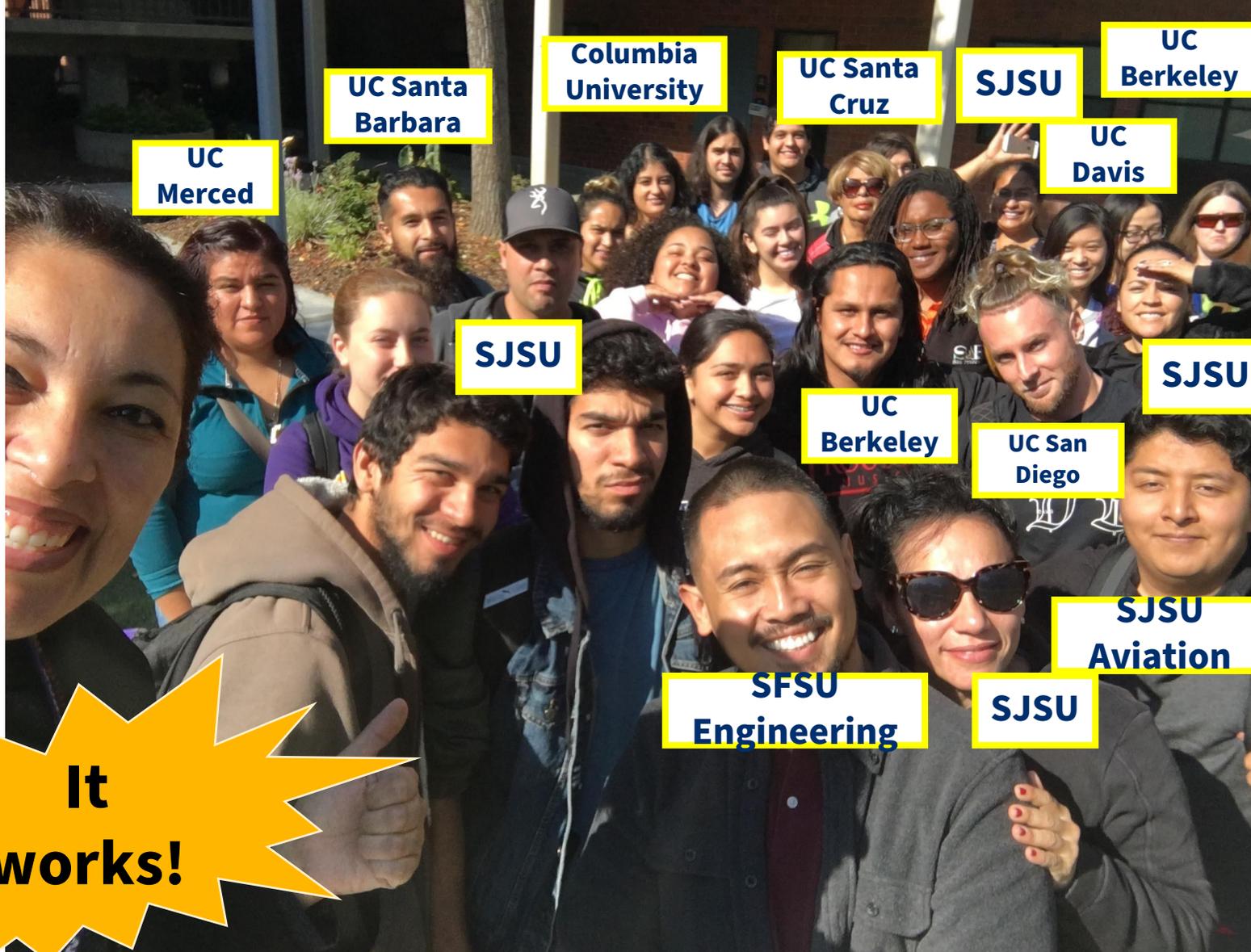


GUIDE 010 Transfer Success

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Revision Date: 10/14/2020  
Effective Term: 2021 Spring Semester  
Units: 1.000  
Catalog Description:  
Students will engage in a comprehensive review of the transfer process, including a study of higher education systems, transfer admissions practices, major preparation, financial planning, and current topics related to transfer. This course offers students an opportunity to develop an individualized transfer plan in preparation for transfer to a 4-year college.  
Instruction Methodology: Lecture And/O Discussion  
Lecture Hours: 1.000  
Lab Hours: 0.000  
Total Contact Hours: 18.000  
Homework Hours: 2.000  
Grading: Letter Grade Only  
Course Pre-requisite: None  
Course Corequisite: None  
Advisory Reading and Writing Levels: RW 3 = Completion of READ 101 or ESL 091 (6 units) or ENGL 102 or equivalent OR Completion of ENGL 092 or ESL 091 (6 units) or ENGL 104 or equivalent  
Repeatability:  
a. Status: A - Non-active participatory; may not be repeated  
b. Times Repeatable: 0  
Learning Outcomes:  
1. Develop an individualized transfer plan.  
2. Complete a polished and revised essay response to the two UC application essay prompts.  
3. Develop an individualized financial plan for transfer.  
Course Lecture Content  
1. Systems of Higher Education  
A. UC's, CSU's, Private Colleges and Universities  
B. Out of State Colleges  
C. Historically Black Colleges  
D. Private vs. Public Colleges  
E. Non-Profit vs. For-Profit Colleges  
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G. California Community College System  
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B. CSU General Education Plan  
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E. Use of AP/IB/CLEP to Meet GE Requirements  
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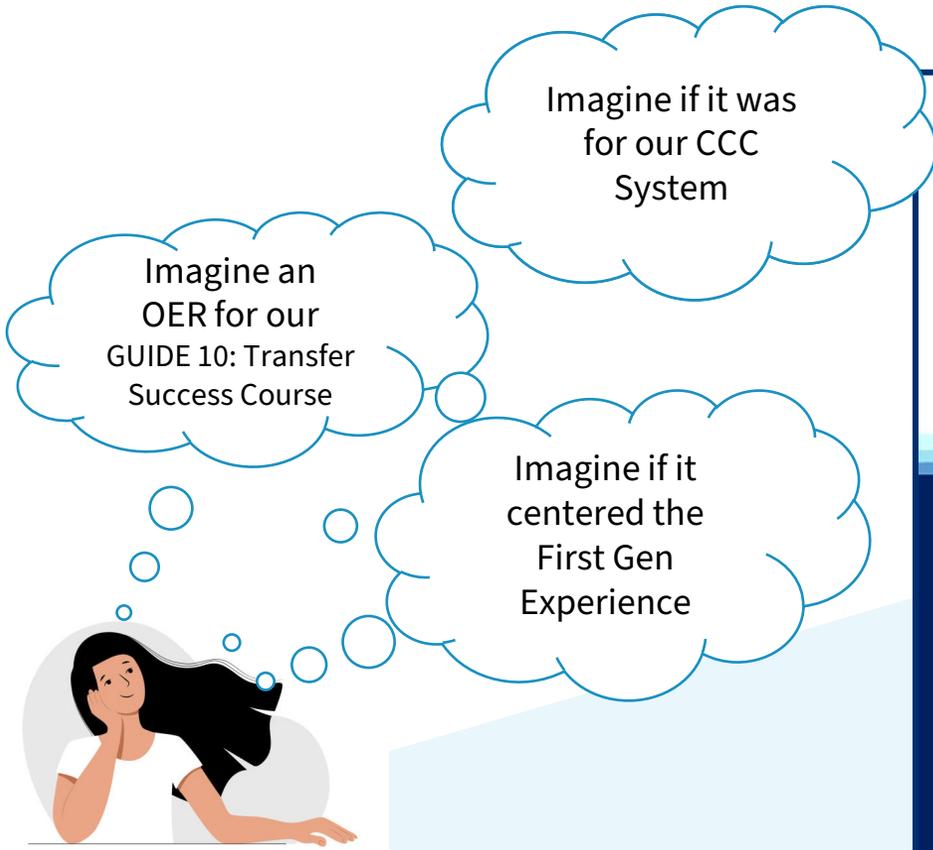




It's not only that our students Transfer, it's **HOW** they transfer...

- Confidence
- Community
- Scholarships
- Expand their options
- Empowering Experience

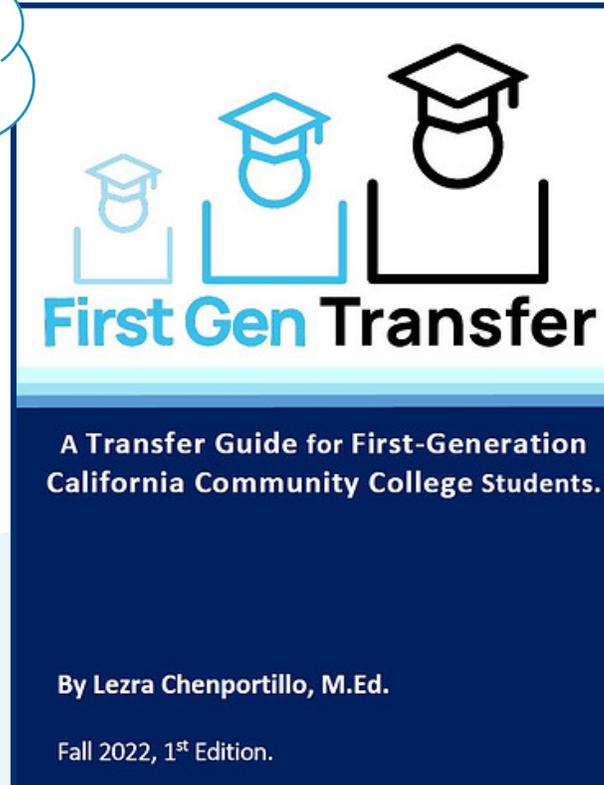
# An OER text for Transfer



Imagine if it was for our CCC System

Imagine an OER for our GUIDE 10: Transfer Success Course

Imagine if it centered the First Gen Experience



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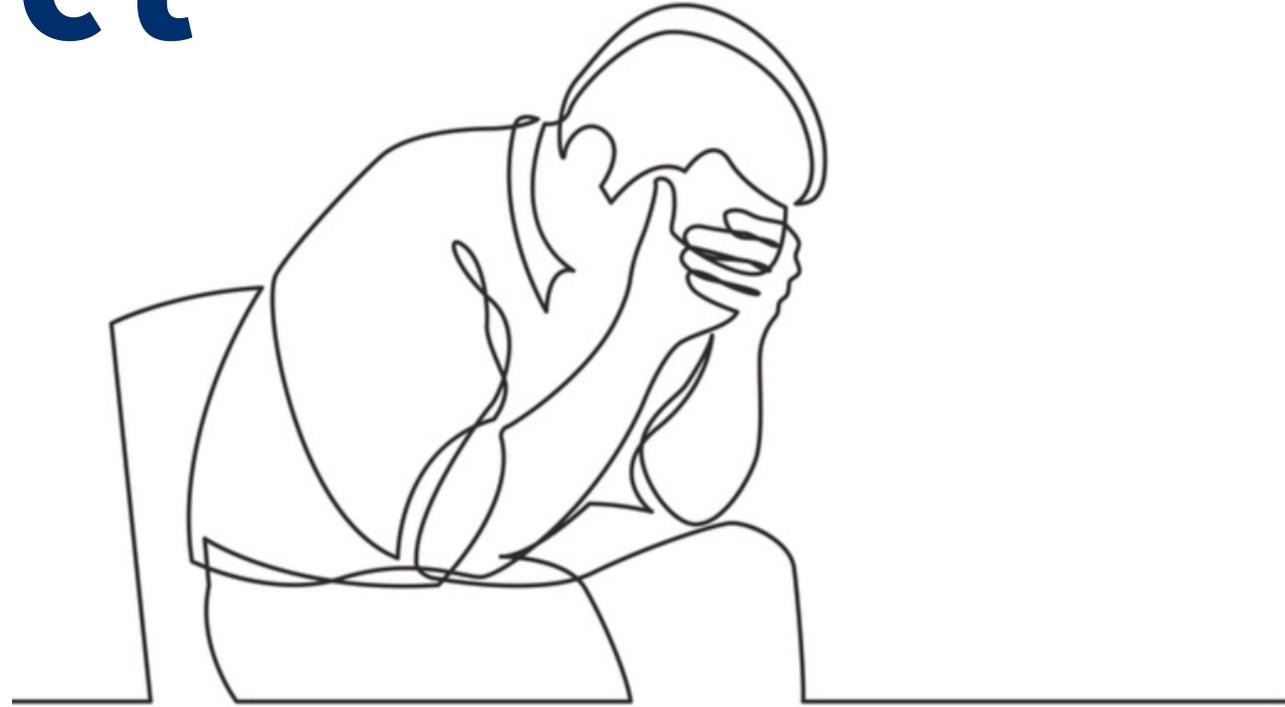
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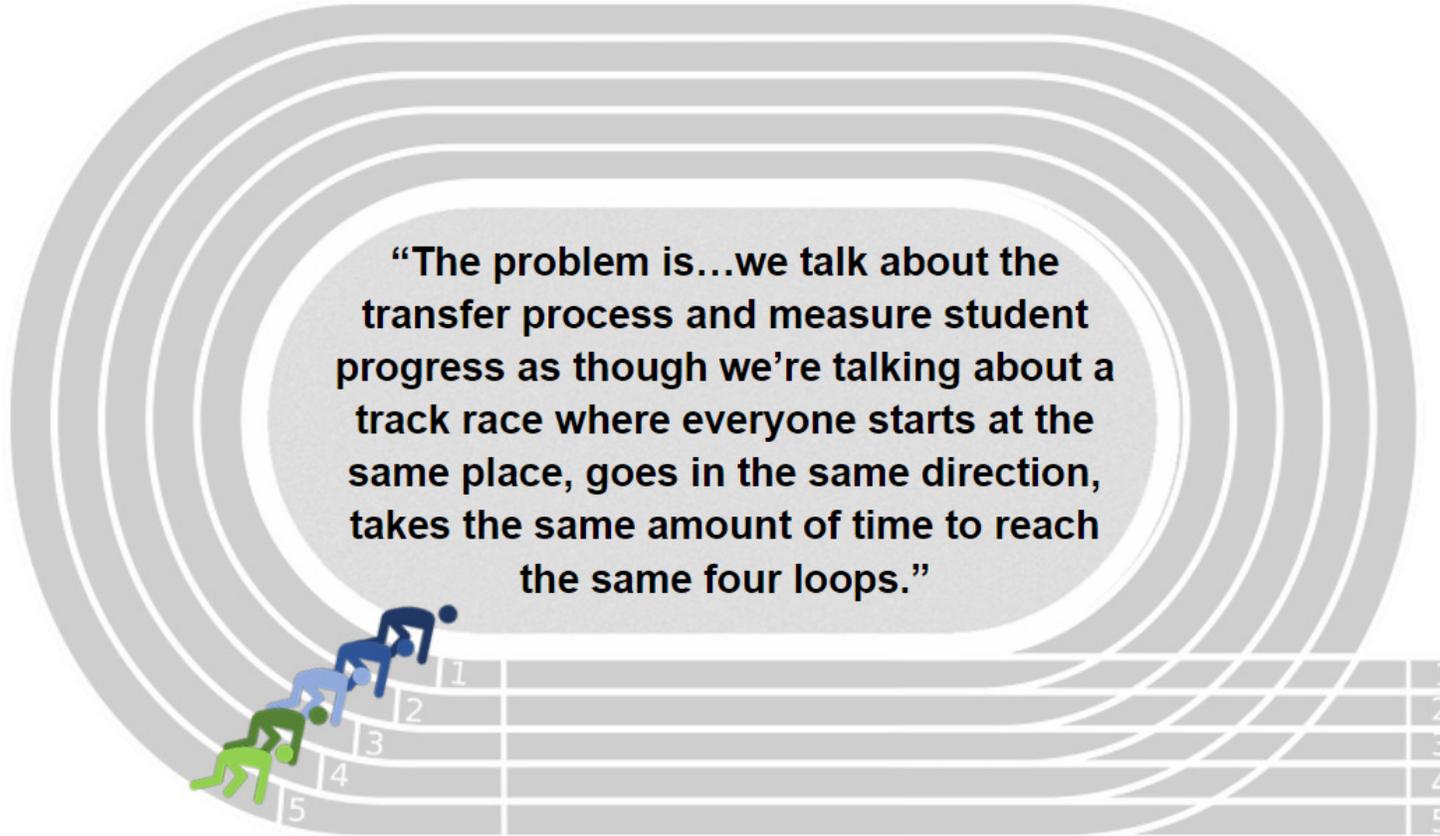


# We begin with the problem of our **Transfer Culture...**

Assumes full-time status

Assumes ZERO room for error

Focus is on going FAST over making PROGRESS



Assumes needs are met, all courses are passed

Neglects to realize the complexities built into the process

Assumes 2 year formula:  
15 units x 4 semesters = 60 units

# We need to **CENTER** the First Gen Experience

- **Speak honestly** with our students about transfer & what is HARD & COMPLEX – our students blame themselves for all the not knowing ‘the rules’
- **Measure PROGRESS** over a 2-year timeline
- **Celebrate the CHOICES** students have for transfer
- **Honor the First Gen experience** in our teaching, in our counseling, and how we design our campuses.



# Three factors impact how ‘quickly’ students transfer.

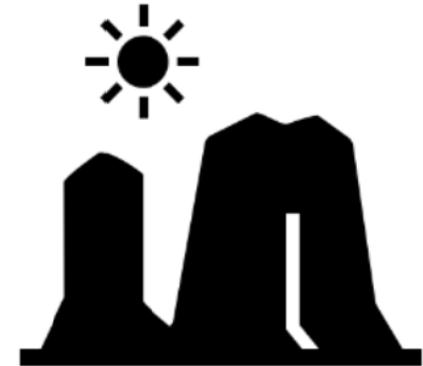
Personal Load



Major Climb

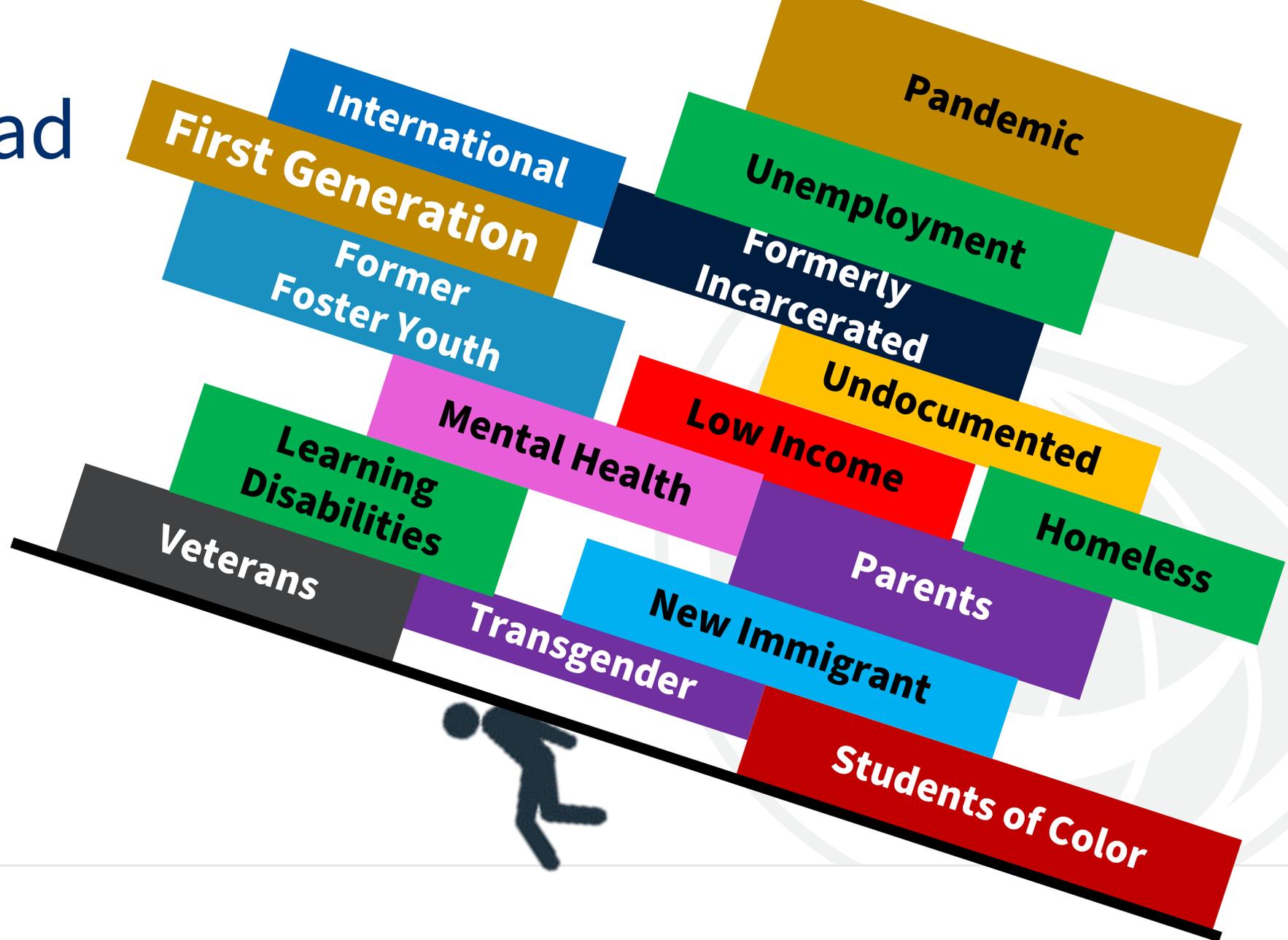


College Terrain



# Personal Load

Personal Load



# Major Climb

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# Different Major, Different Climb

## Civil Engineering Major Requirements for Transfer *Fall 2021 – To UC Davis from San Jose City College*

MATH 71 – Calculus I (5 units)  
*Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry*

MATH 72 – Calculus II (5 units)  
MATH 73 – Calculus III (5 units)

MATH 79 – Linear Algebra (3 units)  
*Prerequisite: Calculus II*

MATH 78 - Differential Equations (4 units)  
*Prerequisite: Calculus II*

PHYS 4A – Calculus Based Physics I (5 units)  
*Prerequisite: Calculus I*

PHYS 4B - Calculus Based Physics II (5 units)  
PHYS 4C - Calculus Based Physics III (5 units)

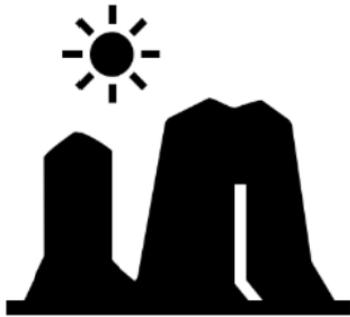
CHEM 1A – General Chemistry I (5 units)  
*Prerequisite: Fundamentals of Chemistry*  
CHEM 1B – General Chemistry II (5 units)

## Political Science Major Requirements for Transfer *Fall 2021 – To UC Davis from San Jose City College*

GE POLSC 1 – Politics and Government (3 units)  
GE POLSC 2 – Comparative Politics (3 units)  
GE POLSC 4 – International Relations (3 units)  
GE MATH 63 – Elementary Statistics (3 units)

# College Terrain

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Major GPA



SIR Deadline

Online Degrees

Selective Major

Impaction



TAU



Common App

AA-T / AS-T



Supplemental Application



Major Prep



Application Fee

Local vs. Non Local

Transfer Agreement

Cost of Attendance



HOLY NAMES UNIVERSITY Since 1868



IGETC Certification



SACRAMENTO STATE



TAG Eligibility



On Campus Housing



# II. Into the Weeds

## Part I

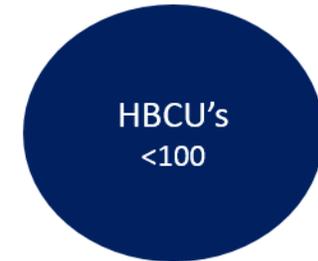
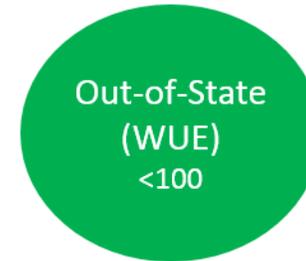


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Within California

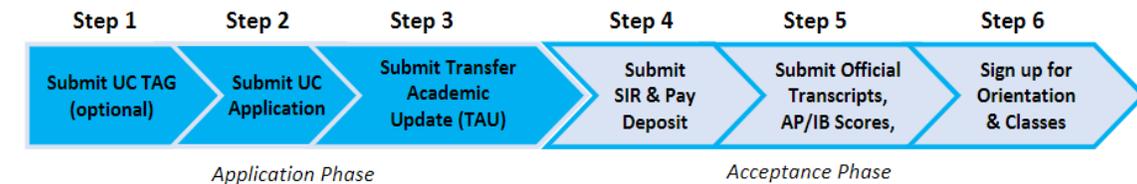


Outside of California



Where to begin?  
Begin with YOU

## Part III



## Part IV

Types of Funding Sources to Pay for College.

