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# **CENTER FOR RETENTION AND TRANSFER (CRT)**

The Center for Retention and Transfer (CRT) is open Monday, 8:00am – 6:00pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00am – 5:00pm; Thursday, 8:00am – 7:00pm and Friday, 8:00am – 1pm. We are located in the Student Services Building, Office 229.

## **The Counseling Department offers the following services:**

- Program Planning
- Academic Guidance
- Transfer Planning
- Major Workshops
- Petition Approval
- Academic Renewal
- Graduation Petitions
- Financial Aid Appeals
- Student Educational Plans
- Personal Development Courses

## **Appointments**

We encourage students to make an appointment with a counselor every semester to refine their educational goals and to complete a Student Educational Plan. Appointments are 30 minutes in length. Students are not assigned a counselor and are free to choose any counselor on our staff. Please call the department at (323) 241-5392 to schedule an appointment.

# TRANSFER CENTER SERVICES

**University/ College Representative Visits** – Meet with representatives from various colleges/universities one-on-one. Visiting representatives are available to answer questions about admissions, majors, financial aid and more. Drop-in or make an appointment.

**University/College Fairs** – Meet university/college representatives here on campus on the same day at the same time. Have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers. Two college fairs are held throughout the year; one in the fall semester and one in the spring semester.

**University/College Workshops** – Attend a Transfer Strategies, Major-Specific, and/or Transfer Application Workshop. All workshops are designed to provide vital information on the transfer process, university academic programs, how to fill out the application and write the personal statement. Students are encouraged to apply to the universities on-line.

**University Tours** – Join a campus tour of area colleges and universities. Transportation is provided to over a dozen different universities, including UC, CSU and independent campuses. Take advantage of this great opportunity to experience the campus environment and ask specific questions about admissions, financial aid, housing and university student life.

**Catalog and Reference Library** – Start your university research right here at Los Angeles Southwest College. A variety of catalogs and resources including free university brochures, pamphlets and flyers are always available.

**Videotape Library** – Take a “virtual tour” of campuses you can’t visit in person. View a videotape or CDROM, and sit back and tour a variety of colleges/universities without leaving Los Angeles Southwest College.

**Scholarship Information** – Gather information on a wide range of scholarships available to students who meet a wide variety of criteria.

**Transfer Websites and Internet Resources** – Utilize our computers to access university catalogs, college ratings, scholarships and internship information, and to take a virtual campus tour and much more.

**Visit the Center for Retention and Transfer in the  
Student Services Building, 2nd Floor  
(323) 241-5392**

# TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

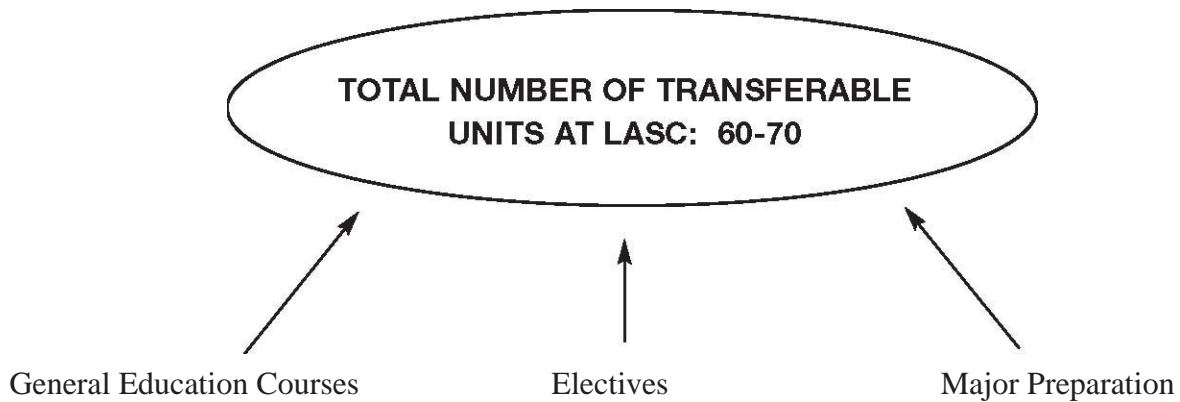
As an upper division transfer student you can earn 50% of your bachelor's degree at Los Angeles Southwest College. Meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan, gain upper division status and make yourself as competitive as possible for admission into your university of choice.

**Upper Division Transfer Student:** A student who has the required minimum number of transferable units (60) and appropriate course patterns completed. Transfer admission will be based on college work only. (Check with individual CSU campuses regarding lower division classification and appropriate requirements)

## TO BECOME UPPER DIVISION TRANSFER STUDENT, EARN 50% OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE

### Los Angeles Southwest College: Freshman/Sophomore work

- Lower division general education requirements
- Lower division major requirements
- Electives



### University: Junior/Senior work

- Upper division general education requirements (if necessary)
- Upper division major requirements
- Electives (if necessary)
- Minor (optional)



# EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

## **Vocational Certificate**

Major Courses Only – Required number of units varies according to program. Includes a series of special major courses, all related to a particular occupational skill. The objective is immediate employment or skill development. Offered by community colleges and private educational organizations.

## **Associate Degree**

Major Courses PLUS General Education Courses & Electives, 60 units required. Usually referred to as AA or AS (Associate of Arts or Sciences) Degrees. Normally requires 2 years or 4 semesters of full-time work. Offered by community colleges.

## **Bachelor's Degree**

Major Courses PLUS General Education & Minor or Electives, usually 120-140 total units required. Referred to as BS or BA (Bachelor of Science or Arts) Degrees. Normally requires 4 years of full-time work. You may complete the first 2 years at a community college and then transfer to a 4-year university.

