

California Schools and Transfer

Over the past few years it has increasingly become more difficult to transfer to schools in California. Even some students at California community colleges may have to wait several years to transfer to a California 4-year school. Much of this is due to budget cuts.

Perhaps one of the best ways students can transfer to a California school is to consider two articulated schools: **Scripps College** in Claremont (application due Jan. 1), and **Mills College** in Oakland (application due Mar. 1), as these private liberal arts women's colleges are familiar with and interested in receiving Cottey students.

Some students, particularly California residents, will still wish to transfer to California State and University of California schools. It is vital that they mark themselves as "California resident" on the application. Not only do tuition costs differ, but it will vastly increase their chances of being accepted. The career & transfer coordinator is happy to help students with their applications. Here are requirements for transfer admission to these schools.

California State University

Transfer Admission

- Complete Area A and math requirements with a grade of "C" or better by the end of the Spring semester preceding Fall enrollment.
- Complete 60 transferable semester hours to be considered an upper division applicant.
- Check pre-requisites for majors and to get in colleges.
- Check general education programs, as they may differ slightly. The following is a guideline only.
- California transfer residents need a 2.0 GPA for admission.
- Out-of-state transfer residents need a 2.4 GPA for admission.
- Admission requirements for international students may vary. Information for international students can be found at www.csumentor.edu/planning/international
- Check individual colleges for impacted majors- this may affect admission
- This useful website will show you when a campus accepts applications, and includes program-specific deadlines: www.csumentor.edu/filing_status

CSU GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking (at least 9 semester hours required with at least one course each from Oral Communication, Written Communication and Critical Thinking)

- A1 – Oral Communication

- A2 – Written Communication (ENG 101 fulfills)
- A3 – Critical Thinking (ENG 102 fulfills)

Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (at least 9 semester hours required with at least one course each from Physical Science, Life Science (at least one must contain a laboratory component) and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning)

- B1 - Physical Science
- B2 - Life Science
- B3 - Laboratory Activity
- B4 - Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

Area C: Arts and Humanities (at least 9 semester hours required with at least one course each in Arts and Humanities)

- C1 - Arts (Art, Dance, Music, Theater)
- C2 - Humanities (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Language)

Area D: Social Sciences (at least 9 semester hours required with courses in at least 2 disciplines)

- D1 - Anthropology and Archeology
- D2 - Economics
- D3 - Ethnic Studies
- D4 - Gender Studies
- D5 - Geography
- D6 - History
- D7 - Interdisciplinary Social or Behavioral Science
- D8 - Political Science, Government and Legal Institutions
- D9 – Psychology
- D10 - Sociology and Criminology

Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development (at least 3 semester hours)

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* CSU requires "CSU History, Constitution & American Ideals" which includes United States Constitution and California State and local government to graduate with a bachelor's degree. At some campuses this can be completed by testing out.

NOTE: This helpful website will give you summary information for all campuses:
www.csumentor.edu/select/compareview

- I. California Maritime Academy
 - Rolling admission.
 - Transfer students usually require 4 additional years at Cal Maritime to complete bachelors.

- II. California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
 - Check major requirements carefully, especially for math.
 - Admission deadline: November 30
- III. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
 - Admission deadline: November 30
- IV. Bakersfield
 - Admission deadline: March 1
 - Must have 60 transferable semester units for consideration
- V. Channel Islands
 - Must have 60 transferable semester units for consideration
 - Initial filing period: October 1 - November 30 for Fall; August 1-31 for Spring
 - Most students take statistics; computer science and business students take calculus, others will take college algebra or statistics depending on the major.
 - Nursing is the only impacted major at CSU Channel Islands. Students interested in Pre-Nursing must apply to the Nursing Program in addition to the university. The deadline to apply to the university as a Pre-Nursing major is November 30. Nursing programs applications are only accepted for the fall term.
- VI. Chico
 - Deadlines November 30 for Fall, August 30 for Spring semesters
- VII. Dominguez Hills
 - Rolling admission
- VIII. East Bay
 - Must have 60 transferable semester units for consideration
 - Admission deadline: November 30
- IX. Fresno
 - Admission deadline: January 15
- X. Fullerton
 - Deadlines November 30 for Fall, August 30 for Spring semesters
- XI. Humboldt State
 - Admission deadline: November 30
- XII. Long Beach
 - Admission deadline: November 30
- XIII. Los Angeles
 - Admission deadline: November 30
- XIV. Monterey Bay
 - Deadlines November 30 for Fall, August 30 for Spring semesters
 - Must have 60 transferable semester units for consideration.
- XV. Northridge
 - Deadlines November 30 for Fall, August 31 for Spring semesters
 - Must have 56 transferable semester units for admission consideration
- XVI. Sacramento
 - Application deadline: March 1