	Funding awarded outside of College	Funding awarded within Student Financial Aid Package	
Before College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>529 Investment Savings Accounts                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>College savings investment account, (compound interest)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
During College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employer Tuition Reimbursement                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some employers, like UPS or Chipotle, will reimburse employees for tuition costs. (free money)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Military Education Benefits                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veteran and military service members earn educational benefits (free money)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work-Study                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Campus Jobs (half of your pay is paid by Federal Aid)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Pell Grant                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal Aid (free money) (based on financial need)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cal Grant                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>California Aid (free money) (based on financial need)</li> </ul> </li> <li>University Grant                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University Aid (free money) (based on financial need)</li> </ul> </li> <li>University Scholarship                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>University Scholarship (free money) (based on merit, such as GPA, athletics)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Outside Scholarship                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outside Scholarship (free money) (based on financial need, merit)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Subsidized Loan                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal loan (not free, must pay back) (interest is paid by the Fed Government)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unsubsidized Loan                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal loan (not free, must pay back) (interest begins compounding during college)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	After College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loan Forgiveness                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Student Loan Forgiveness (Student loans are forgiven after 10 yrs working for a non-profit and making 120 payments)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## Part V

I. Costs

II. Inside Aid

III. Outside Aid

IV. Debt

# Part I

60  
Transferable  
Units

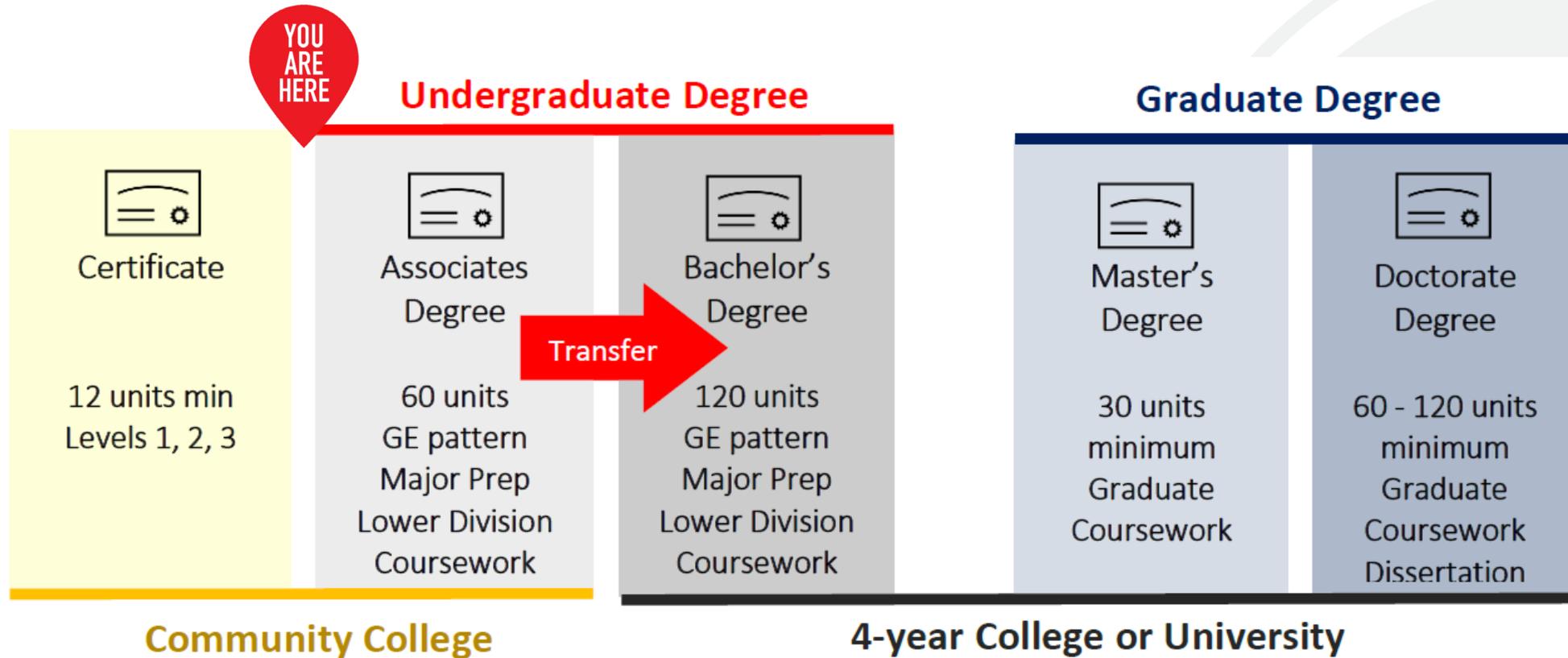
Transfer  
GE Pattern

Major Prep

GPA

Application

# Start with a big picture



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GE and Major Preparation – Lower Division Coursework – Completed at CA community college

60 units – Lower Division Coursework

Lower Division Major Preparation			
3 units	PSYCH 10 Intro to Psychology	San Jose City College	
3 units	PSYCH 22 Intro to Research Methods	San Jose City College	
3 units	PSYCH 31 Intro Psychobiology	San Jose City College	
3 units	MATH 63 Elementary Statistics	San Jose City College	

Example of required lower division coursework for a Major in Psychology at San Jose State University, completed at San Jose City College.

Lower Division - CSU General Education Pattern			
1 course	3 units	Area A1	Communications
1 course	3 units	Area A2	English
1 course	3 units	Area A3	Critical Thinking
1 course	3 units	Area B4	Math/Quant Reason
1 course	3 units	Area B1	Physical Science
1 course	3 units	Area B2	Life Science
1 course	1 unit	Area B3	Science Lab
3 courses	9 units	Area C1 & 2	Arts & Humanities
2 courses	(6 units)	Area D	Social Science
1 course	3 units	Area E	Lifelong Learning
1 course	3 units	Area F	Ethnic Studies
2 courses	(6 units)	AI	American Institutions
16 courses		36 - 40 semester units	

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The CSU GE pattern completed at a local CA community college reflects the same areas required by the CSU system and the requirements for units.

Areas A1, A2, A3, B4 are required for admission with a passing grade of C or better. *(Note, some campuses will accept a grade of C- for these areas.)*

References, [CSU Upper Division](#) and [SJSU Psychology Major](#)

Why 60 units?

Why a GE pattern?

Why Major prep?

How many units

will transfer?

Lower vs Upper

Division Transfer?

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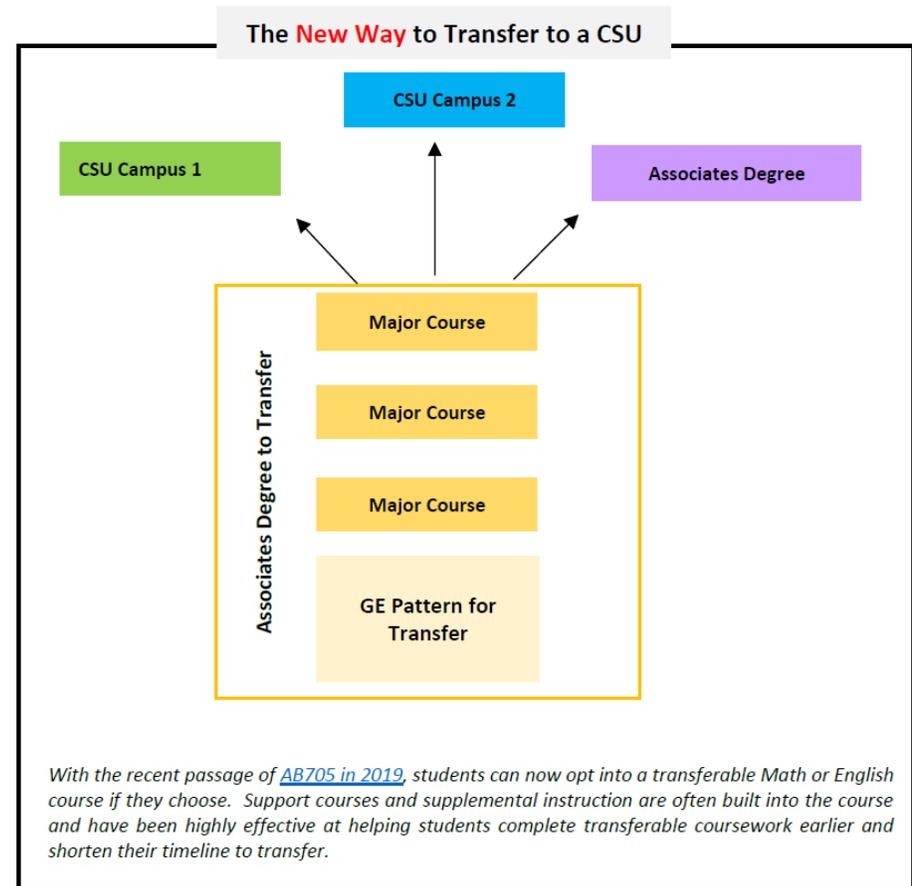
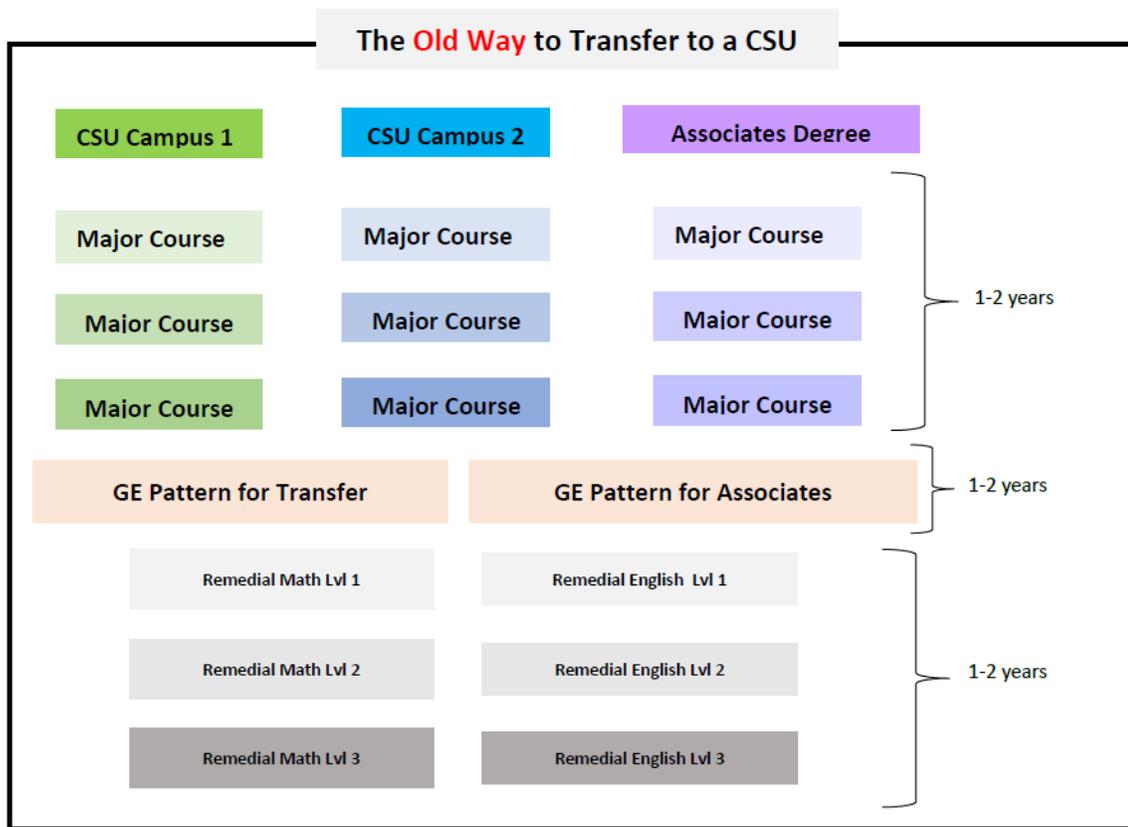
60 units – Upper Division Coursework

120 Semester Units Anatomy of a Bachelor's Degree

Upper Division - University Electives (27-28 units)	
In this case elective units are built into the major. Students can use this option to pursue a minor or double major. AP or IB units can often also be applied towards graduation requirements.	
Upper Division - Major Core Coursework (27 units)	
Each University will structure their graduation requirements in a major differently. In this example, SJSU has structured in flexibility for students to complete their major coursework with a series of options to meet their core Requirements and has built in options for use of electives. Campuses will differ widely in how they structure graduation requirements and the kinds of upper division coursework they require. Some differences can include if they require a senior thesis, practicum hours, study abroad, lab requirements, or participation in a research project. Be sure to study your options ahead of time and compare how your target transfer colleges differ in order to make an informed decision about which campus is a better fit for you and what to expect when you transfer.	
Complete 1 Course From: PSYC 100W - Writing Workshop 3 unit or PSYC 118 - Adv Research Meth in Psych 3 unit  Complete 1 Course From: PSYC 102 - Psychology of Childhood 3 unit or PSYC 112 - Psych of Adolescence 3 unit PSYC 114 - Psychology of Aging 3 unit  Complete 2 Courses From: PSYC 129 - Neuroscience 3 unit or PSYC 135 - Cognition 3 unit PSYC 155 - Human Learning 3 unit or PSYC 158 - Perception 3 unit  Complete 1 Course From: PSYC 110 - Adult Psychopathology 3 unit or PSYC 142 - Child Psychopathology 3 unit  Complete 1 Course From: PSYC 139 - Psychology of Personality 3 unit or PSYC 154 - Social Psychology 3 unit  Complete 1 Course From: PSYC 117 - Psychological Tests & Measures or STAT 115 - Intermediate Statistics 3 unit  Complete 1 Course From: PSYC 190 - Current Issues Capstone 3 unit or PSYC 195 - Honors Seminar in Psych 3 unit  Psychology Electives (9 units) Include: BIOL 129, ENVR 120, GERD 114, IS 161, IIN 167, PH 126, PH 148, POLS 177, SOCI 148, 3 units of upper or lower division psychology courses 3 unit 6 units of upper division psychology courses 6 unit	

GE and Major Preparation – Lower Division Coursework – Completed at CA community college

# Talk about how Transfer has improved



# How to search for Major Information

**Step 1**

Go to: [www.transferbound.com](http://www.transferbound.com)

**Step 4**

A list of related Majors available at the UC & the CSU will be displayed.

Major Name	School
Business Administration B.S.	(CSUS)
Business Administration B.S. - Human Resources Management Option	(CSUEB)
Business Administration B.S. Concentration in Human Resource Management	(CSUB)
Business Administration B.S. Concentration in Human Resources Mgt & Org Behavior	(CSUS)
Business Administration B.S. Concentration in Management	(SSU)
Business Administration B.S. Concentration in Management & Human Resources	(CPPLC)
Business Administration B.S. Concentration in Management - Human Resources Track	(CSUSTAN)
Business Administration B.S. Human Resource Management Option	(CSUC)
Business Administration B.S. Management & Human Resources Concentration	(CSUDH)
Business Administration B.S. with Emphasis in Management, Special in HR	(SDSU)
Business Administration B.S. with Human Resource Management Option	(CSULB)
Business Administration B.S. with Human Resources Management Option	(CSULA)
Business Administration B.S., (Concentration in Human Resource Management)	(SJSU)
Business Administration, B.S.- Management and Human Resources Option	(CPP)
Business Administration- Human Resource Management Option, B.S.	(CSUFRES)
Communication B.A.- Professional, Public, and Organizational Communication Opt	(CSUEB)
Communications B.A.- Media Production Option	(CSUEB)
Psychology B.S. - Industrial/Organizational Psychology Option	(CSUEB)
Public Administration B.A.	(CSUFULL)
Public Administration B.S. with Public Personnel Administration Concentration	(CSUDH)
Sociology- Organizational Studies A.B.	(UCD)

**Step 2**

Select the **Subject Area** from the right dropdown menu, for example: **Business and Economics**

**Step 3**

Select the **Discipline Name** from the left dropdown menu, for example: **Human Resources**

**Step 1**

Search below for articulation agreements  
Major, department, and campus specific general education agreements

Academic Year: 2021-2022

Institution: San Jose City College

Agreements with Other Institutions: To: California Polytechnic University, Pomona

[View Agreements](#)

**Step 2**

2021-2022  
To: California Polytechnic University, Pomona  
From: San Jose City College

View Agreement by: Major (selected)

human resources

Business Administration, B.S. - Management and Human Resources Option

**Step 3**

Agreement by Major  
**Business Administration, B.S. - Management and Human Resources Option**

To: California Polytechnic University, Pomona | From: San Jose City College  
ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

[View Agreement \(PDF\)](#) [Download Agreement](#)

1. Go to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)
2. Select the current academic year in the drop down menu
3. Select the community college you are currently attending and will transfer from
4. Select the university you are exploring
5. Click the blue button that reads 'View Agreements'
6. Select the name of the Major under the list of majors
7. Or type in the name of the Major in the search field as a shortcut to find your Major
8. Click on the blue button that reads 'View Agreement'
9. The Articulation Agreement by Major will then appear as a PDF that you can save or print this document for review.



# Remove the Tunnel Vision of Transfer Options

Water Resource Management

Urban Studies

Game Design

Legal Studies

Applied Fire Science & Management

Apparel Design

Law Enforcement & Corrections

Public Health

Public Policy

Industrial Design

Software Engineering

Design Studies

Supply Chain Logistics

Digital Journalism

Hospitality Management

Health Administration

Aviation

Animal Science

Data Analytics

Speech Pathology

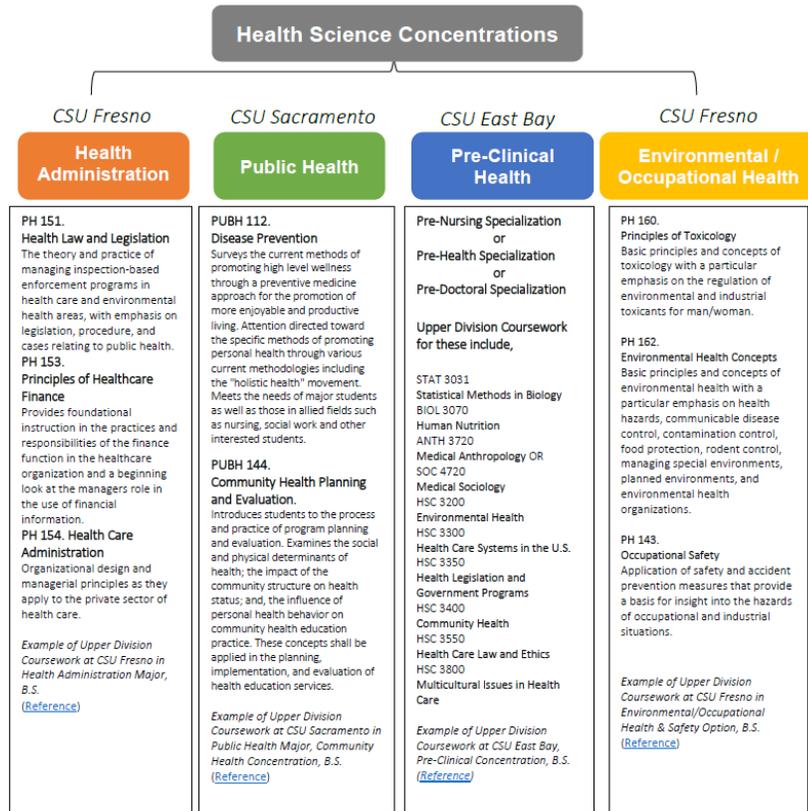
Social Welfare

Recreational Therapy

High School Subjects

Associate Degree Titles

# BA types & Major Concentrations



## Bachelor of Arts (BA)

For example,

- BA in Psychology
- BA in Sociology
- BA in English
- BA in Communications
- BA in Spanish

## Bachelor of Science (BS)

For example,

- BS in Nursing
- BS in Civil Engineering
- BS in Cellular Biology
- BS in Cognitive Psychology
- BS in Computer Science

## Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

For example,

- BFA in Animation
- BFA in Creative Writing
- BFA in Photography
- BFA in Dance
- BFA in Cinema

# Three Types of Majors

Career Specific Majors	Career Field Majors	Foundation Major
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Nursing</li><li>▪ Accounting</li><li>▪ Finance</li><li>▪ Engineering</li><li>▪ Graphic Design</li><li>▪ Social Work</li><li>▪ Construction Management</li><li>▪ Industrial Design</li><li>▪ Computer Science</li><li>▪ Dental Hygiene</li><li>▪ Screenwriting</li><li>▪ Game Design</li><li>▪ Data Science</li><li>▪ Agricultural Sciences</li><li>▪ Viticulture (Wine Making)</li><li>▪ Architecture</li><li>▪ Landscape Architecture</li><li>▪ Aviation</li><li>▪ Horticulture</li><li>▪ Radiology Technology</li><li>▪ Animation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Business</li><li>▪ Communications</li><li>▪ Journalism</li><li>▪ Genetics</li><li>▪ Health Science</li><li>▪ Urban Studies</li><li>▪ Legal Studies</li><li>▪ Health Science</li><li>▪ Kinesiology</li><li>▪ Administration of Justice</li><li>▪ Hospitality &amp; Tourism</li><li>▪ Nutrition</li><li>▪ Pharmacology</li><li>▪ Animal Science</li><li>▪ Fashion Design</li><li>▪ Teacher Credential Programs</li><li>▪ Theater Arts</li><li>▪ Creative Writing</li><li>▪ Public Health</li><li>▪ Marine Biology</li><li>▪ Public Administration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Sociology</li><li>▪ Psychology</li><li>▪ Anthropology</li><li>▪ Biological Sciences</li><li>▪ Literature</li><li>▪ History</li><li>▪ Spanish</li><li>▪ Ethnic Studies</li><li>▪ Linguistics</li><li>▪ Political Science</li><li>▪ Liberal Studies</li><li>▪ Economics</li><li>▪ Environmental Science</li><li>▪ Mathematics</li><li>▪ International Relations</li><li>▪ Philosophy</li><li>▪ Geology</li><li>▪ Classics</li><li>▪ Religious Studies</li><li>▪ Critical Studies</li><li>▪ American Studies</li><li>▪ Humanities</li></ul>

# Pro's & Con's of Major Types

## Career Specific Majors

- Nursing
- Accounting
- Finance
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Social Work
- Construction Management
- Industrial Design
- Computer Science
- Dental Hygiene
- Screenwriting
- Game Design
- Data Science
- Agricultural Sciences
- Viticulture (Wine Making)
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Aviation
- Horticulture
- Radiology Technology
- Animation

### Upside

- Prepares you for a specific Career
- High Paying
- Training is often built into the Major
- Often does not require Masters degree for career mobility

### Downside

- Can take longer to graduate
- Less ability to explore, very structured programs
- More pre-reqs required

# Pro's & Con's of Major Types

## Career Specific Majors

Entry Salary	Job Title	Career Specific Major
\$87,000	Registered Nurse	Nursing
\$99,000	CPA Accountant	Accounting
\$80,000	Investment Adviser	Finance
\$86-100,000	Biomedical Engineer	Engineering
\$56-65,000	Graphic Designer	Graphic Design
\$50-70,000	Social Worker I	Social Work
\$93,000	Construction Manager	Construction Management
\$84,000	Industrial Designer	Industrial Design
\$122,000	Software Developer	Computer Science
\$95,000	Dental Hygienist	Dental Hygiene
\$67,000	Screenwriter* Based on US Labor Statistics ( <a href="#">Reference</a> )	Screenwriting
\$104,000	Video Game Designer	Game Design
\$119,000	Data Scientist	Data Science
\$105,000	Agribusiness Manager	Agricultural Sciences
\$61,000	Assistant Winemaker* Based on Comparably ( <a href="#">Reference</a> )	Viticulture (Wine Making)
\$98,000	Junior Architect	Architecture
\$87,000	Landscape Architect	Landscape Architecture
\$121,000	Aircraft Pilot	Aviation
\$68,000	Horticulture Manager	Horticulture
\$71,000	Radiology Technologist	Radiology Technology
\$61,000	3D Animator	Animation

