

TRANSFER TIMES

WHAT'S YOUR DESTINATION?

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UC Changes the Personal Statement

For the first time in nearly 10 years the way that students will present themselves on the UC application has changed. Instead of the two personal statement essays, students will now answer four personal insight questions. Each answer is 350 words.

Transfer students will have one required question:
Please describe how you have prepared for your intended major, including your readiness to succeed in your upper-division courses once you enroll at the university.

Students will then choose three additional questions from a list of seven. It doesn't matter which three questions they choose. All of the questions are considered equal in the application process. They should choose the questions that allows them to best showcase their personality, interests and experiences.

The questions are on the UC website in addition to the application. They can be accessed at <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/transfer/index.html>. There are also things to consider in answering each question as well as writing tips. Finally there is a video that gives further information at <http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/how-to-apply/personal-questions/>.

The Transfer Center has planned two workshops to assist student in completing the insight questions:

- Wednesday Nov.2nd at 3:30
- Monday Nov.14th at 2:00

Both workshops will be held in the Transfer Center located on the 2nd floor of the Student Center. To sign up for the workshops go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/cypress-college-transfer-center-7837490063>

Pre-Graduation Fair

Cypress College is having its first ever Pre-Graduation fair on November 1st and 2nd. Staff and counselors will be on hand to help students determine if they are ready to apply for graduation and/or transfer.

Admissions and Counseling will also be running a series of workshops on using the new degree audit program Degree Works which is available to students. They will be held between 10:00 and 2:00 in the Assessment Center on the days of the fair. Students should go to the fair to sign up for workshops.



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Associate Degree for Transfer

Obtaining an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) can make it much easier for you to transfer to a CSU. The Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T or AS-T) is a special degree offered at California Community Colleges and is known as a Degree with a Guarantee. To pursue this special degree, rather than a traditional AA or AS degree, you should meet with a counselor to develop an educational plan that puts you on the path toward the AA-T or AS-T degree.

The guarantee itself means that students who earn an ADT degree and meet the CSU minimum admissions eligibility requirements are guaranteed admission to a CSU in a similar major, but not necessarily to a particular campus. With the ADT, you may be given a slight GPA bump when applying to an impacted campus outside **your local area** or an impacted major that is **deemed similar** to your ADT.

In addition, once at the CSU, if you are admitted and enrolled in a designated similar degree program, you have the opportunity to complete your bachelor's degree with as little as 60 semester units of coursework. A counselor will help you determine which CSUs offer bachelor's degrees that correspond to your AA-T or AS-T degree. It is still important for you to apply to the schools that interest you and follow admissions deadlines to be considered.

Cypress College currently has 21 Associate Degrees for transfer. See a counselor for requirements. Eligible students, who are ready to transfer, should apply for the degree in Admissions and Records by the beginning of the Spring semester. For those students who apply for graduation, the degree will be verified by Admissions and Records through the e-verify system.



Important Dates

- **UC Application:** The application website is open from August 1st to November 30th. You can submit your application beginning November 1st.
- admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- **UC Application Update:** You must update your application as soon as your fall semester grades are on your transcript. A notice will be sent to you by email. The priority deadline is January 31st.
admissions.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply
- **CSU Application:** The application website opens on October 1st. The priority submission time is October 1st to November 30th. After November 30th some schools or specific programs within a school may remain open for applications. Send transcripts after fall grades are posted to all campuses except CSULB. Please wait until they request transcripts to send them. www.csumentor.edu
- **Private and Out of State Universities:** Deadlines vary. See individual school website for dates.
- **Financial Aid:** Submit your FAFSA between October 1st and March 3rd.
- **Student Intent to Register (SIR):** June 1st or one month after acceptance letter is sent if later than May 1st. Exceptions are San Diego State University and CSUDH where the SIR is due May 1st.
- **Final Transcripts:** From all colleges attended are due to the CSU by July 15th. UC requires final transcripts by July 1st. Be sure to include AP/IB official transcripts.



Transfer Fair Oct. 15, 2012
Photo by Rebeca Laveaga

Transfer Awareness Week

What do you know about transfer?

