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CUESTA’S STUDENT PLANNING CALENDAR

cuesta.edu/student/documents/admissions_records/studentcalendar.pdf
This is an exciting step in your life and also a fresh start. You are beginning your college academic career with a clean slate and an opportunity to take full advantage of this experience. With this comes a responsibility to make the most of your college education. You might need to begin to create new habits.

Below are tips to help you be a successful student.

Attend all classes! For many students, skipping class is hard to resist. If you don’t go to class you will miss out on important information which could impact your grade. If you are out sick, make sure you contact your instructors to let them know why you missed class, and find out what was covered.

Manage your time. Instructors will hand out a syllabus at the beginning of the term which tells you when assignments are due. It is your responsibility to know and remember deadlines in each class. Use a planner/calendar to get a clear picture of due dates, deadlines and test preparation needs.

Balance work and play. Think about what you want from your college experience and make school your first priority! Your social life should come second to your school work, and you are the only one who can make sure that happens.

Study, study, study! Instructors expect you to study 2–3 hours outside of class for every hour spent in class. In college, studying has to be a major part of your life outside of the classroom.

Keep up on your reading. For courses with textbooks, complete reading assignments before the class session. Also, expect the majority of your reading assignments and projects to be completed on your own outside of class. Read actively by highlighting, annotating and summarizing your texts.

Take notes on everything. In high school, your teachers probably gave you an outline of their lectures and told you what points would be on the tests. In college, the instructors often just lecture. Taking good notes and knowing how to pick out important information from lectures and textbooks is a valuable skill. Consider attending a workshop to improve these skills or take a College Success course to bring it all together.

Seek out help when you need it! Don’t be afraid to ask for help from your instructors, counselors, the Student Success Center, and free tutoring in the writing/math labs. People will be happy to help you, but you need to seek out their assistance.

You get to choose your classes and major. In high school, many or most of your classes were chosen for you. In college, you get to choose your major and plan of study. This can be intimidating, and at times you may want help, so remember there are counselors here to help you!

Your parents won’t be able to help as much. By law, instructors cannot discuss your school work with your parents. The college considers you an adult regardless of age, and sharing your personal information is illegal. Your parents may be able to give you guidance about classes and your social life.

Be an adult. Instructors will treat you like an adult, so make sure you act like one! Discipline problems will not be tolerated and students can be removed from class or campus for acting inappropriately.
CHOOSE YOUR EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY

Which educational pathway is right for you? You will be asked to decide which group best suits your educational goals. Below you’ll find an overview of each group:

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 1
Cuesta College Career Education Certificate or Associate Degree

Career Education and/or technical training courses are designed to increase your skills for employment. You can obtain a certificate in more than 50 fields at Cuesta College. These certificates can be obtained in a short period of time (1 or 2 semesters); the courses focus on a specific vocational area.

You can obtain an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at Cuesta College. More than 50 designated degrees are offered. You'll learn about the general education and degree requirements for these majors in your group.

To view a list of degrees and certificates see page 3.

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 2
California State University (CSU) Transfer

The 23 CSU campuses, including Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, are located throughout California. On page 4-5 of this booklet, you will find a map with the locations of the campuses and information about this pathway. See page 5 for a list of majors that are offered primarily at the CSU. If you're interested in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), choose this group rather than the AA/AS group.

EDUCATIONAL PATHWAY 3
University of California (UC), Private or Out-of-State Transfer

The 9 UC undergraduate campuses, including UC Santa Barbara, are located throughout California. On page 4-5 of this booklet, you will find a map with locations of the campuses, and information about this system. The UC system is the most prestigious and competitive of the public higher educational systems. As a California Community College transfer student, you will receive priority consideration for admission to UC, even above transfer students from all other colleges and universities, including students already enrolled at CSU and UC campuses.

If you are considering transfer to a UC campus, or an out-of-state or private college, this group will guide you in selecting your first semester classes. During your first semester, meet with a counselor to discuss requirements for the transfer university you want to attend.

* Majors offered in the UC system include a strong focus in theory and research, and provide an excellent academic foundation for students who plan further study in graduate or professional programs, as well as for those who plan for direct entry into the workforce. US faculty rank among those who conduct research at the cutting edge of their field, and UC students have the opportunity to participate in research and internships with faculty throughout their undergraduate study.
ASSOCIATE DEGREES FOR TRANSFER
See a counselor for additional information on requirements.

- AS-T Administration of Justice
- AS-T Agriculture Business
- AS-T Agriculture Plant Science
- AA-T Anthropology
- AA-T Art History
- AS-T Biology
- AS-T Business Administration
- AA-T Child Adolescent Development
- AA-T Communication Studies
- AS-T Early Childhood Education
- AA-T Economics
- AS-T Elementary Teacher Education
- AA-T English
- AS-T Environmental Science
- AS-T Film, Television and Electronic Media
- AS-T Geology
- AA-T Global Studies
- AA-T History
- AS-T Hospitality
- AA-T Journalism
- AA-T Kinesiology
- AA-T Law, Public Policy, Society
- AS-T Mathematics
- AA-T Music
- AS-T Nutrition and Dietetics
- AA-T Philosophy
- AS-T Physics
- AA-T Political Science
- AA-T Psychology
- AS-T Public Health Science
- AA-T Social Justice Studies
- AA-T Social Work/Human Development
- AA-T Sociology
- AA-T Spanish
- AA-T Studio Arts
- AA-T Theatre Arts

