

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The California State University has 23 campuses throughout the state and offers bachelor's, master's, and limited doctorate degree programs, as well as credentials for teaching and other professions. Each campus serves the local community and has unique programs and majors to that campus. CSU campuses seek to advance and extend knowledge, learning, and culture, especially throughout California.

Students intending to transfer to the CSU should be prepared to complete minimum entrance requirements for admission, and focus their time at the community college completing general education and lower-division coursework in the major. Most all students transfer at the junior level after completing 60-semester or 90-quarter units, and most campuses will offer admission in the fall and spring. Courses numbered G100 - G299 and C1000 are transferable to the CSU. Most campuses will accept only upper-division transfer students. Detailed admission information is available at the Transfer Center (<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/transfer-center/>) or at CSU Apply (www.calstate.edu/apply (<http://www.calstate.edu/apply/>)). Be aware of timelines! Priority filing periods are posted in the Transfer Center. Due to impaction at most campuses, many CSU campuses cease accepting applications for admission after the end of the initial application filing period.

Upper Division Transfer

In order to be eligible for admission to a CSU campus as an upper-division (Junior-level) transfer, students must complete the following:

1. Complete at least 60 transferable semester or 90 quarter units,
2. Complete at least 30-semester units (45 quarter units) or courses equivalent to general education requirements with a grade of C or better. The 30 units must include all of the general education requirements in:
 - a. Communication in the English language (English composition, oral communication, and critical thinking) and
 - b. One course of at least 3-semester units in college-level mathematics.
 These four courses are commonly referred to as the "golden four."
3. Have a grade point average of 2.0 (C) or better in all transferable units attempted (nonresidents must have a grade point average of 2.4),
4. Be in Good Standing at the last college attended prior to transfer.

A maximum of 70 semester (105 quarter) units earned in a community college may be applied towards the bachelor's degree. No upper-division unit credit is granted for courses taken in a community college. Visit the website for CSU Admissions at: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/>) or the Transfer Center (<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/transfer-center/>) for more information about CSU Transfer admission.

Lower Division Transfer

To be admitted to the California State University as a lower-division transfer student, students must:

- Have completed "A" (<https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide/>)-G" course requirements (<http://www.ucop.edu/agguide/>) in high school;

- Have graduated from high school (received a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate);
- Meet the Eligibility Index (<https://www2.calstate.edu/apply/eligibility-index/>) required of a first-time freshman;
- Have achieved an overall college GPA of at least 2.0 (This GPA is calculated using all transfer units attempted. In case of high-demand majors and campuses, a GPA of 2.0 may not be sufficient to be admitted);
- Be in good standing at the last college or university you attended. (In simple terms, "good standing" means you are eligible to re-enroll at your last college or university); and
- Have completed, with a grade of C- or better, a course in GE Section A2 in written communication and a course in GE section B4 in mathematics or quantitative reasoning.

Note: While all CSU Campuses welcome a large pool of junior-level transfers, only a select few CSU campuses will admit lower-division transfers.

Impacted Campuses and Programs

Many campus and individual majors may be impacted at CSU campuses. Impaction means that a campus has received more applications from qualified candidates during the initial filing period than can be accommodated. In such cases, campuses use supplementary admissions criteria such as residency requirements, grade point average, required lower-division coursework, or test scores to screen applications. Applications for admission to an impacted program must be filed during the initial admission application filing period of October or November for fall or August for spring. Applicants to an impacted program at one campus are encouraged to apply to an alternate campus that offers the same program but which is not impacted.

Information about screening criteria is available in the Transfer Center (<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/transfer-center/>) or Counseling Office (<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/counseling/>). See <https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu> (<https://www.calstate.edu/attend/impaction-at-the-csu/>) for information regarding impaction.

Associate in Art for Transfer (AA-T) Or Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T)

The Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) guarantees a community college student who completes this degree admission to a California State University (CSU) campus. The Associate in Arts for Transfer (AA-T) or the Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) is intended for students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree in a similar major at a CSU campus. Students completing these degrees (AA-T or AS-T) are guaranteed admission to the CSU system, but not to a particular campus. Additionally, the ADT major and the university major must be deemed "Similar" to be accepted in lieu of local campus requirements for the degree.

In order to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer, students must complete 60 CSU-transferable semester units with a minimum grade point average of 2.0, earn "C" grades in each course in the major, and at least 30 units of general education, including coursework in Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, and Mathematics. Students transferring to a CSU campus that accepts the AA-T or AS-T will be required to complete no more than 60 units after transfer to earn a bachelor's degree (unless the major is a designated

“high-unit” major). This degree may not be the best option for students intending to transfer to a particular major within a CSU campus or to the University of California (UC) campuses.

