Transfer Programs

Transfer Admissions Agreement (TAA)
A Transfer Admissions Agreement is a formal agreement between a student in attendance at Gavilan College and a receiving baccalaureate granting institution to which the student intends to transfer. The agreement guarantees admission to a transfer university a year in advance for the fall semester. It may also guarantee admission into a major.

Gavilan College has Transfer Admission Agreements with several colleges and universities. Please check our website for specifics at www.gavilan.edu/counseling/TransferServices.html.

Because the requirements of universities vary, it is advisable that students consult a counselor for more detailed information.

Transfer (Articulation) Agreements with Private Universities
Certain private universities such as Brigham Young University (BYU), University of San Francisco (USF) and University of Santa Clara, may have completed course articulation agreements with Gavilan College to facilitate student transfer. Because these may change yearly/when updated, we suggest that students who are interested in attending any of these private institutions, visit a counselor for further information.

Transfer Patterns
Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution such as the University of California, California State University or a private university or college can generally complete the freshman and sophomore level work at Gavilan College and enter the four-year institution with junior standing.

The requirements of universities vary. It is therefore advisable that students consult their counselor for more detailed information. Students should choose their courses at Gavilan in accordance with the lower division requirements of the university of their choice in order to be prepared for their major at the university. (The Counseling Office is located in SC113, (408) 848-4723.)

Transfer to the California State University System (CSU)
The California State University system includes the following campuses: Bakersfield, Channel Island, Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime Academy, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, San Marcos, Stanislaus, Humboldt, San Diego State, San Jose State, Sonoma State.

Gavilan College courses numbered 1-99 are transferable to all of the CSU campuses. Courses numbered 100-199 are occupational and may transfer to CSU institutions (see below). Consult a counselor for complete information.

Academic units transferred from Gavilan College to CSU institutions may be applied to one of the following three areas by the receiving campuses:
1. Credit toward the major
2. General education credit
3. Elective credit

A study of the receiving institution’s catalog or exploring ASSIST will aid students in determining where transferable courses completed at Gavilan College will be applied at the CSU campus. Students should consult with a counselor regarding transfer requirements.

CSU Transfer Requirements
Students transferring to the California State University system will qualify for admission as upper division transfers if they have completed 60 transferable semester units with a GPA of 2.0 (“C”) or better (non-residents 2.4 or better.) Within the 60 unit requirement, the 9 units in Area A, Area B-4 (Mathematics), and 18 additional semester units of general education course work must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or better in each course.

Students who complete the CSU General Education Breadth pattern will be considered to have satisfied the lower division general education requirements for the California State University B.A./B.S. degree. A minimum of 9 semester units of general education coursework must be completed at the upper division level after transfer. Some CSU campuses require more than 9 units.

Students should request a General Education Certification from the Office of Admissions and Records before transferring. See a counselor for further information.
**Associate Degrees for Transfer: ADT**

Beginning in Fall 2011, community colleges were required by Senate Bill (SB) 1440 and California Education Code section 66746(a) to develop and offer “associate degrees for transfer” that require students to meet both of the following requirements:

- Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following:
  - The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University General Education – Breadth Requirements.
  - A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district.

- Attainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

ADTs also require that students must earn a C or better in all courses required for the major or area of emphasis. A “P” (Pass) grade is an acceptable grade for courses in the major.

In addition, Education Code section 66746 subdivision (b) prohibits a community college district from imposing any additional course requirements, in addition to these requirements, for a student to be eligible for the associate degree for transfer, and subdivision (e) prohibits allowing remedial non-collegiate level coursework to be counted toward the units required for the associate degree for transfer (A.A.-T or A.S.-T). Title 5, section 55002(b), describes such courses as “nondegree-applicable credit courses.”

The benefit for students completing these associate degrees for transfer is that the CSU system is required by Education Code section 66747 to “guarantee admission with junior status to any community college student who meets all of the requirements” for the associate degree for transfer.

CSU is required to grant priority admission for a student with this associate degree “to his or her local [CSU] campus and to a program or major that is similar to his or her community college major or area of emphasis, as determined by the [CSU] campus to which the student is admitted.” In addition, “a student admitted under this article shall receive priority over all other community college transfer students, excluding community college students who have entered into a transfer agreement between a community college and the California State University prior to the fall term of the 2012/13 academic years.”