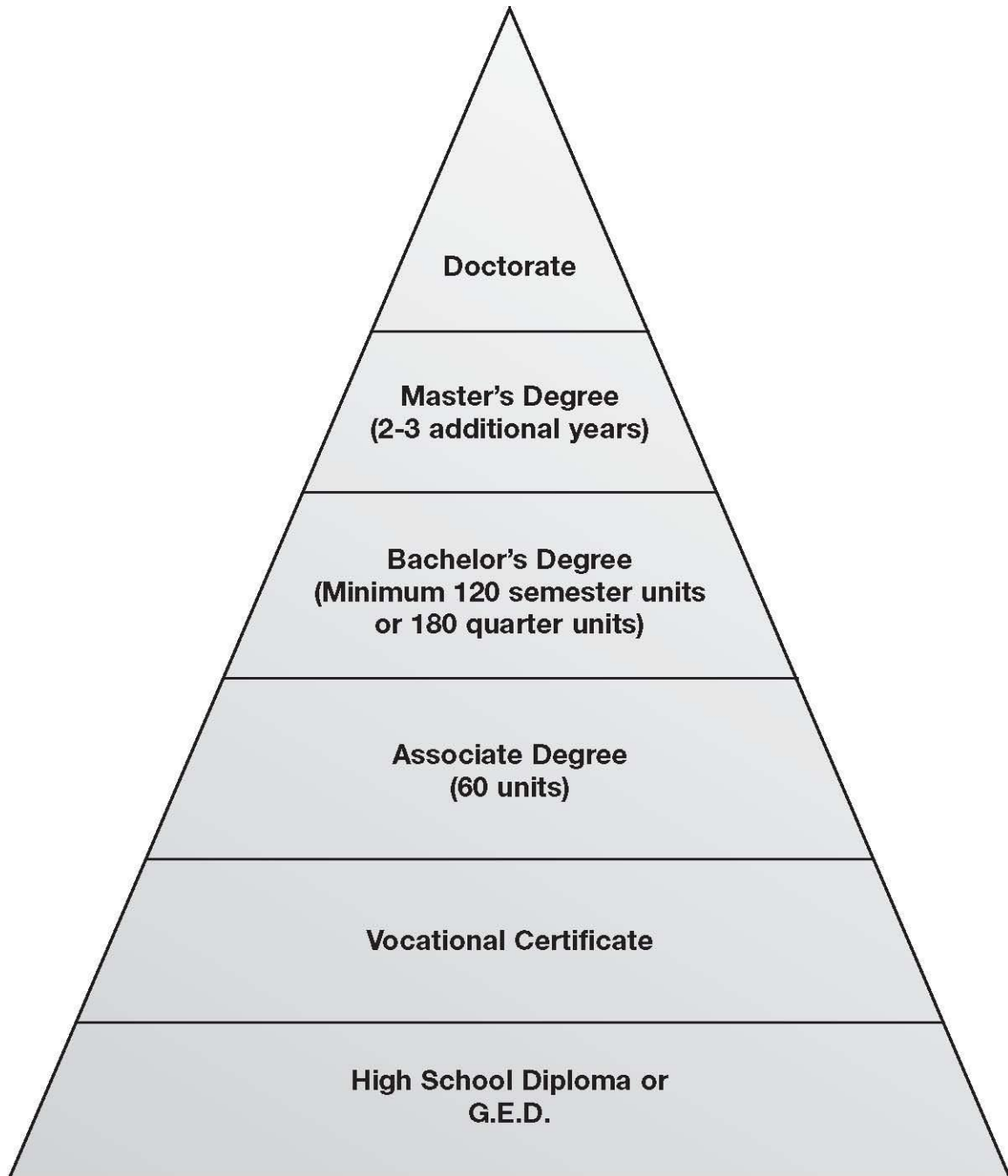
## **Master's Degree**

Bachelor Degree PLUS graduate courses in specialized area. Bachelor Degree units (120-140) PLUS about 36 units. Usually referred to as MS or MA (Masters of Science or Arts) Degrees. Normally requires 2-3 additional years of full-time, graduate work AFTER completion of Bachelor Degree.

## **Doctoral Degree - (Doctorate)**

Master Degree PLUS advanced graduate courses in specialized area. Units vary, depending on field of study. Usually referred to as PH.D. or ED.D (**Doctorate** of Philosophy or **Doctorate** of Education), etc. Normally requires 3 to 5 additional years of full-time work AFTER completion of Masters Degree.

# DEGREE PYRAMID



# **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES PROGRAM FOR ADULT COLLEGE EDUCATION**

**Prepare to Transfer and Earn an Associate Degree at the Same Time**

**Los Angeles Southwest College is offering the  
Interdisciplinary Studies Major**

If the courses in preparation for your major at a transfer institution do not total a minimum of 18 units or you do not complete all of the courses in preparation for your major, you can still earn a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies by simply completing the following requirement.

## **Requirements for the Interdisciplinary Studies Major:**

- Complete the CSU General Education Certification pattern.

**AND**

- Complete additional transferable courses to meet the 60 unit minimum.

Then you can graduate from Los Angeles Southwest College with an Associate Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

Last day to petition for Spring **2010** Graduation or Certificate of Completion: Monday, March 30, 2010.

For more information, consult with a LASC counselor.

# UC ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_1. Review your academic records with a LASC counselor AND a university representative to determine your eligibility & competitiveness as a transfer applicant. Follow an educational plan and strategize.
- \_\_\_2. Find out if the UC campus of interest is impacted. Next, find out if your major is impacted. If so, find out what the admissions requirements are and when they should be completed, i.e., grade point average, major courses required and any other supplemental materials such as portfolios, interviews or letters of recommendation.
- \_\_\_3. Take courses for your major early on. In your studies, the more courses you complete at the time of application, the more competitive you will become.
- \_\_\_4. Find out which general education pattern is appropriate for your campus and/or major choice. In general, IGETC is preferred, but there are some exceptions.
- \_\_\_5. Do no delay taking your math and English courses.
- \_\_\_6. If you took AP exams in high school, ask for a UC evaluation of those scores. Los Angeles Southwest evaluates AP scores differently than UC campuses.
- \_\_\_7. Inquire about the benefits of joining the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.
- \_\_\_8. Apply broadly. Don't put all of your eggs in one basket. Apply to at least one non-impacted campus if your first choice campus is impacted. List an alternate major if your first choice major is impacted. Apply on time and observe all of the important application filing deadlines. Some CSU campuses do not accept applications in the spring.
- \_\_\_9. Meet with the Center for Retention and Transfer staff. Attend admissions and application/personal statement workshops.
- \_\_\_10. Learn to use these valuable Web sites to access helpful transfer information:
  - <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergraduate.html> Access individual UC campus Web sites, transfer information booklets & apply on line
  - [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) Find out the courses that transfer from ECC to the UC system & which courses are required for your major.
  - [www.uctransfer.org](http://www.uctransfer.org) Find out how to make smart course choices to maximize your chances of being admitted to a UC.