The Transfer Center is pleased to announce that Transfer Awareness Week is scheduled for Oct. 31st – Nov. 4th. There will be many activities to inform students and staff about transfer. We will host our largest Transfer Fair of the year on Tuesday Nov 1st. More than 50 university representatives will be on campus. The fair will be located under the piazza between the Cypress Complex and Humanities from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

In addition to the fair, a variety of Transfer workshops are being offered by Cypress College faculty and staff as well as representatives from UC, CSU and private universities. Topics include Completing the UC and CSU applications and *How to Write Your UC Personal Insight Questions*. Please see the schedule on page 4 for additional listings. Sign up for workshops online at <http://www.eventbrite.com/o/cypress-college-transfer-center-7837490063>.

Finally, the representatives from several universities will be available to meet with students individually after the fair. Students may sign up for appointments with the representatives by calling (714) 484-7129 or coming into the Transfer Center which is located on the second floor of the Student Center.

Transfer Center office hours are 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Monday and Thursday, 8:00 AM—7:00 PM Tuesday and Wednesday and 8:00 AM—5:00 PM on Friday.

Application Help

Technical problems with the application? Help is available at:

- **UC Application Help Desk:**
(800) 207-1710
- **CSU Application Help:**
For technical questions:



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Walk-in Application Help

- Walk-in help is available in the Transfer Center. The Transfer Center is open 8:00 AM — 6 :00 PM Monday and Thursday, 8:00 AM — 7:00 PM Tuesday and Wednesday and 8:00 AM —5:00 PM on Friday.
- Personal Insight Questions can be dropped off in the Transfer Center for review. Please double space the draft and allow several days for review.

Application Workshops

Workshop	Date & Time	Location
CSU Application	Mon. 10/31 5:30-6:30 PM	Transfer Center
UC Application	Tues. 11/1 1:00-2:00 PM	Transfer Center
UC Personal Statement	Wed. 11/2 3:30—4:30 PM	Transfer Center
CSU Application	Tues. 11/8 5:00-6:00 PM	Transfer Center
UC Application	Thur. 11/10 3:00-4:00 PM	Transfer Center
UC Personal Statement	Mon. 11/14 2:00—3:00 PM	Transfer Center
CSU Application	Fri. 11/18 10:00-1100AM	Transfer Center
UC Application	Fri. 11/18 11:30-12:30	Transfer Center
CSU Application	Mon. 11/21 12:30—1:30	Transfer Center
UC Application	Wed. 11/23 2:00– 3:00 PM	Transfer Center

The Cypress College Transfer Center

To educate and assist our transferring students, Cypress College provides a variety of transfer support services, resources and special events through the Counseling and Student Development Department and the Transfer Center. Some of the services include the following:

- Individual appointments with representatives from colleges and universities
- Transfer fairs featuring representatives from UC and CSU campuses and independent colleges and universities
- Articulation agreements
- Resource library including catalogs and reference books
- Workshops

Transfer Awareness Week Activities

Monday, Oct.31		
Time	Title	Location
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Transfer 101 Workshop	Transfer Center
5:30—6:30 PM	CSU Application Workshop	Transfer Center
Tuesday, Nov. 1st		
10:00 AM —1:00 PM	Transfer Fair	Between the CC Complex and Humanities
10:00 AM—2:00 PM	Pre–Graduation Fair	By the pond
1:00—2:00 PM	UC Application workshop	Transfer Center
3:00—4:00 PM	Transfer to USC	CCCPLX 419
1:00—2:30 PM	Cal Poly Pomona Advisor Appointments	Transfer Center
1:00—3:00 PM	Chapman University Advisor Appointments	Transfer Center
Wednesday, Nov. 2nd		
All day	Show Your Colors	Employees wear clothing from the college they attended.
10:00 AM—2:00 PM	Pre–Graduation Fair	By the pond
10:00 AM—1:00 PM	National University Table Visit	In front of the CC Complex
1:00—2:00 PM	Financial Aid Workshop	Transfer Center
3:30—4:30 PM	UC Personal Insight Questions	Transfer Center
Thursday, Nov. 3rd		
1:30 –2:30 PM	Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) Workshop	Transfer Center
3:00—4:00 PM	Transfer Check Up - Are You Ready? Workshop	Transfer Center
Friday, Nov. 4th		
10:00—11:00 AM	Law School Workshop	Transfer Center

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