When an associate degree for transfer is approved by the CCC Chancellor’s Office, the CSU Chancellor’s Office is notified so that the approved associate degree and its similar CSU baccalaureate degrees may be identified. These data are used to identify eligible students who apply to the CSU for admission. The ultimate advantage for students completing these associate degrees is that the associate degree may not require more than 60 semester (or 90 quarter) units; and after transferring into the appropriate program at the CSU, the baccalaureate degree may not require more than 60 additional semester units, for a total of 120 semester (or 180 quarter) units required for the baccalaureate degree (pursuant to Education Code section 66748). Section 66748(b) allows an exception for the maximum units required at the CSU when the Chancellors of the CSU and the CCC systems, and their respective Academic Senates, specify high-unit majors that require more than 120 semester (or 180 quarter) units for the baccalaureate degree. The CSU is prohibited by Education Code section 66748(c) from requiring a transferring student with this associate degree to repeat courses that are similar to those taken at the community college that counted toward the associate degree for transfer.

The designators for the Associate in Arts for Transfer (A.A.-T) and the Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S.-T) degrees have been established by the ASCCCC and are reserved only for associate degrees that meet all requirements of SB 1440 and Education Code section 66746.

**CSU General Education (Breadth) Requirements:**

**AREA A: ENGLISH LANGUAGE, COMMUNICATIONS AND CRITICAL THINKING:**

Courses will cover the principles and applications of language towards logical thought, clear precise expression, and critical evaluation of communication. English composition courses will include both expository and argumentative writing. In this area, courses emphasize oral and written communication skills, and sharpen analytical thinking.

**AREA B: SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING:**

These courses examine the physical universe, its life forms, and its natural phenomena. Courses will help students develop appreciation and understanding of the scientific method, mathematics, and statistics, and encourage understanding of the relationship between science, technology, and other human activities.

**AREA C: ARTS AND HUMANITIES:**

These courses study the cultural activities and artistic expression
of human beings. Courses will increase student awareness of ways in which people through the ages and in different cultures have responded to both their own internal landscapes and to the world around them in artistic and cultural creation. Humanities courses will also develop in student’s aesthetic understanding, logical thinking skills, and an ability to make sound value judgments.

**AREA D: SOCIAL SCIENCES:**
These courses focus on people as members of societies. Courses will acquaint students with methods of inquiry used in the social and behavioral sciences. The courses will stimulate critical thinking about people’s actions and interests on the local, national, and global levels, and will promote appreciation of social and cultural pluralism.

**AREA E: LIFELONG LEARNING AND SELF DEVELOPMENT:**
Courses in this area will equip students for lifelong understanding and development as physiological, social, and psychological beings. These courses have universal and durable utility in aiding students to make choices which will contribute to personal and social well-being, and to the achievement of self-actualization through the integration of physical, emotional, social, technological, and intellectual development.

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**Transfer to the University of California System**

The UC system includes the following campuses:

- Berkeley
- Davis
- Irvine
- Los Angeles
- Merced
- Riverside
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Cruz

Students transferring to a campus of the UC system should review the course articulation agreement between Gavilan College and UC. This agreement lists every course offered by Gavilan College and stipulates which of the courses will be accepted by UC for credit toward the baccalaureate degree. Consult a counselor for complete information or go online with ASSIST (see ad above).

Students transferring to UC should also study the catalog of the campus to which they wish to transfer.

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**UC Admission Policy**

The university considers you a transfer applicant if you enrolled in a regular session at another college or university. Do not disregard your previous college record and apply as a first-time student.

If you plan to attend a California community college before applying to the university, you should take courses that satisfy university and college requirements and fulfill prerequisites in your selected major. University and community college counselors can help you with your planning.

**UC TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS**

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS:** There are several ways in which you can meet UC’s minimum admission requirements as a transfer student. These requirements are described below. In all cases, you must have at least a “C” (2.0) average in all transferrable coursework.

1. If you were eligible for admission to UC when you graduated from high school, satisfying the Subject, Scholarship and Examination Requirements - you are eligible to transfer if you have a “C” (2.0) average in your transferrable college coursework.