# CSU ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

- \_\_\_1. Review your academic records with a LASC counselor AND a university representative to determine your eligibility & competitiveness as a transfer applicant. Follow an educational plan and strategize.
- \_\_\_2. Find out if the CSU campus of interest is impacted. Find out if your major is impacted. If so, find out what the admissions requirements are and when they should be completed, i.e., grade point average, major courses required and any other supplemental materials such as portfolios, interviews or letters of recommendation.
- \_\_\_3. Take courses for your major. You will be more prepared as you enter the university.
- \_\_\_4. Find out which general education pattern is appropriate for your campus and/or major choice. In general, the CSU general education pattern is preferred, but there are some prominent exceptions.
- \_\_\_5. Do no delay taking your math, English, critical thinking and speech courses (“The Golden Four” or “Critical Four”).
- \_\_\_6. Inquire about the benefits of joining the Honors Transfer Program and Phi Theta **Theta Kappa International Honor Society**.
- \_\_\_7. Apply broadly. Don’t put all of your eggs in one basket. Apply to at least one non-impacted campus if your first choice campus is impacted. List an alternate major if your first choice major is impacted. Apply on time and observe all of the important application filing deadlines. Some CSU campuses do not accept applications in the spring.
- \_\_\_8. Meet with the Center for Retention and Transfer staff. Attend admissions and application/ personal statement workshops.
- \_\_\_9. Learn to use these valuable Web sites to access helpful transfer information:
  - <http://www.csumentor.edu> Access individual UC campus Web sites, transfer information booklets & apply on line
  - [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) Find out the courses that transfer from ECC to the UC system & which courses are required for your major.

# SEMESTER VS. QUARTER

## SEMESTER SYSTEM

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Starts late August-Mid December	Starts early January-mid May

### Campuses on Semester System

#### UC

UC Berkeley  
UC Merced

#### CSU

California Maritime Academy  
CSU Chico  
CSU Dominguez Hills  
CSU Channel Islands  
CSU Fresno  
CSU Fullerton  
Humboldt State  
CSU Long Beach  
CSU Monterey Bay  
CSU Northridge  
CSU Sacramento  
CSU San Marcos  
San Diego State  
San Francisco State  
San Jose State  
Sonoma State

- All UC and CSU semester campuses ARE OPEN for Fall admissions
- UC Berkeley and San Diego State Are Not open for Spring admissions

## QUARTER SYSTEM

Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter
Starts later September Mid-December	Starts early January-late March	Starts early April-mid June

### Campuses on Quarter System

#### UC

UC Davis  
UC Irvine  
UCLA  
UC Riverside  
UC San Diego  
UC Santa Barbara  
UC Santa Cruz

#### CSU

Cal Poly Pomona  
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo  
CSU Bakersfield  
CSU Eastbay  
CSU Los Angeles  
CSU San Bernardino  
CSU Stanislaus

- All UC quarter campuses open for Winter quarter admissions except for \*UC San Diego and UCLA
- UCLA's School of Engineering majors open for Winter quarter
- No UC campuses open for Spring quarter admissions
- **All CSU quarter campuses open for Winter & Spring quarter admissions except for Cal Poly**

# UNIVERSITY FILING PERIODS

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

Fall Semester or Quarter	November 1-30 all campus open Winter
Quarter	July 1-30 (if campuses are open*) Spring
Quarter	October 1-31 (if campuses are open*)

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

Fall Semester or Quarter	October 1-November 30 (all campuses open)
Winter Quarter	June 1-30 (quarter schools only)
Spring Semester or Quarter	August 1-31 (if campuses are open*)
Summer Semester	January 2-February 28 (Dominguez Hills & San Marcos only)
Summer Quarter	February 1-28 (quarter schools only)

## INDEPENDENT/PRIVATE

USC	<b>Fall:</b> Mid-October - Part I application Feb 1- Part II application
Loyola Marymount University	<b>Fall:</b> November 1 - June 1 (Financial Aid: April 1) <b>Spring:</b> December 1
Mount St. Mary's College	<b>Fall:</b> April 15 - priority deadline <b>Spring:</b> November 1 - priority deadline

\*This information may change year to year. Check on the CSU Web site: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) & the UC Web site: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergraduate.html](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergraduate.html)

or

Check the Center for Retention and Transfer website to make sure which campuses are open and which majors are open.

Some campuses and some majors may be open for Fall term only.  
APPLY ON-LINE. ATTEND AN APPLICATION WORKSHOP.

# UC ONLINE APPLICATION

All UC campuses prefer students to apply online at:



[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergradapp](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergradapp)

- Pop up information boxes & tips on each section to help you better understand how to fill out the application.
- Immediately displays whether a major is closed.
- Get immediate notification if you qualify for an application fee waiver.
- Receive an immediate electronic summary of the application with an ID number.

## TAKE AN ONLINE TOUR

[www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/apptour](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/apptour)

In this step-by-step tour you will learn:

Helpful tips on how to fill out specific questions.

What you need to do to ensure that your application is accurate.

Begin your essay early.

