

Students Considering a JC before Four Year Colleges

Who should consider the transfer path

- Haven't decided on an academic or career goal
- Haven't met requirements for freshman admission
- Aren't ready or able to leave home
- Want affordability or community colleges
- Want additional academic preparation or exploration in specific academic areas

Why Transferring Works

- CCCs and UC's Academic paths are clearly drawn with extensive course articulation
- every CCC course is reviewed and listed at assist.org
- General education course credit is listed in the UC transfer agreements
- Major / departmental credit is listed in specific campus articulate agreements

Admission to UCs and CSUs as a Transfer Student

- Like freshman applicants, transfer students must meet UC and CSU eligibility requirements
- In addition, transfer applicants may have to complete
 - Lower-division general education requirements
 - Lower-division major preparation courses

Becoming UC Eligible (CSU have similar steps)

- Complete 60 semester (90 quarter) units of transferable college credits with a 2.4 GPA
- Complete UC transfer eligibility 7-course pattern with a "C" or better in each course

Transfer Eligibility Course Pattern

- 2 transferable English composition courses
- 1 transferable course is mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning
- 4 transferable courses in at least two of the following areas
 - Arts and Humanities
 - Social and behavioral sciences
 - Physical and biological sciences
- Courses should be 3 semester (4-5 quarter) units
Most campuses require completion of this course pattern in the spring term prior to fall admission

Importance of Major Preparation

- The completion of lower division major preparation courses can be a significant factor in selection for admission to highly competitive campuses
- Highly selective majors (e.g., sciences, engineering) evaluate applicants based on major preparation completed prior to transfer
- Therefore in many cases, the completion of lower division major preparation should be a higher priority than General Education

Comprehensive Review

- As with freshman applicants, transfer students are selected using comprehensive review when the number of eligible applicants exceed spaces available
- Junior-level CCC applicants receive priority consideration
- Campuses apply 8 criteria approved by University faculty
 - All campuses place higher importance on academic achievement and major preparation in evaluating applicants
- Evaluation process and weight of each factor varies by campus

Best Advice for Prospective Transfers

Improving college readiness: take rigorous college prep courses throughout high school

- take math all four years
- Take advantage of early assessments
 - CSU's Early academic Assessment exams in English and Mathematics
 - CCC assessment / placement exams

Concurrent enrollment opportunities enables student to experience college while in high school

- Take advantage of summer sessions

Three strong predictors for success:

- (1) full-time enrollment
- (2) continuous enrollment
- (3) work no more than 15 hours per week

Work closely with an academic advisor, Transfer Center Director and University representative to develop a transfer plan

- Develop, then follow, a plan but update it regularly
- ASSIST (assist.org for UCs) and UC's Transfer Preparation Paths (uctransfer.org) are helpful but no substitute for personal academic advising
- Review the information on the websites the the campuses you are interested in transferring to

Research your Options

- Not all CCCs offer the same programs or opportunities for students
- Investigate which CCC offer most transferable courses for prospective majors

Decide on a major and campus no later than the start of sophomore year at CCC

- Follow recommended curriculum for major (including competitive GPA)
- Be sure GE pattern you follow is appropriate for intended major major campus
 - Beware that GE requirements for science majors are different than non-science majors

Take advantage of student services offered by community colleges

- Orientation Programs
- Student Support Programs
 - EOPS
 - PUENTE
 - MESA
 - First Year Programs
 - Student Support Services (TRIO)