**How to Transfer to a California State University (CSU)**



**The California State University (CSU) system is composed of 23 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. Annual cost of tuition in 2019-20 is approximately $7500. Grants, financial aid and loans are available. For specific information about the CSU campuses, visit:** [**www.calstate.edu**](http://www.calstate.edu) **and see your counselor**

Admission to CSU campuses

The CSU’s are selective in their admission criteria. 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. Often, admission to CSU campuses and/or programs is competitive and requires students to satisfy more demanding course preparation with good grades. While we have listed the “minimum transfer requirements” below, Columbia College strongly encourages you exceed the minimum requirements. Review this packet and talk to a counselor to discuss how to become a highly competitive candidate.

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

◆Completion of at least 30 semester (45 quarter) units of general education courses including the Golden Four, with a grade of C or better in each course.

 ◆ Completion of “The Golden Four” with a grade of C or better for each course:

 ▪ One Oral Communication class: SPCOM 1 or 4 or 9

 ▪ One Written Communication class: English 1A or Advanced Placement Test Score of 3+

 ▪ One Critical Thinking course: English 1B, 1C, Hist 5, Philo 5 or SpCom 2

 ▪ One Math Course: Math 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 18A, 18B, 18C, 26, 28 or AP

 ◆ Minimum 2.0 GPA (2.4 for out-of-state students)

 ◆ Good standing at the last college or university you attended

**Strategies to Best Ensure Transfer Success**

It is the recommendation of Columbia College that you exceed the minimum transfer requirements. Many CSUs have specific majors that are impacted with more applicants than room for students and some have campus wide impaction. Please see the following website for impaction status: <https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu>

If you are applying to any of these majors/campuses you will be held to higher standards for admission, namely: competitive GPA, completion of the CSU General Education Pattern and completion of major preparation coursework.

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 Biology Business Administration

Chemistry Communication Studies Early Childhood Education

Economics Elementary Education English

Environmental Science Geology History

Kinesiology Mathematics Music

Physics Political Science Psychology

Public Health Science Sociology Studio Arts

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

**Application Timeline**

Apply to transfer the year before you would like to attend. For example, if you intend to finish your coursework by Spring 2021, you would submit an application in Fall 2020.

Fall 2020, Submit Application between Oct. 1st and Nov 30th

Spring 2021, Finish coursework

Fall 2021, Transfer

**Deadlines to Apply**

CSU’s typically accept applications twice a year; once during the Fall semester and again during the Spring semester. However, budget cuts have caused some CSU campuses to stop accepting Spring applications. Please check on [www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu) to further investigate this topic at your CSU campus of choice.

\*To apply for Fall admission, submit your application between October 1st and November 30th

\*To apply for Spring admission (if available), submit you application between August 1st and August 30th

**Resources**

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

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

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

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

A Degree with a Guarantee! Research Associate Degrees for Transfer! [www.adegreewithaguarantee.com](http://www.adegreewithaguarantee.com)

Transfer Roadmap for CSU’s

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

Select a MAJOR

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 a Guidance class
	+ Guidance 1 – Career/Life Planning
	+ Guidance 11 – Occupational Exploration
	+ Guidance 18 – Life Skills for Higher Education
	+ Additional Guidance classes available; please see the

 Schedule of Classes

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

▪ Note – Certain students will not be best served

 following the CSU GE pattern. Students who intend to

 transfer into majors that require extensive lower-division

 preparation, such as engineering and some sciences,

 should focus on completing minimum eligibility and

 major coursework. See [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org) for details and

 discuss with a counselor!

**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