## STEPS TO APPLYING TO A UC:

1. Attend a UC Application workshop.  
(Visit the Center for Retention and Transfer for dates and times)
2. Log on to the WEB site and create a Username and Password.
3. Become familiar with the Web site.
4. Write your Personal Statement early and have it edited before submitting.
5. Attend an Online Assistance Session in the Center for Retention and Transfer. When attending Online Assistance, you must bring unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended. (Visit the Center for Retention and Transfer for dates and times)
6. It is recommended that a Transfer Counselor reviews your application before submitting it.



# CSU MENTOR ONLINE APPLICATION

All CSU campuses prefer students to apply online at:



[www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)

## **Benefits of CSU Mentor**

- Receive immediate notification of whether or not you qualify for an application Fee Waiver.
- Receive an immediate confirmation number upon applying.
- Campuses can complete their evaluations and notify you of admission decisions more quickly
- Explore Campuses: View information about each CSU campus
- Application Status: Check to see which CSU's are currently accepting applications and which majors are closed.
- Financial Aid: Links you to the FAFSA Web site.
- Ask an Expert: Get assistance on technical problems and provides you with a CSU Mentor e-mail account.

## **STEPS TO APPLYING TO A CSU:**

- 1 Attend a CSU Application workshop. (Visit the Center for Retention and Transfer for dates and times)
- 2 Log on to CSU Mentor and create a Username and Password.
- 3 Become familiar with the Web site.
- 4 Complete Screens 1-8.
- 5 Attend an Online Assistance Session in the Center for Retention and Transfer. When attending Online Assistance, you must bring unofficial transcripts from all colleges attended. (visit the Center for Retention and Transfer for dates and times)
- 6 It is recommended that a Transfer Counselor reviews your application before it is submitted.

# THE UC PERSONAL STATEMENT

The personal statement is a critical part of your transfer application. There are limitations to what grades and test scores can tell universities about you. The University uses your statement to learn more about you as an individual – your talents, experiences, and achievements. Think of the personal statement as your opportunity to introduce yourself to the admissions officers and faculty who will be evaluating your application. What would you like them to know about you that may not be evident from a review of the rest of your application?

For students who apply online using the electronic application, there will be separate entry areas for each question and a word counter to help applicants track the length of their responses. Because of the 40-minute time limit in place on each page of the application, we recommend that you **DO NOT** compose your answers on the electronic application. Compose and save them using a word processing program, then copy and paste them in the appropriate entry areas. You must save your answers in “text format”. You can also click the “save draft” button beneath each box to save your writing in progress. The page will refresh and reset your 40-minute time limit. Proofread your personal statement very carefully before submitting.

## **Example: Directions for Personal Statement**

Respond to the following two questions using a maximum of 1,000 words total. Allocate the word count as desired. You may wish to respond to one prompt at greater length. It is suggested that the shorter answer be no less than 250 words. You must stay within 1,000 words as closely as you can. It is acceptable if you run a little over 1,000 words (for example 1,012 words).

## ***Sample Questions***

### **Question One:**

#### **Focus: Academic Preparation**

**Rationale:** The University seeks to enroll students who take initiative in pursuing their education (for example, developing a special interest in science, language or the performing arts; involvement in educational preparation programs, including summer enrichment programs, research or academic development programs such as **EOP**, MESA, PUENTE or other similar programs). This question seeks to understand a student’s motivation and dedication to learning.

**Prompt 1: What is your intended major? Discuss how your interest in the subject developed and describe any experience you have had in the field – such as volunteer work, internships and employment, participation in student organizations and activities – and what you have gained from your involvement.**

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## **Question Two:**

### **Focus: Potential to Contribute**

**Rationale:** UC welcomes the contributions each student brings to the campus learning community. This question seeks to determine an applicant's academic or creative interests, and potential to contribute to the vitality of the University.

**Prompt 2: Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment, contribution or experience that is important to you. What about this quality or accomplishment makes you proud and how does it relate to the person you are?**

### Online Help with Your Personal Statement

A 6-part lesson that guides you through brainstorming, drafting, writing, revising and proofreading of your personal statement

Go to: [www.ucgateways.org/](http://www.ucgateways.org/)

Click on “Apply to College” / click on UC Personal Statement

- Learn why the Personal Statement is important and how UC uses it.
- Develop a writing timeline to help you get organized and stay on track.
- Understand how to choose the extended response prompt strategically.
- Practice ways to use appropriate writing strategies for short answer and extended responses.
- Learn how to utilize the writing process successfully.

# HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR GPA

**STEP 1** - Obtain a copy of your transcripts from all colleges attended; the classes that are not transferable (refer to the LASC catalog to find out what classes are transferable or to the Assist Website [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org))

**STEP 2** - Add the units attempted for each class and the grade points for those classes listed. Grade points are calculated by multiplying units attempted by the grade point value for the grade received in each class.

- A = 4 points
- B = 3 points
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points

**STEP 3** - Once you have added all the units attempted and the grade points, compute your GPA by dividing the number of grade points by the number of units attempted.

$$\text{Grade Points} \div \text{Units Attempted} = \text{GPA}$$

**Example:**

COURSE	UNITS ATTEMPTED	GRADE	GRADE POINT
Psychology 1	3	A = 4	3x4 = 12
Business 1	3	F = 0	3x0 = 0
Math 125	5	C = 2	(Not Transferable)
English 101	3	C = 3	3x3 = 9
History 1	3	B = 3	3x3 = 9
Spanish 1	5	D = 1	5x1 = 5
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>35</b>	

$$35 \text{ grade points} \div 17 \text{ units attempted} = 2.05$$

# HONORS PROGRAM

The Los Angeles Southwest College Honors Program is designed to better prepare highly motivated student to transfer to a university and complete a bachelor's degree. The program provides a unique learning environment which stresses scholastic excellence and develops the academic and ability awareness necessary to transfer to the country's elite colleges and universities. The major objective of the program is to better prepare students for transfer by focusing on enhanced writing, reading, and study skills.

