

My Transfer Priorities/Preferences

Being aware of your priorities and preferences helps you in defining and achieving your transfer goal. This assessment can be taken at different times in your transfer process. As you progress and have more information and experience, your priorities and preferences might change.

Based only on who you are and what you know today, what is most important to you?

For each pair listed below, underline the answer that is most important to you right now.

- a. Transferring within a specific time-frame (2 years or less) **or** transferring to a specific university?
- b. Transferring within a specific time-frame (2 years or less) **or** being admitted to a specific major?
- c. Studying a specific major **or** attending a specific university?
- d. Attending a university in a specific geographic location **or** attending a university that best fits my academic interests and goals?
- e. Completing required courses and units with the highest GPA possible **or** completing required courses and units as quickly as possible regardless of the GPA I achieve?
- f. Transferring to any university that will admit me with any major as quickly as possible **or** transferring to my preferred university/major regardless of the time it takes me to meet course, unit, and GPA requirements for admission?
- g. Transferring to a university that does not require a transferable math course (Math 117, Psych 150, or Math 120) to be admitted **or** complete a transferable math course so that I can include UC and CSU campuses as possible options?
- h. Attending a university that is the least expensive where I will have no or minimal student loans **or** attending a university that best fits my academic interests and goals regardless of the cost.
- i. I have to work so I want a university that allows part-time attendance **or** I want be a full-time student.

Based on your answers, list your top 3 priorities/preferences as of today:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Next Step: Refer to the **Transfer Options Based on Student Priorities and Preferences** document to see what options your priorities and preferences provide for you.

Transfer Options Based on Student Priorities and Preferences

If transferring in the shortest time possible (2 years or less) is your priority:

- You should consider transferring to a private or out-of-state university that only requires completion of 24 -30 units prior to transfer. Admission information is found at the university's website.
- Since UC and CSU campuses require 60 transferable units to be completed prior to transfer you would need to be enrolled in 15 transferable units a semester to transfer in 2 years. Not all SBCC courses are UC and CSU transferable. Lists of SBCC's UC and CSU transferable courses can be found at www.assist.org
- For UC and CSU, you will need to complete the courses required to meet minimum eligibility requirements by the end of the Spring semester prior to Fall transfer (i.e. if you are transferring for Fall 2011, required courses must be completed by the end of Spring 2010).
 - Courses required to meet minimum UC & CSU Eligibility
 - English 110 (UC & CSU)
 - English 111 (UC & CSU)
 - Transferable math course, Math 117, Psych 150, Math 120 or higher (UC & CSU)
 - Oral Communication course, COMM 121, 131, 141, or 161 (CSU only)
 - 4 General Education Courses – see IGETC sheet (UC only)
- For UC and/or CSU campuses, you should select a major that does not require completion of prep courses for the major for admission or that has only 3-4 required courses. Prep for major information is available at www.assist.org .
- Depending on your English and Math placement, you might also want to consider transferring to a university that only requires one English Composition course (i.e. English 110) and no transferable math course for admission. Note: This choice will eliminate all UC and CSU campuses and USC.

If transferring to a specific university regardless of your major is your priority:

- Select the university as soon as possible.
- Find out the required courses, GPA, and units required for admission plus any supplemental requirements.
- You should complete all courses required to meet minimum eligibility requirements.
- Achieve the highest grades possible, especially if the university is selective.
- Research the majors the university offers. Apply to a major that interests you but is not impacted/ selective and has a high admit rate.
- For CSU campuses, information about impacted campuses and majors can be found at: <http://www.calstate.edu/sas/impactioninfo.shtml>
- For UC campuses, admission requirements for each major can be found at www.assist.org .
 - UC Berkeley Admit Rates: http://students.berkeley.edu/files/Admissions/12626_5.Info_TransAdm.pdf
 - UCLA Admit Rates: http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof09.htm
- Be willing to adjust your transfer timeline to allow you to complete all required courses with the highest possible GPA.