# Pro's & Con's of Major Types

## Career Field Majors

- Business
- Communications
- Journalism
- Genetics
- Health Science
- Urban Studies
- Legal Studies
- Health Science
- Kinesiology
- Administration of Justice
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Nutrition
- Pharmacology
- Animal Science
- Fashion Design
- Teacher Credential Programs
- Theater Arts
- Creative Writing
- Public Health
- Marine Biology
- Public Administration

### Upside

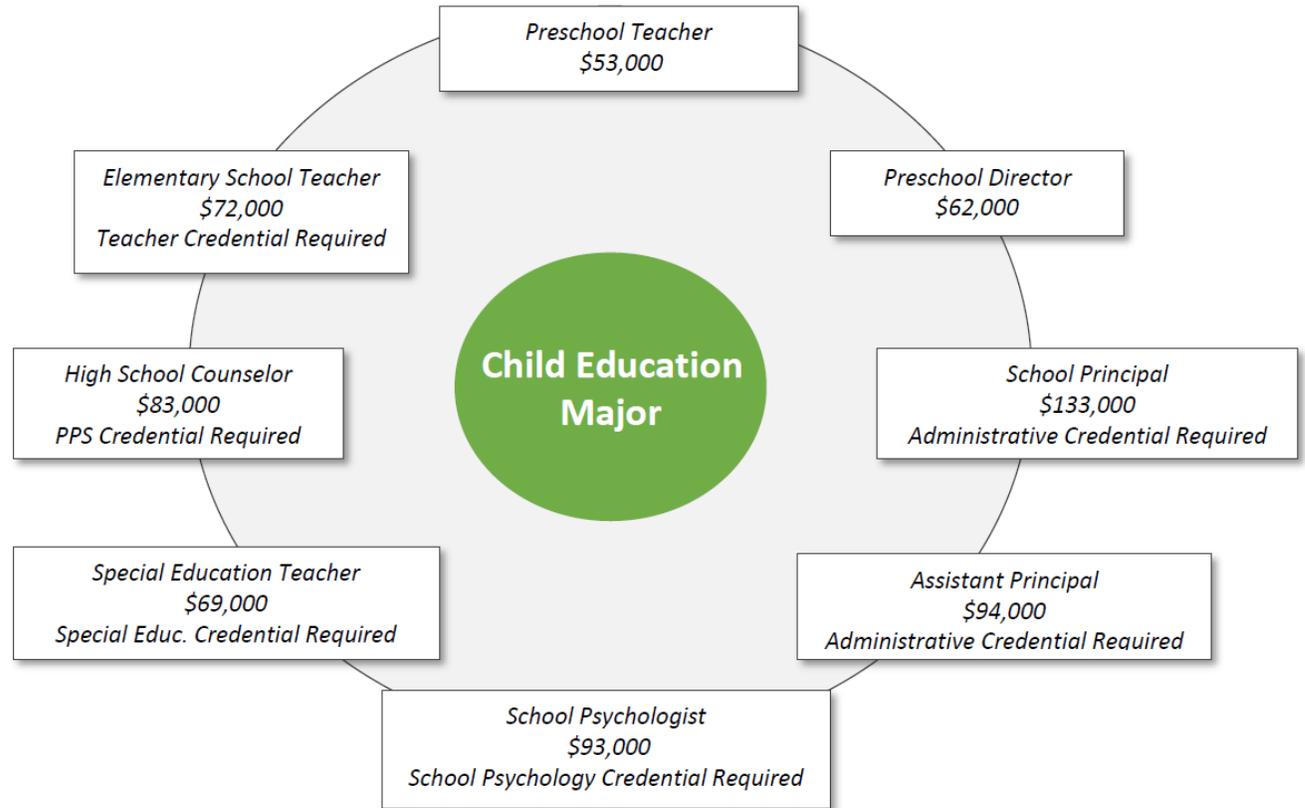
- Prepares you for a Field with related Careers
- Allows you to pivot within the field
- Will often graduate faster
- Allows for some exploration as part of your study

### Downside

- Hands on experience often NOT built into the program
- Getting hired, often requires experience the field
- May require a Masters degree for career mobility

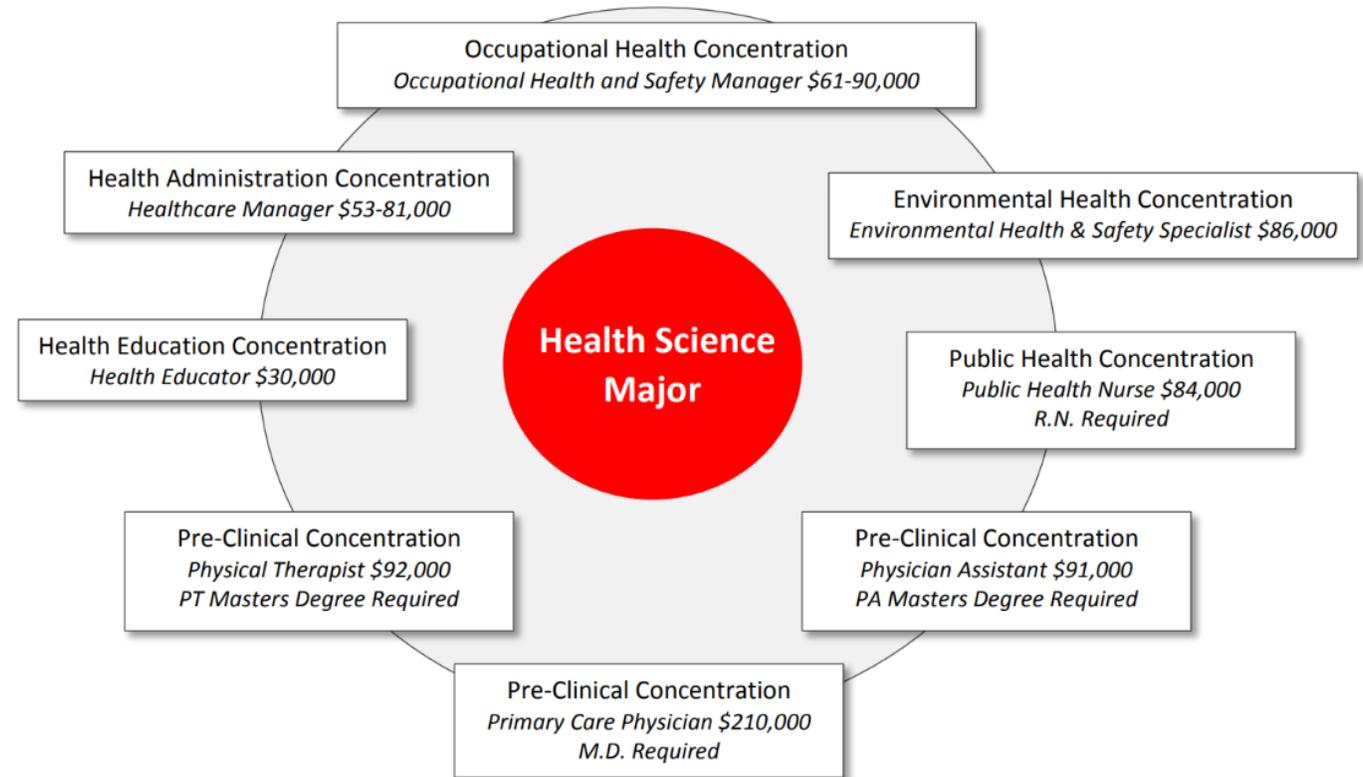
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## Career Field Majors



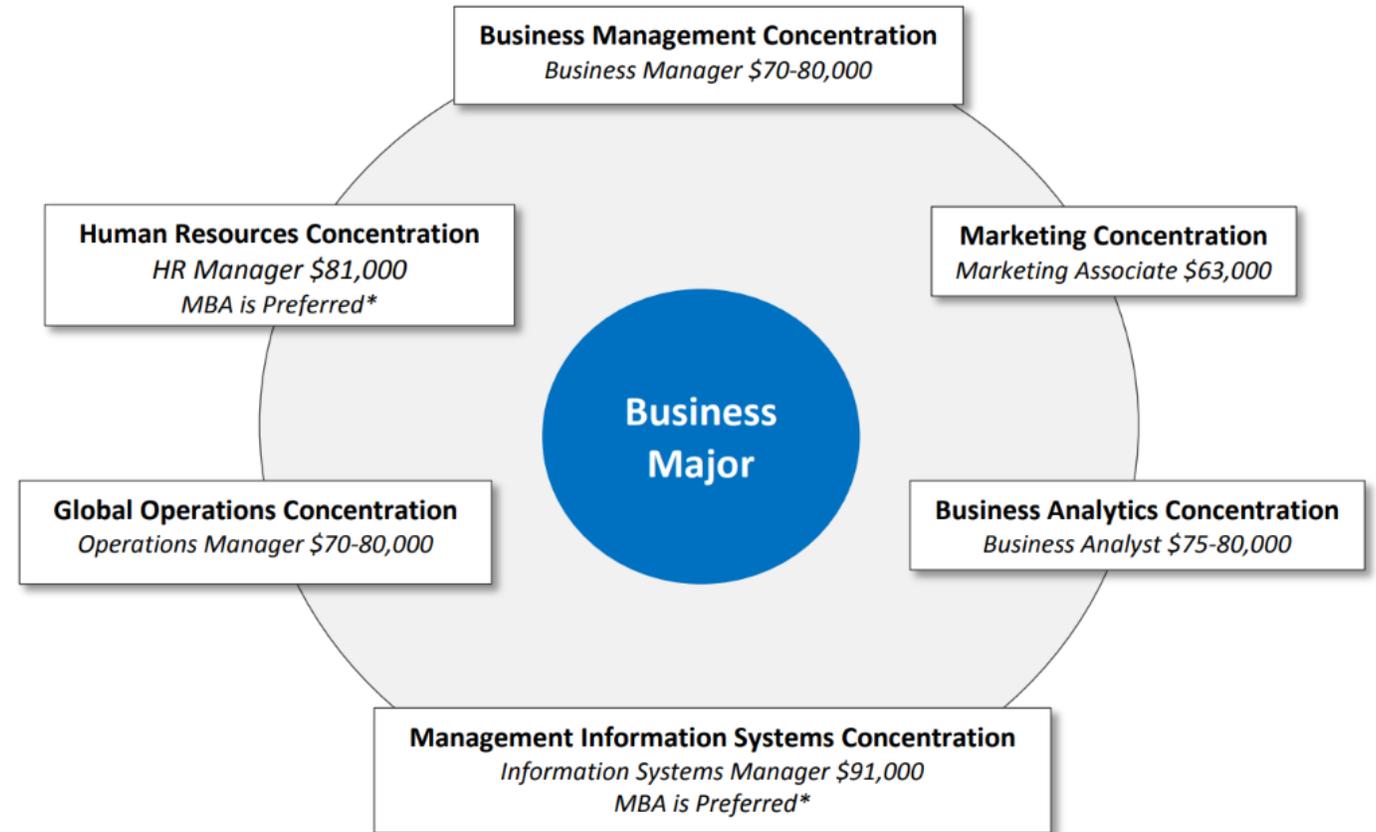
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## Career Field Majors



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## Career Field Majors



# Pro's & Con's of Major Types

## Foundation Major

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Anthropology
- Biological Sciences
- Literature
- History
- Spanish
- Ethnic Studies
- Linguistics
- Political Science
- Liberal Studies
- Economics
- Environmental Science
- Mathematics
- International Relations
- Philosophy
- Geology
- Classics
- Religious Studies
- Critical Studies
- American Studies
- Humanities

### Upside

- Prepares students in theoretical foundation of study
- Allows for well-rounded exploration
- Will often include research experience
- Will often graduate faster

### Downside

- Will often require a Masters Doctorate degree for career entry
- Less options for employment after graduation
- Will often not include work experience

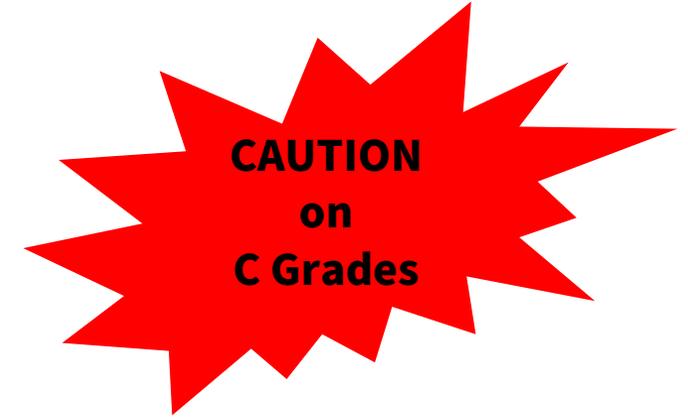
# Pro's & Con's of Major Types

Foundation  
Major



You gotta have a **GAME PLAN.**

# Understanding GPA for Transfer



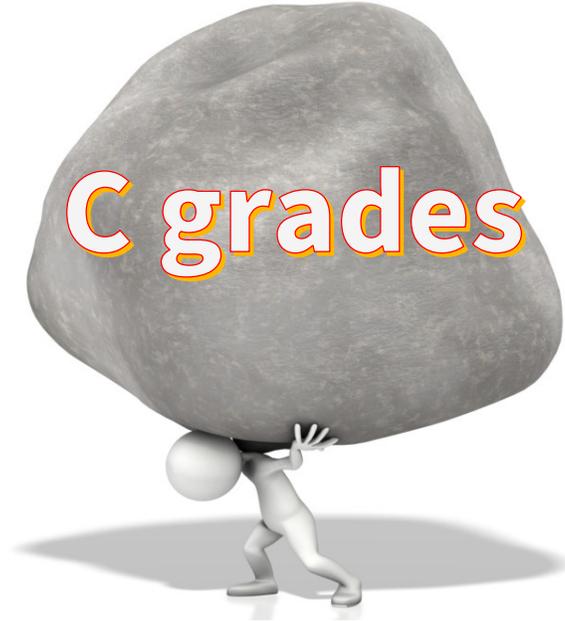
Careful of C grades in your Major Prep courses, especially STEM majors & applicants to the UC.

Major Prep for Civil Engineering – 2021-2022		IGETC GE Pattern, 2021-2022 <i>San Jose City College</i>	
Grade	Course / Units	Grade	Course / Units
A	MATH 71 – Calculus I (5 units)	B	ENGL 1A – English Composition (3 units)
B	MATH 72 – Calculus II (5 units)	B	ENGL 1C – Critical Thinking/Composition (3 units)
A	MATH 73 – Calculus III (5 units)	B	COMS 20 – Oral Communication (3 units)
A	MATH 79 – Linear Algebra (3 units)	A	MATH 25 – Precalculus/Trig (5 units)
A	MATH 78 - Differential Equations (4 units)	C	BIOL 21 – General Biology (4 units)
B	PHYS 4A – Calculus Based Physics I (5 units)	--	CHEM 1A – Calculus Based Physics I (5 units) <i>Major Prep – Can not double count for GPA or Units</i>
B	PHYS 4B - Calculus Based Physics II (5 units)	C	HIST 1 – Survey of US History (3 units)
B	PHYS 4C - Calculus Based Physics III (5 units)	B	POLSC 1 – Politics & Gov in America (3 units)
A	CHEM 1A – General Chemistry I (5 units)	B	ETH 37A – Mexican American History I (3 units)
B	CHEM 1B – General Chemistry II (5 units)	C	ART 90 – Art Appreciation (3 units)
		C	MUSIC 95 – Music Appreciation: Jazz (3 units)
		B	ETH 37A – Mexican American History II (3 units)
		B	SPAN 1A – Spanish 1A (5 units)

3.47 Major Prep GPA

2.80 GPA GE Coursework

**Cumulative GPA 3.16**



# Selective or Screening Majors at the UC

## 2.8 GPA

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### Screening Majors

- Agroecology
- Applied Mathematics
- Applied Physics
- Art and Design: Games and Playable Media
- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biology, BA
- Biology, BS
- Biomolecular Engineering and Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Business Management Economics
- Chemistry, BA
- Chemistry, BS
- Cognitive Science
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science, B.A.
- Computer Science, B.S.
- Computer Science: Computer Game Design
- Ecology and Evolution
- Economics
- Economics/Mathematics Combined Major
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental Studies/Biology Combined Major
- Environmental Studies/Earth Sciences Combined Major
- Environmental Studies/Economics Combined Major
- Global Economics
- Human Biology
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics, BA
- Mathematics, BS
- Mathematics Education
- Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology
- Network and Digital Technology
- Neuroscience
- Physics
- Physics (Astrophysics)
- Plant Sciences
- Psychology
- Robotics Engineering
- Science Education
- Sociology
- Technology and Information Management

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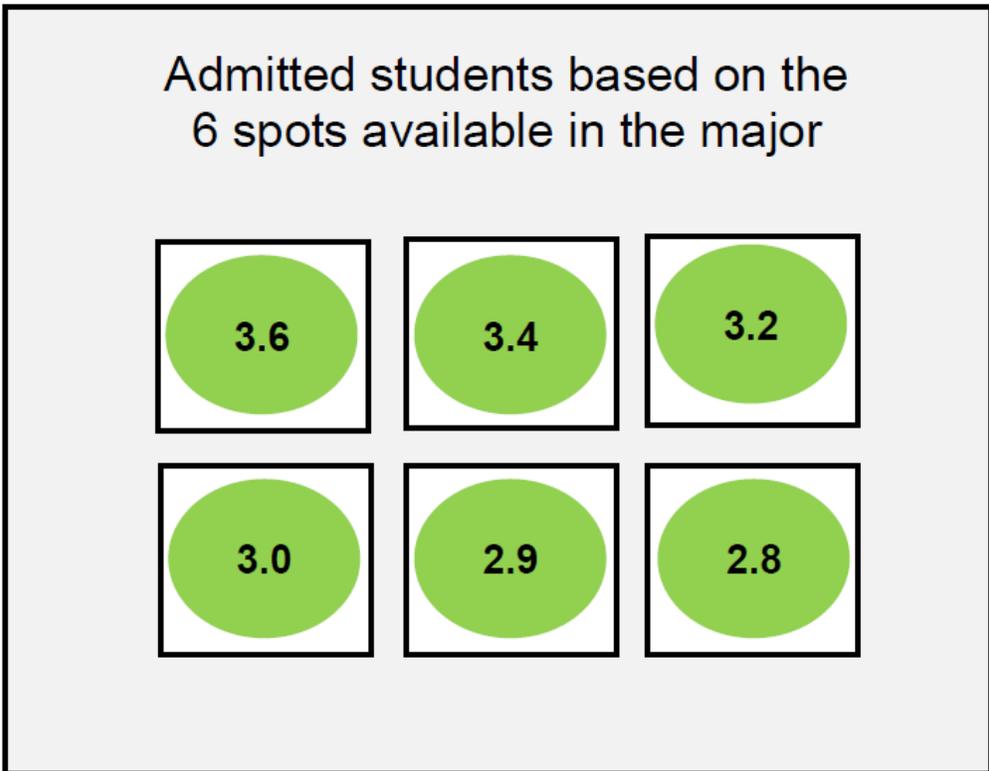
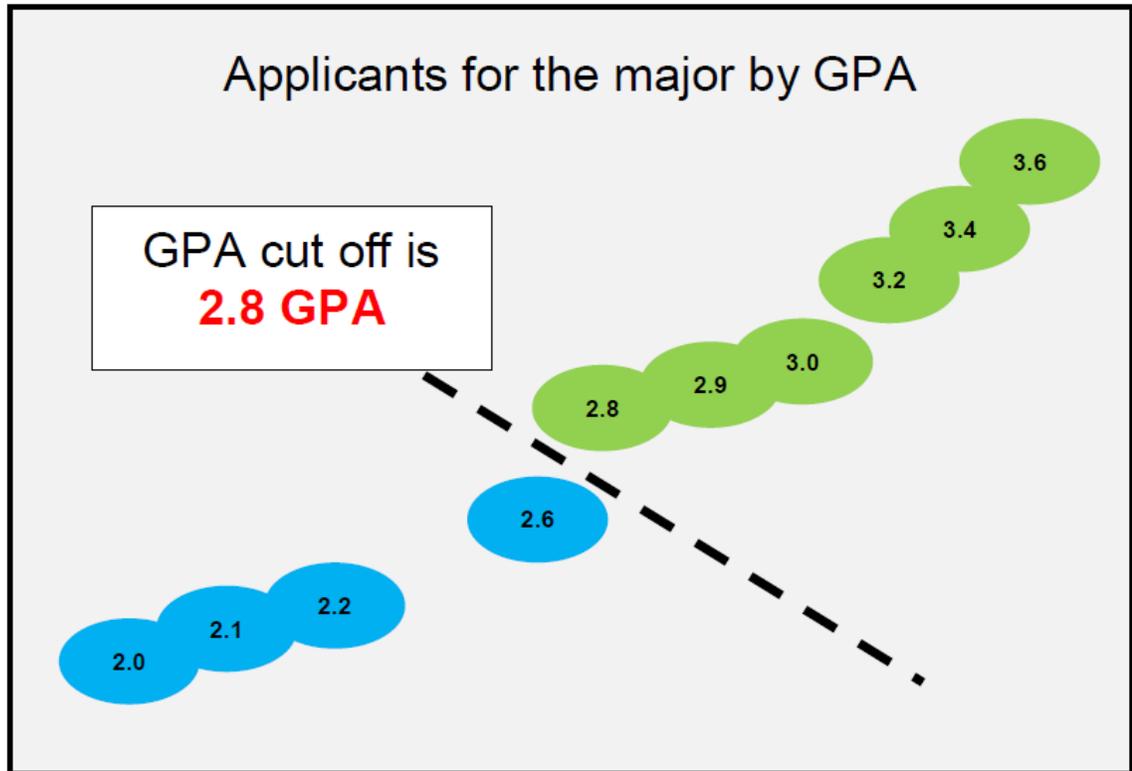
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### Non-Screening Majors

- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics and Multilingualism
- Art
- Classical Studies
- Community Studies
- Critical Race and Ethnic Studies
- Earth Sciences
- Earth Sciences/Anthropology
- Education, Democracy, and Justice
- Feminist Studies
- Film & Digital Media
- History
- History of Art and Visual Culture
- Jewish Studies
- Language Studies
- Latin American and Latino Studies
- Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics
- Latin American and Latino Studies/Sociology
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Music, BA
- Music, BM
- Philosophy
- Politics
- Spanish Studies
- Theater Arts

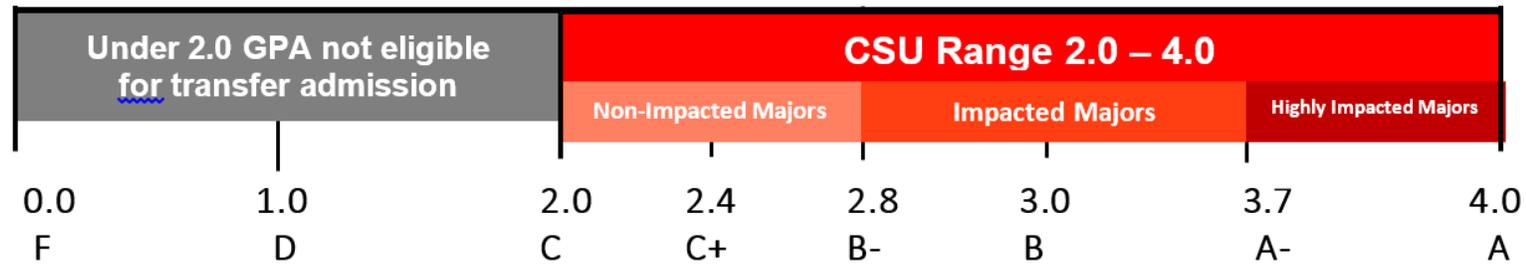
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# Campus & Major Impaction