- XVII. San Bernardino
 - Rolling admission.
- XVIII. San Diego State
 - Deadlines November 30 for Fall, August 31 for Spring semesters
 - Very selective admission.
 - Must have 60 transferable semester units for consideration.
 - Critical thinking course must have writing component.
- XIX. San Francisco State
 - Initial filing period: October 1 - November 30
 - Must have 60 transferable semester units for consideration
- XX. San Jose State
 - Deadlines November 30 for Fall, August 31 for Spring semesters
- XXI. San Marcos
 - Priority filing period November 30 for Fall, August 31 for Spring; rolling admission both semesters.
 - Must have 60 transferable semester units for admission
- XXII. Sonoma State
 - Application deadline: December 31
- XXIII. Stanislaus
 - Closing dates – May 31 for Fall, November 30 for Winter, January 1 for Spring, May 1 for Summer.

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University of California

Transfer Admission

Junior-Level Transfer

To be eligible for admission to UC as a transfer student, you must fulfill both of the following criteria:

1. Complete 60 semester credit hours of transferable college credit with a GPA of at least 2.4 for CA residents; non residents need a 2.8 (3.3 is the average for both). No more than 14 semester credit hours may be taken Pass/Not Pass.
2. Complete the following course pattern requirements, earning a grade of C or better in each course:

- 2 transferable college courses (3 cr hr) in English composition;

- 1 transferable college course (3 cr hr) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning;

- 4 transferable college courses (3 cr hr) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: the arts and humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and the physical and biological sciences.

Graduation requirements: History and Institutions; Entry Level Writing

History and Institutions: All undergraduate degree programs at UC require study in American history and institutions for graduation. This requirement may be met through examination or enrollment in specific courses. Each campus decides how its students may meet the requirement.

Satisfactory completion in high school of a one-year course in U.S. history, or a half-year course in U.S. history and a half-year course in American government, fulfills this requirement at all UC campuses except UCSB. (At UCLA, students must also have earned a *B* average in these courses.) UCSB requires students to complete a college-level course. Satisfactory completion of Cottey's history and institutions requirement will also fulfill the requirement at most campuses. It is highly recommended that you complete this requirement before you transfer.

Entry Level Writing Requirement: You must satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement (formerly known as the Subject A Requirement) to graduate in any program at the University of California. One way to meet this requirement is to complete a transferable college course of 3 semester hours in English composition with a grade of C or better. Students who meet UC's requirements for minimal transfer eligibility, which include two transferable college courses in English composition, satisfy the Entry Level Writing Requirement.

Many transfer students fulfill this requirement while in high school in one of the following ways: by scoring 3 or higher on the College Board Advanced Placement Examination in English (Language or Literature); by scoring 5 or higher on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examination in English or 6 or higher on the Standard Level Examination (Language A only); by scoring 30 or higher on the ACT Combined English/Writing test; by scoring 680 or higher on the Writing section of the SAT Reasoning Test or the SAT II: Writing Subject Test prior to high school graduation.

Students who have not satisfied the Entry Level Writing Requirement before transferring must enroll in an appropriate English course at the University of California.

- Accepting applications for Fall semester only
- CA residents: use personal statement on application to explain reasons for attending Cottey College instead of California Community College and experience gained

- Campuses are looking for "major preparation:" volunteerism, work experience and activities related to major
- All campuses are on the quarter system except Berkeley and Merced which are on semesters.