## **TO BE ADMITTED TO THE HONORS PROGRAM students must:**

1. Have earned a 3.0 GPA in (9) units of degree applicable courses
2. Be eligible for English 101
3. Complete an Honors Application from the Honors Director
4. Submit a letter of recommendation from one instructor
5. Be interviewed by the Honors Director

High School Students are invited to complete an application and see the Honors Director

## **THE TRANSFER BREADTH OF HONORS COURSES**

AREA 1: English Communication  
English 101, Speech 101

AREA 2: Mathematics & Reasoning  
Mathematics 227

AREA 3: Arts & Humanities  
Humanities 1, 2, 31  
Music 111

AREA 4: Social/Behavioral Sciences  
History 11  
History 12  
Political Science 1  
Sociology 1

AREA 5: Physical/Biological Science  
Biology 3  
Geography 1

**The Honors Program office is located in the Cox Building, Room 417F**

**Phone (323) 241-5392**

# USC UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

## General Education Core Requirements and the \*Diversity Requirement

Fall 2009 - Summer 2010

Complete one (1) course from Categories I, II, II, V, and the Diversity Requirement. Categories IV, VI, and the upper division writing requirement must be completed at USC

1. **WESTERN CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**

Art 101; 102  
English 203; 204  
History 001; 002  
Humanities 001; 031

2. **GLOBAL CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**

Anthropology 102; 133  
History 037  
Humanities 002

3. **SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY (requires a lab)**

Biology 003; 006; 007  
Chemistry 101  
Geology 001 with 006  
Physical Science 001 with 014  
Physics 006; 012 with 014; 037

4. **MUST BE COMPLETED AT USC**

5. **ARTS AND LETTERS**

Art 103; 104  
English 205; 206; 207; 208; 211; 212; 213; 234  
Music 111

6. **MUST BE COMPLETED AT USC**

**\*DIVERSITY REQUIREMENT:** One course required

English 239  
History 042; 043  
Sociology 001; 011

**LOWER DIVISION WRITING REQUIREMENT:** One semester of college composition: **English 102 or English 103** (English 102 or 103 is articulated with USC's WRIT 130). An additional upper division writing course will need to be completed at USC.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:** Certain USC majors have a language requirement for graduation, which requires completing the third semester (or fifth quarter) of a college-level foreign language with a passing grade (C or higher), or passing USC's placement examination at a level equivalent to third semester competency. Students who do not finish their third semester (or fifth quarter) before transferring to USC must take USC's placement examination to determine their level of competency. If the test score indicates placement into a level which the student has already completed, the student will be advised, (but not required), to repeat the course at USC for no additional credit. Therefore, if your major requires the foreign language skill level and if you have started taking a

foreign language, you are advised to complete the requirement before transferring to USC. International students whose native language is not English are exempt from the foreign language requirement. Courses that fulfill this requirement: French 003; Spanish 003

**Departments or Degrees with a Third-Semester Foreign Language Requirement: College of Letters, Arts and Sciences –LAS (All majors), and**

<b>B.A.</b>	<b>B.S.</b>	<b>B.M., in Performance</b>
Cinema –Television	Computer Science	Vocal Arts
Communication	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	
Fine Arts	Occupational Therapy	
Journalism	Gerontology	
Music		
Public Relations		
Theatre		

**RESTRICTIONS ON COURSES:**

- No more than four (4) semester units of pass/no pass credit may be applied to GE requirement.
- There are limitations on the maximum number of American Sign language (ASL) (12 units), Physical Education Activity (4 units), Dance (8 units), music (Ensemble 4 units, Lessons 12 units), Acting (12 units), Production (12 units), Stagecraft (12 units), Studio Arts: Drawing (12 units), Painting (12 units), 2-D Art (printmaking, photography, computer generated art, miscellaneous) (16 units), 3-D Art (ceramics, sculpture) (12 units) units applicable for credit.
- Once a student enrolls at USC, he or she must complete all remaining GE and writing requirements at USC.
- A limit of 64 units including general education and subjects in preparation for your major may be accepted for transfer toward your degree of USC.
- Students still in high school: College courses taken before high school graduation cannot be used to fulfill any of the requirements except for GE category I and III.
- Course repetition: 10 courses taken for repeat credit will not be accepted for additional unit credit unless otherwise indicated (i.e. PE activity, music ensemble) 2) if two or more courses equivalent to each are taken, only the first course passed will be granted credit (although all attempts will be calculated in the transfer GPA)

**USC’s POLICY ON DISTANCE EDUCATION:** “USC will determine on a case-by-case basis whether to grant credit for distance education/television courses.” Students are advised to complete courses in the traditional classroom modality to assure that they will get full credit.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSIONS:** 1) Intermediate Algebra, 2) Lower division writing requirement (course equivalent to WRIT 130), 3) There is no minimum number of units students must complete before applying for admission. However, if you have fewer than 30 units, the primary focus will be on your high school record and results from the SAT/ACT. 4) You must submit your high School transcripts to USC directly, regardless of the number of transfer units completed.

**MATH REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSIONS:** Transfer students are expected to have achieved a grade of “C” or better in intermediate algebra at the college level or to have completed a minimum of three years of math in high school, including advanced algebra. Some majors require specific math courses. Students should consult an LASC counselor or the department to which they intend to apply.

**LIMITS ON COLLEGE COURSES TAKEN BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION:** A maximum of 16 semester units is accepted (as part of the maximum of 32 units including AP or IB exams). Courses receive elective credits only (no equivalence), except that they may, where relevant, fulfill GE categories I or III. Departments may use these courses as a basis to waive prerequisites or specific course requirements on a case-by-case basis. (This policy also pertains to AP exams).

# ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

See the booklet “Transferring to USC”, available from the USC Office of Admissions

Additional information available at [www.usc.edu/articulation](http://www.usc.edu/articulation).