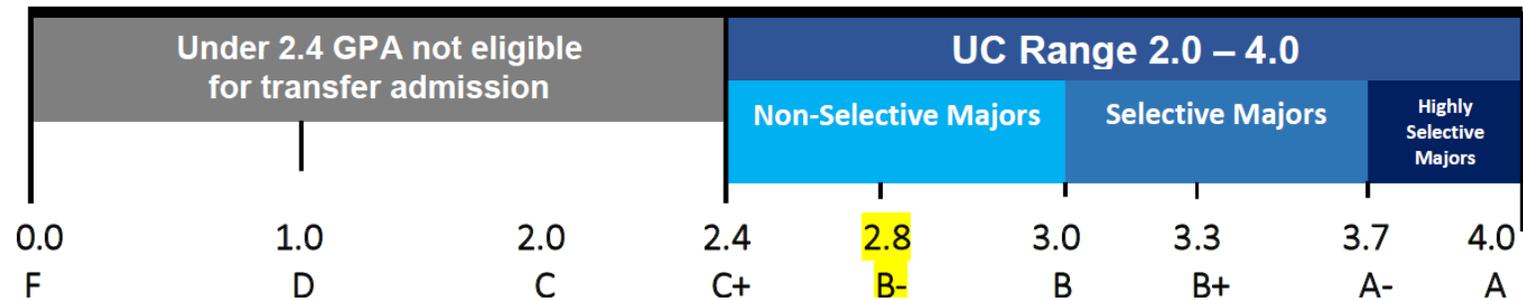


# Understanding CSU vs. UC GPA Ranges

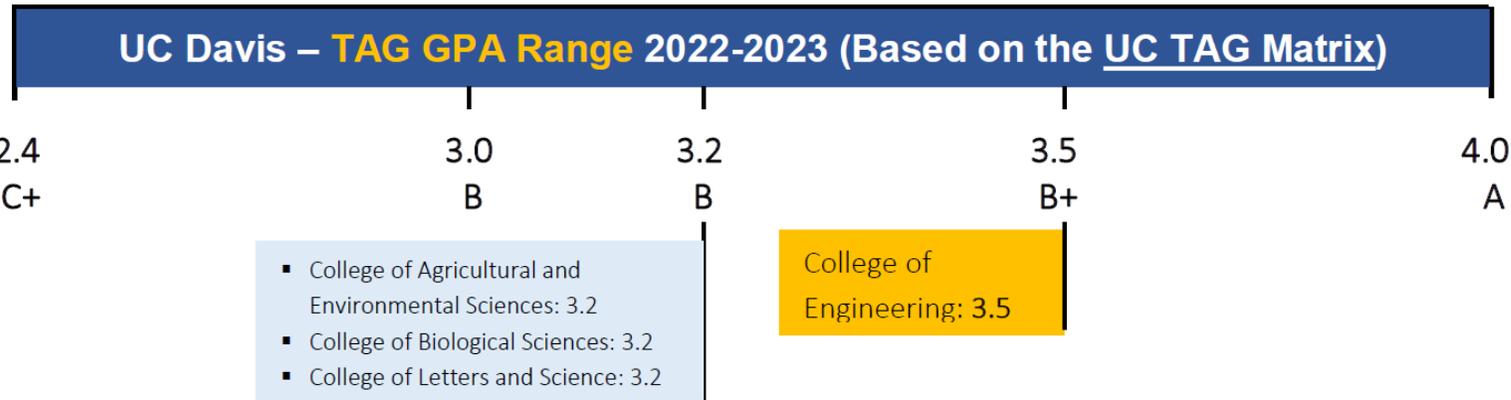
## GPA Ranges at the CSU



## GPA Ranges at the UC



# UC TAG and GPA



## Why UC TAP Matters

### UC DAVIS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

(Based on the [UC Data Center for Transfer Admission](#))

Program	Enrollment	Units	3.58 - 3.87	3.58 - 3.76	13%	22%
Aerospace science and engineering	171	23	3.58 - 3.87	3.58 - 3.76	13%	22%
Biomedical engineering	132	22	3.68 - 4.00	3.63 - 3.95	17%	27%
Chemical engineering	112	20	3.61 - 3.92	3.62 - 3.76	18%	30%
Civil engineering	245	62	3.59 - 3.94	3.45 - 3.82	25%	29%
Computer engineering	172	16	3.72 - 3.94	3.67 - 3.98	9%	56%
Computer science & engineering	572	19	3.70 - 3.99	masked	3%	21%
Engineering	232	76	3.58 - 3.91	3.58 - 3.80	33%	28%
Environmental engineering	32	6	3.69 - 3.94	masked	19%	67%
Mechanical engineering	425	83	3.60 - 3.89	3.43 - 3.76	20%	29%

### Summary - based on Self Reported-Certified (ASSIST/UC) data

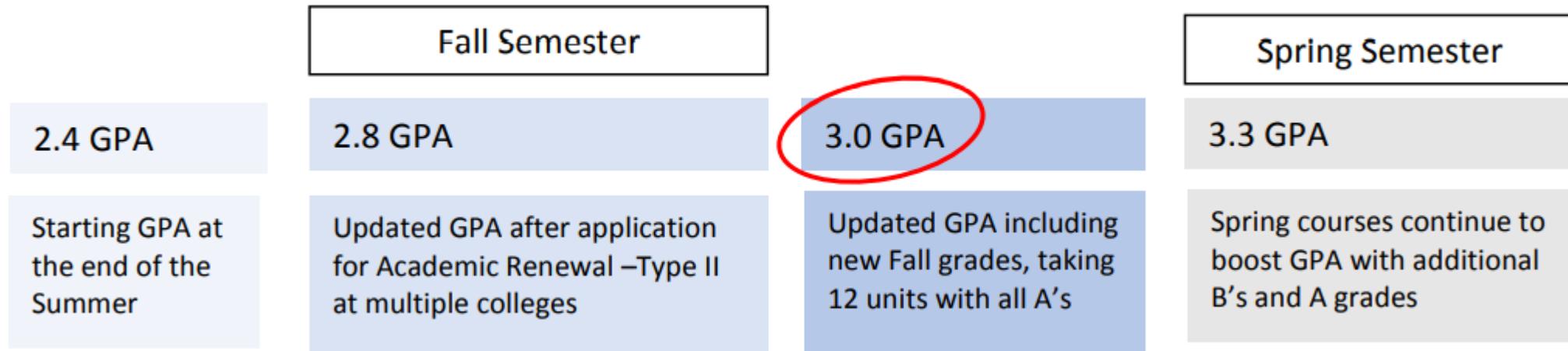
GPA & Units:	Units (Sem/Qtr)			
	Complete:	IP/PL:	Total:	
ASSIST Certified Courses:	3.48 (183.0/52.5)	35.00/52.50	21.00/31.50	56.00/84.00
Total Courses:	3.48 (183.0/52.5)	35.00/52.50	21.00/31.50	56.00/84.00
Total Exams:		0.00/0.00		0.00/0.00
<b>Overall Total:</b>	<b>3.48</b>	<b>35.00/52.50</b>		<b>56.00/84.00</b>

# GPA & Transferable Credit

Fall Semester		1	2	3
ESL 92 - Advanced ESL Course	A grade	3 units	--	--
CIS 44 - Web Development	B grade	3 units	3 units	--
SOC 10 - Intro to Sociology	C grade	3 units	3 units	3 units
MATH 63 - Intro to Statistics	B grade	3 units	3 units	3 units
MATH 120 - Tutoring for Statistics	A grade	3 units	--	--
		15 units	9 units	6 units
		CA Com. College	CSU Transferable	UC Transferable
		3.0 GPA	2.67 GPA	2.50 GPA

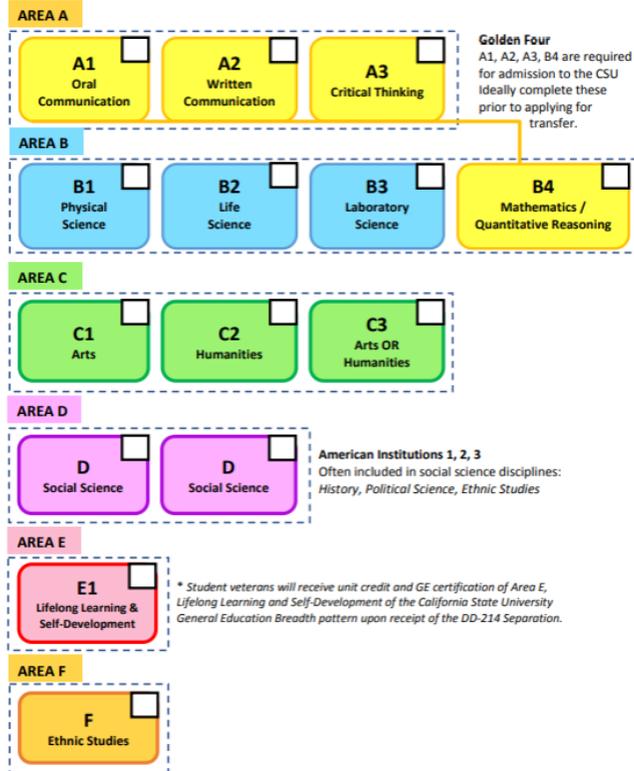


# When is GPA evaluated for Transfer Admission

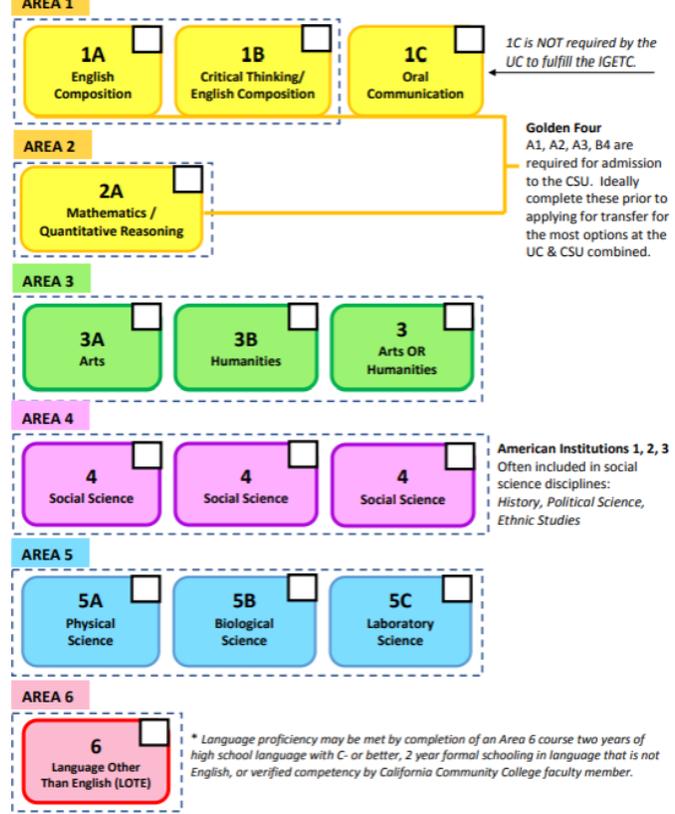


# GE Patterns for Transfer

## CSU GE Requirement – For CSU Only



## IGETC GE Requirement – For UC & CSU



### How GE Certification Works

Let's take a moment to understand what GE Certification is. Both the CSU GE Pattern and the IGETC are evaluated and certified at your local CA community college. That college will review your application and ensure that the student has fulfilled each standard as defined by the CSU or the UC. At our college, San Jose City College, this is completed within our Admissions and Records (A&R) office and by our evaluation specialists. Every CA community college may structure this process somewhat different, always speak with your counselor and refer to you catalog for specific information.

Usually, there is some kind of form that you will need to complete to apply for GE certification. At some campuses this may also be completed online or via your student portal. In either case, you are essentially providing for following:

- 1.) Your student information
- 2.) Selecting which GE certification you are applying for (CSU GE, IGETC)
- 3.) Identifying which university or college you would like this certification to be sent to

As part of this certification, it's critical that students have enclosed official transcripts, exam scores, or HS records, or any other documentation requested to confirm fulfillment of the GE pattern.

### Here are some tips to complete your GE Certification successfully,

1. Submit your request *after* you have decided which college you are transferring to and have submitted your Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) or confirmed this decision with your transfer college.
2. In many cases you can submit your request prior to completing your semester. It will be finalized once grades have posted for your final semester.
3. Check your email or portal for your transfer university for directions on where to send the GE certification to, campuses will vary on this.
4. Be sure to include updated official records with your GE certification request, such as official transcripts from other colleges or exam scores.
5. If you're not sure which GE certification to request, check with your counselor to ensure you are requesting the one that is appropriate to your transfer plan.

**San Jose City College - General Education Certification Request**

**PLEASE COMPLETE ALL APPLICABLE SECTIONS. THIS FORM IS:**

1. It is recommended that you read all instructions for all applicable areas before submitting this request.  
2. The only form that will be accepted for review. The information on this form will be used to determine if you are eligible for certification.  
3. If you have any "pending" status that are required for this certification, this request will be processed after your pending status has been resolved.  
4. This form is only to be used for the purpose of applying for certification. It is not to be used for any other purpose.  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check Only One GE Pattern: \_\_\_\_\_ University Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
CSU GE Breadth \_\_\_\_\_  
IGETC \_\_\_\_\_  
IGETC by UC\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* SELECT ONE UC - LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH PROFICIENCY - CHECK ONLY ONE BOX:  
 Completed one year of formal schooling at the high school level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction was English with a grade of "C" or better. Student must present appropriate documentation of graduation at the secondary school or year of your formal language course or high school transcript (you may receive this request to apply for credit by replacement).  
 Completed one year of formal schooling at the high school level or higher in an institution where the language of instruction was English with a grade of "C" or better. Student must present appropriate documentation of graduation at the secondary school or year of your formal language course or high school transcript (you may receive this request to apply for credit by replacement).  
 This competency verified by a faculty member associated with a California Community College. The student's completion of language course must be equivalent to two years of high school study. Additional certification will be required for approval of this request over the summer.

I am requesting a General Education Certification be sent to my university. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure that all information provided is accurate and that I am responsible for any official documents and the cost thereof. Missing documents and/or information may result in a pending certification or denied request. Requests that are deemed ineligible will also be denied.

Student Signature (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature (Signature): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this form to: [GECert@sjcc.edu](mailto:GECert@sjcc.edu)

**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
 Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation By: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Certification: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Partial Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Example from [SJCC GE Certification Request Form](#) for the 2021-2022 academic year.

# How to utilize your Transfer Center

## 1. Application Workshops

Transfer Centers provide several kinds of workshops to aid students with the transfer admissions applications. Sometimes these are presented by UC or CSU representatives, by Counselors, or other staff. They will likely be offered a few weeks before the deadlines for each. Be sure you stop by your Transfer Center to pick up a calendar or events or look on their website for one to download. Here's some titles of common workshop names to look out for that support the application process.

- CSU Application Workshop
- CSU EOP&S Application Workshop
- UC TAP to TAG Workshop
- UC Application Workshop
- UC Insight Questions Workshop
- Common Application Workshop



## 2. UC TAU and the CSU Supplemental Application Workshops & Support

In January, the UC's and CSU's ask students to submit their grades from the Fall and their coursework pending during the Spring. This is very important for evaluating your admissions application and something you want to be sure is completed correctly and on time. Here's the issue, they are due in January when—for many campuses—following the winter break when most campus operations are either closed or partially open. Check with your Transfer Center to ensure you know the best way to access their support—that can be limited hours, use of drop in or appointments, or workshops to sign up for. The UC's TAU and the CSU's Supplemental Applications do not necessarily take long to complete, but they're each different, they can read confusing, and you want to be sure your entry is correct. Also, if there's a course you did not pass or received a low grade in the Fall, you want to be sure to work with your Transfer Center for any added guidance to avoid that hurting your application.

## 3. Scholarships and Financial Aid Workshops

Throughout the year, but especially in Winter and Spring, there are incredible scholarships for transfer that you can apply for. Often the organizations promoting these scholarships will send the information to your Transfer Center or might even participate in presentations or workshops about these awards. Often too, the Financial Aid centers will offer workshops on submitting your FAFSA or CADA applications to qualify for financial aid. Be sure to stay connected to your Transfer Center throughout the year and not only in the Fall, so as not to miss out on these opportunities.

## 4. University Visits, Tours, and Conferences

Often Transfer Centers assist in coordinating visits to local Universities and partner campuses for the day or even overnight. These will often include an admissions tour and a chance to preview your options in person and get a sense of what it would be like to be a student there. Sometimes campuses might hold a special program like a Transfer Conference and invite students for a special events program to their campus. These are truly golden opportunities to learn and gain exposure to the campus, to your major and other opportunities available at each campus. These are highly impactful for students and I can't recommend them enough. At San Jose City College, we've offered our students a 4-day visit to 7 Universities in Southern California each year during Spring Break. And each year, I see each of the 50 students that participate return completely transformed and incredibly motivated to earn high grades, to finish their coursework strong, and to get to that University experience they've had a taste of.



## 5. Make time for your Transfer Fair

Each Transfer Center will host a transfer fair for their students in which nearly all UC, CSU, and many private college and out-of-state campus admission representatives attend. They usually last 3-4 hours and can include anywhere from 20-50 campus representatives. Do yourself a favor and make time to attend these fairs for at least 1 hour. Take time to both engage the campuses you know you'd like to attend, but also to learn about the ones that you're not aware of. Included in this guide, in the Appendix section, is a list of questions you can ask transfer admissions representatives to get you started. One of the greatest benefits of attending your campus Transfer Fair is meeting the incredible admission representatives from the UC, the CSU, private colleges, and out-of-state campuses. The reps provide transfer students with an incredible service, they're available to assist throughout your process, they are the expert on admission to their campus, and will often help transfer students after admission and in their next steps process to beginning attendance at their campus.



SJCC Transfer Alumni, McArthur Hoang at the SJCC transfer fair. He went on to transfer to UC Berkeley and graduate with distinction.



# Submit a Correct Application

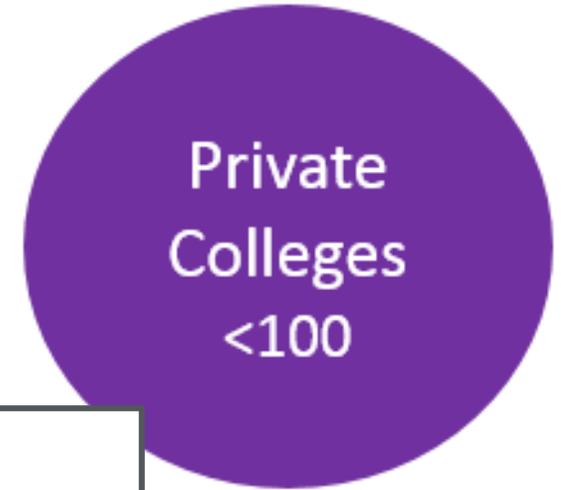
The **Transfer Center** is your **HOME BASE** throughout your application process. 

Your Transfer Center is your hub throughout the transfer process, but most especially when you begin your actual application process. This is your Home Base. This is where you can connect with your local UC, CSU, and Private college admissions representatives—and *you should* connect with them. This is where you can learn about scholarships for transfer students. But most importantly, this is where you can begin your application materials and also have them be reviewed to ensure there are no errors or to trouble shoot any issues. Each application—the UC, CSU, or the Common application—are all intensive and based on self-reported data. That means they ask students to enter their entire coursework and grades in order to make their admissions determinations. **Now, is it easy to make errors when reading through and entering one's entire transcript? YES. A BIG BIG YES.**

Why does this matter? **Making an error in your application can lead to automatic disqualification.**

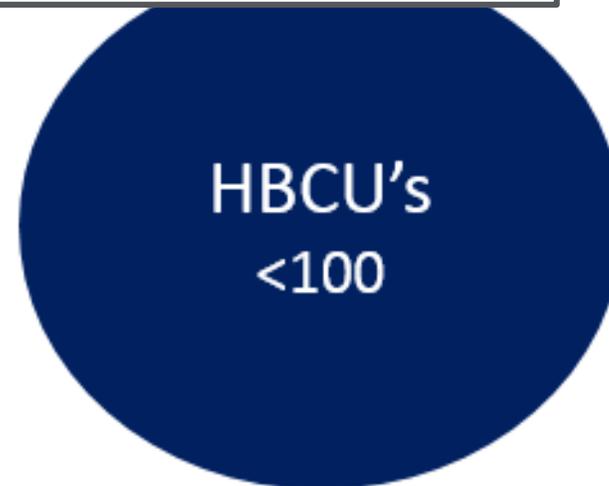
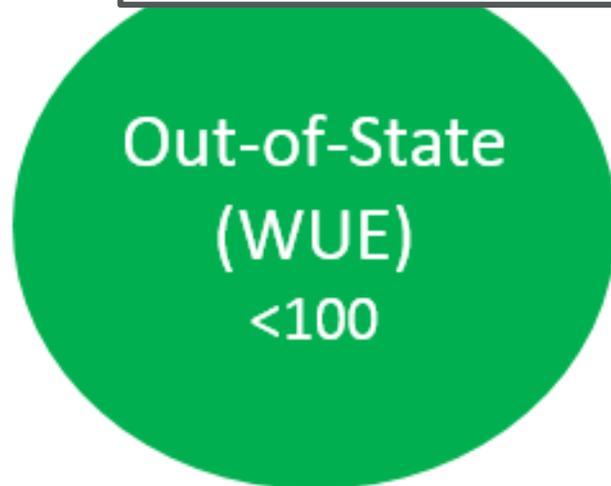
				Incorrect Entry	Correct Entry
1 <sup>st</sup> attempt	SPANISH 1A	5 units	Grade	F	AR
2 <sup>nd</sup> attempt	SPANISH 1A	5 units	Grade	B	B
				1.5 GPA	3.0 GPA

# Part II



Part II - Different System, Different Strategy

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Outside of California



# CSU Admissions

## CSU Admissions Eligibility

First, let's talk about what you need to transfer to a CSU campus. For all of the 23 CSU campuses, there is an overall admission eligibility that all Upper-Division Transfer (UDT) students need to meet in order to qualify for admission, that is:

1. To complete a minimum of **60 semester or 90 quarter units of transferable coursework**
2. To have an **overall college GPA of at least 2.00**. (*Your GPA is calculated using all your transfer units attempted. In high-demand majors and campuses a GPA of 2.00 may not be sufficient to be admitted.*)
3. To be in **good standing** at the last college or university attended. (*In simple terms, "good standing" means you are eligible to re-enroll at your last college or university.*)
4. To have completed **10 general education courses** (30 semester units or 45 quarter units) of basic skills courses, **with a grade of C- or better**, and, specifically, four courses completed in the following areas also known as the **'Golden Four'**:

General Education-Breadth	Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum* (IGETC)
Area A - English Language Communication and Critical Thinking	Area 1 - English Communication
A1 - Oral Communication	1A - Written Communications
A2 - Written Communications	1B - Critical Thinking
A3 - Critical Thinking	1C - Oral Communications
Area B - Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning	Area 2 - Mathematical Concept and Quantitative Reasoning
B4 - Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	



## Chapter 6. California State University (CSU)

First, what is the CSU?

CSU stands for the *California State University* system of higher education. The CSU is one of the three branches of higher education in California with a focus to "help meet California's workforce demands for skilled professional". There are 23 CSU campuses and seven off-campus centers. The CSU is the **largest four-year public university system** in the United States. It produces **nearly half** of California's bachelor degree graduates, with nearly one-third of CSU students that are the first in their families to attend college. The CSU's overall educate the **most ethnically, economically and academically diverse student body** in the nation. It's an impressive system that is deeply connected to values of equity that mirror our CA community college system and makes it a wonderful fit for our students ([reference](#)).

The following is a list of CSU campuses with the corresponding map.



1. California State University, Bakersfield
2. California State University Channel Islands
3. California State University, Chico
4. California State University, Dominguez Hills
5. California State University, East Bay
6. California State University, Fresno
7. California State University, Fullerton
8. California Polytechnic State University, Humboldt
9. California State University, Long Beach
10. California State University, Los Angeles
11. California State University Maritime Academy
12. California State University, Monterey Bay
13. California State University, Northridge
14. California State Polytechnic University, Pssomona
15. California State University, Sacramento
16. California State University, San Bernardino
17. San Diego State University
18. San Francisco State University
19. San José State University
20. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
21. California State University San Marcos
22. Sonoma State University
23. California State University, Stanislaus

# CSU Admissions

## Where can you find out which campuses and majors are impacted?

**Cal State Apply** is the admissions site for the CSU system. Here you will find a wide range of tools for transfer, including the application, deadlines, and also information on impactation. Each year, the campus and major impactation designations may change, and can be found at the [Cal State Apply Impactation site](#). There is an online tool for searching individual campuses and majors for impactation, as seen here.

CSU Campus	Applicant Level
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> <span style="font-size: 0.8em;">Choose a</span> <span style="margin-left: 10px;">▼</span> </div>	<input type="radio"/> First-time freshmen <input checked="" type="radio"/> Upper-division transfers
No campus impactation at the upper-division transfer level. Open to all CSU-eligible applicants.	