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC 4-YEAR UNIVERSITIES
Both CSU and UC are public, state-funded university systems that teach, conduct research, and award bachelor’s and master’s degrees. The University of California also awards doctorate degrees (PhD, MD, etc.). The CSU system is primarily dedicated to instruction. Some UC campuses have more selective (competitive) admissions standards than CSU campuses, although there are exceptions to this rule with certain campuses and majors.
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU)

Type of Degrees Awarded
Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate in Education (EdD)

Main Focus of Undergraduate Education
• Primary mission is dedicated to instruction, whereas primary mission of UC is dedicated to research.
• Prepares the majority of teachers in the State.
• Offers undergraduate majors that include hands-on or professional training leading to a specific career or field after graduation:
  - Agriculture
  - Architecture
  - Business
  - Child Development/Early Childhood Education
  - Communication (primarily CSU campuses)
  - Computer Information Technology
  - Construction Management
  - Criminal Justice
  - Fashion Design
  - Graphic Design/Graphic Communication
  - Hospitality
  - Industrial Technology
  - Interior Design
  - Journalism/Broadcasting/Electronic Media
  - Kinesiology
  - Nursing
  - Nutrition/Dietetics
  - Social Work
  - Studio Art (focusing on applied art forms such as painting, drawing, ceramics, photography)
  - Teacher Education

The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T)
(“A Degree with a Guarantee” adegreewithaguarantee.com)
The guarantee itself means that students who earn an AA-T or AS-T and who meet the minimum CSU eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a campus in the 23 campus CSU system, but not necessarily to a specific CSU campus.

• Students may receive a GPA bump in the admission/selection process.
• Students may be able to complete a bachelor’s degree in as little as 60 semester/90 quarter units after transfer.
• See a counselor to create a Student Education Plan (SEP) to plan your sequence of classes for your AA-T/AS-T.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC)

Type of Degrees Awarded
Bachelor’s, Master’s, Doctorate (PhD), and Professional (Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary, Business/Management).

Main Focus of Undergraduate Education
Majors and programs have a heavy focus on developing strength in theory, research and analysis.
Designated as California’s primary academic research institution. Provides internships and study abroad programs to provide students with practical job training to supplement the academic theoretical training.
Programs are good preparation for students who plan to enter graduate or professional programs.

Transfer Admissions Guarantee (TAG)
Some UC campuses offer a guaranteed admission to community college students who meet specific requirements through the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program.

• UC TAG is a contract established between you and one UC campus.
• UC TAG outlines the courses you must complete before transfer, and the GPA you must maintain in order to qualify for the TAG.
• Set up your Transfer Admission Planner (TAP) now to track your educational progress while at the community college.
  uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students
• See a counselor to create a Student Education Plan (SEP) and to plan your sequence of courses for the TAG, or general UC transfer.

DEGREES OFFERED AT BOTH CSU AND UC CAMPUSES**

• Art
• Anthropology
• Biology
• Business Administration
• Chemistry
• Computer Science
• Economics
• Engineering
• Environmental Studies and Sciences
• English/Literature
• Geography
• Geology
• History
• Health Sciences/Public Health
• Humanities
• Languages
• Math
• Performing Arts (Theater, Dance)
• Philosophy
• Physical Sciences
• Physics
• Political Science
• Psychology
• Sociology and Social Sciences

** Not all campuses offer all majors
**myCuesta LOGIN**

Login to my.cuesta.edu by entering your username and password (case sensitive).

First time logging in?

Refer to your welcome/admission email from Cuesta College, which includes your username and a temporary password to get you started.

Logged in before but don’t know your password?

Click “Forgot Password?” to recover or reset it.

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**ACTIVATE CUESTA EMAIL ACCOUNT**

1. Select the **Student** tab.
2. In the Student Email channel, select “Click here for Cuesta student email.”

**IMPORTANT!** Activating your Cuesta College e-mail account will allow you to receive crucial information regarding your academic status (i.e. grades, registration dates, financial aid status, etc.) and important emails and updates at Cuesta College.

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**HOW TO LOCATE YOUR STUDENT ID NUMBER**

1. Select the **Student Tab**
2. Go to the **My Web Services** channel
3. Click on **Banner Self-Service** link
4. Click on **Student Account**
5. Click on **Account Detail for Term**
6. Student Identification Number will show
Students can do one of the following to place into an English course:

- Complete the online orientation within your myCuesta portal to receive the recommendation for your first English course.
- Pass the AP English Language or Literature Composition Exam with a score of 3 or above—Complete Prerequisite Form A.
- Earn a “C” or better grade in an English course taken at another college or university AND submit a copy of college/university transcript—Complete Prerequisite Form A.

ENGLISH FLOWCHART

- **English 201C (4.0 credits)**
  - English Composition: Critical Thinking

 OR

- **English 201B (4.0 credits)**
  - Composition: Introduction to Literature/Critical Thinking

 OR

- **English 201A (4.0 credits)**
  - English Composition

 OR

- **English 201A (4.0 credits)**
  - English Composition

 AND

- **English 101† (1.0 credit)**
  - Support for English Composition

 OR

- **English 180† (4.0 credits)**
  - Introduction to English Composition

= Transfer-level courses open to all students.

**NOTE:** AB 705 is a 2017 assembly bill that requires California Community Colleges to maximize the probability that a student will enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one-year timeframe. This is why all students have access to transfer-level English and math courses in their first year of college.