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Bakersfield \_ Q**

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Bakersfield, CA 93311-1099  
(661) 664-3036 \_ [www.csub.edu](http://www.csub.edu)

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25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.  
Hayward, CA 94542-3035  
(510) 885-2624 \_  
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**California State University,  
Fresno \_ S**

5150 North Maple Avenue,  
Fresno, CA 93740-0057  
(559) 278-2261 \_ [www.csufresno.edu](http://www.csufresno.edu)

**California State University,  
Fullerton \_ S**

800 N. State College Blvd.,  
Fullerton, CA 92834-9480  
(714) 278-2300 \_ [www.fullerton.edu](http://www.fullerton.edu)

**Humboldt State University \_ S**

1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA 95521-4957  
(707) 826-4402 \_ (866) 850-9556  
[www.humboldt.edu](http://www.humboldt.edu)

**California State University,  
Long Beach \_ S**

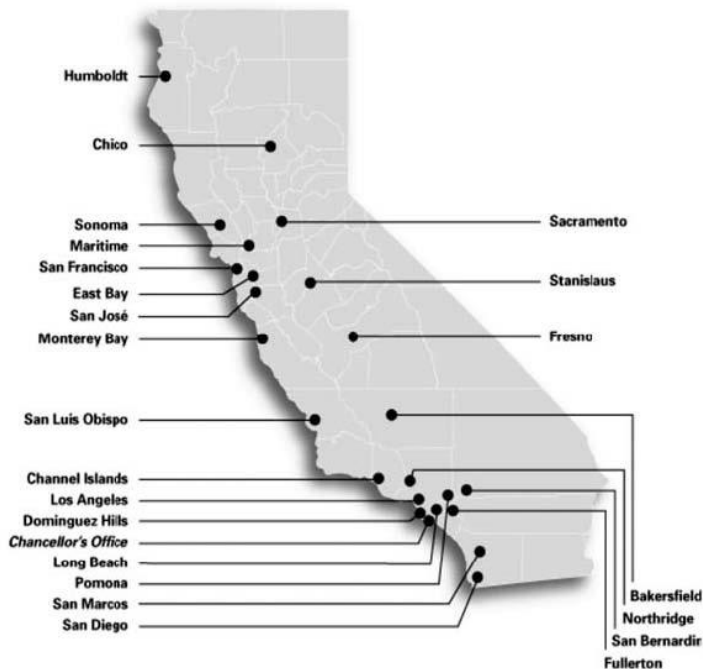
1250 Bellflower Blvd.,  
Long Beach, CA 90840-0106  
(562) 985-5471 \_ [www.csulb.edu](http://www.csulb.edu)

**California State University,  
Los Angeles \_ Q**

5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8530  
(323) 343-3901 \_ [www.calstatela.edu](http://www.calstatela.edu)

**California Maritime Academy \_ S**

200 Maritime Academy Drive,  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(800) 561-1945 \_ [www.csum.edu](http://www.csum.edu)



**California State University,  
Monterey Bay \_ S**

100 Campus Center Drive,  
Seaside, CA 93955-8001  
(831) 582-3518 \_ [www.csumb.edu](http://www.csumb.edu)

**California State University,  
Northridge \_ S**

18111 Nordhoff Street,  
Northridge, CA 91330-8207  
(818) 677-3700 \_ [www.csun.edu](http://www.csun.edu)

**California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona \_ Q**

3801 West Temple Avenue,  
Pomona, CA 91768-4003  
(909) 869-3210 \_ [www.csupomona.edu](http://www.csupomona.edu)

**California State University,  
Sacramento \_ S**

6000 J Street,  
Sacramento, CA 95819-6048  
(916) 278-3901 \_ [www.csus.edu](http://www.csus.edu)

**California State University, San  
Bernardino \_ Q**

5500 University Parkway  
San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397  
(909) 880-5188 \_ [www.csusb.edu](http://www.csusb.edu)

**San Diego State University \_ S**

5500 Campanile Drive,  
San Diego, CA 92182-7455  
(619) 594-6336 \_ [www.sdsu.edu](http://www.sdsu.edu) Key:

**San Francisco State University \_ S**

1600 Holloway Avenue,  
San Francisco, CA 94132-4002  
(415) 338-1113 \_ [www.sfsu.edu](http://www.sfsu.edu)

**San Jose State University \_ S**

One Washington Square,  
San Jose, CA 95192-0009  
(408) 283-7500 \_ [www.sjsu.edu](http://www.sjsu.edu)

**California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo \_ Q**

One Grand Avenue,  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407  
(805) 756-2311 \_ [calpoly.edu](http://calpoly.edu)

**California State University,  
San Marcos \_ S**

333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road,  
San Marcos, CA 92096-0001  
(760) 750-4848 \_ [www.csusm.edu](http://www.csusm.edu)

**Sonoma State University \_ S**

1801 East Cotati Avenue,  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
(707) 664-2778 \_ [www.sonoma.edu](http://www.sonoma.edu)

**California State University,  
Stanislaus \_ 4-1-4**

801 West Monte Vista Avenue,  
Turlock, CA 95382  
(209) 667-3152 \_ [www.csustan.edu](http://www.csustan.edu)

**S** – Semester system      **Q** – Quarter system

# ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

See the booklet "Transferring to USC", available from the USC Office of Admissions  
Additional information available at [www.usc.edu/articulation](http://www.usc.edu/articulation).

## UC Berkeley (S)

University of California  
2200 University Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94720  
(510) 642-6000  
TTY (510) 642-9900  
[www.berkeley.edu](http://www.berkeley.edu)

## UC Davis (Q)

University of California  
One Shields Avenue,  
Davis, CA 95616  
(530) 752-1011  
TTY (530) 752-6446

## UC Irvine (Q)

University of California  
Irvine, CA 92697  
(949) 824-5011  
[www.uci.edu](http://www.uci.edu)

## UC Los Angeles (Q)

University of California  
Los Angeles, CA 90095  
(310) 825-4321  
[www.ucla.edu](http://www.ucla.edu)

## UC Merced (S)

University of California, Merced  
5200 North Lake Road  
Merced, CA 95343  
(209) 724-4400  
[www.ucmerced.edu](http://www.ucmerced.edu)

## UC Riverside (Q)

University of California  
Riverside, CA 92521  
(909) 827-1012  
[www.ucr.edu](http://www.ucr.edu)