There is also, an annual report called the [CSU Undergraduate Impacted Programs Matrix](#) that will list the overall impacted majors by college for each year, as seen here:

2022-2023 CSU Undergraduate Impacted Programs Matrix															
	Bakersfield	Channel Islands	Chico	Dominguez Hills	East Bay	Fresno*	Fullerton*	Humboldt	Long Beach*	Los Angeles	Maritime Acadmz. NJ	Monterey Bay	Northridge	Pomona	Stanislaus
Apparel Design & Merchandising															
Architecture															
Art	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				o	o	o
Biological Sciences**	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i		n	i	i	o	o
Business	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i	o	n	n	n	i	o
Chemistry/Biochemistry	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				o	o	o
Child/Human Development	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				o	o	o
Communication	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				o	o	o
Computer Science	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				o	o	o
Criminology/Criminal Justice	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				i	i	o
Economics	o	o	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				o	o	o
Engineering	o	i	o	o	o	i	i	o	i				o	n	o

**Codes:** \* = All programs are impacted    i = Programs impacted at the campus    n = See notes for the campus on the next page  
 o = Programs offered at the campus but not impacted    □ = A blank cell indicates that the program is not offered at this campus  
 \*\*Biological Sciences should include Biology, Biotechnology, Microbiology, and Medical Technology

## Local vs. Non-Local Applicants

Each CSU reviews transfer student applications as either **Local or Non-Local Applicants**. For example, in the case of San Jose State University transfer student applicants from Santa Clara County and Santa Cruz County are considered local applicants. The CSU system “requires first priority in admission to impacted programs to CSU-eligible local students” ([Reference](#)). This is not an admissions guarantee for local students, but it does provide eligible local students with a substantive advantage. The flipside of course, is for students applying as non-local students, especially into impacted campuses or majors, they are at a disadvantage.

To view a list of the local service areas for each campus—seen below—utilize the [CSU Local Admission and Service Areas](#) list provided by Cal State Apply. Under the ‘upper-division transfer admission’ column you can see how differently each CSU campus will define ‘local’. Non-Impacted campuses are very open, as you can see from below San Francisco State University reads ‘non-impacted: state of California’ meaning open to eligibility transfer students from the State of California. Similarly, San Diego State University which is highly impacted defines local admission as students earning an ADT from specific California Community Colleges within the San Diego region.

CSU LOCAL ADMISSION AND SERVICE AREAS			
CAMPUS	LOCAL ADMISSION AREA		SERVICE AREA
	First-Time Freshman Admission	Upper-Division Transfer Admission	Outreach, Recruitment, EAP
<b>San Diego</b>	Each program is impacted. Students from all high schools in San Diego County south of State Hwy 56 and Imperial County	Each program is impacted. Students transferring from or earning an ADT from Cuyamaca College, Grossmont College, Imperial Valley College, San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College, and Southwestern College. Students transferring from MiraCosta College and Palomar College in majors not offered at CSU San Marcos	South of State Hwy 56 in San Diego County and Imperial County
<b>San Francisco</b>	Not Impacted: State of California	Not Impacted: State of California	San Francisco and San Mateo Counties
<b>San José</b>	Graduates from high schools in Santa Clara County	At the time of application, majority of coursework from community colleges in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties	Santa Clara County
<b>San Luis Obispo</b>	Each program is impacted. Students applying from high schools in San Luis Obispo, southern Monterey, and northern Santa Barbara Counties may be assigned additional points in the multi-valued selection criteria.	Each program is impacted. Students whose home domicile is within San Luis Obispo, southern Monterey, and northern Santa Barbara Counties may be assigned additional points in the multi-valued selection criteria.	San Luis Obispo County and region north of Gaviota in Santa Barbara County

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## Where to get more information ADT's at your CA community college?

In addition to your CA community college's website, catalog, Counselor and Admissions representative, there is a tool provided by the CCC Chancellor's office for students to navigate and compare their options at different community colleges at [icangotocollege.com](http://icangotocollege.com). Under the [Transfer Tool](#), students can search ADT programs and also see which CSU majors may be linked to these degrees.



Select the Transfer Tool



Select Community College



Find your CA community College



Select the ADT desired and then Select the CSU campus of interest.



See the majors listed as possible options for this ADT to then ask your Counselor & Admissions representative about.

Associate of <b>Arts</b> for Transfer (AA-T)	Associate of <b>Science</b> for Transfer (AS-T)
1. Anthropology	1. Administration of Justice
2. Art History	2. Agriculture Animal Sciences
3. Child and Adolescent Development	3. Agriculture Business
4. Communication Studies	4. Agriculture Plant Science
5. Early Childhood Education	5. Biology
6. Economics	6. Business Administration & Business Administration 2.0
7. English	7. Chemistry
8. Film, Television, and Electronic Media	8. Computer Science
9. Geography	9. Elementary Teacher Education
10. Global Studies	10. Environmental Science
11. History	11. Geology
12. Journalism	12. Hospitality Management
13. Law, Public Policy, and Society	13. Kinesiology
14. Music	14. Mathematics
15. Philosophy	15. Nutrition and Dietetics
16. Political Science	16. Physics
17. Psychology	17. Public Health Science
18. Social Justice Studies, African American Studies	
19. Social Justice Studies, Asian American Studies	
20. Social Justice Studies, Chicano Studies	
21. Social Justice Studies, Ethnic Studies	
22. Social Justice Studies, Gender Studies	
23. Social Justice Studies, General	
24. Social Justice Studies, LGBTQ Studies	
25. Social Justice Studies, Native American Studies	
26. Social Justice Studies, African American Studies	
27. Social Justice Studies, Asian American Studies	
28. Social Work and Human Services	
29. Sociology	
30. Spanish	
31. Studio Arts	
32. Theatre Arts	

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## Benefits at the CA community college when preparing to transfer:

- The Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT) ensure 60 transferable units, GE requirements, good standing, minimum GPA of 2.0, and major prep is achieved prior to transfer.
- Participate in CCC graduation, earn an Associates with transfer coursework.

California Community College (CCC)

## Benefits when applying for transfer:

- Added GPA Point when applying for transfer
- Guaranteed admission to 1 CSU campus through redirection.
- Impacted campuses & majors prioritize students applying with an ADT.



## Benefits at the CSU after transferring:

- Enter CSU as a true Junior, no going backwards and taking CSU GE's once you transfer.
- Pathway to graduation is streamlined, programs like San Jose Promise at SJSU, allow for full-time transfer students to have courses guarantee and graduate in 2 years.

California State University (CSU)

Let's take a look at what an AA-T from San Jose City College looks like up close using a degree sheet.

Degree Name, including the type (AA-T or AS-T) and the discipline focus (Communications).

Review grading notes carefully and with your Counselor. Pass grades are acceptable for some majors, but not all.

Required courses must be taken to complete the ADT. Each ADT will differ in how flexible or prescriptive they are to complete.

Lists A, B, C offer options for students, however, work with your counselor and read carefully, they should be planned well, when using GE courses & courses with pre-requisites.

ADT's are used with ASSIST to ensure the best options for courses are completed. Plan carefully with your counselor based on your top CSU campus choices.

CSU GE pattern or the IGETC for the CSU is required to complete this degree.

**Communication Studies AA-T**

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADTs) also require that students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" basis.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (CORE, List A, List B and List C):**

REQUIRED CORE:			UNITS
COMS	020	Oral Communication	3
<b>LIST A – Complete 2 courses*:</b>			
COMS	010	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMS	040	Introduction to Argumentation	3
COMS	045	Small Group Communication	3
<b>LIST B – Complete 2 courses* (one course may be from LIST A, if not already used)</b>			
COMS	018	Introduction to Communication Studies	3
COMS	035	Intercultural Communication	3
JOURN	021	Mass Media and Society	3
<b>LIST C – Complete 1 course* (one course may be from LIST A or B, if not already used)</b>			
ANTH	063	Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGL	001B	English Composition	3
ENGL	001C	Critical Thinking/Composition	3
JOURN	022	News Writing and Reporting for the Media	3
PSYCH	010	General Psychology	3
SOC	010	Introduction to Sociology	2
<b>Total Units for CORE, List A, List B and List C</b>			<b>18</b>
* Consult with a counselor to determine which courses are applicable within the major at the CSU you are planning to transfer to.			
<b>AA-T DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:</b>			
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS			18
CSU GE or IGETC PATTERN			39 or 37
TRANSFERABLE ELECTIVES			9 - 15
<b>TOTAL REQUIRED UNITS</b>			<b>60</b>

60 transferable units are accounted for using an ADT.

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## Three steps to plan for the CSU with an ADT

In some ways, planning for the ADT has been simplified down to three easy steps:

### 1. Complete the Transfer GE Pattern



### 2. Fulfill the ADT Requirements

**Administration of Justice AS-T**

Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) also require that students must earn a "C" or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A "P" (Pass) grade is acceptable grade for courses in the major if the course is taken on a "pass/no pass" basis.

**MAJOR REQUIREMENTS (Core, List A and List B):**

REQUIRED CORE COURSES (6 units):	UNITS
AJ 010 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
AJ 011 Criminal Law	3

**LIST A - Select 2 courses\* (6 units):**

AJ 013 Criminal Procedures	3
AJ 015 Introduction to Criminal Investigation	3
AJ 019 Law Enforcement in Multicultural Communities	3
AJ 111 Juvenile Law and Procedures	3
AJ 112 Introduction to Evidence	3
AJ 115 Introduction to Forensic Science	3
AJ 116 Introduction to Corrections	3

**LIST B - Select 2 courses\* (6 units):**

AJ 014 Contemporary Police Issues	3
MATH 063 Elementary Statistics	3
PSYCH 010 General Psychology	3
SOC 010 Introduction to Sociology	3

**Total Units from CORE, List A and List B** 18

\* Consult with a counselor to determine which courses are applicable within the major at the CSU you are planning to transfer to.

**AS-T DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:**

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	18
CSU GE or IGETC PATTERN	39 or 37
TRANSFERABLE ELECTIVES	2-5
<b>TOTAL UNITS REQUIRED</b>	<b>60</b>



### 3. Meet the Campus & Major GPA based on CSU Impaction

# Explore the CSU's



## San Diego State University

**Admission:** [All undergraduate programs impacted](#). Highly Competitive.

**Environment:** Beach City, Sunny and warm, Exciting, Students Love it Here, Campus is big, lots of student clubs and activity, Always something to do on campus, Big campus with big student population.

**Popular majors:** Business Administration, Kinesiology, Psychology, Biology

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Zoology, Environmental Engineering, Geological Sciences, Hospitality & Tourism, Recreation Management, International Business w/regional emphasis, International Security, Public Administration, Urban Studies, Fully Online Business Degree



## CSU San Marcos

**Admission:** [Some Majors Impacted](#). Competitive.

**Environment:** North of San Diego, suburban area, new facilities, medium size, commuter campus, sunny, calm, friendly, beautiful views, easy to stay focused on one's studies, plenty of clubs and campus activities

**Popular majors:** Social Science, Business Administration, Health, Psychology

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Pre-Med, Pre-Dental,

Applied Physics, Electrical Engineering, Biotechnology, Music, Bus Admin Global Chain Management, Human Development, Teacher Education



## CSU Fullerton

**Admission:** [All undergraduate programs impacted](#). Highly Competitive.

**Environment:** Located in Orange County, sub urban area, commuter campus, medium size, new facilities, sunny, calm, easy to stay focused on one's studies, plenty of clubs and campus activities

**Popular majors:** Business Administration, Health, Communications, Psychology, Social Sciences, Visual & Performing Arts, Kinesiology

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Art: Glass, Bus Admin: Legal studies, Bus Admin: Finance & Accounting, Bus Admin: Risk Management & Insurance, Dance, Earth Science, Architectural Engineering, Human Services,



## CSU Long Beach

**Admission:** [All undergraduate programs impacted](#). Highly Competitive.

**Environment:** Beach City, Sunny and warm, Exciting, Students Love it Here, Campus is big, modern, lots of student clubs and activity, Big campus with big student population

**Popular majors:** Business Administration and management, Psychology, Computer Science, Nursing, Biological Sciences, Kinesiology.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Film and Electronics Arts, Design, Education and Counseling, Electrical Engineering, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Health Science, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Public Policy and Administration, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Military Science, Journalism and Public Relations, Ocean Studies.



## CSU Dominguez Hills

**Admission:** Non-impacted campus.

**Environment:** A commuter campus, newer facilities, urban surroundings, affordable, sunny and warm. Lots of student clubs and activity.

**Popular majors:** Business Administration, Kinesiology, Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Nursing, Human Development.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Advertising and Public

Relations, Audio Engineering, Design, Journalism, Music, Business Admin-Information Security Systems, Business Admin-Sports, Entertainment and Hospitality, Information Technology, Radiologic Technology, Pre-Physical Therapy.



## CSU Los Angeles

**Admission:** [All undergraduate programs impacted](#). Highly Competitive.

**Environment:** A commuter campus, urban surroundings, affordable, sunny and warm. Lots of clubs and student activity, affordable area.

**Popular majors:** Business Administration, Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Social Work, Speech Communication, Public Health, Computer Science, Nursing.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Fire Protection Administration and Technology, Kinesiology, Nutritional Science, TV, Film, & Media Studies, Theatre, Urban Learning, Engineering Technology, Communicative Disorders, Communication, Aviation Administration.



## CSU Northridge

**Admission:** [Some majors impacted](#). Competitive.

**Environment:** Suburban/Urban area. Sunny and warm, Safe environment, Commuter campus, Diverse Student Body, several Events on campus. Near Film Industry, Burbank lots.

**Popular majors:** Business Administration, Psychology, Cinema & Television Arts, Criminology & Justice.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Radiologic Sciences, Central American Studies, Public Sector Management, Screenwriting, Music, Journalism, Athletic Training, Construction Management Technology, Biotechnology, Business Admin: Real Estate, Environmental and Occupational Health, Urban Studies and Planning, Geology, Radio Production.



## Cal Poly Pomona

**Admission:** [Some majors impacted](#). Competitive.

**Environment:** 40 acres, farming landscape. Sunny and Warm. Campus town, many students live on or near campus. Safe environment. Diverse student population.

**Popular majors:** Engineering, Business Administration, Computer Science, Biological Sciences, Psychology, Communication.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Animal Science, Architecture, Biotechnology, Aerospace Engineering, Agricultural Science, Apparel Merchandising and Management, Accounting, E-Business, Chemical Engineering, Journalism, Public Relations, Construction Engineering, Food and Nutrition, Graphic Design, Landscape Architecture, Theatre, Urban and Regional Planning.



## CSU San Bernardino

**Admission:** [Some majors impacted](#). Competitive

**Environment:** Located between mountain range, suburban area. Commuter campus. New facilities, large campus. Safe, sunny, warm climate.

**Popular majors:** Business Administration, Psychology, Criminal Justice, Sociology, Nursing, Liberal Arts, Communication, Health, Computer Science.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Art History, Design Studies, Information Systems and Technology, Bioinformatics, Public History, Social Work, Public Administration, Career and Technical Studies, Geology, Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics, Environmental Health Science.

# Explore the CSU's

## What's a Cal Poly Technical Campus?

There are three Cal Poly Technical options within the CSU system located across California. These are,

- Cal Poly Humboldt
- Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
- Cal Poly Pomona

A Cal Poly Technical campus is a CSU with a *focus on technical and applied science degrees*. The majority of majors at each of these campuses will focus on math, engineering, or science. Both Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Pomona have several highly ranked STEM programs and are competitive campuses to apply into. Cal Poly Humboldt, as of 2022, is the newest Cal Poly in the system with a wealth of technical and STEM majors and a learn by doing philosophy.



**Cal Poly Humboldt**  
*Forestry and Wildland Resources Majors*



**Cal Poly San Luis Obispo**  
*Construction Management Major*



**Cal Poly Pomona**  
*Engineering Major*

## What's a CSU Maritime?

Cal State University Maritime Academy is the only seven maritime academies in the United States and the only one on the West Coast. It's the smallest CSU with only 1,000 and seven degree majors in technical fields like Mechanical Engineering, Marine Transportation, Oceanography, Facilities Engineering Technology, Global Studies and Maritime Affairs, and Business Administration. Participation in the military is not a requirement for students. The basic organizational structure of the academy does operate through a *Corps of Cadets* which stresses "soft" skills such as responsibility, accountability, leadership, and professionalism and reflects a military approach.



Cal Maritime considers the campus your "workplace," so cadets wear uniforms during the class day. All cadets are required to live on campus. Study abroad is also required for all majors. All Cal Maritime cadets in the Marine Transportation program and all three Engineering programs become members of the crew of the 500 foot Training Ship Golden Bear on at least one sixty day journey visiting a number of ports around the Pacific Rim. ([Reference](#))

# UC Admissions



## Chapter 7. University of California (UC)

### What is the UC Transfer Pathways?

The [UC Transfer Pathways](#) is a resource provided by the UC that outlines the major requirements for the top 20 majors for transfer admission. These majors include:

- |                            |                            |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Anthropology            | 6. Chemistry               | 11. English                | 16. Philosophy        |
| 2. Biochemistry            | 7. Communication           | 12. History                | 17. Physics           |
| 3. Biology                 | 8. Computer science        | 13. Mathematics            | 18. Political science |
| 4. Business administration | 9. Economics               | 14. Mechanical engineering | 19. Psychology        |
| 5. Cell biology            | 10. Electrical engineering | 15. Molecular biology      | 20. Sociology         |

Each of these majors includes the sequence of courses required for entry into the major that should be taken at your local CA community college (CCC) with the guidance of your Counselor. Also included in this site is the list of names this major can go by at each college, sometimes varying by degree type (BA versus BS) or by concentration. This information is listed on [ASSIST](#) in more detail by each college, but the UC Transfer Pathways tool provides an easy to read overview of how to prepare for this pathway. Here's an example for Computer Science majors, one of the most competitive and sought after majors at the UC.

#### Computer Science Transfer Pathway

Taking the following courses will prepare you to major in computer science at any UC campus.

##### Course expectations

- Introduction to programming (computer science I)
- Data structures (computer science II)
- Computer organization and assembly language
- Single variable calculus for STEM majors (one year sequence)
- Multivariable calculus
- Discrete mathematics
- Linear algebra
- Differential equations
- Calculus based physics (one year sequence with labs, topics covered must include mechanics and electromagnetism)

Note: Specific programming languages are more important at some campuses than others. See individual campus websites for guidance.

[UCI](#) requires one extra semester to complete (depending on whether your institution is an associate or baccalaureate) or you may need to take their extra. To check which of your community college courses satisfy the Pathway course expectations at multiple UC campuses, refer to the [UC Transfer Pathways tool](#) for a summary. See also [ASSIST](#) for the specific course offerings at your community college that will satisfy the required coursework at a particular UC campus. In addition to the campus website, you will need to refer to [ASSIST](#) for the specific requirements of all transfer applications to UC.

If you're working on an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) in computer science at your community college, there is a list of courses with UC transfer pathway coursework. The difference between what UC expects and what an ADT requires is multivariable calculus, linear algebra and differential equations.

#### Applicable majors

The Computer Science Pathway applies to the degree programs listed below. More degree programs may be added in the future so you should check back periodically to see if your major has joined this list.

- General computer science majors:
  - Computer Science, B.A. at Berkeley
  - Computer Science, B.S. at Davis
  - Computer Science, B.S. at Irvine
  - Computer Science, B.S. at Los Angeles
  - Computer Science, B.S. at Riverside
  - Computer Science, B.S. at San Diego
  - Computer Science, B.S. at Santa Barbara
  - Computer Science, B.A. and B.S. at Santa Cruz
  - Computer Science and Engineering, B.S. at Merced
- Engineering majors:
  - Computer Engineering, B.S. at Santa Cruz
  - Robotics Engineering, B.S. at Santa Cruz
- Specialized computer science majors:
  - Computer Science, Computer Game Design, B.S. at Santa Cruz
  - Network and Digital Technology, B.A. at Santa Cruz

Let's turn our attention now to [the Blue planet](#), the [University of California \(UC\)](#). There are technically ten UC campuses in California if we include the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF). However, UCSF is not available for undergraduate study or transfer admission. There are in practice nice UC campuses available for transfer admission.

The following is a list of UC campuses with the corresponding map.



1. University of California at Davis (UCD)
2. University of California at Berkeley (UCB)
3. University of California at Santa Cruz (UCSC)
4. University of California at Merced (UCM)
5. University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB)
6. University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)
7. University of California at Riverside (UCR)
8. University of California at Irvine (UCI)
9. University of California at San Diego (UCSD)

### What's required for transferring to the UC?

According to the [UC transfer admissions site](#), the minimum eligibility requirements for transfer applicants are the following:

1. Complete the 7-Course Pattern
2. Complete 60 semester or 90 quarter, transferable units to the UC
3. Apply with a 2.4 min GPA in UC-transferable courses for CA resident students
4. Completion of required and recommended courses for intended major with minimum grades
5. Be in good academic standing at the last college attended
6. Earn a C or better in each course or a Pass (P) if pass is equivalent to a C (2.00)

# 9 Criteria for UC Comprehensive Review

## UC Comprehensive Review

Similar to impactation at the CSU, where there are more qualifying student applicants that meet the basic admissions eligibility, the UC's utilize a system of [Comprehensive Review](#) to evaluate transfer applicants. Let's review these nine factors for comprehensive review carefully and how you can best prepare in advance for these areas of evaluation.

### 1. Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that meet breadth or general education requirements.

Criteria Explained:	What you can do to gain competitiveness:
The idea here is that students applying with the minimum GE coursework, those included in the 7-course pattern are more competitive and more prepared to transfer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the IGETC GE pattern at your CA community college prior transfer and get certified prior to transferring.</li> <li>It's okay to have courses in progress while you apply, however, it's strongly recommended to complete your 2 English courses and 1 transferable Math course prior to applying for transfer.</li> <li>STEM majors can complete the partial IGETC, check with your UC rep on which is recommended for your major. Some majors prefer completion of the full IGETC.</li> </ul>
The 7-course pattern is flexible and permits transfer students to apply without completing their GE pattern at their local CCC.	
The IGETC is the CA community college GE pattern aligned to the UC requirements. By fulfilling this you stratify the 7 course pattern and can certify your GE's at your local CCC and not have to take more GE courses after transfer.	

### 2. Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that provide continuity with upper division courses in the student's major, such as a UC Transfer Pathway, AA degree for transfer (offered at CA community colleges only), or UC campus-specific major prerequisites.

Criteria Explained:	What you can do to gain competitiveness:
The focus here is that incoming transfer students arrive prepared for their major. That they demonstrate by fulfilling the major prep required by the UC for their major listed on their website and on ASSIST.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan carefully with your CCC counselor to ensure you are fulfilling each of the requirements listed in your major for EACH of the UC's that you apply, especially your top choice.</li> <li>Complete the <a href="#">UC TAP</a> account and connect with the UC admissions representatives at the campuses you apply for assistance reviewing your coursework ahead of time and ensuring you have met each requirement and recommendation.</li> <li>Complete an ADT for your major if that's an option. Work with your counselor &amp; Transfer Center for guidance to ensure you are meeting all of the major requirements &amp; recommendations prior to transferring.</li> </ul>
Students can also utilize the <a href="#">UC Transfer Pathways</a> sequence which is recommended by not required. This tool organizes the major prep for the most popular 20 or more majors at the UC for transfer and shows students where the UC's differ and where they are similar, which helps streamline the process for students as they prepare.	

### 3. Your grade point average in all transferable courses—especially in a UC Transfer Pathway or in major prerequisites.

Criteria Explained:	What you can do to gain competitiveness:
The UC will evaluate your GPA carefully, including your overall GPA of transferable coursework and the GPA of your Major Prep courses – which is why they mention the UC Transfer Pathway courses which is essentially your major prep sequence. This is especially true for STEM majors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete the <a href="#">UC TAP</a> account and keep your grades up to date to get the most accurate read of your UC transferable coursework GPA.</li> <li>Study ASSIST carefully and work with the UC reps to make sure you understand the GPA expectation for your major coursework.</li> <li>Apply for Academic Renewal or retake courses needed that carry grades of a C- or lower for the UC to increase your GPA for transfer.</li> </ul>

### 4. Participation in academically selective honors courses or programs.

Criteria Explained:	What you can do to gain competitiveness:
The UC is reviewing applicants to see not only what courses have been taken but what is the level of rigor the student sought out. Students that have taken the initiative to participate in honors courses or programs will stand out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enroll in an honors course at your local CA community college. If you have difficulty finding one, utilize the <a href="#">CCC California Virtual Campus</a> for online options at different campuses.</li> <li>At San Jose City College we have multiple options for honors courses, see the <a href="#">SJCCC Honors Program</a> coordinator to learn more.</li> </ul>

### 5. Special talents, achievements and awards in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate your promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of a campus.