† English 180 and English 101 are associate degree applicable and serve as preparatory or support for 200 level transferable English. Please see a counselor if you are unsure of your educational plan or which English course is right for you.
Students can do one of the following to place into a Math course:

- Complete the online orientation within your myCuesta portal to receive the recommendation for your first math course.
- Pass the AP Calculus or AP Statistics exam with a score of 3 or above—Complete Prerequisite Form A.
- Earn a “C” or better grade in Math course taken at another college or university AND submit a copy of college/university transcript—Complete Prerequisite Form A.

STEM

- MATH FLOWCHART

**STEM**

**NON-STEM**

= Transfer-level courses open to all students.

†† STEM and NON-STEM tracks are guidelines. Please discuss math placement with a counselor.

‡ Math 128 and Math 127 are associate degree applicable and serve as preparatory courses for 200 level transferable math. Please see a counselor if you are unsure of your educational plan or which math course is right for you.

‡‡ Cuesta College also offers basic skills arithmetic and Prealgebra.
**1. COMMIT TO CHOOSING A MAJOR:**

Whether your goal is an Associate Degree or University Transfer, you’ll need to select a major and complete the courses required for that major. The earlier you decide on a major, the more efficient you’ll be in selecting your courses. Most universities require that you complete **major preparation** courses prior to transfer.

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2. **CHECK THE CIRCLE:**

**Are you considering a major in the top half?**

If so, you’ll need to take classes in your major, such as science, technology, engineering and/or math (STEM), your first semester.

**Are you considering a major in the bottom half (Liberal Arts)?**

If so, you can focus on General Education, including a class in an area in which you might major. Note: Business majors should enroll in Math & Economics your first semester.

“**First Semester Major Courses**” are listed below.

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**Suggested first semester major courses**

For additional majors and course options please visit our certificates, degrees and associate transfer degrees at [cuesta.edu/academics](http://cuesta.edu/academics)

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<td>BUS 245—Intro to Business</td>
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<td>ECON 201B—Principles of Economics Micro</td>
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**3. GET HELP IN CHOOSING A MAJOR: IF YOU ARE UNDECIDED ON YOUR MAJOR** (many college freshmen are!):

- Take classes that you enjoyed in high school or a class in an area that you might want to explore.
- Attend a Major/Career Exploration Workshop offered in the Transfer/Career Center. Please call (805) 546-3162 for dates/times available.
- Visit the Transfer/Career Center:
  - Explore the services and resources: career counseling, catalogs, books, and online resources.
  - Use [assist.org](http://assist.org) to determine which CSU/UC campuses offer your major and support courses available at Cuesta College.

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**4. COMPLETE YOUR STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN (SEP):**

Meet with a counselor to explore the variety of college majors, and related careers. The counselor will outline a semester by semester plan of suggested courses needed to complete your educational goal. Please call (805) 546-3138 or (805) 546-3162 (SLO Campus), or (805) 591-6241 (NC Campus) to make an appointment.
HOW TO FIND CLASSES

FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW TO FIND OPEN CLASSES VIA myCuesta

After you log into myCuesta, click on the “Student Tab,” scroll down to the “Steps to Success” channel in the middle of the screen, and click on “Find Classes.”

FOLLOW THESE STEPS BELOW IN “CLASS FINDER” FOR CLASS AVAILABILITY

1. Select TERM
2. Select SUBJECT
3. Select LOCATION
4. Click to SUBMIT

What is a prerequisite, co-requisite, or advisory course? Refer to FAQs on page 21.

WHAT DO THE COURSE NUMBERS MEAN?

- 000–099 Not Associate Degree Applicable
- 100–199 Associate Degree Applicable
- 200–299 Transfer Level (courses will transfer and have a notation of CSU and/or UC transfer at the end of each course description)

Ex. Math 127
(127 means Associate Degree Applicable)
The process of choosing your first semester courses starts with creating a list of many courses that you might take. This list gives you multiple options in case the class you want is full or conflicts with the time of another class. You’ll decide the number of classes for which you register on the next page.

**START BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

1. What is my Educational Pathway?
   Circle one:  Certificate  |  Associate Degree  |  Transfer

2. Which General Education (GE) pattern will I be following?
   Circle one:  Associate Degree GE  |  CSU GE  |  IGETC

3. What is my major? ______________________________________________

**THEN, FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO FILL OUT THE CHART BELOW:**

Plan on completing transfer-level English and Math classes by the end of your first year as a student at Cuesta College.

1. **ENGLISH**—Refer to the results of Cuesta College's Guided Self-Placement, and write down the English course recommended to you in the chart below.

2. **MATH**—Refer to the results of Cuesta College's Guided Self-Placement, and write down the Math course recommended to you in the chart below.

3. **GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)**—Refer to your GE pattern and write down one GE course you could take your first semester. Check to make sure you have met the prerequisite for the course.

4. **MAJOR/TRANSFER MAJOR PREPARATION**
   - Review your certificate or associate degree major requirements online at cuesta.edu/academics.
   - Visit assist.org for UC/CSU transfer major preparation courses.
   - Refer to page 9 for suggested first semester major courses.
   - Write down one introductory major/transfer preparation course in the chart below. If your major is undecided, consider taking an introductory course in a topic in which you are interested.