## UC San Diego (Q)

University of California  
9500 Gilman Drive  
La Jolla, CA 92093  
(858) 534-2230  
[www.ucsd.edu](http://www.ucsd.edu)

## UC San Francisco (Q) \*\*

University of California  
San Francisco, CA 94143  
(415) 476-9000  
[www.ucsf.edu](http://www.ucsf.edu)

## UC Santa Barbara (Q)

University of California  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106  
Voice/TTY (805) 893-8000  
[www.ucsb.edu](http://www.ucsb.edu)

## UC Santa Cruz (Q)

University of California  
1156 High Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95064  
(831) 459-0111  
[www.ucsc.edu](http://www.ucsc.edu)



Check out the admissions website for the entire University of California system: [www.ucop.edu/pathways](http://www.ucop.edu/pathways)

\*\*UCSF is devoted solely to the study of and research in the health and biomedical sciences, primarily at the graduate level

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# USEFUL WEB SITES

**[www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)** ASSIST is the official repository of articulation for California's public colleges and universities and provides the most accurate and up-to-date information about student transfer in California. Transfer information that details how course credits earned at one public California college or university can be applied when transferred to another.

**[www.csumentor.org](http://www.csumentor.org)** CSUMentor is an online resource designed to help students and their families learn about the CSU system, select a CSU campus to attend, learn about financing options for higher education, and apply for admission.

**[www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)** A Web site for students to explore higher education options (admissions, financial aid, and careers) in quick easy steps.

**[www.usc.edu](http://www.usc.edu)** Find out information about the University of Southern California, including admissions information, academic programs, and student life.

**[www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu)** Provides information about California's 77 independent/private universities

**[www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)** Find out more information about the University of California, including individual campuses, admissions information, and apply for admissions online.

**[www.collegesource.org](http://www.collegesource.org)** A virtual library for over 30,000 college catalogs.

**[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)** Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA has seven steps that ask about you, your school plans, financial information and more.

**[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)** A website for scholarship and grant information.



## QUESTIONS TO ASK UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES

### What is Your Campus or Community Like?

- Is your college located in an urban, suburban or rural setting?
- What kinds of social, cultural & recreational activities are available on the campus and in the community?
- How far away from my home is your campus? How much time does it take to get there from my home by car, by public transportation?
- Will I need a car to get around? Does public transportation (bus) provide easy access to the campus and community?
- How many students are enrolled? In my major? From my community?
- How many students are enrolled? In my major? From my community/school?
- Are you on the semester or quarter system? When do classes begin?

### Tell Me About Your Programs

- Do you offer my major?
- Is my degree program accredited – by whom and at what level (undergraduate/graduate)?
- Are advanced degrees (master's, doctorate) offered?
- What programs do you offer that will support my major?
- Can I enroll part-time, take courses in the late afternoons, evenings, weekends or during the summer?
- Are there internship opportunities available on campus, in the community?
- Do you have an honors program for students who enter with high grades?

### Will I Be Eligible For Admission?

- What are your admission requirements for transfer students?
- Will I need to write a personal statement?
- How do you determine my grade if I repeat a course?
- Will a course in which I received a “D” grade count?
- What is the admissions priority of transfer students from community colleges, from 4 year colleges?
- If I go to a community college first, will my credits transfer? How and when will I know?

### How Do I Apply For Admission?

- Where, when, and how can I get an application? Should I apply on-line?
- When can I first apply? What is your application deadline?
- Can I apply to more than one campus in your system? How? Can I have my application transferred from one campus to another if I change my mind?
- When do I have to submit transcripts, test scores and other admissions materials?
- When will I be notified if I have been admitted?
- Is my major overcrowded (impacted)? If so, what special requirements do I need? If I'm not accepted in my major, what are my options? Can I change to another major? Have my application sent to another campus for consideration?

### **How Much Does Your College Cost?**

- What are the costs of tuition or registration fees, books and supplies, housing, parking, etc.?
- When do I pay those fees?
- What are the chances fees will be increased and when will I know?
- Do I send in a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When?

### **Is Financial Aid Available?**

- What kinds of financial assistance are available?
- When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?
- How do you determine if I qualify for assistance?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive assistance?
- Will financial aid cover my entire need?

- Are there special kinds of assistance for students from certain underrepresented groups?
- Is it easy to get a part-time job on campus, in the community?

### **What Else Do I Need To Know?**

- Can I take courses at your college for college credit before me transfer? What are the requirements for enrolling? When and how do I sign up?
- How do I make arrangements to talk with someone further at your college to discuss enrollment opportunities?
- How do I make arrangements to take a tour of your campus?
- Do you have an open house program for prospective students? When and how do I contact the campus for more information?

# COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IGETC

## Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum

### **What is the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum?**

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) is a general education program, which community college transfer students can use to fulfill lower-division general education requirements for either the UC or CSU system.

### **Is completion of the IGETC an admissions requirement?**

No. There is no connection between completion of the IGETC and eligibility for admissions to the UC or CSU system.

### **Is the IGETC a transfer requirement?**

No. Students should ask a counselor or refer to UC or CSU catalogs available in the Center for Retention and Transfer (CRT) to obtain this information.

### **Is it advisable for all transfer students to follow the IGETC?**

No. Some students may be better served by taking courses which fulfill the CSU General Education – Breadth requirements, or the general education pattern of the specific UC campus to which they plan to transfer. Students pursuing majors that require extensive lower-division major preparation such as Engineering or Business (UC Berkeley) may not find the IGETC options to be advantageous. The IGETC will probably be most useful for students who wish to keep their options open before deciding to transfer to either a UC or CSU campus.

### **What will happen if the IGETC is not completed prior to transferring to a UC or CSU campus?**

If the IGETC is not completed prior to transfer, students will be subject to the lower-division general education requirements of the campus to which they transfer. These requirements vary from campus to campus.

### **Is a minimum grade required in all courses used for IGETC certification?**

Yes. Both the UC and CSU require a grade of “C” or better in all courses used for the IGETC.