Criteria Explained:	What you can do to gain competitiveness:
The UC is interested in knowing what about the applicant stands out beyond what's evident in their transcript. Do they have a special talent, ability, show leadership or service? What about the applicant is special or something unique beyond what an applicant can tell about someone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize the UC Insight response to highlight special talents, achievements, awards, performances, leadership, service, or unique experiences.</li> <li>Join clubs like your college's student government, clubs related to your major, or participate in community service that's meaningful to you or community activism. Participate in internships if you can, even short ones can provide great experience. Participate in sports teams or campus performances. There's always a way to spread your wings locally.</li> </ul>

### 6. Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of your college curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs.

Criteria Explained:	What you can do to gain competitiveness:
Remember that you are applying to a competitive and rigorous university that's especially interested in knowing who you are academically, how connected and engaged you with your major, if you have participated in research or have direct experience, or if you have other academic/in-class or in-school experiences that can tell them more about who you will be as a student, a scholar, an engaged learner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A response to one of your UC insight questions you can describe an in class project or academic related program or event that best addresses this area.</li> <li>Some general examples can include: research projects, research papers, participation in an academic conference, working as a lab assistant, a performance you participated in related to your major or interests, or a course you took related to your major that also demonstrated your academic interests and engagement.</li> <li>At San Jose City College, a great example is students that participate in our <i>Cultivamos Excelencia</i> program which work in collaboration and mentorship with UCSC faculty and graduate students to complete a research project and then participate in a presentation of their work at a research symposium hosted by UCSC.</li> <li>Other examples from our college can include: participation in an Umoja or Puente project through class, training and work related to our Peer Led Team Learning (PLTL) or Supplemental Instruction (SI) groups, special projects completed through our Honors courses or our <i>Let Your Life Speak</i> series.</li> </ul>
It cannot feel like you are geeking out too much, this is 100% the place to get a little geeky about what excites and compels you in your field and without apology show your passion, your academic voice, your questions and inquiries, and how these early experiences connect to how you are thinking about your future at the UC.	

### 7. Location of the college and your residence.

Criteria Explained:	What you can do to gain competitiveness:
The UC in this criteria is taking into account the student's location, their access to courses required for their major, any kinds of regional difficulties or unique factors. For example, if a student lives in the Central Valley and has to drive far to attend school or their campus has limited options for their major, that is an important factor for the UC to take into account.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using the Personal Insight questions or the 'Other comments' section at the end of the UC application, take time to explain how location has impacted your studies, if it's made it more difficult to take courses required for your major or if there are unique factors that have impacted you related to your region. For example, the fire seasons in CA each year impact students in those areas and disrupt their learning opportunities.</li> </ul>

# UC TAG, UC TAP, and Selective Majors

## What is the TAG?

TAG stands for [Transfer Admission Guarantee \(TAG\)](#). It is in fact a guaranteed admission for transfer students. The program is designed specifically for California Community College (CCC) students. There are 6 UC campuses that participate in the TAG: UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, and UC Santa Cruz.

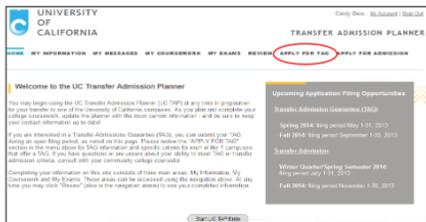
The other UC campus, UCLA, UC Berkeley, and UC San Diego do not participate in the TAG. These campuses DO admit a high degree of transfer students, however, due to their high volume of eligible applicants they do not have the capacity to *GAURANTEE* admission to their campus.



## How does TAG work?

Here's an overview of how TAG works for CCC transfer students:

<b>Who can submit a TAG?</b>	Only CA community college students applying for transfer admission to the UC.
<b>How many campuses can you TAG to?</b>	1 of the 6 UC campuses (UCD, UCI, UCM, UCR, UCSB, UCSC)
<b>When do you apply for TAG?</b>	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> for Fall Admission May 1 <sup>st</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> for Winter/Spring Admission <i>*Currently UC Merced &amp; UC Riverside offer Winter/Spring Admission on a consistent basis</i>
<b>Where do you apply for TAG?</b>	Students Apply for TAG using the <a href="#">Transfer Application Planner (TAP) account</a> . Application for TAG is the final step of the TAP account. <i>* Note, do not submit the TAG account until it can be reviewed by your Transfer Center or UC admissions representative.</i>



The TAG is optimal for transfer, but **NOT** required for transfer admission to the UC.

The TAG is also a **separate application** from the UC Admissions application. It is the UC TAP site, the application tab is circled in red.

[UC TAP is the application site for the TAG](#)

## TAG Eligibility Requirements Differ by Campus

It's very important that students take time to study the individual differences between each of the 6 campuses that offer the TAG. They will differ on important areas to qualify such as the student eligibility GPA, completion of the 2 English and 1 Math courses, and what majors are available for TAG. Click on the links below to view the specific campus requirements to TAG to your major.

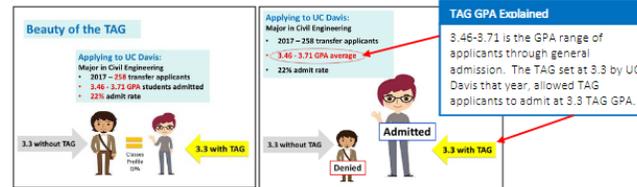
<a href="#">UC Davis TAG Requirements</a>	<a href="#">UC Santa Barbara TAG Requirements</a>	<a href="#">UC Santa Cruz TAG Requirements</a>
<a href="#">UC Irvine TAG Requirements</a>	<a href="#">UC Merced TAG Requirements</a>	<a href="#">UC Riverside TAG Requirements</a>

Students can also view the UC TAG Matrix, a PDF table put together by the UC, which summarizes basic TAG requirements for each of the 6 UC campuses. It's advised that students use both the individual campus sites which will list important GPA, course, and other information about the TAG in addition to the UC TAG Matrix. Together with your Counselor, students can plan well to optimize their qualifications for the TAG and the UC. The goal is not only to apply to the TAG, but to *apply correctly and to the campus you qualify for so that you can reap the benefits of this program.*



[Download the UC TAG Matrix PDF](#)

## Is the TAG worth all the Extra Work? Absolutely!



A big factor to gaining admission to the UC is meeting the GPA threshold for your major. That's tricky, when line continues to move from year to year. A campus is popular, a major is popular, and so more students apply into that major and the GPA bar gets raised with each year.

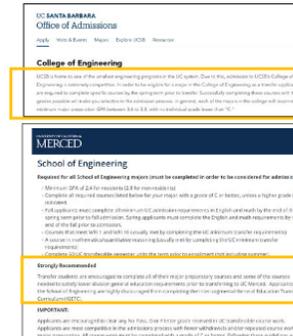
What the TAG allows transfer students to do is qualify for the **TAG GPA** which can be anywhere from 1-3 points difference from the general applicants. As you can see in the illustration above, the TAG GPA gives students applying with a TAG a very BIG advantage. But, you can only gain from this advantage if you apply for the TAG, apply CORRECTLY, and apply to the campus you Qualify for. How do you do that? Work with your Transfer Center and UC Admissions Representatives to review your TAG prior to submission, and start planning for the TAG early with CCC Counselor. Take time to review the individual transfer requirements and ensure you're meeting each requirement by the time you expect to apply for the TAG.

## Selective Majors

Similar to impactation a the CSU, the UC's will use the terms Selective or Screening majors to describe the same dynamic, that is popular majors that become competitive due to too many eligible applicants. There are likewise non-selective, non-screening, or alternative majors that are more open and accessible for transfer applicants. To view which majors at each campus fall under these categories, use the table below to visit the sites for each UC campus to learn more.

<a href="#">UC Berkeley</a> High demand/Impacted Majors Alternatives to High Demand Majors	<a href="#">UC Davis</a> Selective Majors	<a href="#">UC Santa Cruz</a> Screening majors & Non-Screening Majors
<a href="#">UCLA</a> Highly Selective Majors & Alternative Majors	<a href="#">UC Irvine</a> Major Specific Requirements	<a href="#">UC Merced</a> Selective Majors
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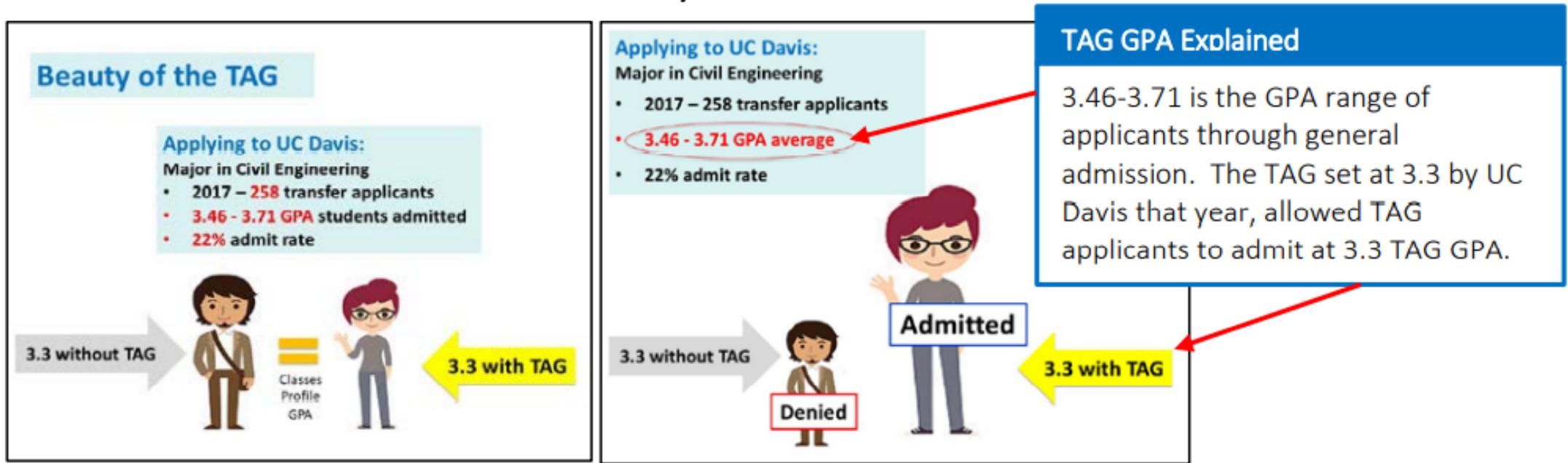
Here are some examples of how each UC campus will share information about selective majors at each of these sights. Each of these sites holds important information about the major and how to best prepare. Campuses like UCLA, receive such a volume of applicants for their top 10-20 majors, yet the remaining majors—nearly 100—receive relatively few applicants although they are in related areas of study. Others like UC Merced, may specifically ask applicants into Engineering to complete their full IGETC for their major. Campus like UCSB may ask that students receive no grade lower than a C in their major prep courses.



SELECTIVE MAJOR	APPLIED	ADMITTED	ALTERNATE MAJOR	RELATED MAJOR
Electronics	502	37%	Anthropology	Public Health
Finance	866	21%	Computer Science	Research
Business Economics	2,077	12%	Applied Mathematics	Entrepreneurship
Communications	1,189	9%	Linguistics	Digital Marketing
Finance	1,771	17%	Health Services	Accounting
Human Biology and Studies	155	17%	Psychology	Public Health
Marketing and Management Studies	316	21%	Education	Research
Political Science	1,377	28%	Cognitive Science	Applied Psychology
Psychology	2,410	19%	Teacher Education	Liberal Studies
Biology	1,881	3%		

# UC TAG & Admissions

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# UC Data Center

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## The UC Data Center by Transfer Admission

The UC's provide a wonderful, public facing tool whereby they share their admissions metrics, including transfer admission. Here are some tips for students to use the tool and get an overview of how each campus will vary by the amount of applicants into their major, the GPA range for admission, and admit rates for each major. Students that qualify for fee waivers to apply into the UC (which is a large majority of CCC transfer applicants) will be eligible to apply to four campuses in one application. It's important to take time and really investigate with campuses you meet GPA eligibility or are within close reach to increase your chances of admission. Again, always do this in concert with CCC Counselor.

Use the CAMPUS drop down menu to search 1 of the 9 UC campuses and then select the admissions term you are searching.

The screenshot shows the UC Data Center interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'By major name', 'By federal CIP category', and 'By community college'. Below this, there are search filters for 'Campus' (set to UCB) and 'Fall term' (set to 2021). A section titled 'Compare selected broad discipline across campuses' shows a bar chart for 'Admit rate' (19%) and 'Yield rate' (62%). Below the chart is a table with columns for 'Campus', 'Applicants', 'Admits', 'Enrolls', 'Admit GPA range', 'Enroll GPA range', 'Admit rate', and 'Yield rate'. The table lists various majors across different campuses. Three yellow boxes highlight the 'Applicants', 'Admit GPA range', and 'Yield rate' columns in the table.

Campus	Applicants	Admits	Enrolls	Admit GPA range	Enroll GPA range	Admit rate	Yield rate
UCB	22,182	4,303	2,848	3.65 - 3.97	3.62 - 3.95	19%	62%
UCD	18,765	9,454	2,817	3.47 - 3.88	3.37 - 3.80	50%	30%
UCI	25,857	9,674	2,863	3.62 - 3.93	3.53 - 3.87	37%	30%
UCLA	28,464	5,435	3,434	3.80 - 4.00	3.78 - 4.00	19%	63%
UCM	4,962	3,056	268	3.11 - 3.69	2.93 - 3.47	62%	9%
UCR	14,740	9,234	2,056	3.11 - 3.73	2.91 - 3.51	63%	22%
UCSD	22,492	12,175	3,594	3.48 - 3.91	3.37 - 3.84	54%	30%
UCSB	20,573	10,040	2,102	3.55 - 3.91	3.46 - 3.82	49%	21%
UCSC	13,237	7,644	1,728	3.12 - 3.76	2.96 - 3.57	58%	23%

Number of Applicants by major for the Term/Year referenced.

GPA range of admitted applicants by major.

Percentage of students admitted into the major based on the number of applications received.



# Explore the UC's



## University of California at Davis

**Admission:** Competitive. TAG campus.

**Environment:** Northern California. Campus town environment, most students will live on or near campus. Agricultural surrounding. Spacious, affordable, safe. Big campus yet doesn't feel so crowded.

**Popular majors:** Several Biological Sciences Majors, Psychology, Economics, Animal Science, Computer Science, Political Science, Communication.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Nursing, Biomedical Engineering, Genetics, Neurobiology, Human Development, Global Disease Biology, Aerospace Science and Engineering, Agricultural and Environmental Technology or Education, Atmospheric Science, Biotechnology, Community and Regional Development, Design, Data Science, Ecological Management and Resources, Etomology, Hydrology, Food Science, Landscape Architecture, Marine and Coastal Science, Materials Science and Engineering, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, and Native American Studies.



## University of California at Irvine

**Admission:** Competitive. TAG campus.

**Environment:** Southern California. Suburban area. Big, safe, sunny and warm. Partly a commuter campus. Surrounding area expensive, suburban. Near beaches.

**Popular majors:** Computer Science, Biological Sciences, Business/Managerial Economics, Social Psychology, Public Health, Criminology, Psychology, Economics, Education.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Game Design and Interactive Media, Aerospace Engineering, Business

Information Management, Cognitive Sciences, Dance BFA, Data Science, Drama, Earth System Science, Film and Media Studies, Informatics, Music Theater, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Urban Studies, Chinese Studies, Japanese and Korean Literature and Culture.



## University of California at Merced

**Admission:** Competitive. TAG campus.

**Environment:** Central California. Agricultural surroundings. College town. Warm and sunny. Near Yosemite. Big, safe, affordable area. Most diverse of all the UC campuses. Semester based campus.

**Popular majors:** Biological Sciences, Psychology, Business Administration and Management, Mechanical or Computer Engineering, Public Health, Sociology, Political Science

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** American Studies, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Global Arts Studies, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Environmental Systems Science, Cognitive Science



## University of California at Santa Cruz

**Admission:** Competitive. TAG campus.

**Environment:** Northern California. Woodsy campus. Surrounding area is a beach town, expensive. Big campus, most students live on or near campus. A college town. Safe area. Near Silicon Valley.

**Popular majors:** Psychology, Business Management, Computer Science, Biology, Sociology,

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Art & Design: Games & Playable Media, Earth Science, Legal Studies, Community Studies, Biotechnology, Linguistics, Marine Biology, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Agroecology, Film and Digital Media, Network and Digital Technology, and Robotics Engineering.



## University of California at Santa Barbara

**Admission:** Competitive. TAG Campus.

**Environment:** Beach City, Sunny and warm, Exciting, Students Love it Here, Campus is big, modern, lots of student clubs and activity, Big campus with big student population

**Popular majors:** Biological Sciences, Psychology, Computer Science, Engineering, Communications and Journalism.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Pharmacology, Ecology,

Evolution and Marine Biology, Hydrologic Science, Chicano & Chicana Studies, Geography, Dance, Music, Film and Media Studies, Financial Mathematics & Statistics, Zoology, Biopsychology, Economics & Accounting, and History of Public Law & Policy.



## University of California at Riverside

**Admission:** Competitive. TAG Campus.

**Environment:** Southern California. Sunny and warm. Big campus, new facilities. Less impacted. Commuter campus, large percentage of students live off campus. Surrounding area is affordable, agricultural and suburban. Inland area.

**Popular majors:** Business administration and Management, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Political Science and Government, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, English, Linguistics and Literature.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Art (Studio), Art History, Foreign Languages, Environmental Engineering, Accounting & Auditing, Operations & SupplyChain Management, Neuroscience, Community Leadership, Policy, & Social Justice, Computer Science & Business Applications, Data Science, Public Policy, Robotics, Geophysics, Theater, Film, and Digital Production, and Environmental Science.



## University of California at Los Angeles

**Admission:** Highly Competitive. No TAG option.

**Environment:** Southern California. Warm and Sunny. Near beaches. Very large campus, crowded. Feels like a small city. Surround area is safe, affluent, expensive city/suburb. Tons of student activity. Half of students live off campus. Strong campus student life.

**Popular majors:** Political Science, Biological Sciences, Psychology, Computer Science, Quantitative Economics, Communications, Sociology, Business Economics, Engineering.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Nursing, Linguistics, Foreign Languages, Architectural Studies, Design & Media Studies, Dance, Music, Film & Television, Public Affairs, Theater, Education & Social Transformation, Astrophysics, Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences, Climate Science, Earth & Environmental Science, Mathematics, Financial Actural, and Neuroscience.



## University of California at Berkeley

**Admission:** Highly Competitive. No TAG option.

**Environment:** Northern California. Near the water. Large campus, crowded. Feels like small city. Surrounding area is expensive, urban/suburban. Many students live on or near campus. Strong campus student life.

**Popular majors:** Computer Science, Business Administration, Biological Sciences, Political Science & Government, Engineering, Cognitive Science, Environmental Studies.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Aerospace Engineering, City Planning, Legal Studies, Social Welfare, Data Science, Earth & Planetary Sciences, Ecosystem Management & Forestry, Nutritional Sciences, Film & Media, Global Poverty & Practice, Media Studies, Operations Research & Management Sciences, Rhetoric, Theater Studies & Performance, Urban Studies, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Sustainable Environmental Design.



## University of California at San Diego

**Admission:** Highly Competitive. No TAG option.

**Environment:** Southern California. Beach City. Sunny and warm. Exciting. Surrounding area is suburban. Affordable off campus housing. Strong student life.

**Popular majors:** Biological Sciences, Computer Science, Global Studies, Political Science & Government, Cognitive Science, Communication, Quantitative Economics, Engineering, and Psychology.

**Interesting, lesser known majors:** Pharmacological Chemistry, Critical Gender Studies, Data Science, Education Studies, Public Health, Human Developmental Sciences, International Studies, Mechanical Engineering (various specializations), Music, Dance, Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, Urban Planning, and Visual Arts.

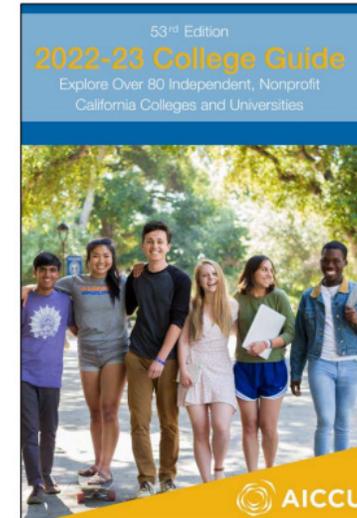
# Exploring CA Private Colleges

## Non-Profit, Private Colleges in California

The first point of reference for reviewing your options for transfer to an accredited private college in California that is not-for-profit is the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU). The AICCU offers a number of resources for transfer students to research each of the 86 private college and university options for transfer.



[Click Here to visit this site.](#)



[Click Here to download this Guide](#)



List of California Private Colleges and Universities accepting the Associates Degree for Transfer (ADT) based on the <a href="#">2018 CCC Chancellor's Memo</a>		
1. Azusa Pacific University	16. Mount Saint Mary's University	31. Point Loma Nazarene University
2. Univ. of Massachusetts Global (formerly Brandman University)	17. National University	32. Saint Mary's College of California
3. California Baptist University	18. Pacific Oaks College	33. University of the West
4. California Baptist University Online	19. Pacific Union College	34. Westmont College
5. California Institute of Integral Studies	20. Palo Alto University	35. William Jessup University
6. California Lutheran University	21. Pepperdine University	36. John Paul the Great Catholic University
7. The Chicago School of Professional Psychology	22. San Diego Christian College	
8. Concordia University Irvine	23. Simpson University	
9. Fresno Pacific University	24. University of La Verne	
10. Golden Gate University	25. University of Redlands	
11. Holy Names University	26. University of Saint Katherine	
12. Humphreys University	27. University of San Francisco	
13. La Sierra University	28. Whittier College	
14. Los Angeles Pacific University	29. Marymount California University	
15. Mills College	30. Notre Dame de Namur University	

# Understanding the WUE



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School	Location	Program/Major	WUE Tuition	WUE Deadline for Fall Admission
<a href="#">University of Alaska Anchorage</a>	Anchorage, AK	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$10,530	7/15/22
<a href="#">University of Alaska Fairbanks</a>	Fairbanks, AK	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$10,530	6/15/21
<a href="#">University of Alaska Southeast</a>	Juneau, AK	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$10,530	Contact School
<a href="#">Northern Arizona University</a>	Flagstaff, AZ	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$15,975	Contact School
<a href="#">Arizona State University / Polytechnic Campus</a>	Mesa, AZ	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$14,460	Contact School
<a href="#">Arizona State University / Downtown</a>	Phoenix, AZ	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$16,065	Contact School
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<a href="#">University of Arizona Sierra Vista</a>	Sierra Vista, AZ	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$13,839	Contact School
<a href="#">University of Arizona</a>	Tucson, AZ	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$16,949	Contact School
<a href="#">Adams State University</a>	Alamosa, CO	<a href="#">See Programs</a>	\$12,168	Contact School

# Understanding the HBCU Transfer Agreement

## HBCU Transfer Guarantee Pathway

In addition to the WUE, our California Community College students can benefit from the **Historically Black Colleges and Universities, HBCU Transfer Guarantee Pathway**. There are just over 100 HBCUs recognized by the US Dept. of Education that include public, private, denominational, liberal arts, land-grant, independent university systems, single-gender serving, researched-based that award Bachelor's Degrees, Graduate / Masters / Professional Degrees, and Doctoral Degrees offering competitive tuition rates.

The majority of classes at HBCUs are smaller and are taught by professors rather than teaching assistants, in a nurturing and supportive environment.

HBCUs were established primarily to serve the higher education needs of the Black community, however, they are open to students of all ethnicities. Most HBCUs are located in the South and on the East Coast. They award bachelor's degrees in many fields and many award master and doctorate degrees.

Thanks to an agreement signed March 17, 2015, between the California Community Colleges and select HBCUs, California community college students who complete certain academic requirements are guaranteed to transfer to a participating HBCU.

### Student Qualification Requirements for the HBCU Transfer Guarantee Program

Any California community college student with a **GPA of 2.0 or higher** (NOTE: certain partner HBCU will require a higher GPA) is guaranteed admission to all partner HBCU institutions using either of the following two options while at the California Community College:

1. Complete an **Associate degree (ADT)** using the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education Breadth pattern or
2. Complete a minimum of **30 UC or CSU units**.