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**TOTAL CREDITS:**

Next, use this list of potential courses to BUILD your First Semester Class Schedule on the next page.
BUILD YOUR FIRST SEMESTER CLASS SCHEDULE

START BY THINKING ABOUT HOW MUCH TIME YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COMMIT TO COLLEGE:

- To be a full time student you will need to take between 12 and 19 credits. Consider limiting the number of credits you take your first semester to 12.
- You can expect 2 hours of homework/study time outside of class for every hour of time in class.
- Make sure you balance college and work:
  - If you work 20 hours per week, consider taking no more than 9–12 credits
  - If you work 30 hours per week, consider taking no more than 6–9 credits
  - If you work 40 hours per week, consider taking no more than 1–6 credits

THEN, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- How many credits do I plan to take my first semester based on the information above? ___________ credits
- How many hours a week will I need to study and complete homework based on the formula above? _____________ hours
- How many hours a week will I have work, athletics, family, or other obligations? ______________ hours

FINALLY, FOLLOW THESE STEPS TO FILL OUT THE TABLE BELOW:

1. Open the online Find Classes in myCuesta.
2. Select classes that fit within your own personal schedule:
   - Daily (Monday through Friday)
   - MWF (Monday/Wednesday/Friday) ONLY
   - TR (Tuesday/Thursday) or MW (Monday/Wednesday) ONLY
3. Look up the days and time of the courses you wrote down on Your My First Semester Courses (SEP) worksheet.
4. Select a section of a course and write the CRN # AND other course information in the chart below.

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Next, follow these steps on the next page to manage your time.
1. Shade in the days and times of the course you selected.
2. Shade in time to study (2 hours for every hour of class).
3. Shade in your work schedule.
4. Shade in other activities (athletics, social, drive time, etc.).

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FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW TO REGISTER FOR YOUR CLASSES

After you log into myCuesta, click on the “Student Tab,” scroll down to the “Steps to Success” channel in the middle of the screen, and click on “Register (Add/Drop Classes).”

FOLLOW THESE STEPS BELOW REGISTER FOR YOUR CLASSES ONLINE VIA myCuesta

1. Select the Student Tab

   In the Steps to Success channel, click on Register (Add/Drop Classes).
   
   **TIP:** Click on Find Classes to view which classes are still open prior to registering for your class.

2. Select Register (Add/Drop Classes)

   a. Select term.
   b. Complete the Pre-Registration Questionnaire.
   c. Enter the CRN (Course Registration Number) for each course in which you wish to enroll.
   d. Click Submit Changes.
   e. Click Complete Registration when you are satisfied with your class schedule.

3. Optional Fees

   After selecting Complete Registration, you may select “optional fees” for purchase. Carefully read the information provided on the page. Registration and optional fees may be paid after selecting Continue. Descriptions of the registration charges and the total amount due are provided there. Use the Pay Now to pay by credit or debit card. Payments of check and cash are accepted at the Cashier’s Offices located in the 3100 Building at SLO Campus, or N1000 Building at the NC campus.

4. Review

   To view your class schedule, select My Class Schedule/Receipt. Print and keep for your records as proof of enrollment, for drop deadlines, or for tax purposes.

WAITLIST INFORMATION

You may be offered a waitlist if the class is closed/full. Select “Wait Listed” and then click “Submit Changes” to enroll on the waitlist for a closed class. You will need to check your myCuesta Student email daily, morning and evening for notification of an open seat to respond. If you do not respond within the 24 hour notification period, you will be dropped from the waitlist and the seat will be offered to the next waitlisted person.


Frequently Asked Waitlist Questions: cuesta.edu/student/documents/admissions_records/waitlistfaq.pdf
HOW CAN I GET HELP PAYING FOR COLLEGE?
MOST STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR SOME TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID!

YOU MUST APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID EVERY YEAR!
For more information, try our Financial Aid Orientation: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid

TYPES OF AID AND HOW TO APPLY
For More Information, visit: cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid/typesofaid

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE YOUR FINANCIAL AID MONEY?
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COMMON FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AT CUESTA:

California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver):
A state financial aid program that waives the per unit enrollment fee at California community colleges for eligible students.

To maintain your eligibility, you must do well in your classes by:
• Maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher. If your GPA is less than 2.0 in two consecutive terms, you may lose your CCPG Waiver.
• Completing more than 50% of your attempted units. If you do not complete more than 50% of the units you attempt for two consecutive terms, you may lose your CCPG Waiver. Withdrawals are NOT considered completions.

NOTE: In combination, if you have less than a 2.0 GPA and/or fail to complete more than 50% of the units you attempt, you may also lose your CCPG Waiver.

NOTE: Students who have lost their eligibility for the CCPG Fee Waiver may file a onetime appeal if they can provide documentation of extreme circumstances that affected their academic performance (e.g. hospitalization, incarceration, or death of an immediate family member).

Cuesta College Scholarship Program
A Cuesta College financial aid program made available by private donors who offer over 150 scholarships to current Cuesta students and incoming freshmen. One application here: cuesta.academicworks.com/users/sign_in.

Cal Grant Program
A state financial aid program designed to help low-income California residents with the cost of pursuing undergraduate education at California institutions. Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C programs are available at Cuesta.

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A federal financial aid program that provides grants to low-income undergraduate students who demonstrate “need” as determined by the FAFSA application.

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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

STEP 1: FAFSA ONLINE
Complete and submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at: fafsa.gov. Our federal school code is 001192. Create a FSA ID user name and password to sign in at: fsaid.ed.gov.

STEP 2: LOG IN TO myCuesta
- Go to my.cuesta.edu.
- Log in to your myCuesta student account with your user name and password.
  - New Users: Refer to your welcome/admission email from Cuesta College, which includes your username and a temporary password to get you started.
  - Forgot your password? Click “Forget Password?” to recover or reset it.

