

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Course Requirements for Transfer

Golden West College offers the first two years of a transfer program. Students should consult a counselor for lower division major requirements. Major advisement information is available at the Transfer Center and the Counseling Center. The most current transfer information is also available via the internet at www.assist.org (<http://www.assist.org>) (ASSIST). The following types of classes should be completed if possible before students transfer.

1. **Lower division courses for the major.** These should be completed in the freshman and sophomore years. They provide background and preparation so that students are ready to concentrate on the major beginning in the junior year. The major requirements for CSU and UC can be found in ASSIST (www.assist.org (<http://www.assist.org>)).
2. **General education requirements.** (Sometimes called "Breadth Requirements.") These are the courses required of everyone to obtain a degree regardless of major. They are designed to provide students with a broad education. Students can choose to complete the Certificate of Achievement for the CSU GE Breadth or IGETC patterns to meet the general education requirements, or follow the GE pattern of the receiving institution.

The CSU GE Breadth and IGETC patterns can partially meet the requirements for the AA degree. See the Graduation Requirements section of the catalog.
3. **Electives.** These are courses of the students' choice. After completing 1 and 2 above, the student may take "elective" courses to bring the total of all course work to 60 transferable units.

While students are advised to complete all of their transfer requirements during their freshman and sophomore years, they may be completed at the four-year colleges in many instances. Exceptions to this will be found in the admission requirements for the particular college or university and/or the major department. Please check with the Transfer Center for additional information.

Note: Four year colleges and universities often make changes in their requirements for majors and general education. Students are encouraged to meet regularly with a counselor to develop a Student Educational Plan (SEP) and keep updated on admission and major requirements. Students are also encouraged to visit the campuses they are considering for transfer.

Applying to Four-year Colleges and Universities

Both the California State University and University of California systems require students to file an application for admission online. The CSU application can be found at www.calstate.edu/apply (<http://www.calstate.edu/apply/>) and the UC application at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply/. Letters of recommendation are not required for the CSU or UC applications. Private/Independent colleges may host the application on their own website, or use the Common Application. These campuses may require additional information including a resume, letters of recommendation, portfolio, or other materials. The Transfer Center holds application workshops for both the CSU and UC applications during the open filing periods each year. Additional assistance is available on a one-on-one basis for the Common

Application, and CSU/UC applications when needed. Please visit the Transfer Center on the 2nd floor of the Student Services Center for assistance with university applications.

Associate Degrees For Transfer

California Community Colleges offer Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) to the CSU. These may include Associate in Arts (AA-T) or Associate in Science (AS-T) degrees. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. California Community College students who are awarded an ADT degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing somewhere in the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to their community college major. This priority does not guarantee admission to specific majors or campuses.

Students who have been awarded an ADT are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

To view the most current list of Golden West College Associate Degrees for Transfer and to find out which CSU campuses accept each degree, please go to: goldenwestcollege.edu/academics/ (<http://goldenwestcollege.edu/academics/>) and <http://calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml> (<http://calstate.edu/transfer/adt-search/search.shtml/>)

Current and prospective community college students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to review their options for transfer and to develop an educational plan that best meets their goals and needs.

A public website for students, parents, and high school teachers and counselors is located at: www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com (<http://www.ADegreeWithAGuarantee.com>).