

2011-12 CSU Application Tips

CSU Application Available at: www.csumentor.edu
Application Filing Period: October 1st -November 30th

Things to do before you start the application

- ◆ **Choose your major and the CSU campuses you will apply to.** There are several tools available to assist you in this process:
 - ◇ CSU Mentor has information to help you explore California State Universities: www.csumentor.edu
 - ◇ SBCC Career Center counselors can assist you with choosing a major. Visit SS 270 in person or check out the Career Center website: <http://www.sbccc.edu/careercenter/ChooseAMajor.php>
 - ◇ [SBCC Transfer Center](http://www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter) has power point presentations and workbooks which can be found online at: http://www.sbccc.edu/transfercenter/events_workshop.php.
- ◆ **Obtain copies of all your college transcripts and AP or IB Exam results.**
 - ◇ If you have only attended SBCC you can obtain your unofficial transcript from Pipeline. Select “Student Records link” and then click on “Academic Transcript.”
- ◆ **Identify the courses you will be enrolled in for Spring 2011 and Summer 2011** (if applicable).
 - ◇ **Some CSU majors and campuses are “impacted”** because they receive more applications than they can accommodate. For impacted majors/campuses and required courses: go to www.calstate.edu/ar/impactioninfo.shtml.
 - To find the equivalent SBCC courses necessary to meet your Admissions Requirements for your major you can go to www.assist.org.
 - If you are not sure about what courses you need, meet with a SBCC counselor in the Academic Counseling Center (SS120) or the Transfer Center (SS 140)
- ◆ **Determine your: CSU transferable GPA, the number of CSU transferable units you have completed to date, and the total number of transferable units you will have completed prior to enrolling at the CSU campus.**
 - ◇ If you have only attended SBCC run the “CSU Units and GPA Summary” report available through DARS/U. Achieve via [Pipeline](http://www.pipeline.edu). The link is on the lower right side of your Pipeline homepage.
 - ◇ If you have **attended SBCC and other California community colleges only:**
 - Run the “CSU Units and GPA Summary” report available through DARS/U. Achieve so that you have your SBCC transferable units and gradepoints.
 - Go to the [ASSIST](http://www.assist.org) website to determine your CSU transferable courses from your other community colleges and total your CSU transferable units and gradepoints from your other California community colleges
 - Add together all your transferable SBCC and other CC units and gradepoints. Divide your gradepoints by your units to determine your GPA.
 - ◇ If you have **attended four year, out-of-state, or non-U.S. colleges/universities**, make sure that you meet with a SBCC counselor to determine your CSU transferable courses/units and GPA.
- ◆ **Identify the courses you are using to fulfill the following CSU requirements and the term you took each course. Refer to the CSU General Education requirements**
 - ◇ A1 – Oral Communication; (COMM 121, 121H, 131, 131H, 141, 161)
 - ◇ A2 – Written Composition; (ENG 110, 110GB, 110H)
 - ◇ A3 – Critical Thinking; (COMM 235; ENG 111, 111GB, 111H, 111HG, 115 (before F’04), 115H; PHIL 111, 205)
 - ◇ B4 – Math/Quantitative Reasoning; CS 143; MATH 108, 117, 117H, 120, 130, 131, 137, 138, 150, 160, 200, 210, 220; PSY 150

NEED HELP?

- ◆ On the left hand side of the main page of the application there is a link “Transfer Instructions.” The instructions are PDF documents, which you can view and/or print to help you fill out the application. Also, look for the “Need Help” box located throughout the application on the left hand side of each page.
- ◆ Drop by the Transfer Center (SS 140).

International Student Applications

- ◆ If you currently hold a F1 or J1 visa and **all your college courses have been completed in the US** then most CSU campuses prefer you use the domestic CSU application. However, there will be additional paperwork and documentation required. Make sure you contact the International Student Office at the campuses you are interested in attending. If you have **completed courses from non-US colleges/universities**, check with the International Student Office at the CSU campuses you are interested in attending to determine if you need to complete the CSU International Student Application.

Starting the Application

- ◆ Go to www.csumentor.edu and click on the “Apply Online” tab. Click on “Undergraduate Admissions Applications” then click on “2011 –2012” box. The next screen is the Application Manager. Select a campus from the list and click on [Start New Application]
- ◆ Campus Information: Read the campus information before you start the application. The campus information provides important admission information and procedures, like deadlines for submitting transcripts.
- ◆ Click on the “Begin Application for…” bar at the end of the campus information to go to the 1st page of the application.

Use the SBCC course number not the CRN

- ◆ The application will ask you to list the courses you are currently enrolled in and the courses you are planning to take. You will need to enter the department, course number, title of the course, and the number of units. All of this information is on your college transcript. For example, if you are currently enrolled in English 110:
Department = ENG; Course number = 110; Title = Composition and Reading; Units = 3
Do not confuse the 5 digit CRN# found on your class schedule with the course number.

If You're applying to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (CPSLO)

- ◆ CPSLO has Transfer Supplemental application pages located in their application. It is critical that you complete this section correctly. A mistake on the application could cause you to be denied, even if you meet all admissions requirements. Stop by the Transfer Center or visit our [website](http://www.sbccc.edu/transsfercenter) www.sbccc.edu/transsfercenter to obtain a copy of the Guide to the CPSLO Supplemental Application 2011-12. Available after 10/11/10.

Applying to more than 1 CSU Campus – The Easy Way

- ◆ Complete your 1st application before starting additional applications.
- ◆ When you start your next application, all of the information you provided in your 1st application will be populated on to your next application with the exception of your major and payment of the application fee.

Don't Forget to Send Your Transcripts

- ◆ After you submit your application(s) you should send a copy of your official transcripts to each CSU campus that you applied to. You can request SBCC transcripts from the SBCC Admissions Office in person or online at <http://www.sbccc.edu/transcripts/index.php?sec=926>. SBCC Admissions Office cannot send transcripts from other colleges you have attended. You must request those transcripts directly from the institutions you attended.

Made a Mistake on Your Application?

- ◆ Notify each campus by email immediately to correct the information.

Admissions Notifications

- ◆ You should start to receive admissions decisions in February/ March through June 2011 (for Fall 2011).

Dates & Deadlines

2010

November 1-30: Filing period for applicants for Fall 2011

2011

January 1st : Filing period opens for applicants for all terms to submit FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form (filing period open through March 2nd).

January 21st: San Diego State Supplemental Application submission deadline

March 2nd: Deadline for applicants for all terms to submit FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form

Remember to check your email regularly and meet all deadlines for submission of documents. Failure to meet established deadlines will result in being denied admission or having your admission offer cancelled!