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 is 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 (http://www.assist.org).

Campuses may enter into articulation agreements on either a course for 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 (http://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 work with a grade-point average of 2.0 or higher are in good standing at the last college or university attended and have completed at least 60 transferable semester units of college work with a grade-point average of 2.0 or higher.

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 course work with a grade-point average 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.
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 2017 term should contact the campus offices or visit [www.calstate.edu/sas/california-promise.shtml](http://www.calstate.edu/sas/california-promise.shtml).