Those students completing a Associates Degree (Non-ADT) are welcomed to apply to all partner institutions, however, the benefit of guaranteed admissions is not offered and all degree applicable units are subject to transcript evaluation.

**Transfer Advantages**

- Acceptance of completed transfer-level community college courses
- A free single application for up to four participating partner HBCU institutions
- A simplified transfer process
- Priority consideration for housing when application submitted by the posted deadline
- Consideration for transfer scholarships if you have a 3.2 or higher grade point average (based on funding availability)
- Pre-admission advisement

[Click here to view the list of participating HBCU's.](#)

**Where will your future take you?**

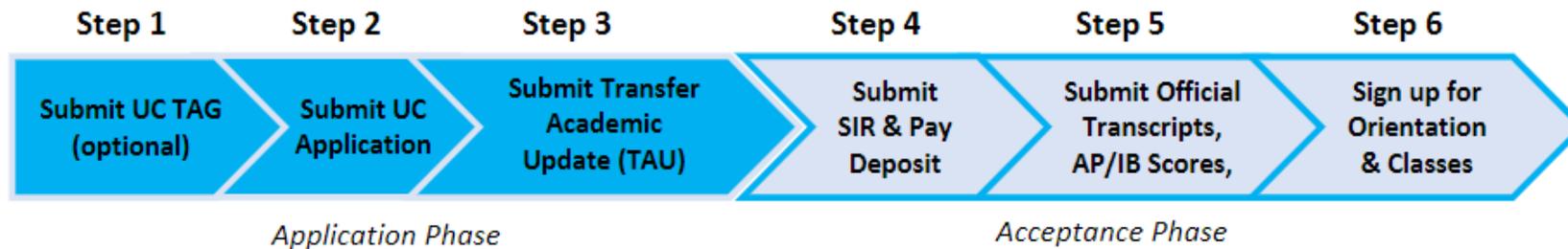
HBCUs have a long and rich history. Some of the most recognizable African Americans have been trained and educated at these institutions. Historically Black Colleges and Universities include public and private institutions that vary in size and degree programs and are located primarily in the South and on the East coast. Here you will find a short description of each of our 39 partner HBCU institutions, as well as a transfer partner at each listed to assist you in order to learn more. Don't forget to explore the full web page with links to more about each school to see how you might be able to transfer to a HBCU.

# Part III

## **CSU** The California State University



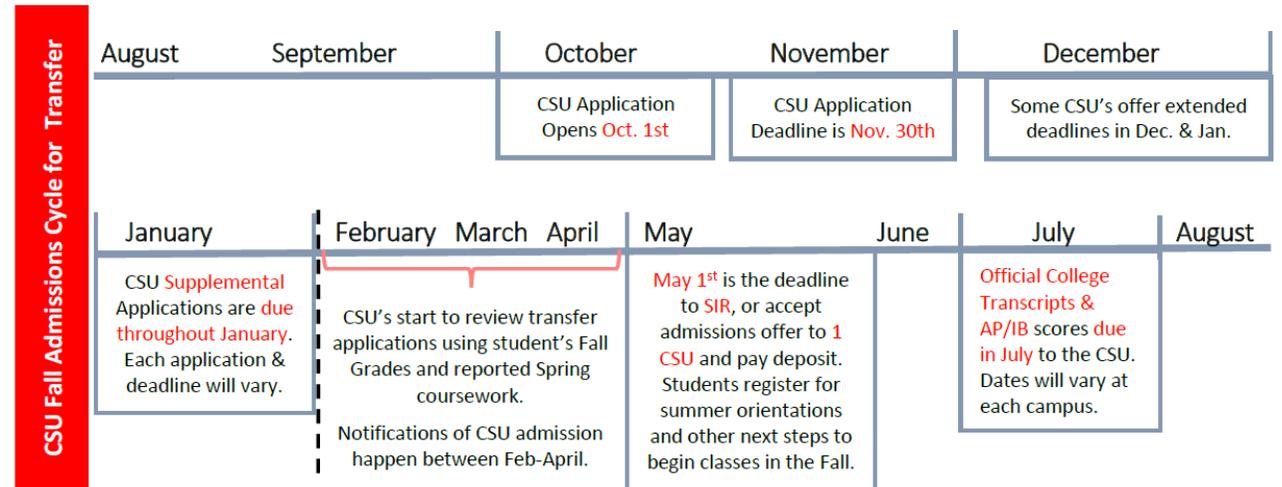
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# Understanding the Application Cycle



Here's a breakdown of how Fall admissions cycle for the CSU system looks throughout the year.



# CSU Application Resources & Next Steps

## Where to find help completing the CSU Application

Look for your Transfer Center's [CSU Application Workshops](#)

The best support for students applying for the CSU for transfer admissions is to attend a CSU application workshop provided by your campus Transfer Center. Students should have their application reviewed by their Counselor, Transfer Center, or CSU Admissions representative to ensure it is completed correctly before submitting their application. Applications may be denied due to entry errors, incomplete information, or submitting the wrong set of final courses required for admission.

In addition to this, there are several online resources to aid you in your process for completing the CSU Application and we'll review a few. These are supports to help save you time and make sure you understand the information being asked of you to enter, so take your time and review the resources enclosed.

## The CSU Transfer Application Guide

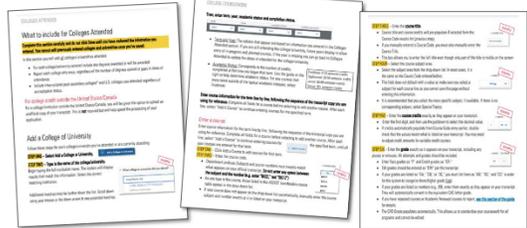
The most reliable and up-to-date resource available to help transfer students to walk students through much of application to the CSU for transfer admissions is the [CAL STATE APPLY: Transfer Application Guide](#).

This is a guide that is updated each year by the CSU—so be sure to utilize the **current guide** when completing your application materials that corresponds to the year you are applying for transfer. Here's an overview what this guide will include with great detail for students.

Here's a preview of this guide:



[Click Here to access the CSU Application guide.](#)



## CSU Transfer Application Dashboard

**The 1st quadrant: Personal Information**  
This quad asks students to enter their personal, biographic, and financial information.



**The 2nd quadrant: Academic History**  
This quad asks students to enter their full academic records. Utilize the [CSU Transfer Credit Entry guide](#) and attend a CSU application workshop for special guidance.



**The 3rd quadrant: Supporting Information**  
The quad includes the [CSU EOP application](#) for transfer students. The applications is a drop down menu and will include short paragraph responses and recommender's contact info. This is the only opportunity to apply for EOP at most CSU's, it's highly recommended you do so if you have financial need.



**The 4th quadrant: Campus Specific Questions**  
This quad will differ from campus to campus and also based on your major. Some campuses or major programs may ask additional questions or require additional materials for evaluating applications, for example nursing majors are asked to submit nursing related test scores.

## The CSU EOP Application Process

First, like everything else... there's a guide for that. The CSU offers an [EOP application worksheet](#) to assist students in understanding how to apply for EOP. Second, check in with your Transfer Center, there are usually EOP application workshops offered as well.

The EOP application is made up for four sections:

1. General questions
2. Parent/Guardian Information and Financial Status
3. EOP Biographical questions
4. Two Recommenders



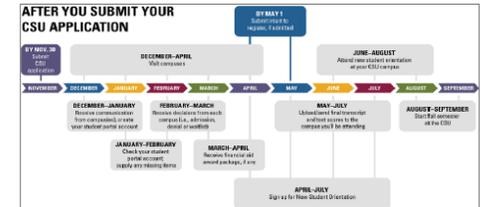
[Click Here to access this guide.](#)

Because each EOP program is seeking to assist students that are the most vulnerable, the application will include very specific questions about financial need or if the student and/or their family has participated in public assistance programs. In my experience, students are often unfamiliar with the official names of programs they may have received help from throughout the years or it is something their parents may know instead. Here's a list of common public assistance programs at the federal and state level to assist students. Students should take time to identify the programs they or their family have participated throughout their lives and be sure to discuss these in the biographical questions portion.

## PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

<b>CALFRESH</b>	California program that grants cash aid through the EBT card, used in participating grocery stores.
<b>CALWORKS</b>	California welfare program, grants cash aid to families in need.
<b>AFDC</b>	Aid to Families with Dependent Children *cash welfare as part of parental support for a parent that was absent from the home
<b>TANF</b>	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families *cash aid for eligible families/children in need
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>	Grants cash aid to disabled adults/children in need Social Security Disability Insurance *monthly payments to people with disabilities
<b>SSDI</b>	Supplemental Security Income *monthly payments to people with disabilities or people over 65 with limited income
<b>SECTION 8</b>	California program to assist low-income families with 70% assistance on rent.
<b>FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAMS</b>	Provides children with free lunch or reduced costs of lunch at school
<b>MEDI-CAL</b>	California's health program to pay for medical services for children/adults in need
<b>GA/GR</b>	General Assistance or General Relief to provide assistance for adults in need that do not qualify for other forms of assistance or public funds
<b>CAPI</b>	Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants Provides cash assistance for elder or disabled non-citizens ineligible for SSI

## Overview of Next Steps After Applying



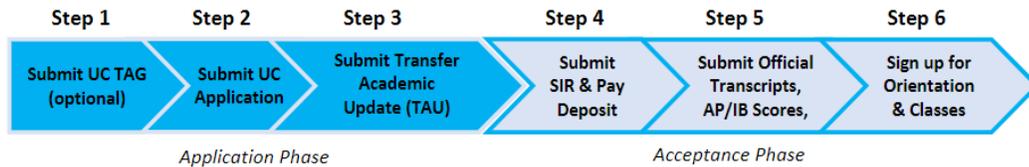
## The Waiting Period

After submitting the CSU Supplemental application, the next phase in the process is waiting to hear back from colleges. **All CSU's must notify students before May since the deadline to accept an offer of admission is May 1st.** Student can accept an offer of admission to **only ONE CSU campus.** When you are in the waiting period it can cause the most anxiety. During this time, take care of yourself, continue to focus on earning strong grades in your final classes, check your CSU portals for notifications, and reach out to the CSU admissions reps for any questions or your Transfer Center.

## The Big News

The admissions decision will be listed in your student portal. Here's an example of a CSU student portal using a CSU Channel Islands example:

# Understanding the UC Application Cycle



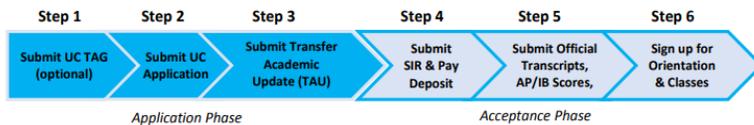
Here's a breakdown of how Fall admissions cycle for the UC system looks throughout the year.

	August	September	October	November	December
UC Fall Admissions Cycle for Transfer	UC Application is open to begin entry on <b>Aug. 1st</b>	UC TAG Opens for submission on <b>Sept. 1st</b> Deadline to Apply for the UC TAG is <b>Sept. 30th</b>		UC Application is open for Submission <b>Nov. 1st</b> Deadline to submit application is <b>Nov. 30th</b>	Some UC's offer extended deadlines in Dec. & Jan.
	The UC's <b>Transfer Academic Update (TAU)</b> is due <b>Jan. 31st</b> One submission goes to ALL UC campuses.	UC's start to review transfer applications using student's Fall Grades and reported Spring coursework. Notifications of UC admission happen between Mar.-May.			<b>June 1st</b> is the deadline to SIR, or accept admissions offer to <b>1 UC</b> and pay deposit. Students register for summer orientations and other next steps to begin classes in the Fall.
	January	February	March	April	May
		June	July	August	

# Understanding the UC Application Cycle



## Chapter 11. Applying to the UC



Want to transfer to the UC, start here...

### UC TAP Transfer Admission Planner

Where to start? Start with the [UC TAP Account](#)

If you are interested in applying to a UC campus, the best place to start is the Transfer Admissions Planner. You can start your UC TAP account attending a CA community college. You can also complete the UC going to apply to a UC. Here are some great reasons to use the UC First, it's a place for students to **add all of their coursework and AP** that have attended multiple colleges and are unsure about their **transferable unit count and also your true UC GPA**.

Second, it is how students can begin working with the **UC admissions representatives**. The reps do not have access to student transcripts or academic records as CCC counselors do, and so it is hard for UC reps to answer admissions questions accurately without a clear picture of the student's coursework, GPA, and unit count. So, this tool helps them to do just that. So long as you keep your UC TAP account up-to-date and accurate, it will be a great tool to connect you with UC reps and ensure you are on track for the UC.

Third, when it comes time to apply for the **UC TAG—Transfer Admissions Guarantee**—this is where you do that. In fact, applying for TAG is pretty easy and quick if your UC TAP account is up-to-date. It is mostly just a matter of selecting the campus you are seeking to TAG to and ensuring you meet that campus's TAG criteria. And finally, when it comes time to complete your **UC Transfer Admissions application**, you can import the data from your UC TAP account into your application saving you're a good deal of time in completing your UC application. The key to success here, make sure you keep your UC TAP account accurate and up-to-date!



[Create your UC TAP account today.](#)

### Step 2. Complete the UC Transfer Admissions Application

#### When to Apply?

Most UC campuses and majors are open for Fall Admission only. For **Fall Admission**, the **UC Application opens** as early as **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. However, the application is not open for submission until October 1<sup>st</sup>. The **deadline to apply** is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

#### How to Apply?

To begin your UC Application, go to the [UC Application website](#) to create your login and begin your application. Each year the UC creates a [guide for transfer applicants](#) to walk them through the application. This is a wonderful to assist you as you complete the application.

In addition to this, look out for UC application workshops provided by your Transfer Center or check with your local UC representative for workshops they are hosting for transfer students. Many of these application workshops are posted online as an additional resource. Here's a [great example from UC Davis](#), as part of their TOP program—which San Jose City College students qualify for!

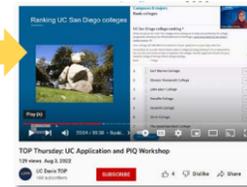


View the [UC Admissions application guide for Transfer](#)



Example of a **recorded UC application video** available online to lean on as an additional resource.

Where to apply? Apply here, [UC Application Website](#).



The UC Application allows students to complete ONE application that can then be used to apply to any of the 9 campus options.

#### UC TAP to APP

The application will take about 2 hours to complete. Students can complete it in sections and save their work as they go. It will also require that students self-report their entire coursework—which simply means entering every course, grade, unit completed at a college level that is listed in your transcript. If you have been keeping your UC TAP account up to date, that can offer a tremendous help to you, as it will allow you to import your academic history from the UC TAP account into your UC Application. That will save you a good deal of time, though you should be sure to comb through the data carefully to ensure everything was imported correctly!

Remember, always make sure your Counselor, Transfer Center, or UC admissions rep has **reviewed your UC application BEFORE you submit your application**. It is easy to make simple errors that compromise your application.



Example of what where student can import their Academic History from their UC TAP account into the UC Application.

### Part II. Admitted Phase

#### Step 4. Submit your SIR and Deposit

By January, after submission of your application, each UC campus will send students an email inviting them to create their portal. It is through that portal that the notification of admissions decisions will be received.

Generally, speaking the UC's will notify students as early as March and as late as May.

Students can only accept an offer of admission to one UC campus. To accept the offer of admission students must submit their 'Statement of Intent to Register' otherwise known as their SIR. They will also be asked to submit a deposit, currently \$250.00.

Students will also be directed to complete campus-based decision such as which 'college' to belong to or housing accommodations. Often each UC campus will host some form of a 'Next steps' workshop for admitted students to attend and receive assistance with this process. Each [UC will list their own set of Next Steps](#) after application.

The **deadline to SIR** to the UC—to *accept the offer of admission*—is **June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

#### Waitlist

Students have the option—if offered—to waitlist for another UC campus. For example, if a student was admitted to UC Irvine and waitlisted to UC Berkeley. That student could accept the offer of admission to UCI while accepting the offer to waitlist for UCB. Students can accept offers to waitlist at multiple colleges but only accept admission to one campus.

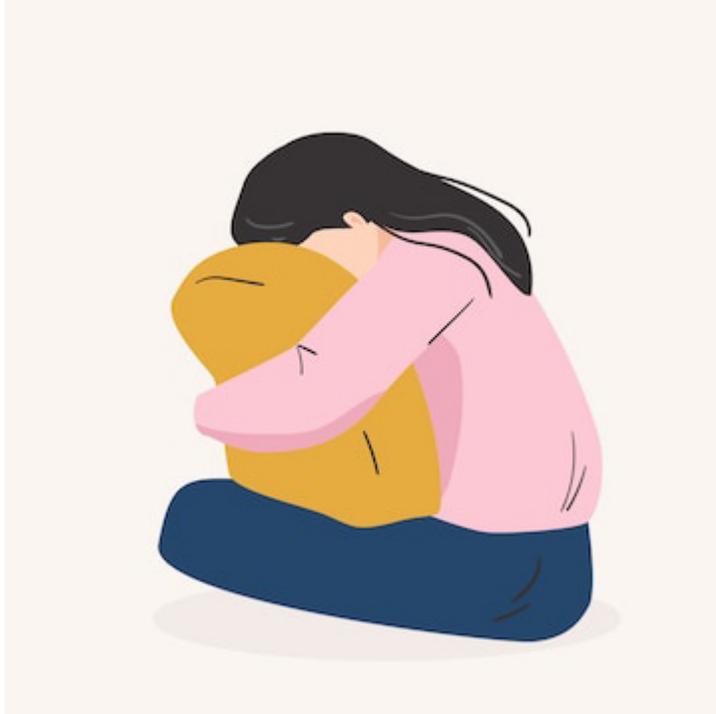
#### Housing

Often one of the first steps after accepting admission to the UC will be solidify housing plans. [Each UC will offer some form of on campus housing options](#). Some UC's will even guarantee on campus housing for transfer students.

#### UC Transfer Centers

Another incredible feature of the UC's is that each campus now includes a [Transfer Student Center](#). These centers help to create a hub on campus designed for transfer students to receive the unique supports they need and meet other transfer students on campus.

# Appeal Process

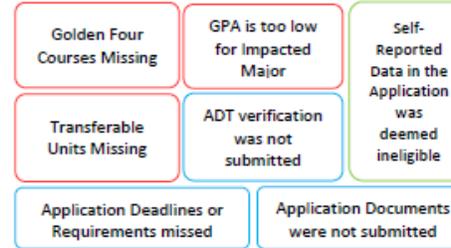


Shame / Hurt /  
Disappointment  
weigh on our students.

Help them see that this  
is when they are CLOSEST  
to their GOAL.

This is the time to  
double down.

## Denied Admission



### Reasons for Denial of Admission

Let's face it, getting a denial or rejection letter for admissions feels awful. It also feels personal, like you as a person were rejected. I get that feeling, but I'd like to take time to really unpack why students are typically denied admission, what they can do about those decisions, and why it's not the end of the world and also—not at all personal. In fact, often if you correct the issues for denial you can in many cases re-apply and be admitted.

First, the reasons. There are really two kinds of denials: one based on ineligibility and one based on an incomplete application.

### Ineligibility

*Ineligibility* means that the student did not meet the requirements for admission or for the major. This can indicate that the GPA was too low for this major or for the CSU, that a required course was missing from either the Major Prep or the Golden Four, that the student's units were under 60 transferable units, or that a requirement for a competitive major—like completion of the ADT—had not been completed. In this case, the student would work with their counselor to identify the issue and can take additional coursework to remedy the area and then reapply for the CSU campus or identify other campuses that might be a better fit. The bottom line here, you can still transfer successfully—so don't lose hope and don't disappear. Work with your counselor, regroup, and you'll see how quickly you can take a turn for the better if you are patient and diligent.

### Incomplete Application

Incomplete applications are ones where a deadline was missed, documents like the student's transcripts or ADT verification or AP/IB test scores were not submitted. In this case students often have the option to "Appeal" the decision and request a chance to remedy the issue. Students usually have 15 days after notification to submit an appeal to the CSU. Every campus is very different, often based on impactation. Impacted campuses which have an abundance of qualified student applicants may not be as flexible, non-impacted campuses or majors on the other hand might be. The best thing to do is to try an appeal the decision, work with your Transfer center to review your appeal prior to submission, and see how it goes. If it is approved, then you can submit was incomplete and keep moving forward, if not, then you can decide if you'd like to reapply the next cycle. The fact that you're reading this guide goes a long way in helping you avoid this scenario.

### Self-Reported Data

Another common issue is that students enter the wrong information in their application when listing their courses and grades (remember the example above). In this case, students may have a good chance to appeal the decision if they can demonstrate the correct information using their transcripts.

Example of SJSU Admissions Appeal Request site.

# Part IV

## Types of Funding Sources to Pay for College.

### I. Costs

### II. Inside Aid

### III. Outside Aid

### IV. Debt

	Funding awarded outside of College	Funding awarded within Student Financial Aid Package
Before College	<p><b>529 Investment Savings Accounts</b></p> <p>..... College savings investment account, (compound interest)</p>	
During College	<p><b>Employer Tuition Reimbursement</b></p> <p>.....Some employers, like UPS or Chipotle, will reimburse employees for tuition costs. (free money)</p> <p><b>Military Education Benefits</b></p> <p>.....Veteran and military service members earn educational benefits (free money)</p>	<p><b>Work-Study</b> ..... On Campus Jobs (half of your pay is paid by Federal Aid)</p> <p><b>Pell Grant</b> ..... Federal Aid (free money) (based on financial need)</p> <p><b>Cal Grant</b> ..... California Aid (free money) (based on financial need)</p> <p><b>University Grant</b> ..... University Aid (free money) (based on financial need)</p> <p><b>University Scholarship</b> ..... University Scholarship (free money) (based on merit, such as GPA, athletics)</p> <p><b>Outside Scholarship</b> ..... Outside Scholarship (free money) (based on financial need, merit)</p> <p><b>Subsidized Loan</b> ..... Federal loan (not free, must pay back) (interest is paid by the Fed Government)</p> <p><b>Unsubsidized Loan</b> ..... Federal loan (not free, must pay back) (interest begins compounding during college)</p>
After College	<p><b>Loan Forgiveness</b></p> <p>..... Public Student Loan Forgiveness Student loans are forgiven after 10 yrs working for a non-profit and making 120 payments.</p>	

# Direct & Indirect Costs, and “Inside Aid”

**Indirect Costs**, refers to the costs that are related to attending college but are not included within your university fee bill. These can include:

- The costs of books and supplies (laptop, printer, materials for class, etc.)
- The costs of transportation (gas, parking permit, train or bus tickets, etc.)
- The costs of a cell phone device
- The costs of personal necessity items (clothes, medications, household items, etc.)
- The costs of utilities (Wi-Fi service, electricity, water, trash, etc.)
- The costs of rent if living off-campus
- The costs of groceries or meals if living off campus
- The costs of entertainment (travel, movies, concerts, etc.)

Unlike direct costs associated with college, indirect costs can vary widely and shift from semester to semester. For example, you may begin one year living off campus and paying \$400 / month rent outside of UC Merced where the off campus rental prices are low. But then the following year, you lose your housing lease and have to find a more costly place to rent at \$600 / month. Still a more affordable option compared with other cities, yet that \$200 leap in costs can shift your entire annual student budget. Other examples of increases that may fluctuate:

- When a roommate moves and you have to pay higher rent
- Class materials costs that one semester are twice as high than the previous semester
- A health accident that takes you by surprise and leaves you unable to work for a month
- Your car breaking down and the added costs of maintenance
- An emergency trip home that gets placed on a credit card

There are endless examples to times indirect costs will take a sharp rise and students will need to absorb those changes while still managing their course load. Students with family, parents, or spouses have some form of a safety net during these times to better weather these financial hits without necessarily disrupting their studies. However, so many of our students attending CA community college are much more vulnerable to these incidents. Often times, it's the reason many CA community college students opt to attend a University local to them, so as not lose that family support or job that offers the flexibility to go to school. That makes 100% sense. It's so important to always stay grounded in the financial responsibilities you are signing up for when you decide on a college. Too often, for students without a safety net of their family or a job, these unforeseen costs are absorbed through additional student loans. Let's review the table below to see how Direct and Indirect costs will vary when living on campus, with parents, or off campus between a CSU and UC campus.

