

# HOW TO TRANSFER TO A CSU



The California State University (CSU) system is composed of 28 public universities throughout the State of California, almost 412,000 students, and 43,000 faculty and staff. The CSU system is the largest, the most diverse, and one of the most affordable university systems in the country. CSU campuses engage students in research and creative activities leading to scientific, technical, artistic and social advances.



## Minimum Transfer Requirements

To transfer to any of the CSU campuses, you need to meet minimum admission requirements. The minimum CSU admission requirements include:

- ◆ Completion of 60 CSU transferable units
- ◆ Completed at least 30 semester (45 quarter) units of general education courses, with a grade of C or better in each course, including the Golden Four
- ◆ Completion of “The Golden Four” with a grade of C or better for each course:
  - One Oral Communication class: SPCOM 1 or 4
  - One Written Communication class: English 1A or AP
  - One Critical Thinking course: English 1B, 1C, Hist 5, Philo 5 or SPCOM 2
  - One Math Course: Math 2, 4A, 4B, 6, 8, 12, 17A, 17B, 18A, 18B, 18C or AP
- ◆ Minimum 2.0 GPA (2.4 for out-of-state students)
- ◆ Good standing at the last college or university you attended

**\*\*NOTE:** Meeting minimum admission requirements will allow you to apply to the campus and merit an application review. However, it does not necessarily mean you will be selected or admitted to the campus.

# Strategies to Ensure Transfer Success

Impaction: Many CSUs have specific majors that are impacted and some have campus wide impaction. If you are applying to any of these majors/campuses you will be held to higher standards for admission, namely: competitive GPA and major prep completion. Please see the following website for impaction status: <http://www.calstate.edu/sas/impactionsearch/>

Increase your odds of transfer by completing an Associate Degree for Transfer. Students with an AA-T or AS-T degree receive admission priority and guaranteed admission with junior status to the CSU system, along with the ability to complete a baccalaureate degree with only 60 additional semester units (or 90 quarter units) in a degree program that has been deemed similar.

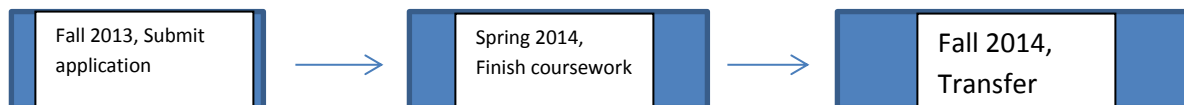
Columbia College offers AA-T/AS-T's in the following majors:

Anthropology	Business Administration	Child Development
Communication Studies	English	Kinesiology
Political Science	Psychology	Sociology.

More AA-T/AS-T degrees in additional majors are being developed. Check the website [www.adegreewithaguarantee.com](http://www.adegreewithaguarantee.com) and make an appointment with your Columbia College counselor (by calling 588-5109) for more information.

## When to Apply

Apply to transfer the year before you would like to attend. For example, if you intend to finish your coursework by Spring 2014, you would submit an application or apply Fall 2013.



## Deadlines

Term	Application Submission period
Fall	October 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 30 <sup>th</sup>
Spring	August 1 <sup>st</sup> – August 30th

## Resources

Assist, [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

Explore majors and educational programs at CSU campuses. Research major requirements by campus

CSU Admission Website, [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

Explore CSU campuses, apply to a CSU and find valuable information on transferring to a CSU.

A Degree with a Guarantee! [www.adegreewithaguarantee.com](http://www.adegreewithaguarantee.com)

Research Associate Degrees for Transfer!

# Transfer Roadmap for CSU's



Transferring to a CSU requires exploration, decision-making, and strategic planning of coursework. Focused planning is KEY to transfer success.



## EXPLORE, RESEARCH, REFLECT

- Explore your interests, values, skills, and ideal work environments
- Research occupations and educational programs
- Make an appointment with a counselor to discuss options and questions
- Speak with faculty
- Consider taking Guidance 1 (Career & Self Exploration), 3 units, offered Fall & Spring

## Select a MAJOR

Select a minimum of 3-5 campuses that offer your major. Utilize [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) to research which schools offer which majors!

## Complete your General Education (GE) coursework

- Follow the CSU General Education pattern

## Complete your Major Preparation coursework for each campus. Major coursework is found on [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)

Note: Major courses may vary for each campus. Be mindful of coursework for each campus and plan accordingly. Remember, major courses are NOT typically “required” BUT are strongly recommended and make you a much stronger candidate for transfer.

Complete “Elective” classes.  
Pick additional CSU transferable classes to reach the minimum number of units required to transfer (60)

Completion of GE + Major coursework + Electives (if needed to reach minimum of 60 CSU transferable units)  
= TRANSFER