If being admitted and graduating with a specific major is your priority:

- Research what universities have your major and the courses and GPA required for admission at each university.
- Identify and complete the courses required for university admission and the major.
- Apply broadly and make sure to include universities that you know you will be admitted to as well as those where admission is less likely because of low admit rates.
- Be willing to adjust your transfer timeline to allow you to complete all required courses with the highest possible GPA.
- For UC and CSU campuses, use the “Explore Majors” feature on ASSIST – www.assist.org
- To identify private and out-of-state universities that have your major you can use EUREKA which can be accessed thru the SBCC Career Center’s website at <http://www.sbcc.edu/careercenter/ChooseAMajor.php>

If transferring to a university that does not require a transferable math course for admission is your priority:

- You would have to consider transferring to private universities.
- You might also be able to consider some out-of-state universities
- You will also need to select a major that does not require specific math courses for admission. Note: This will usually eliminate majors like Business Administration, Engineering, physical and biological sciences, and other majors depending on their admission requirements
- With this option, you eliminate all UC and CSU campuses.

If achieving the highest possible GPA is a priority:

- You will need to balance the amount of time you spend in your non-school responsibilities (i.e. work, family responsibilities, extracurricular activities) with the amount of time you dedicate to your academics.
- Be willing to seek out tutoring, form study groups, etc that will result in your highest performance
- Be willing to adjust your transfer timeline to allow you to complete all required courses with the highest possible GPA.

If attending a university in a specific geographic area is your priority:

- Identify the universities in that region by using EUREKA which can be accessed thru the SBCC Career Center’s website at <http://www.sbcc.edu/careercenter/ChooseAMajor.php>
- Find out the required courses, GPA, and units required for admission plus any supplemental requirements.
- You should complete all courses required to meet minimum eligibility requirements.
- Achieve the highest grades possible, especially if the university is selective.
- Research the majors the university offers. Apply to a major that interests you but is not impacted/ selective and has a high admit rate.
- Be willing to change your choice of major if it is not offered by the universities in that region
- Apply to at least one campus that you have a high probability of admission.

If attending a university that is the least expensive where you will have no or minimal student loans is your priority:

- Do not eliminate universities early because of their “sticker price.”
- Consider applying to private universities that have more grant and scholarship monies available than UC and CSU
- Consider applying to some out-of-state universities who have lower tuition rates
- Make sure you apply for Financial Aid and Scholarships
- Wait until you receive your preliminary financial aid offers from each university you have been admitted to so that you can see what your actual cost of attending the university will be
- Achieve the highest GPA possible so that you can be competitive for merit scholarships
- Start researching available scholarships early. A good scholarship search engine is www.FastWeb.com

If attending a university part-time is your priority:

- CSU campuses have the most flexibility with part-time and evening study options
- Make sure and ask each university you are interested in about this possibility
- Find out how many online courses the university offers or consider obtaining a degree that is completely online
- For a list of universities with online degrees, go to www.universities.com/Distance_Learning/Online_Degree_Schools.html
- For a list of online degrees and schools that offer them, go to http://www.universities.com/Distance_Learning/Online_Degree_Majors.html

Now that you have reviewed the transfer options that your current priorities provide for you, answer the following question:

My current transfer priorities are a good match for achieving the transfer goals I have set for myself.

_____ TRUE _____ FALSE _____ NOT SURE

If your answer was TRUE: Congratulations your priorities and preferences match your goals. Since transfer admission requirements are fluid and can change from term to term you need to make sure and meet regularly with an academic counselor to update your Student Education Plan.

If your answer was FALSE: Since you have chosen your current priorities, you can always adjust your priorities to ensure that they match your transfer goals. Since transfer admission requirements are fluid and can change from term to term you need to make sure and meet regularly with an academic counselor to update your Student Education Plan.