STEP 3: TERMS AND CONDITIONS
- Go to the Student tab and click on Banner Self-Service folder in the “My Web Services” section. Click on Financial Aid folder, and then click on Award.
- Select Award for Aid Year and use the drop down menu for Select Aid Year field. Select the correct academic year and click Submit.
- Go to the Terms and Conditions tab and click Accept.

STEP 4: CHECK FINANCIAL AID STATUS AND REVIEW REQUIREMENTS
- Return to the Banner Self-Service folder. Click on Financial Aid folder, and then click on Financial Aid Status.
- Click on Student Requirements to see if there are any documents requested. Any “Mandatory” documents with a “Needed” status are required to be completed and turned in. Check your Cuesta email account AND myCuesta Financial Aid Status weekly for additional forms requested during the review process.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE
San Luis Obispo Campus:
(805) 546-3143
North County Campus:
(805) 591-6202
Financial Aid Department Website:
cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid
Email at finaid@cuesta.edu
COUNSELING SERVICES

The services provided by the Cuesta College Counseling Department are designed to help you be a successful student! We recommend that you meet with a counselor at least once each semester for effective academic planning. Counselors are not “assigned” to students; you choose your counselor.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (IN PERSON)

Appointments are 45 minutes in length. Please make a list of questions you have for the counselor. You will be reminded of your appointment through your myCuesta email and text. Make sure your information is up to date in your myCuesta account.

COUNSELORS CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Academic degree planning
- Academic probation and dismissal concerns
- Academic problems
- Assist with College/University transfer requirements
- Applications
- Career planning and exploration
- Community referrals
- Course selection
- Crisis intervention
- Development of a Student Education Plan (SEP)
- Graduation requirements
- Information about programs offered at Cuesta College
- Schedule changes
- Study and note-taking strategies
- Strategies for managing stress, anxiety and depression
- Test anxiety & time management
- Transfer planning

SEPS (STUDENT EDUCATION PLANS)

A Student Education Plan (SEP) is a planning tool that you and your counselor create together based on your academic and career goals. It outlines a semester by semester plan of suggested courses to take based on major, transfer plans and sequence of courses.

- A Student Education Plan (SEP) can only be completed if official transcripts from all prior colleges are on file.
- SEPs can only be completed during a scheduled counseling appointment.
- Be sure to complete your SEP with a counselor once you have completed 15 units.

WALK-IN COUNSELING:

- Intended for quick questions; limited to 15 minutes per visit (offered on a first-come, first-served basis).

NOTE: Evaluation of transcripts from other colleges or SEPs cannot be done at walk-in.

- eAdvising and Live Chat are available for brief questions.
ATHLETICS—GO COUGARS!

Cuesta College is a member of the Western State Conference. Other conference members include Allan Hancock, Antelope Valley, Bakersfield, Citrus, College of the Canyons, Glendale, Los Angeles Pierce, Los Angeles Valley, Moorpark, Oxnard, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Ventura and West Los Angeles. We offer intercollegiate men's sports in baseball, basketball, cross country, swimming/diving, track/field, water polo and wrestling. We offer women's intercollegiate sports in basketball, cross country, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, track/field, volleyball and water polo.

Student athletes must enroll in and regularly attend 12 credits or more during season.

If you are interested in participating or have questions in regards to eligibility or transfer requirements, schedules, or more specific information please contact the Athletic Department. Visit us at cuesta.edu/student/campuslife/athletics.

CAFE CENTER

The CaFE Center provides comprehensive support, services, and resources to CalWORKs, Foster Youth, and EOPS/CARE students in order to empower, motivate and encourage them to reach their educational, career and life goals in a welcoming and safe environment.

- **CalWORKs**: The Cuesta College CalWORKs program provides support, services, and resources to CalWORKs recipients to gain self-sufficiency through education and work experience. To qualify, students must be receiving cash aid. Students will receive priority registration, job placement, and academic, personal and career counseling. cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/cafe/calworks

- **Foster Youth**: Foster youth and former foster youth receive support, services and resources through the CaFE Center. Students will receive book grants to help with the cost of textbooks, priority registration, financial aid coordination, academic, personal and career counseling. cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/cafe/fosteryouth

- **Extended Opportunity Programs & Services (EOPS)**: EOPS provides support, services, and resources to students who face academic and financial barriers to help them reach their educational goals. To qualify, students must demonstrate high financial need, have a need for academic support, qualify as a California resident or Dream Act student, and be enrolled as a full-time student at Cuesta College. Students will receive a book grant, to help with costs of textbooks, priority registration and academic, personal and career counseling. cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/cafe/eops

- **Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE)**: CARE is a state-funded program to assist students 18 years or older who are single head of households with child care expenses. You must be accepted into the EOPS program, receive cash aid from the Department of Social Services, and have a child under the age of 18. Once accepted into the program you will be eligible for grant monies to help cover child care and transportation costs. cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/cafe/eops

CHILDREN’S CENTER LAB SCHOOL

The Cuesta College Children’s Centers programs are laboratory schools that support students in many fields of study and offer hands-on experience in early learning classrooms. Cuesta College has two children’s lab programs, at the San Luis Obispo campus, and at the North County campus in Paso Robles. These programs are licensed, planned, facilitated, and operated by Early Childhood Education professionals.

We accept children from age 18 months to 5 years. Our children’s programs are based on the educational philosophies taught in Cuesta’s Early Childhood Education degree program. Within the context of the program we meet the physical, social, emotional, intellectual, and language developmental needs as well as early literacy, math, science, discovery and creative interests of each child enrolled.