**COLLEGE STUDENT BUDGET**

Financial Aid & Income

	Actual	Expected	Difference
• TUITION			
• FEES			
• BOOKS			
• HEALTH			
• PHONE			
• LAUNDRY			
• FUEL			
• TRANSPORT			
• OTHER			

Expenses

	Actual	Expected	Difference
• TUITION			
• FEES			
• BOOKS			
• HEALTH			
• PHONE			
• LAUNDRY			
• FUEL			
• TRANSPORT			
• OTHER			

Example of a College Student Budget for managing Indirect Costs.

**Table 1. Direct and Indirect Costs Examples.**

<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>SJSU Living On Campus</b>	<b>SJSU Living Off Campus</b>	<b>SJSU Living With Parental Help</b>	<b>UC Merced Living On Campus</b>	<b>UC Merced Living Off Campus</b>
<b>Tuition</b>	\$7,899 / year	\$7,899 / year	\$7,899 / year	\$14,272 / year	\$14,272 / year
<b>Health Insurance</b>	\$190 / year	\$190 / year	\$190 / year	\$2,210 / year	\$2,210 / year
<b>Student Fees</b>	\$1,674 / year	\$1,674 / year	\$1,674 / year	--	--
<b>Health Center Fee</b>	\$72 / year	\$72 / year	\$72 / year	--	--
<b>Living On-Campus</b>	\$14,000 year Triple Rm, Cheapest Option	--	--	\$11,424 / year Quad Room, Cheapest Option	--
<b>Meal Plan</b>	Meal Plan included w/housing	--	--	\$5,000 / year Meal Plan average costs	--
<b>Total Direct Costs</b>	<b>\$23,835 year</b> <i>10 months (Sept – June)</i>	<b>\$9,835 / year</b> <i>10 months (Sept – June)</i>	<b>\$9,835 / year</b> <i>10 months (Sept – June)</i>	<b>\$32,906 / year</b> <i>10 months (Sept – June)</i>	<b>\$16,482 / year</b> <i>10 months (Sept – June)</i>
<b>Indirect Cost Estimates</b>	<b>SJSU Living On Campus</b>	<b>SJSU Living Off Campus</b>	<b>SJSU Living With Parental Help</b>	<b>UC Merced Living On Campus</b>	<b>UC Merced Living Off Campus</b>
<b>Books &amp; Supplies</b>	\$100 / month	\$100 / month	\$100 / month	\$100/month	\$100 / month
<b>Transportation</b>	\$40 / month	\$300 / month	\$300 / month	\$30/month	\$200 / month
<b>Cell Phone Device</b>	\$60 / month	\$60 / month	\$60 / month	\$60/month	\$60 / month
<b>Personal Necessity</b>	\$200 / month	\$200 / month	\$200 / month	\$200/month	\$200 / month
<b>Utilities</b>	-	\$200 / month	-	--	\$100 / month
<b>Rent</b>	-	\$1200 / month	-	--	\$600/month
<b>Groceries</b>	-	\$400 / month	-	--	\$400 / month
<b>Entertainment</b>	\$150 / month	\$150 / month	\$150 / month	\$150/month	\$150 / month
<b>Total Indirect Costs</b>	<b>\$550 month</b> <i>\$5,500 10 months</i>	<b>\$2,610 month</b> <i>\$26,100 year 10 month</i>	<b>\$810 month</b> <i>\$8,100 year 10 month</i>	<b>\$540/month</b> <i>\$5,400 year 10 month</i>	<b>\$1,810/month</b> <i>\$18,100 10 month</i>
<b>Total Combined Costs</b>	<b>\$29,335 yr</b>	<b>\$35,935 yr</b>	<b>\$17,935 yr</b>	<b>\$33,446 yr</b>	<b>\$34,582 yr</b>



# Deadline to Apply for Aid

## FAFSA 101



### What is FAFSA?

**FAFSA** stands for **Free Application for Student Aid**. FAFSA is an **application process** that U.S. colleges utilize to do important two things:

1. **FAFSA provides an application process all eligible U.S. students** to enter their and/or their parents' verified financial information which will be used by colleges to determine eligibility for Federal and State financial aid at their campus.
2. **FAFSA provides students with a verified and confidential manner to provide this information to colleges.** This information will only be sent to the colleges which the student has listed.

FAFSA alone does not determine a student's financial aid. Think of the FAFSA like an ID card which will be used to provide the permission to your financial profile and will also verify for colleges that what has been entered is accurate information. Once the information is received by each college, that is when each financial aid office will utilize their unique process to 'package' a student. A financial aid package is a unique combination of financial aid options for which each student/family is eligible to receive, such as grants, scholarships, work-study, or loans.

### When to submit FAFSA?

**FAFSA is due each year by March 2<sup>nd</sup>** for the following year at a 4-year campus.

**Students can complete the FAFSA as early as October 1<sup>st</sup>**—and I'd HIGHLY recommend doing so this early since missing the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline can compromise a student's eligibility for student aid.

Once the FAFSA application is submitted, **students can always log back in to update their FAFSA** with additional schools or change in their financial status. For example, if a parent is suddenly unemployed, students should update their FAFSA and then reach out to their financial aid office to update their financial aid package—they may be eligible for additional support.

### Who is eligible for the FAFSA?

U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and other **eligible noncitizens** are eligible to apply for the FAFSA. There are additional criteria to adhere to, please refer to the **FAFSA website for up-to-date eligibility information**.

To remain eligible for financial aid students must maintain a **2.0 and above cumulative GPA**. Students must also be careful not to accumulate **too many W's or withdraws**—as this can **disqualify a student's eligibility for financial aid**.

## CADAA 101



### What is the California Dream Act (CADAA)?

**CADAA** stands for the **California Dream Act Application**. CADAA is an **application process** for financial aid in California that is born out of the passage of the California Dream Act passed in 2011.

The California Dream Act allows undocumented students, DACA recipients (valid or expired), U Visa holders and students under Temporary Protected Status (TPS), who qualify for a non-resident exemption under Assembly Bill 540 (AB 540), Senate Bill 2000 (SB 2000) and Senate Bill 68 (SB 68), to receive certain types of financial aid such as: private scholarships funded through public universities, state administered financial aid, university grants, community college fee waivers, and Cal Grants (**Reference**). In addition, the California Dream Act, allows eligible students to pay in-state tuition at any public college in California. To learn more, view the **CADAA FAQ sheet**.

### Who can qualify for the CADAA?

Students who live in California and meet the eligibility requirements for a non-resident exemption, as well as students who have a U Visa or TPS status, can use the California Dream Act application (CADAA). Similarly, students without Social Security Numbers or students who have lost DACA status (or never applied for DACA), may still be eligible. The full language of the law and eligibility requirements is stated in CA Education Code 68130.5

### When to submit CADAA?

**CADAA is due each year by March 2<sup>nd</sup>** for the following year at a 4-year campus.

**Students can complete the CADAA as early as October 1<sup>st</sup>**—and I'd HIGHLY recommend doing so this early since missing the March 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline can compromise a student's eligibility for student aid.

### CADAA, FERPA, and Confidentiality

Students and families should feel **secure** in submitting their information through the CA Dream Act Application (CADAA). The California Student Aid Commission adheres to the **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), a Federal law that **protects the privacy of student education records** (**Reference**).

### Independent vs. Dependent



[Click Here to view the CADAA FAQ.](#)



[Click Here to view the CADAA additional info and resources site.](#)

## Financial and Parental Info

This portion of the application will determine if you qualify for the application fee waiver, it is not the FAFSA or the California Dream Application. Students that qualify based on their financial need will receive a fee waiver to apply to four CSU campuses for at no cost. This is determined at the end of the application prior to submission. If you did not receive the fee waiver but believe you would qualify as a student with financial need, check in with your Transfer Center to ensure you completed this section correctly. A common error I have seen is students entering the 'gross income' of their parents twice—in two separate fields—due to confusion. Take your time and work with your Transfer Center for help on this section.



One aspect of financial aid that can be confusing is whether you as a student are considered **Dependent or Independent**, that is if your financial aid or in this case, whether you qualify for the application fee waiver, will be determined based on your parents income or on your own. That decision is made using federal guidelines listed below. *It not based on whether or not your parents list you on their taxes, if you do or do not live at home, and whether or not your parents actually do assist you financially.* If you are **under 24 years old** and answer **'NO'** to each **question below**, then you are considered **Dependent** and should list your parent's financial information. If you answer **'YES'** to any of the questions below ad are **24 years old** or older then you are considered **Independent** and should use your financial information.

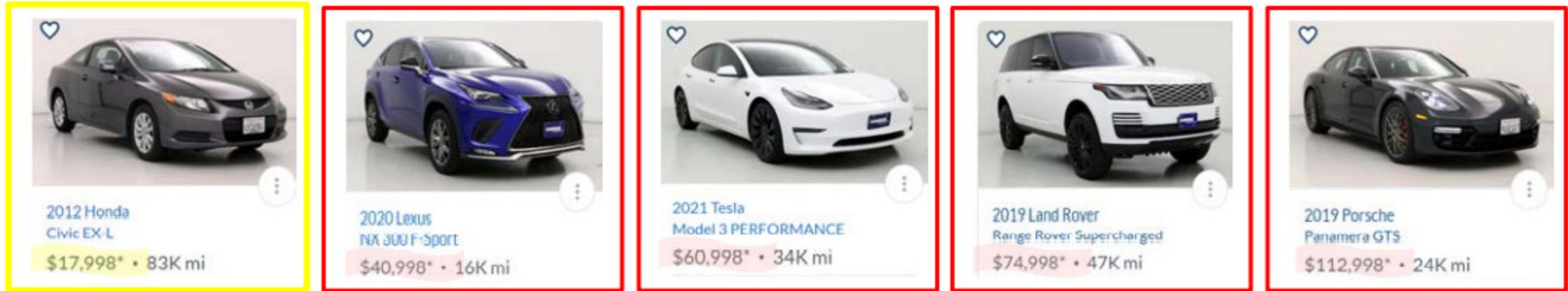
### Dependent vs. Independent Criteria for 2022-2023 Academic Year

*If you answer **NO** to **ALL** of these questions, then you may be considered a dependent student and may be required to provide your parents' financial information when completing the FAFSA form.*

- Will you be 24 or older by Jan. 1 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid? For example, if you plan to start school in August 2022 for the 2022–23 school year, will you be 24 by Jan. 1, 2022 (i.e., were you born before Jan. 1, 1999)?
- Are you married or separated but not divorced?
- Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree (such as M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)?
- Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
- Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?
- Are you an emancipated minor or are you in a legal guardianship as determined by a court?
- Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

[To view this criteria directly from FAFSA and learn more, Click Here.](#)

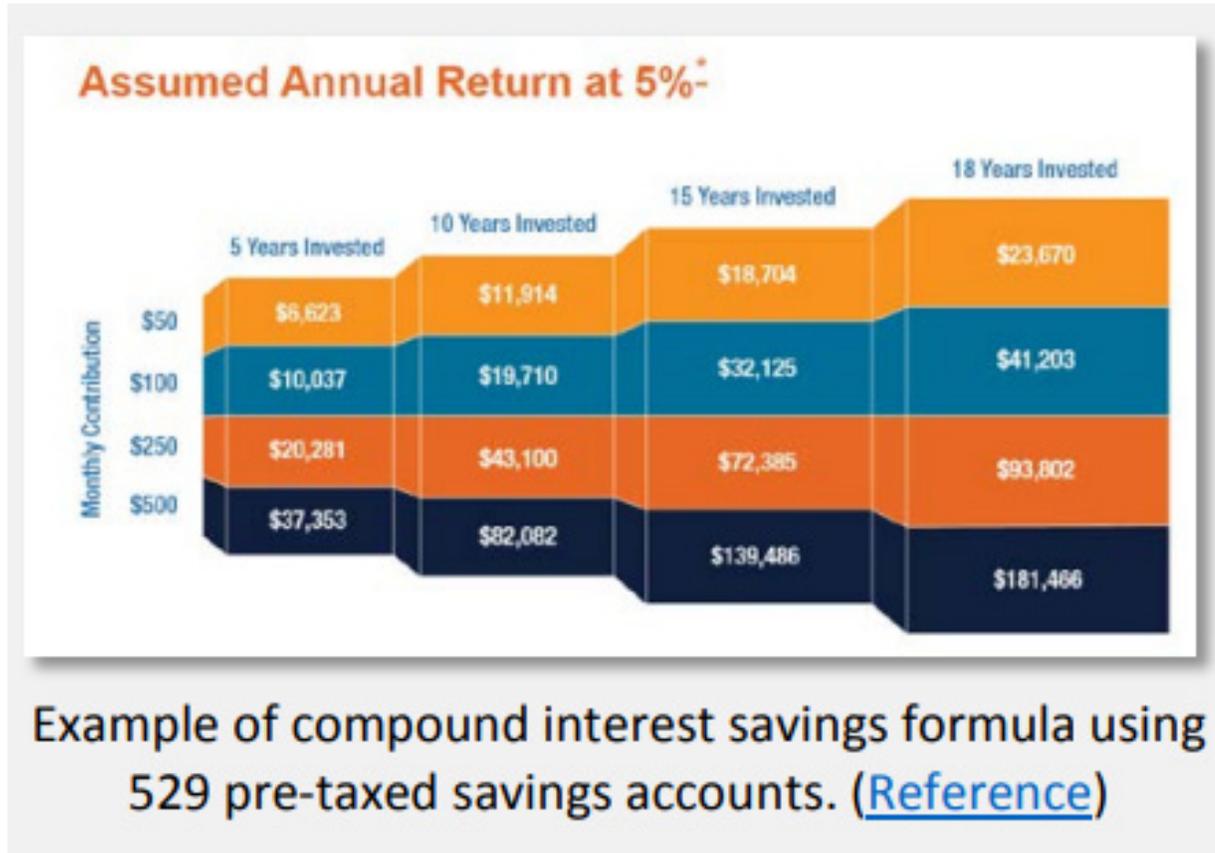
# Student Loans



*1 in 5 families in the United States have student debt.  
The poorest communities borrow the most.*



# 529 Accounts



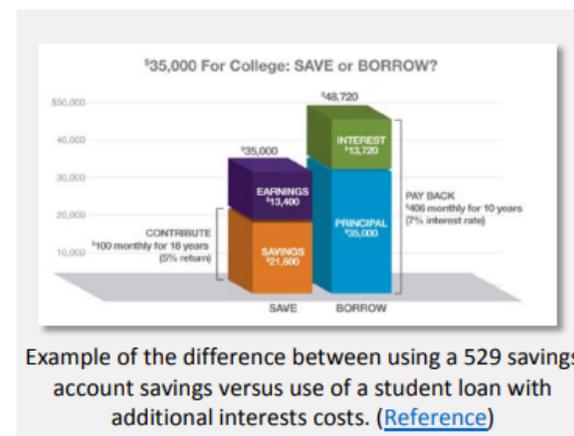
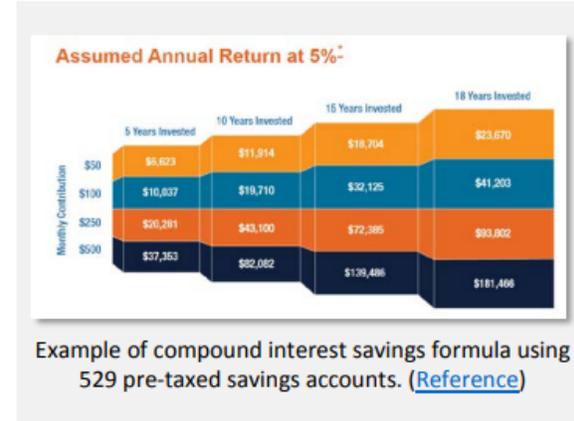
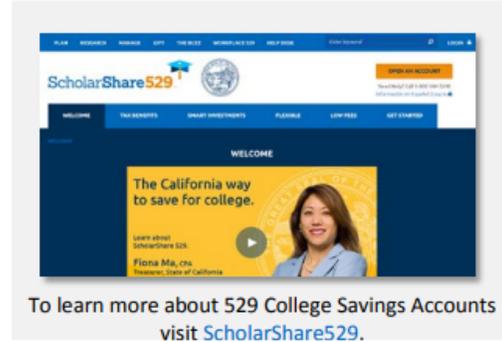
## Factor III. Outside Aid

Another source of funding is one that I will call 'outside aid' simply because it is determined separate of a student's financial aid package and is a term that includes several forms of funding options that students and families have long used to help pay for college. Let's take a look at some.

### College Savings & the 529 Account

Something most middle and upper class families are keenly aware of is the power of [compound interest](#). This is in fact how most wealthy individuals create and perpetuate generational wealth. It is also—for the most part—something poor and low-income families either know very little about or a process that may seem out of reach when you are trying to make ends meet. And yet, there's a powerful tool available to ALL families, at every income level, that can play an important tool in leveling the playing field for higher education and that is the [529 savings account](#). These are savings accounts that accrue compound interest—which means that both your savings amount AND the interest of that amount build additional interest together or when compounded. The result is an accelerated form of savings, which works best for long-term savings goals like saving for college or planning for retirement. Compound interest is, in fact, the basic building block for any 401K retirement account. The 529 account offers a similar structure and benefit—only rather than save for your later years, you can begin in your child's earliest years to save for college and school expenses.

In California, families can utilize the [ScholarShare](#) site to create an account and beginning saving for college. If I had one piece of advice to any new parent, it is do not wait—begin putting away even \$50-100/month towards your child's college using a 529 account. You will see how overtime the combination of compound interest rate of return and the structure of the 529 accounts as pre-taxed income will help reduce the student loan debt for your family. This is in fact how most middle to upper income families prepare to pay for college as they will likely not qualify for most forms of grant aid.



# Part V

Where to begin?  
Begin with YOU

## What is Pulling You First?

Everyone has to start somewhere. Often there is something pulling us *first* towards a direction. It is the thing we consciously or unconsciously prioritize first when we're sorting through our options. Take a look at the descriptions below and identify which of the following areas best describes where you are and **what is it you are prioritizing first as you pursue your transfer goals.**

 <p><b>Major First</b></p>	<p><b>This is you, if...</b> You are SO passionate and clear about your major. For example, Engineering or Psychology. You do not care so much where you transfer to, so long as you can get in to the college for your 1<sup>st</sup> choice major. You don't mind how long it takes to complete the coursework to transfer, so long as it's in your major. You are willing to take the longer or harder path to study in your major.</p>	<p><b>Some tips to get started...</b> Utilize the Transfer Major Explorer to find the colleges that offer your major. Take time to research each campus and the graduation requirements for your major to compare college. Start narrowing your top 2-4 campuses to focus on applying to for transfer. Work closely with your Counselor and Admissions rep to plan courses and GPA requirements.</p>
 <p><b>College First</b></p>	<p><b>This is you, if...</b> You are focused on a single college or even a system—like attending a UC. You are flexible on your major so long as you can attend the College you have in mind. You can already imagine yourself at this college, on the campus, what it will be like. It can be a college you are aspiring to, that means something special. It can be a college culture that draws you in and feels like home.</p>	<p><b>Some tips to get started...</b> Spend time on the individual college website and study the admissions requirements. Narrow down majors that interest you at this college. Start talking with the Admissions representatives for this college EARLY. Let them know that their campus is your goal. Ask them for help with your planning process. Work with your Counselor early to ensure you are meeting the course and GPA requirements.</p>
 <p><b>Career First</b></p>	<p><b>This is you, if...</b> You are starting with a Career in mind, such as becoming a nurse or an attorney. You know what you want to do upon graduation and you're flexible about how you get there. You are willing to take more courses if needed. You're less particular about the college or major you transfer into, so long as it leads to your Career choice. You have great clarity about your career goal.</p>	<p><b>Some tips to get started...</b> Try to arrange an informational interview with someone in this Career. That is ask someone for 30-60 mins of their time for you to interview them about their Career and how they got there and what they would advise you. Also, check in with your Career Center for any career panels or special related events. Work with your Counselor to design a transfer plan best suited to your goal.</p>
 <p><b>Workforce First</b></p>	<p><b>This is you, if...</b> You see transfer as a long-term goal and are looking for a Certificate or Associates Degree first to enter the workforce within 6 months – 1 year. For example, a student achieving Early Childhood Education certificate may still seek to become a K-12 credentialed teacher, but will first seek to enter the teaching field and gain experience as they continue their studies.</p>	<p><b>Some tips to get started...</b> Work with your Counselor to learn about local workforce programs available at your college or within your Region. Aim to take General Education courses that will align with your transfer goals in the future to avoid taking more classes than needed. Aim for a manageable course load that allows you to work while going to school. Ask about options for Work Experience. Lean on online/hybrid courses for flexibility.</p>
 <p><b>Options Open</b></p>	<p><b>This is you, if...</b> You're not sure where you want to transfer to, what you want to major in, or what your ultimate career goal is. You're flexible and open and want to learn more. You're also cautious and do not want to commit too early to any field of study until you feel sure. You mostly know 100% you want to achieve a Bachelor's degree.</p>	<p><b>Some tips to get started...</b> Start by taking a Career Guidance course at your College. Check in with your Career Center for career assessment options. Meet with your Counselor and Admissions reps. Participate in opportunities to tour 4-year campuses. You are in the learning and exploration phase and that's okay so long as you don't stay passive. Find ways to engage, get more specific about your options</p>

# III. Next Steps

# Editing in Progress. Full Release Summer 2023.



Shout out to our Student Equity Committee

## Executive Summary for 2019-2022 Student Equity Plan

San Jose City College is committed to student success. The 2019-2022 Student Equity Plan plays a critical role in these efforts by focusing on eliminating barriers and accelerating students to completion, graduation and transfer outcomes. This plan contains five goals which focus on basic skills, student equity, and outcomes such as transfer and completion.

The five goals contained in this plan braid together Basic Skills, Student Equity and Student Success and Support Program initiatives. It aligns with the San Jose City College Strategic and Master Plans, as well as the Guided Pathway Initiative.

SJCC's Equity Plan responds collectively to an increased need for student equity and success in recent years with the assistance of Student Affairs programs and targeted faculty development. The Student Success and Equity Committee has made major contributions to the five goals set forth.

These goals will align with the San Jose Evergreen Community College District's Strategic and Educational Master Plans. Key Performance Indicators from these plans have also been created within the Integrated Plan for consistency and effectiveness. The direct beneficiary of the Equity Plan will be SJCC's diverse student population.



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- Final Edited Copy will be published by SJCC and made available: Summer 2023
- **Online Accessible Content.**
- Finalizing Copyediting.
- Adding Graphics editing.
- Printed edition will be available.
- Slide deck will also be publically posted.

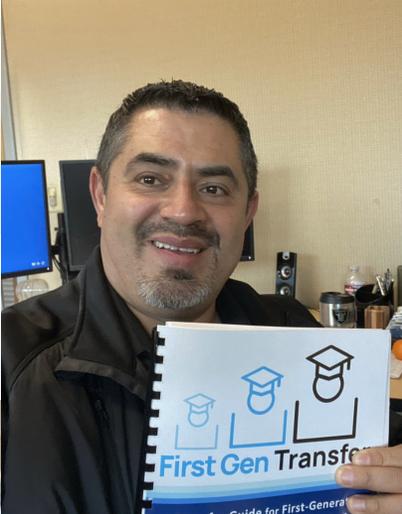
# Shout out to our **San Jose City College** Counselors!



Student Accessibility Program



Articulation



Veterans Program



Metas / Puente Program



METAS Program



CalWorks / Dual Enrollment

# Thank you to our SJCC Community!

Shout out to our Professional Development



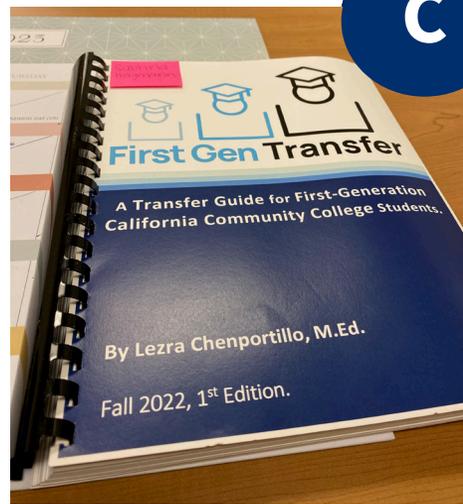
The PD Committee offers SJCC faculty and staff a variety of activities that can assist in your professional enrichment and development. Visit the PDC located in LRC 114 (Library) or explore this site to learn more about the opportunities and resources available. The Professional Development Center seeks to support the entire San Jose City College community (faculty, staff, and administrators) as they expand their professional practices. It serves as the hub for career opportunities and personal and professional growth.



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# IV. Your Voice

# FAQ Time

Questions?

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Final, final words... **thank you** &

**Stay Golden**

# CLOSING