### **May students “double-count” toward major and general education requirements?**

“Double-counting” of course is allowed by the UC system. The CSU campuses have limits on the number of courses that can be double-counted. Please check with a counselor regarding this policy.

### **May “credit/no credit” courses be used towards IGETC requirements?**

Courses in which a student receives a “credit” grade may be certified for IGETC if the community college’s policy states that a “credit” designation is equivalent to a “C” grade or better. It is important to keep in mind that some UC and CSU campuses have limitations on the number of credit/no credit courses that may be used to meet degree requirements. Please see a counselor.

### **Must the entire IGETC program be completed in order for a student to be certified under IGETC?**

Yes. All course work applicable to the IGETC must be completed and certified prior to transfer in order for it to be accepted by the UC and CSU system. Certification for CSU must include completion of the oral communication requirement (Speech 101, 102, 121). For UC certification, the foreign language requirement must be satisfied.

### **When do I apply for IGETC certification?**

IGETC certification should be done at the end of your last semester at LASC before transferring. You should apply for IGETC certification when you request your final transcript. The IGETC Certification Request for is available in the Admissions Office. If courses from another college are being used towards certification, the pass along box should be checked on this form. All transcripts from other colleges must be on file at the Admissions Office.

# COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT CSU GENERAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION

## **What is the CSU General Education Certification plan?**

The CSU GE plan is a program of coursework that allows students to fulfill 39 units of general education requirements prior to transfer

## **Is completion of the CSU General Education Certification plan an admission requirement?**

No. Completion of the CSU GE plan is not an admissions requirement. However, students are advised to complete the plan and their major preparation courses prior to transfer.

## **What are the CSU transfer admission requirements?**

Community college students may be admitted to the CSU as either a lower division transfer student or an upper division transfer student. Students who are eligible for admission to the CSU from high school may apply as freshman. Students who complete a minimum of 56 transferable units at a community college may apply as upper division transfers.

## **Is a minimum grade required in all course used for CSU certification?**

Students will need a grade of "C" or better in courses taken to fulfill the following areas:

- A1. Oral Communication
- A2. Written Communication
- A3. Critical Thinking
- A4. Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

Courses with a grade of "D" may be acceptable to fulfill other areas provided that the student has a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

## **May students "double-count" courses towards major and general education requirements?**

Yes. Student may "double-count" course towards major and general education requirements. However, the CSU campuses have limits on the number of courses that can be double-counted. Please check with a counselor regarding this policy.

## **May "credit/no credit" courses be used towards CSU GE requirements?**

Yes. Courses in which a student receives a "credit" grade may be used towards CSU GE requirements. Some CSU campuses have limitations on the number of "credit/no credit" courses that may be used towards degree requirements. Please check with a counselor regarding this policy.

## **Must the entire CSU GE Certification plan be completed prior to transfer?**

No. Students who do not fulfill the requirements for all of the areas may request "partial certification" of the GE plan. Only the completed areas will be certified. After transfer, students will be subject to the general education requirements in non-certified areas at the CSU campus they attend.

## **When do I apply for CSU certification?**

Students should apply for certification at the end of their last semester at LASC before transferring. Students should apply for CSU Certification when they order their final transcript. The CSU Certification Request form is available at the Admissions Office. If courses from another college are being used towards certification, the pass along box should be checked on this form. All transcripts from other colleges must be on file at the Admissions Office



# CALIFORNIA HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Developed by Transfer Center Updated 08/06	California Community Colleges	California State University (CSU)	University of California (UC)	Independent/Private Colleges
<b>Number Statewide: Local school in region</b>	<b>109 Statewide:</b> El Camino, LA City, LA Harbor, LA Southwest, Pasadena, Santa Monica, Santa Ana and more	<b>23 Statewide:</b> Dominguez Hills, Channel Islands, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Northridge, Fullerton, Cal Poly Pomona, San Diego, and more	<b>10 Statewide:</b> Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, San Diego, San Francisco	<b>73+ Statewide:</b> USC, Loyola Marymount, Woodbury, Mt. St. Mary's Pepperdine, Art Center, OTIS, and more
<b>Nature of Programs &amp; Curriculum</b>	Two-Year Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career/Job entry majors</li> <li>• Transfer Classes</li> <li>• AA/AS Degrees</li> <li>• Vocational Degrees</li> </ul>	Four-Year Schools with graduate programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various Majors</li> <li>• Pre-professional training</li> <li>• Baccalaureate Degrees (BA/BS)</li> <li>• Master's Degrees MA/MS</li> <li>• Teaching Credentials</li> </ul>	Four-Year Schools with graduate & professional schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various Majors</li> <li>• Pre-professional training</li> <li>• Baccalaureate Degrees (BA/BS)</li> <li>• Master's Degrees MA/MS</li> <li>• Doctorates &amp; professional degrees (law, medical, etc.)</li> </ul>	Varies according to size
<b>Costs: Fees &amp; Tuition Only not to include books, room and board</b>	\$20 per unit(CA Residents)Approximatel y:\$700 - \$800 per year	Approximately: \$3,000-\$4,500 per year (CA residents)	Approximately: \$7,000-\$8,000 per year (CA residents)	Varies: Approximately \$16,000-\$35,000 per year
<b>Eligibility: Entrance requirements for Transfer Students</b>	No subject requirements; must be 13 years of age or a high school graduate	60 transferable semester units Minimum GPA: 2.030 units of general education to include: English composition, critical thinking, oral communication and college math (no personal statement required) Impacted campuses include: San Diego State, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Long Beach. Impacted campuses& majors require a higher GPA, completion of specific courses and/or ex29ns	60 transferable semester units Minimum GPA: 2.4 Units must include: 2 English composition courses and 1 math course, 4 courses from at least 2 of the following areas: social/behavioral & physical/biological sciences Arts/humanities(personal statement required)	Number of transferable units required varies Minimum transferable grade point average varies Most require English composition &at least intermediate algebra Most require a personal statement



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