The Children’s Center follows the college academic year, semester to semester and is closed when school is not in session, for holidays, flex days, and semester breaks observed by the college. Our toddler programs are open Monday through Friday from 7:30AM until 5:00PM, and our part day program ends at 3:00PM. Our preschool programs are open Monday through Friday from 7:30AM until 5:15PM, and our part day program ends at 3:00PM.

For more information please visit our website at cuesta.edu/student/resources/childrenscenter.

In addition to our ECE laboratory program, the Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo (CAPSLO) offers an Early Head Start Infant Program serving ages 6–24 months, and a Head Start Preschool Program serving ages 3–5, for income eligible families, at the Child Development Center on the San Luis Obispo campus. CAPSLO offers subsidies to eligible families through the Child Care Resource Connection. For more information, please go to capslo.org/programs/sec-cyf-services.

DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS & SERVICES (DSPS)

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) promotes the full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of their postsecondary education. DSPS advocates and facilitates equal educational opportunities through appropriate support services, curricula, instruction, policies and funding allocations. DSPS works to eliminate discrimination against students with disabilities and to promote their independence, growth, productivity and equality. Our goal is to provide academic accommodations and other services to assist students with disabilities in achieving their academic goals. The most common accommodations include extended time for class exams, distraction reduced testing rooms, notetaking, assistive technology and disability related referral/counseling. All services are individualized and based on eligibility requirements. cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/dspss

SUPPORT SERVICES
CAMPUS POLICE

Police Services: Cuesta College employs sworn Police Officers providing a complete range of police services in addition to: student escorts, medical response, vehicle unlocks and jumpstarts, livescan fingerprint services, and crime prevention information. cuesta.edu/about/depts/publicsafety/services

Parking Permits: Parking enforcement begins the second week of each semester. Students may purchase their semester parking permits during the registration process but must pick them up in person from the campus police offices on SLO and NCC campuses, in addition to the cashier’s office on SLO campus. Semester permits are valid on both campuses. cuesta.edu/about/depts/publicsafety/parkingandpermits

Emergency Information: Cuesta College Police Dispatch can be reached during school hours by calling: (805) 546-3205 (SLO) or (805) 591-6205 (NCC). Cuesta College also uses a text and email communication system called “myAlert” to communicate to all students and staff during emergencies, which can be accessed through the myCuesta webpage or through the Public Safety webpage. Cuesta College also utilizes a Campus Emergency Light System in all classrooms, and there are 10 “blue light” emergency call towers distributed to both campuses. For more emergency information, please visit: cuesta.edu/emergency.

Annual Security Report: Cuesta College is required by Federal law to submit an annual report describing the various emergency and police services on campus, along with information about the last 3 years of reported crimes on any Cuesta College District property. You can access the report here: cuesta.edu/about/depts/publicsafety/clery_act.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Student Health Services seeks to help students achieve and maintain optimal physical, mental and emotional health and to educate students towards taking responsibility for their own health and wellness.

The Student Health Center offers free, confidential, mental and physical health care services for every enrolled Cuesta College student that has paid the health fee. Our dedicated staff of professionals include: a nurse practitioner, registered nurses, licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT), associate marriage and family therapist (AMFT), and caring support staff. We offer mental health counseling, a primary/acute care clinic, health screenings, reproductive and sexual health services, and a nutritional guidance program. cuesta.edu/student/resources/healthcenter

STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

The Student Life and Leadership department is here to help you with adjusting to life as a student while having fun doing it! Through collaboration with campus departments, programs, and organizations we develop, plan, and implement College activities and resources for students on the San Luis Obispo Campus, North County Campus and South County Center. Your student government, Associated Students of Cuesta College (ASCC), is here to promote the general welfare of Cuesta College students to guarantee equality of opportunity among students and to encourage student participation in, planning for, and involvement in a comprehensive program of student activities. It offers opportunities to participate in social and cultural activities, to share in governance activities, and to create and administer their own organizations and programs. On the SLO campus, students can take a break between classes in the ASCC Social Club (room 5312) or visit the Cultural Center (room S104). The Cultural Center hosts heritage events, club meetings, diversity workshops and student lounge. On the NC Campus, students can take a break between classes in the Student Life and Leadership lounge (room N1005). Free food resources are available to students at the Cougar Pantry and our monthly food bank distribution. Student Life and Leadership programs and services information can be found at cuesta.edu/student/campuslife/studentlife.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

San Luis Obispo Campus: (805) 546-3150
North County Campus: (805) 591-6245 | ssc@cuesta.edu

The Student Success Centers promote the academic skills, learning strategies, and habits necessary for academic success in all disciplines. The Student Success Centers at the San Luis Obispo and North County Campuses provide free tutoring in a variety of subjects, embedded tutoring, writing support, and online tutoring via NetTutor. Check out the on-line calendar for the complete list of subjects we offer tutoring for. cuesta.edu/student/resources/ssc

REENTRY

The Reentry Program is open to women and men. A Reentry student meets the following criteria: 25 or older and returning to school after an absence of five or more years. The program is established to ensure a smooth transition for those returning to school, offering services such as counseling, emergency grants, and priority registration. cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/apply/returning_student
SUPPORT SERVICES (cont.)