If your answer was NOT SURE: Meet with an academic counselor as soon as possible to help you identify the information and experience you might currently be lacking to help you make this assessment. Since transfer admission requirements are fluid and can change from term to term you need to make sure and meet regularly with an academic counselor to update your Student Education Plan.

Transfer-Related Websites

Transfer News/ Updates, Events, and Resources

SBCC Transfer Center: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Explore & Research Universities

All California Colleges and Universities: www.californiacolleges.edu

University of California: <http://uctransfer.universityofcalifornia.edu/>

UCLA Admitted Students GPAs by Major: http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/Adm_tr/Tr_Prof.htm

California State Universities: www.csumentor.edu

California Private Universities: www.aiccu.edu

All US Universities: <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/search/index.jsp>

US Universities by State: <http://www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state/>

Universities with Online Degrees: http://www.universities.com/Distance_Learning/Online_Degree_Schools.html

UC & CSU Comparison Chart: http://www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter/files/UC_CSU_Comparison_Chart.pdf

Exploring Private & Out-of-State Universities PowerPoint: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

My Perfect Universities Workbook: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Major Exploration

Online Degrees by Major: http://www.universities.com/Distance_Learning/Online_Degree_Majors.html

UC & CSU Majors: <http://www2.assist.org/exploring-majors/Welcome.do>

California Private Universities: http://www.aiccu.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=3&Itemid=35

Search by Major:

- COLLEGE SOURCE: www.collegesource.org/idxsearch.asp
- PETERSONS COLLEGE GUIDE: www.petersons.com/colleges
- EUREKA: <http://www.sbcc.edu/careercenter/Eurekaa.php>

Choose a Major: <http://www.sbcc.edu/careercenter/ChooseAMajor.php>

What to Do With A Major In...: <http://www.sbcc.edu/careercenter/major%20in.php>

Choosing Your Transfer Major PowerPoint: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Academic Planning

UC & CSU Transferable Courses, IGETC, CSU GE, and Prep for Major Courses: www.assist.org

California Private Universities that Accept IGETC and/or CSU GE: http://www.californiacolleges.edu/admissions/california-independent-colleges/articulation_information.asp or http://www.aiccu.edu/images/stories/aiccu/pdf_docs/articulation.pdf

USC- University of Southern California Transfer Planning Guide: <https://camel2.usc.edu/TPG/>

Which GE For Me?: <http://www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter/whichge.php>

CSU General Education: <http://www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter/files/2009-10%20CSU%20GE%20Worksheet.pdf>

CSU General Education Certification Application: http://www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter/files/CSU_GE_Certification_Application.pdf

IGETC: <http://www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter/files/2009-10%20IGETC%20Worksheet.pdf>

IGETC Certification Application: http://www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter/files/IGETC_Certification_Application.pdf

Transfer Admission Guarantees: <http://www.sbcc.edu/transferacademy/TAG.php>

College and University Applications

University of California Online Application: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

UC Application Tips: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

California State University Online Application: www.csumentor.edu/admissionapp/undergrad_apply.asp

CSU Application Tips: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Guide to the Cal Poly SLO Supplemental Application: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Common Application (US Private Universities) Online Application: www.commonapp.org

USC – University of Southern California Application: <http://www.usc.edu/admission/undergraduate/apply/transfer.html>

Note: If the schools to which you are applying do not accept the Common Application then you must go directly to the website of the college or university to which you are applying.

Writing the College Admission Essay PowerPoint: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Workbook for Writing the College Admission Essay and UC Personal Statement: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Should I Appeal My Transfer Decision & Sample Appeal Letter for Denied Students: www.sbcc.edu/transfercenter

Transfer Statistics

SBCC Transfer Numbers to UC & CSU Campuses: <http://www.cpec.ca.gov/OnLineData/TransferPathway.asp>

UC Transfer Statistics: <http://statfinder.ucop.edu>

CSU Transfer Statistics: <http://www.calstate.edu/as/stats.shtml>