Comprehensive Review Factors for Transfer Applicants

When campuses receive applications from more prospective transfer students than they can admit, they draw on the eight criteria below to select among qualified applicants. This process is called comprehensive review.

Junior-level transfer students from California community colleges are given priority consideration for admission.

Keep in mind that the pool of students who apply to UC is different every year. The level of academic performance necessary for admission to a particular campus or major will vary, depending on the number of applicants and their academic qualifications, as well as the number of available spaces.

1. Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that meet breadth or general education requirements.
2. Completion of a specified pattern or number of courses that provide continuity with upper division courses in the student's major.
3. The student's grade point average in all transferable courses.
4. Participation in academically selective honors courses or programs.
5. Special talents, achievements and awards in a particular field, such as visual and performing arts, communication or athletic endeavors; special skills, such as demonstrated written and oral proficiency in other languages; special interests, such as intensive study and exploration of other cultures; experiences that demonstrate unusual promise for leadership, such as significant community service or significant participation in student government; or other significant experiences or achievements that demonstrate the student's promise for contributing to the intellectual vitality of a campus.
6. Completion of special projects undertaken in the context of the student's college curriculum or in conjunction with special school events, projects or programs.
7. Academic accomplishments in light of the student's life experiences and special circumstances.
8. Location of the student's college and residence.

Application deadline: November 30

There is a UC Transfer Website: <http://uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu/> However, much of it is geared for students transferring from California community colleges.

The related ASSIST website is **NOT** helpful because it pertains *only* to students transferring from California community colleges. The StatFinder website pertains only to data about incoming freshman.

Transfer guides by major for all the different campuses may be found here:
<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/transfer/preparation-paths/major/index.html>

There is no substitute for checking directly with an advisor at the intended transfer school. According to the information available on California college websites: *If you are a student at a four-year institution or at a community college in a state other than California, your questions about eligibility and transferable coursework are best answered by the admissions office on the UC campus you are interested in attending.*

- I. Berkeley
 - Average GPA 3.53-3.88, Admission is highly competitive.
 - 60 completed semester hours required.
 - GPA of 3.0 required in all transferable coursework.
 - Need literature course plus 2 English courses to meet the English core
 - Preference is given to CA community college transfer applicants
- II. Davis
 - Average GPA 3.74
 - Priority given to CA community college transfer applicants
 - Recommend 3 courses in each of the 2 subject areas not in your major: Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Science & Engineering.
- III. Irvine
 - Average GPA 3.72
 - Need GPA of 2.8 or higher in all transferable coursework.
 - Complete 4 semesters of college-level foreign language.
 - Priority given to CA community college transfer applicants.
- IV. Los Angeles
 - Minimum GPA of 3.2; Average GPA 4.17
 - Calculus is recommended math for several majors.
 - Preference is given to CA community college transfers.
 - Transfer students cannot change their major to any in Economics dept., Psychology or Pre-psychology if admitted under a different major.
- V. Merced
 - Recommend calculus or 2 semesters of calculus for science or engineering majors. Recommend statistics for psychology majors. Recommend precalculus for political science majors.

- VI. Riverside
 - Need college math (calculus recommended), statistics or computer science.
- VII. San Diego
 - Average transfer GPA 3.9
 - Priority given to CA community college transfer applicants
- VIII. San Francisco
 - Graduate and professional campus for health sciences.
- IX. Santa Barbara
 - Average GPA 3.3
 - Priority given to community college juniors in CA
 - Completion of 3rd quarter of foreign language
 - Recommended for transfer: college course in American History and Institutions
- X. Santa Cruz
 - Two UC-transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) in English composition; and
 - One UC-transferable college course (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning; and
 - Four UC-transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) chosen from at least two of the following subject areas: the arts and humanities, the social and behavioral sciences, and the physical and biological sciences.
 - Junior transfers are required to declare their major during their second quarter of attendance.

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