

GCC TRANSFER CENTER'S TOP TRANSFER TIPS

You have more transfer options than you think! Be open to the UCs, CSUs, private, and out-of-state colleges.

Do your research and take notes! Treat the transfer process like a class.

Rejection is better than regret. It's always worth it to apply. Admission GPAs fluctuate, so you never know what can happen!

Most schools DO NOT require students to complete all major preparation courses.

Research the information on transferring available on www.assist.org.

Math and English should be completed early in your academic career.

It is a bad idea to only have just 60 transferable units. Yes, that is the minimum for the UCs and CSUs, but many students have miscalculated or had to drop a class in their last semester. You should aim for 70. It is your responsibility to count your transferable units. Have a counselor show you how.

AB540 students are able to receive some financial aid and loans. Make sure to research your options.

Always check the intended campus admission websites for more information.

Look into the Transfer Admission Guarantee Program (TAG) for the UCs.

Apply for financial aid on www.fafsa.ed.gov or <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> & the CSS Profile (private schools) from October 1 - March 2.

Apply to the UCs/CSUs by November 30 if you are transferring in fall. Give yourself time to work on your personal insight questions. Some colleges are open in spring and you can apply as early as July.

You should apply to 2-3 highly competitive colleges, 2-3 moderately competitive, and 2-3 safeties.

Look into the Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) if you are transferring to a CSU.

Find out if your major is IMPACTED at the CSU you would like to enter. Google search "impacted majors" at the CSU of your choice. For CSULA the term they use is "major specific criteria." The list will show what majors require extra courses and higher grades.

The average debt for California college students is \$30,000. Don't let that scare you because those with bachelor's degrees earn about \$30,000 more per year than others with only a high school degree. Don't be afraid of taking loans. You need them to free up time to get your degree.

Make a scholarship calendar at least a year in advance so you don't miss any deadlines.

It is never too early to meet with a transfer counselor, attend transfer workshops, and sign up for college tours.