

CSU TRANSFER BASICS

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) TRANSFER

The 23 CSU campuses, including Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, are located throughout California. Transfer requirements, cost of attendance, and impactation vary by campus. Please research campuses at calstate.edu. Be sure to meet with a counselor to discuss requirements for the transfer university you want to attend and develop a Student Education Plan for transfer.

WHAT DO I NEED TO TRANSFER TO A CSU?

To transfer to a California State University (CSU) you will need to complete:

- CSU General Education (GE)—If you are an Engineering or Computer Science major, please consult with a counselor on GE requirements.
- Required Major Preparation classes (very important for impacted campuses/majors).
- 60 CSU transferable credits (minimum).
- A CSU transferable GPA of 2.0 or higher. Impacted campuses/majors require a higher GPA.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH CLASSES TO TAKE?

1. Use assist.org to find transfer information and articulation agreements by specific CSU campus and major.
2. Use campus websites for additional transfer information and major preparation requirements.
3. Highly selective campuses have major specific course requirements and/or GPA requirements for transfer students. See back of page for more information.
4. Associate Degrees for Transfer (AD-T): Earn an Associate Degree and complete lower division CSU requirements for your major by earning an AD-T. Impacted campuses will give a GPA bump or additional admission consideration. Cuesta offers 36 AD-Ts, please view cuesta.edu for more information. Find out if a CSU campus will accept an AD-T in your major at icangotocollege.com.
5. See a counselor to set up a Student Education Plan.



Apply online from October 1st to November 30th to transfer the following fall term at calstate.edu/apply.

Some Campuses offer mid-year transfers and you can find this information at calstate.edu/apply.

Looking to complete a Bachelor's Degree online? Check out calstateonline.net to view information for CSU online programs.

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CAN I TRANSFER IN TWO YEARS?

Transferring to a CSU in two years is possible for students who have placed into transfer level Math and English courses AND who can manage 15 transferable credits or more each term. Most transfer students take more than two years to complete required coursework, and this is okay too!

Sample Two-Year Transfer Plan:

1ST TERM: 15 CSU credits

2ND TERM: 15 CSU credits

SUMMER TERM: optional—credits can be used towards the 60 credits

3RD TERM: 15 CSU credits—apply to CSU (if ready)

4TH TERM: 15 CSU credits (60 transferable credits must be completed)

SUMMER TERM: credits *cannot* be used towards the 60 credits for most campuses

Sample Three-Year Transfer Plan:

1ST TERM: 6 to 9 CSU credit

2ND TERM: 6 to 9 CSU credit

SUMMER TERM: optional—credit can be used towards the 60 credits

3RD TERM: 9 to 12 CSU credits

4TH TERM: 9 to 12 CSU credits

SUMMER TERM: optional—credits can be used toward the 60 credits

5TH TERM: 12 CSU credits—apply to CSU

6TH TERM: 12 CSU credits (60 transferable credits must be completed)

SUMMER TERM: credits *cannot* be used towards the 60 credits for most campuses

IMPACTION AT THE CSU

As you get ready to apply to the CSU, you may find that a campus or undergraduate major you're considering is "impacted," meaning there are more applications from qualified applicants than there are available spaces. If you're interested in an impacted major or campus, be sure to apply for admission during the initial filing period, October 1 to November 30. See the list on the right for highly selective CSU campuses.

QUESTIONS?

Transfer process can be overwhelming, but we're here to help! Call us at 805-546-3162, email transfer@cuesta.edu, or stop by the University Transfer/Career Center on the SLO campus, Building 3100, Room 3131.

HIGHLY SELECTIVE CSU CAMPUSES

Cal Poly SLO

[Transfer Selection Criteria](#)

Fresno State

[Majors Impacted](#)

Cal State Fullerton

[Majors Impacted](#)

CSU Long Beach

[Major Specific Admission Requirements](#)

San Diego State

[Major Preparation Requirements for Admission](#)

San Jose State

[Major Impacted](#)