VETERANS
The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is the heart of the college’s veteran community and serves as a gathering place for student veterans to connect and socialize. Veterans from all branches of service are welcome and can expect to receive professional, courteous, and compassionate support as they pursue their educational and vocational goals at Cuesta College. We provide assistance with completing and filing VA claim forms for federal and state education assistance programs. Veterans who attend Cuesta College and are using the GI-Bill, must get certified every semester by making an appointment to meet with the VA Certifying Official. Review the website listed below to successfully complete your steps regarding your benefits and how to be certified at Cuesta College. Each Chapter explains options if you have used benefits at another school, never used your benefits, want to change your major/program of study at Cuesta. cuesta.edu/library/student/services/veterans

LIBRARY SERVICES
Cuesta College Library is committed to Student Success by supporting the college’s instructional programs, developing and maintaining collections of print and electronic resources, and by teaching students to access, evaluate, and use information effectively and ethically.

• Reserve (in-library use) textbooks
• Books, journals and other research materials
• Library guides on assignments, plagiarism and citation styles
• Journal, newspaper and streaming media databases
• Research assistance in-person and via chat
• Quiet study areas and group study rooms
• Children/Young Adult/ESL areas and materials

Open Innovation Labs
Open Innovation Labs are located in the SLO and NCC Libraries, and offer equipment and support for student educational technology needs. Supporting student success through technology and innovation

• PCs and Macs with course software, WiFi access
• Chromebook, Laptop and accessory loans
• Audiovisual collaboration space
• Canvas and online education training for students
• Color and b&w printing, copying and scanning
• In person and online Canvas/educational technology support: support@my.cuesta.edu

San Luis Obispo Campus  |  Building 3200
Circulation/Reserves: (805) 546-3155
Librarian/Reference Desk: (805) 546-3157

North County Campus  |  Building N3113
Circulation/Reserves: (805) 546-6211
Librarian/Reference Desk: (805) 591-6200 Ext. 4410

Arroyo Grande High School Center
Walk-in only.
For more information, visit cuesta.edu/library, or email support@my.cuesta.edu

OTHER ITEMS TO CONSIDER

ASCC CARD “STUDENT ID” (ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF CUESTA COLLEGE IDENTIFICATION CARD)
The ASCC Student ID is the official student identification card for Cuesta College students. It can be used on campus and at local businesses when student ID is required.

Revenue collected from the ASCC Student ID Card is used to maintain and strengthen existing programs and to establish new ones that will enhance the students’ academic and social experience at Cuesta College.

How to get your Student ID Card:
1. While registering for classes through myCuesta account, you can also purchase your student ID on the “Purchase Items” page; it is $10 per semester (only $5 for summer).
2. Pick up your student ID card or renewal sticker; bring your payment receipt and a photo ID to: The ASCC Social Club, Room 5312 in the Student Center: (805) 546-3100 Ext. 2481; or on the North County Campus: (805) 591-6000 Ext. 4548.
3. Start using your ASCC Student ID Card at your favorite local restaurants, shops, salons, entertainment, and much more! cuesta.edu/student/campuslife/studentlife/studentid

TEXT BOOKS
Find full-service bookstores at the San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles campuses. The bookstore sells textbooks, general supplies, snacks, apparel, study guides and even gift cards. The store buys used textbooks during finals week. bookstore.cuesta.org

HOUSING
Do you need assistance obtaining suitable housing in the San Luis Obispo county area? Although the college does not provide housing for students, we hope to assist Cuesta College students by making housing options available.

Check out the Housing Tips and Resource Guide (cuesta.edu/student/documents/ascc-docs/Housing_Tips_Resource_Guide.pdf) for tips on finding and inspecting a unit, resolving landlord and roommate issues, as well as links to off campus housing and other resources. The inclusion of any apartment or agency on the list does not represent an endorsement of services or facilities, nor does it guarantee vacancies. Please be aware that Cuesta College does not inspect any housing facilities. We do not assume responsibility for the condition of these housing facilities, or for the character of any applicant, landlord or tenant.

Housing bulletin online listings are available at the “Student Housing for Rent and Roommates Wanted” (cuesta.edu/student/campuslife/studentlife/housingrentals) and are designed to help Cuesta College students find housing in the area.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I drop a class?

Students may drop classes via myCuesta or at the Admissions and Records office window 13 or 14 in Student Services Building. Deadlines for dropping classes are on “Class Schedule/Receipt.” This is your responsibility: never assume an instructor will drop you from a class. Confirm that you are officially dropped by checking in your myCuesta account in the Steps to Success Channel click on “Class Schedule/Receipt.”

How do I add a class?

You can add classes in myCuesta one day prior to the first class meeting. If the class is full, you will be offered a waitlist slot if available. If you are unable to enroll in the class before it begins, you may attend the first class and obtain an “add code” from the instructor if there is space available. Add codes may be entered in myCuesta by entering the CRN (course registration number) in the Add Classes Worksheet then validating the 4-digit add code. Deadline to late register with an add code is one day prior to the Census date posted in the Class Finder by clicking on the CRN.

How do I enroll in a waitlist slot?

Enter the CRN in myCuesta on the Add Classes Worksheet and follow the directions to enroll in the waitlist seat. Check your myCuesta student email daily (preferably twice a day). If a seat opens and you are next on the waitlist, an email is delivered to your myCuesta email and you have 24 hours from the date/time stamp of the email to return to the myCuesta Add Classes Worksheet to change the “Waitlisted” status to “Web Registered.” Fees will be assessed and may be paid once you are officially Web Registered.

What happens if I miss my waitlist reservation?

