TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer Policies of CSU Campuses

Authority for decisions regarding the transfer of undergraduate credits is delegated to each California State University (CSU) campus. Most commonly, college level credits earned from an institution of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education are accepted for transfer to campuses of the CSU.

General education requirements are the same for all CSU campuses, so California Community College articulations of General Education courses (about one-third of degree requirements) are handled centrally and may be accessed at www.assist.org.

Campuses may enter into articulation agreements on either a course to course or program to program basis. Such articulations are common between CSU campuses and any or all of the California Community Colleges. Other articulation agreements may exist between CSU campuses and other institutions outside of the California Community College system. Established CSU/CCC articulations may be found on www.assist.org.

No more than 70-semester units may be transferred to a CSU campus from an institution which does not offer bachelor’s degrees or their equivalents, e.g., community colleges. Given the University’s 30 unit residency requirement, no more than 90 total units may be transferred to the University from all sources.

First-Time Freshmen with Transfer Units

Students who complete college units during high school or through the summer immediately following high school graduation are considered first-time freshmen and must meet those admission requirements.

Lower-Division Transfer Requirements

Due to enrollment pressures, many CSU campuses do not admit or enroll lower-division transfer students. Currently, SF State is not accepting lower-division transfer students. Students who have completed fewer than 60 transferable semester units of college units (fewer than 90-quarter units) at the time of entrance are considered lower-division transfer students.

Upper-Division Transfer Requirements

Students who have completed 60 or more transferable semester college units (90 or more quarter units) at the time of entrance are considered upper-division transfer students. Generally, applicants qualify for admission as upper-division transfer students if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. Have a grade point average of at least 2.0 (C or better) in all transferable units attempted. Applicants from outside of SF State’s six-county service area may be held to a different GPA requirement.
2. Are in good standing at the last college or university attended and have completed at least 60 transferable semester units of college coursework with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.
3. Receive a grade of C— or better in each course used to meet CSU General Education requirements commonly referred to as the Golden 4 which includes Written Communication, Oral Communication, Critical Thinking, and Quantitative Reasoning.
4. The 60 units must include the Golden 4 requirements listed above.

Conditional Admission of Transfer Applicants

San Francisco State University may conditionally admit transfer applicants based on their self-reported academic preparation and courses planned for completion. All accepted applicants are required to submit official transcripts of all college-level work completed and a final review will be conducted prior to the start of the semester to ensure that those admitted completed all required courses satisfactorily. The University may rescind admission for any student who is found not to be eligible after the final transcript has been evaluated. In no case may such
documents be received and validated by the University any later than a student’s registration for their second term of CSU enrollment.

**California Promise**

The California Promise Program enables a specific number of campuses of the California State University (CSU) to establish pledge programs for entering first-time students who are both interested and able to complete baccalaureate degrees in four years. Many campuses have also established programs for students with Associate Degrees for Transfer from any California Community College to complete their baccalaureate degrees in two years. The program is limited to students who are residents of California.

Students who commit to enter either the 4-year or 2-year pledge will be given a priority registration appointment for each state-supported enrollment period and will be provided with routine and thorough academic advisement. To remain in the program, students must meet with their advisors as prescribed, develop an enrollment plan, and complete 30-semester units or quarter equivalent within each academic year, including summer. Participating campuses may stipulate other important requirements as well. Interested students entering the CSU in the fall 2019 term should contact the campus offices or visit [www.calstate.edu/sas/california-promise.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/sas/california-promise.shtml).