

California Transfer Opportunities

The California Community Colleges system's 116 campuses offer a variety of education options that lead to certificates, associate degrees, and bachelor's degrees. Every year, more than 100,000 California Community College students transfer to a four-year college or university to earn a bachelor's degree and/or graduate/professional degree. The information below can help guide you through the transfer process.

General Transfer Process for Students

- ☐ Start at a California Community College
- ☐ Complete general education requirements and major-specific coursework at community college
- ☐ Apply to a four-year college or university as a transfer student
- ☐ Accept offer of admission

Community College Education Options

Community colleges typically offer associate degrees that can be completed in two years. Some California Community College campuses also offer bachelor's degrees (to be completed in four years) in specialized majors that fill workforce needs. They also offer certification programs, non-credit classes, and specialized training programs that are often created in partnership with local industries. These career education programs provide skills needed in today's workforce, such as architecture and construction, health science, information technology, and business management and administration. Although California Community Colleges offer a wide variety of programs, not all are offered at every campus.

Transfer Requirements

Another community college option is to complete one or two years of study at a community college and then transfer to a four-year college or university. Lower-division transfer students can complete less than 60 semester units before applying for transfer. Upper-division transfer students require a minimum

of 60 semester units before transfer.

To ensure a good transfer plan, it is important to work with academic advisors at your current college, the four-year college you wish to attend, and the academic department to which you plan to transfer.

Transfer policies for California state institutions, such as those in the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems, have standardized transfer requirements. Most of these universities only consider upper-division transfer students with a minimum of 60 semester units/90 quarter units completed at a community college. ASSIST is the official statewide online tool that specifies for prospective California students the courses they need to complete at a community college to satisfy elective, general education, and transfer requirements. A series of courses that satisfy the freshman/sophomore-level general education requirements at CSU and UC can be found using the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). The CSU General Education-Breadth (GE-Breadth) program may also be used to fulfill general education requirements for any CSU campus.

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UC Transfer Programs

The UC Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program is available at six UC campuses. The TAG matrix shows the full list of campuses in the program and their individual requirements. The TAG application deadline is September 30 for the fall term and May 31 for the winter/spring term. The UC application deadline is December 1.

The UC Transfer Pathway program is another option when you have decided on a major and prefer to keep your campus options open. Use UC's Transfer Pathways Guide to get clear guidance on the classes you need to take and choose from any of the nine undergraduate campuses to transfer.

The UC Dual Admission program is a new transfer path for California high school students who are ineligible for admission because they haven't met all of UC's subject matter requirements. Students are invited to enroll at a California Community College with a guaranteed spot at a UC

campus if they complete the transfer requirements. UC Dual Admission students will have access to support from all UC campuses.

CSU Transfer Programs

The California Community Colleges' Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program, also known as a Degree with a Guarantee, guarantees transfer applicants a place at one of the 23 CSU campuses.

The Associate in Art for Transfer (AA-T) and the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) are fully transferrable two-year associate degrees, which allow you to earn two degrees; your associate degree and your bachelor's degree.

Additional Transfer Guarantee Opportunities

The ADT program also guarantees transfer to several other colleges and universities. The program extends to 12 participating California independent nonprofit universities that accept at least one ADT

major and more than 35 participating historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) nationwide.

The new Transfer Success Pathway is a dual admission program that offers a chance to pursue a bachelor's degree at one of the 23 CSU campuses. To participate, students enter into an agreement with CSU, meet the requirements, and then receive guaranteed admission to the degree program and campus of their choice.

Transfer Tips

For additional tips on transferring from a two-year to a four-year college, visit <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/plan-for-college/college-basics/types-of-colleges/tips-on-transferring-from-a-2-year-to-a-4-year-college>.

Need More Information?

The College Place is here to help you with free college-planning resources and personal advice. Visit our website at www.ecmc.org/tcp.

Web Resources

Resource	Description	Web Address
California Community Colleges	Find a college	www.cccco.edu/Students/Find-a-College
	Bachelor's degree options	www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Educational-Services-and-Support/What-we-do/Curriculum-and-Instruction-Unit/Curriculum/Baccalaureate-Degree-Program
	Career education	https://icangotocollege.com/career-ed-certificate
	ASSIST	https://resource.assist.org
University of California (UC)	IGETC (UC)	https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/preparing-to-transfer/general-education-igetc/igetc
	Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)	https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-admission-guarantee-tag.html
	Transfer Pathways	https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/transfer-pathways
	Dual Admission Program	https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-requirements/uc-transfer-programs/dual-admission.html
California State University (CSU)	IGETC (CSU) and General-Education Breadth (GE-Breadth)	www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/upper-division-transfer.aspx
	Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)	https://icangotocollege.com/associate-degree-for-transfer
	Transfer Success Pathway	www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/transfer-success-pathway.aspx
Additional Transfer Guarantee Opportunities	ADT transfer destinations	https://aiccu.edu/page/transferstudents
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)	California Community Colleges Transfer Guarantee Pathway to HBCUs	https://icangotocollege.com/hbcu-transfer-opportunities