2. If you met the Scholarship Requirement but did not satisfy the Subject Requirement, you must take transferable college courses in the missing subjects, earning a “C” or better in each required course, and an overall “C” (2.0) average in all transferrable coursework to be eligible to transfer.

3. If you met the Scholarship Requirement but not the Examination Requirement, you must complete a minimum of 12 semester (18 quarter) units of transferable work and earn an overall “C” (2.0) average in all transferable college coursework completed.

4. If you were not eligible for admission to UC when you graduated from high school because you did not meet the Scholarship Requirement, you must:
   A. Complete 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of transferable college credit with a grade point average of at least 2.4, and;
   B. Complete the following course pattern requirement, earning a grade of “C” or better in each course:
      - two transferable college courses (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units each) in English composition, and;
      - one transferable college course (3 semester or 4-5 quarter units) in mathematical concepts and quantitative reasoning, and;
• four 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, the physical and biological sciences.

Students who satisfy IGETC prior to transferring to UC will satisfy Option 4B of the transfer admission requirements.

NON RESIDENTS: The minimum admission requirements for non-resident transfer applicants are the same as those for residents, except that non-residents must have a grade point average of 2.8 or higher in all transferable college coursework.

Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)

The IGETC can be used by community college transfer students to fulfill lower division general education requirements for either the CSU or UC system without the need, after transfer, to take additional lower division general education courses, as long as your IGETC completion is certified at the community college. Obtain the Certification form from Admissions and Records.

Students are strongly encouraged to complete all IGETC requirements prior to transfer.

Partial IGETC Certification: If you are approaching readiness for transfer and are unable to complete one or two IGETC courses, you may be eligible to complete IGETC after transferring.

Warning: Students need Area 1 and 2 completed to meet minimum transfer admission requirements. Therefore, partial certification that acknowledges a deficiency in Area 1 and/or 2 may also indicate a student does not meet minimum transfer requirements. Community colleges should make every effort to notify students of this potential problem.

If your petition for partial certification of IGETC is approved, you may be able to complete IGETC in one of the following ways:

1) Take an approved IGETC course, in the area(s) to be completed, at any California Community College, at a time that does not require concurrent enrollment, such as during the summer.

2) Take a course approved by the UC or CSU campus of attendance in the area(s) to be completed at a U.S. regionally accredited institution at a time that does not require concurrent enrollment, such as during summer school.

3) Take an approved IGETC course, in the area(s) to be completed, at any California Community College while concurrently enrolled at a UC or CSU campus. The student will be subject to the UC or CSU campus rules regarding concurrent enrollment, so this option may not be available.

4) Take a course approved by the UC or CSU campus of attendance at a United States regionally accredited institution in the area(s) to be completed while concurrently enrolled at a UC or CSU campus. The student will be subject to the UC or CSU campus rules regarding concurrent enrollment, so this option may not be available.

5) Take a comparable course at a UC or CSU campus in the area(s) to be completed. This option is at the discretion of each UC or CSU campus, so it may not be a choice available to the student.

You will be expected to complete IGETC before the beginning of the second full year of enrollment at your UC or CSU campus. Check with your campus advisor after you transfer for more information, including which options are available and which UC or CSU courses may be comparable to the IGETC courses remaining to be completed.

All UC and CSU campuses will accept IGETC with the exception of Fifth and Revelle Colleges at UC, San Diego. Since all majors are available at each of the five colleges at UC, San Diego, students will not be restricted in their choice of major if they use the IGETC.

A course cannot be used to satisfy more than one subject area of the IGETC (general education). However, major prerequisite courses can be used (double counted) to satisfy IGETC requirements.

CSU campuses’ limitations on double counting of general education courses toward major preparations are not changed by IGETC.

Students who wish to be certified for both CSU and UC systems should take CMUN 1A, 5, 8 or 10 in Area 1 for CSU and meet the foreign language requirement for UC. Completing both provides flexibility and choices.

The courses for all IGETC areas must be completed with a grade of “C” or better before IGETC can be certified. A grade of “C-” is not acceptable.

CLEP EXAMS

University of California does not grant credit for College Level Examination Program exams. CLEP credit CANNOT be used to certify IGETC. Some California State Universities will grant CLEP credit for certain areas and some will not grant credit at all. Transfer students are advised to contact the university they will be attending for specific information regarding CLEP credit.