Columbia College Transfer Student Timeline and Checklist

Being a transfer student means transferring into a UC or CSU as a Junior. Upon completion of 60 units including the GE or IGETC pattern and major preparation coursework. Electives only as needed.

*CRITICAL DEADLINES: Please note that this is a general guideline and dates and deadlines are subject to change.

Beginning College Student (under 30 units)

• January 1-March 2: File or renew your Federal Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov

• Choose a major and or occupations on the ASSIST and Eureka web sites and in the Career and Transfer Center.
  o Go to www.assist.org and www.eureka.org to research majors and careers.
  o Take a variety of classes to see what interests you.

• Decide on a transfer college(s): Research college catalogs;
  o Meet with college representatives that visit CC;
  o Attend Transfer Day and College Night events in September;
  o Visit colleges and universities; and
  o Check www.assist.org to make sure you will complete major preparation courses.

• Meet with a counselor to complete your student educational plan to choose appropriate classes for future semesters.

• If you are preparing to transfer to a UC consider a transfer admission guarantee (TAG) by completing 30 UC transferable units by the end of summer of your first year. See your Counselor

• Make yourself a competitive applicant: Work for a high GPA-study hard!
  o Get work experience or an internship related to your major;
  o Do community service; and
  o Be a leader, join a club or run for student government.
Continuing College Student (over 30 units)

Fall Semester

• Attend Transfer Day in September to meet with college representatives.

• Attend transfer workshops for help with your applications, personal statement and general transfer issues.

• Fill out a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) online September 1-30. If you plan on attending a UC, see your Counselor
  o Seven UC campuses offer students attending Columbia College guaranteed admission through a TAG. Interested students must satisfactorily complete UC campus-specific transfer admission requirements to be eligible. Participating campuses are: Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. A criterion for each campus is provided online: http://uctag.universityofcalifornia.edu/index.cfm
  o Students will be allowed to TAG one University of California campus.
  o Begin working on your UC Personal Statement. Website for advice and help; http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/personal-statement/index.html
  o November 30 is the deadline to submit a CSU or UC Application for Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships, available online at: CSU APPLICATION: http://www.csumentor.edu CSU filing periods: Applications for Fall are accepted October 1 – November 30. New! Applications for Winter and Spring are currently available for CSUB only. UC APPLICATION: http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/UC filing periods Fall: November 1 – November 30; No mid-year transfers at this point in time.

Spring Semester

• File private and out of state college applications by their deadlines.

• Make sure you complete 60 transferable units by the end of Spring semester.

• January 1-March 2: File or renew your Federal Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov

• Begin looking at housing options at your potential CSU or UC campus. On campus housing has strict application deadlines.

• Check your email regularly and send official transcripts listing grades and courses in progress to the CSU’s requesting them.
  o Submit your Intent to Register by the deadline.
  o CSUs and UCs begin admission notifications in March and April.

• Complete your graduation application form for your AA/AS/ASOE one semester prior to your graduating semester.
Spring Semester, continued...

- Complete spring classes.
  - Send **final official transcripts** to the CSU/UC you will be attending.
  - Check the GE or IGETC certification box at the bottom of the CC transcript request form. Transcripts should be mailed to the Undergraduate Admissions Office unless otherwise stated.

- If you have not already done so, register for and attend a summer advising registration and orientation program at your chosen CSU, UC, or private college in order to register for classes.

**General Application dates and websites:**

- University of California- November 1-30 for the next Fall admission
  [http://uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu/](http://uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu/)

- California State University- October-November 30 for the next Fall admission
  [http://www.csumentor.com](http://www.csumentor.com)

- Private colleges and universities have their own admissions deadlines. Please check their admission websites for complete information.