If you do not enroll within the 24-hour waitlisted notification deadline, you are deleted from the waitlist and the seat is offered to the next waitlisted student. Your only option is to re-enroll in an available waitlist seat to return to the notification queue. Add codes are not available to the instructor before the class begins nor will add codes be accepted online or in-person at registration services until the first class meeting. You may attend the first class meeting to obtain an add code on a space-available basis. See page 14 for more information on waitlists. cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/admrreg/arpolicies/Waitlist

What if the class I want to take has a prerequisite, co-requisite or advisory course listed?

Prerequisites, co-requisites, and advisories are intended to enhance a student's chance of success in a desired course. If a student does not meet a prerequisite or co-requisites for a course as listed in the class schedule, the student will not be allowed to enroll in the course. Successful completion of a prerequisite or co-requisite course is achieved by a final course grade of “C” or better.

Prerequisite: A course that a student must pass before enrolling in the more advanced course. Equivalent skills or prior experience that students possess may also be accepted as a prerequisite for a course.

Co-requisite: A course that a student must enroll in at the same time as, or prior to, enrolling in the desired course.

Advisory: A course that a student is encouraged, but is NOT required, to complete prior to enrolling in the more advanced course.

To request clearance of prerequisite course completed at a college/university other than Cuesta, complete a Prerequisite Form A. Students can challenge a prerequisite or co-requisite by completing the Prerequisite Challenge Form B. These forms are available online at cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/admrreg/prerequisites

What if I have completed course work at another college?

First, send official transcripts to Cuesta College Records Office, P.O. Box 8106, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403-8106. Second, check your myCuesta email to verify that they have been received. Third, schedule a counseling appointment for an evaluation.

What do I do if I received a 3, 4 or 5 score on Advanced Placement (AP) exam?

You may be eligible to receive college credit for a Cuesta course if you earned a score of 3, 4 or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination (AP). In addition to equivalency to Cuesta courses, certain AP exams are also accepted towards fulfilling subject areas in the CSU GE and IGETC and Cuesta prerequisites. Submit official AP scores to the Records Office and complete a Prerequisite Form A.

Can I take a class Pass/No Pass?

We recommend that you see a counselor if you are thinking about taking a course Pass/No Pass. You can select “pass/no pass” grading for a regular semester course through the fourth week of instruction for full-term classes or through the first 20% of short term classes. A “P” (pass) will be received if you earn a “C” or better grade (and the credits for this course will be added). A “NP” (no pass) will be recorded if you earn a “D” or lower. Neither a “P” nor “NP” grade will have any effect on your grade point average.

For more information, check out our catalog at cuesta.edu/academics/findclasses/catalog
ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL WITH A DEGREE AUDIT ONLINE!

It’s amazing how much easier it is to get somewhere when you know where you’re going. myCuesta Pathway delivers access to real-time progress toward your degree completion, so you can reach your academic goals efficiently and easily.

FAQS

What is myCuesta Pathway?

myCuesta Pathway is a degree audit program designed to help you understand the requirements for your major, degree, or certificate which may consist of core courses, general education, and electives. This is a web-based program that takes the courses from your Cuesta College transcript and reorganizes them to help you track your progress of your degree.

What are the benefits of myCuesta Pathway?

• See which courses you have completed in your major
• Identify remaining courses needed to complete your degree/major
• See what courses you have taken that do not count toward your major
• View the grades or waivers applied to your transcript
• Confirm your grade point average (GPA)
• Find out how courses completed will meet other major requirements before you officially change your major
• Estimate how many semesters it will take you to graduate/transfer
• Select the right courses for the next semester
• Anytime/anywhere access to information

Does using myCuesta Pathway mean I do not need to see my counselor?

No. myCuesta Pathway is a tool designed to help aid and facilitate academic advising. Your audit is NOT an official evaluation. All degree and transfer requirements need to be verified by your Counselor prior to graduation. You also need to see a counselor if you have non-native transcripts.

Can myCuesta Pathway help me if I am considering changing my major?

Yes! There is a “What If” function that can be used to hypothesize a change in major and to see how far along you would be in your academic goal if you did change your major.

Is my degree audit the same as myCuesta College transcript?

No. Your transcript is arranged by each semester and is the final and official documentation of your academic record at Cuesta College.

How do I get started with myCuesta Pathway?

Visit bit.ly/mycuestapathway and check out the different tutorial videos and workshop training dates intended to help you take full advantage of the myCuesta Pathway tools available.
Parking Permits: Parking permits are required on the North County Campus and also are valid on the San Luis Obispo Campus.

NOTE: Parking Permits are not required at the off-campus sites.

Textbooks: Textbooks can be purchased at the North County Campus Bookstore or at the San Luis Obispo Campus Bookstore.

North County Off Campus Instructional Sites:
A limited number of Cuesta College North County courses are offered at sites other than the North County Campus. In the Class Finder, look for:

- Atascadero High School (AHS)
  1 High School Hill, Atascadero
- Atascadero State Hospital (ASH)
  10333 El Camino Real, Atascadero
- North County Off-Campus (NCO)
  Paso Robles High School (PRH)
  801 Niblick Rd., Paso Robles
  Templeton High School (TMH)
  1200 Main St., Templeton

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Information: Phone (805) 474-3913, Admissions and Records Office, (805) 546-3955, during regular office hours.

Counseling: For an appointment, call the San Luis Obispo Campus at (805) 546-3138.

Parking Permits: Parking permits are not required for Cuesta College classes held at Arroyo Grande High School.

Textbooks: Textbooks may be purchased at the Arroyo Grande High School, “900 Wing.” Textbooks are also available at the bookstore on the San Luis Obispo Campus.

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