The Associate Degree for Transfer also provides guaranteed admission to several private/independent colleges and universities in California, and select Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Students should consult with a GWC counselor or the Transfer Center (<https://www.goldenwestcollege.edu/transfer-center/>) when planning to complete the degree for more information on university admission and transfer requirements.

California State University General Education Requirements

As part of the requirements for a bachelor’s degree, all students must meet general education requirements: at least 34 lower division general education units and nine upper-division units. All of the lower division courses for general education may be completed at a California Community College before transferring to a CSU campus.

There is one general education pattern that California Community College students can complete:

The California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC):

For students starting college on or after Fall 2025, Cal-GETC is the singular general education pathway for the California Community College (CCC) students to fulfill lower-division general education requirements necessary for transfer and admission to both the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC). The curriculum and its policies are overseen the Intersegmental Committee of the Academic Senates (ICAS), representing faculty from California’s three segments of public higher education.

What Is Certification?

Courses taken at the community college may be used to satisfy general education requirements for graduation from CSU schools. However, such courses must be specifically identified and verified by the community college before they will be recognized by the CSU campus. This process is called certification.

Students must request certification from the GWC Admissions & Records Office when the request for sending their final transcript to the CSU campus is made (Official Transcript Request Form). In order to complete the certification process, official transcripts from all colleges attended must be on file in the Admissions & Records Office. If examinations, e.g. Advanced Placement, are used to meet Cal-GETC requirements, official results must also be on file.

Students requesting GE Certification must complete at least 12 units at GWC.

Students who complete all of the requirements of the Cal-GETC Certificate of Achievement is considered to be fully certified by the community college.

What Courses Can Be Certified?

Courses taken at any regionally accredited college or university may be certified. GWC students who complete all their general education courses at GWC can have those courses certified. Courses taken at another California Community College must be applied to the subject area in which they are listed by the college at which they were taken. For example, if a Psychology A100 course is taken at Orange Coast

College where it is listed in Area D, it will be certified in Area D. This is referred to as “pass-along.” Courses can only be certified if they were on the college’s Cal-GETC approved list at the time they were taken by the student. Students in the Coast Community College District who take courses at Golden West, Orange Coast and/or Coastline must make sure that the courses are in the areas they need to meet general education requirements. The general education patterns for all three district colleges may be different and the same course may have different approvals from one campus to another.

CSU Locations

CSU Bakersfield

Student Services Building 47SA
9001 Stockdale Highway
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(661) 654-3036
www.csub.edu (<http://www.csub.edu>)

CSU Channel Islands

One University Drive
Camarillo, CA 93012
(805) 437-8520
www.csuci.edu (<http://www.csuci.edu>)

CSU Chico

400 West First Street
Chico, CA 95929-0722
(530) 898-6322
www.csuchico.edu (<http://www.csuchico.edu>)

CSU Dominguez Hills

Welch Hall Room C290
1000 East Victoria Street
Carson, CA 90747
(310) 243-3645
www.csudh.edu (<http://www.csudh.edu>)

CSU East Bay

25800 Carlos Bee Blvd.
Hayward, CA 94542-3035
(510) 885-2784
www.csueastbay.edu (<http://www.csueastbay.edu>)

CSU Fresno

M/S JA57
5150 North Maple
Fresno, CA 93740-0057
(559) 278-2261
www.csufresno.edu (<http://www.csufresno.edu>)

CSU Fullerton

Langsdorf Hall Room 114
800 N. State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92834-9480
(657) 278-3100
www.fullerton.edu (<http://www.fullerton.edu>)

Cal Poly Humboldt

One Harpst Street
Arcata, CA 95521-4957
(707) 826-4402
www.humboldt.edu (<http://www.humboldt.edu>)

CSU Long Beach

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Long Beach, CA 90840-0106
(562) 985-5471
www.csulb.edu (<http://www.csulb.edu>)

CSU Los Angeles

Student Affairs Bldg. Room 101
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Los Angeles, CA 90032-8530
(323) 343-3901
www.calstatela.edu (<http://www.calstatela.edu>)

CA Maritime Academy

200 Maritime Academy Drive
Vallejo, CA 94590
(707) 654-1330
www.csum.edu (<http://www.csum.edu>)

CSU Monterey Bay

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Seaside, CA 93955-8001
(831) 582-3738
www.csumb.edu (<http://www.csumb.edu>)

CSU Northridge

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Northridge, CA 91330-8207
(818) 677-3700
www.csun.edu (<http://www.csun.edu>)

Cal Poly Pomona

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(909) 869-5299
www.cpp.edu (<http://www.cpp.edu>)

CSU Sacramento

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(916) 278-7766
www.csus.edu (<http://www.csus.edu>)

CSU San Bernardino

5500 University Parkway
San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397
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www.csusb.edu (<http://www.csusb.edu>)

San Diego State University

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San Francisco State University

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¹ Quarter system where three quarters are equal to one academic year.